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ESTIMATES OF PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF MEATS. 1953

Canadians ate more beef, veal and mutton and lamb but less pork per person in 1953 than in 1952. Supply-price relationships, with pork in shorter supply and higher in price than during 1952 and the opposite situation for beef, resulted in this expression of consumer preference at the meat counter. Consumption per capita by kinds of meat during 1953 and 1952 (1952 figures in brackets) was: beef, 59.1 lb. (44.7); veal, 9.1 lb. (6.7); mutton and lamb, 2.3 lb. (1.9); pork, 57.0 lb. (65.9); offal, 5.2 lb. (5.5); canned meats, 7.4 lb. (8.2); total, all meats, 140.1 lb. (132.9).

Total meat production, less offal but including estimated meat equivalent of animals exported alive, decreased about 1 per cent to 2,021 million pounds in 1953 as compared with 2,040 million pounds in 1952. Meat and edible offal output from animals slaughtered in Canada amounted to 2,068 million pounds in 1953 as compared with 2,116 million pounds in 1952, the peak output of 2,729 million pounds in 1944, and a 1935-39 annual average production of 1,481 million pounds.

Expressed in terms of dressed weight, exports of beef and veal decreased to 28.9 million pounds in 1953 as compared with 68.1 million pounds in 1952 while exports of pork were 55.3 million pounds and of canned meats 30.3 million pounds as compared with 15.0 and 19.8 million pounds, respectively, in 1952.

These estimates of meat production and consumption are based on information derived from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' semi-annual live-stock surveys, reports of storage stocks of meats, foreign trade, etc., and on marketing and inspected slaughter data reported by the Canada Department of Agriculture.

Table 1: Per Capita Consumption of Meats, Canada, 1953
(Basis cold dressed carcass weight)

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	1952 ^{1/}	1953
	lb.	lb.	lb.
Beef	54.7	44.7	59.1
Veal	10.5	6.7	9.1
Mutton and lamb	5.6	1.9	2.3
Pork	39.8	65.9	57.0
Offal	5.8	5.5	5.2
Canned meats	1.9	8.2	7.4
Totals	118.3	132.9	140.1

^{1/} Revised.

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Table 2: Meat Production, Canada, 1953
(Includes meat equivalent of animals slaughtered in Canada and animals exported alive)

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	1952 ^{1/}	1953
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
Beef	703,731	734,073	936,037
Veal	122,241	98,202	138,225
Mutton and lamb	61,554	26,224	29,084
Pork	625,120	1,181,687	918,018
Totals	1,512,646	2,040,186	2,021,364

Table 3: Output of Meats and Offal from Live Stock Slaughtered in Canada, 1953

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	1952 ^{1/}	1953
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
Beef	618,556	726,638	902,966
Veal	116,372	98,149	137,994
Mutton and lamb	61,417	26,195	28,984
Pork	620,522	1,181,593	915,204
Offal	64,611	83,128	83,009
Totals	1,481,478	2,115,703	2,068,157

Table 4: Exports of Meats from Canada, 1953
(Basis cold dressed carcass weight)

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	1952 ^{1/}	1953
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
Beef and veal	10,899	68,072	28,920
Mutton and lamb	248	46	52
Pork	179,630	15,041	55,320
Offal	^{2/}	2,535	6,680
Canned meats	2,659	19,782	30,255
Totals	193,436	105,476	121,227

^{1/} Revised.

^{2/} Not available.

Table 5: Slaughter of Meat Animals and Consumption of Meats and Lard in Canada, 1952 and 1953, with Five-Year Averages 1935-39

Note: All meats other than canned are on basis of cold dressed carcass weight; canned meats are in terms of product.

