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ESTIMATES OF PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF MEATS, 1954

Per capita consumption of meats in Canada was about 4 pounds greater in 1954 than in 1953. Consumption of beef, veal and lamb increased while that of pork and canned meats was lower. Consumption per capita by kinds of meat during 1953 and 1954 (1953 figures in brackets) was: beef, 72.0 lb. (64.5); veal, 10.1 lb. (8.2); mutton and lamb, 2.5 lb. (2.3); pork 53.7 lb. (55.0); offal, 5.3 lb. (5.1); canned meats, 2.8 lb. (7.2); total, all meats, 146.4 lb. (142.3).

Total meat production, less offal but including estimated meat equivalent of animals exported alive, increased about 9 per cent to 2,247 million pounds in 1954 as compared with 2,059 million pounds in 1953. Meat and edible offal output from all farm and commercial slaughter in Canada amounted to 2,290 million pounds in 1954 as compared with 2,104 million pounds in 1953, the peak output of 2,729 million pounds in 1944, and a 1935-39 annual average output of 1,481 million pounds.

Meat exports, in terms of dressed weight, were 31 per cent greater in 1954 than in 1953, at 159 as compared with 121 million pounds. Exports of canned meats at 66.8 million pounds were more than double the 1953 quantity and pork product exports increased by 5.3 million pounds while beef and veal exports were 6.3 million pounds lower than in 1953.

These estimates 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. Revisions of 1952 and 1953 data arise largely from slight changes in conversion factors as established during the past year after study by an inter-departmental committee.

Table 1: Per Capita Consumption of Meats, Canada, 1952-54 and Average 1935-39
(Basis cold dressed carcass weight)

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	1952 ^{1/}	1953 ^{1/}	1954
	lb.	lb.	lb.	lb.
Beef	54.7	48.6	64.5	72.0
Veal	10.5	6.1	8.2	10.1
Mutton and lamb	5.6	1.9	2.3	2.5
Pork	39.8	63.2	55.0	53.7
Offal	5.8	5.4	5.1	5.3
Canned meats	1.7 ^{1/}	8.8	7.2	2.8
Totals	118.1 ^{1/}	134.0	142.3