Item		Average 1935-39	1952 ^{1/}	1953
Beef -				
Animals slaughtered	'000	1,347.0	1,459.1	1,837.5
Estimated dressed weight ^{2/}	'000 lb.	618,556	726,638	902,966
On hand, January 1	"	22,684	19,497	32,961
Imports ^{3/}	"	158 ^{4/}	9,289	11,537
Total supply	"	641,398	755,424	947,464
Exports ^{3/}	"	10,899	68,072	28,920
Used for canning	"	1,406	9,199	9,651
On hand, December 31	"	24,040	32,961	35,697
Total Consumption	"	605,053	645,192	873,196
Consumption per Capita	lb.	54.7	44.7	59.1
Veal -				
Animals slaughtered	'000	1,333.6	959.2	1,318.3
Estimated dressed weight ^{2/}	'000 lb.	116,372	98,149	137,994
On hand, January 1	"	3,452	4,171	3,891
Imports	"	^{5/}	^{5/}	^{5/}
Total supply	"	119,824	102,320	141,885
Exports	"	-	^{5/}	^{5/}
Used for canning	"	22	1,736	1,454
On hand, December 31	"	3,785	3,891	5,433
Total Consumption	"	116,017	96,693	134,998
Consumption per Capita	lb.	10.5	6.7	9.1
Mutton and Lamb -				
Animals slaughtered	'000	1,543.0	595.9	679.3
Estimated dressed weight ^{2/}	'000 lb.	61,417	26,195	28,984
On hand, January 1	"	6,190	3,584	4,482
Imports ^{3/}	"	422	2,661	4,745
Total supply	"	68,029	32,440	38,211
Exports ^{3/}	"	248	46	52
Used for canning	"	37	350	310
On hand, December 31	"	5,965	4,482	3,530
Total Consumption	"	61,779	27,562	34,319
Consumption per Capita	lb.	5.6	1.9	2.3

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Item		Average 1935-39	1952 ^{1/}	1953
Pork -				
Animals slaughtered	'000	5,165.1	8,864.1	6,892.1
Estimated dressed weight ^{6/}	'000 lb.	620,522	1,181,593	915,204
On hand, January 1	"	34,511	39,000	68,813
Imports ^{3/}	"	7,394	4,677	481
Total supply	"	662,427	1,225,270	984,498
Exports ^{3/}	"	179,630	15,041	55,320
Used for canning	"	4,602	190,911	55,935
On hand, December 31	"	37,863	68,813	30,755
Total Consumption	"	440,332	950,505	842,488
Consumption per Capita	lb.	39.8	65.9	57.0
Offal -				
Estimated production	'000 lb.	64,611	83,128	83,009
Imports	"	7/	1,594	4,121
Total supply	"	64,611	84,722	87,130
Exports	"	7/	2,535	6,680
Used for canning	"	583	2,493	3,509
Total Consumption	"	64,028	79,694	76,941
Consumption per Capita	lb.	5.8	5.5	5.2
Canned Meats -				
Estimated production	'000 lb.	5,624	144,183	55,494
Imports	"	12,292	14,185	11,543
Change in stocks	"	8/	+ 54,442	- 39,017
Total supply	"	17,916	103,926	106,054
Exports	"	1,999	14,874	22,748
Total Consumption	"	15,917	89,052	83,306
Consumption per Capita	lb.	1.4	6.2	5.6
Lard ^{2/} -				
Estimated production	'000 lb.	63,237	177,254	130,942
Imports	"	56	1,265	6,790
Change in stocks	"	+ 278	+ 2,404	- 7,534
Total supply	"	63,015	176,115	145,266
Exports	"	19,485	14,289	1,426
Total Domestic Disappearance ^{10/}	"	43,530	161,826	143,840
Disappearance per Capita ^{10/}	lb.	3.9	11.2	9.7

- ^{1/} Revised.
^{2/} Edible meat excluding offals.
^{3/} Basis cold dressed carcass weight.
^{4/} Includes edible offal of beef and veal.
^{5/} Quantity small; included with beef.
^{6/} Edible meat excluding fats and offals.
^{7/} Not available.
^{8/} Stocks estimated to be same at beginning and end of period.
^{9/} Includes rendered pork fat.
^{10/} Includes lard used in processing other food products.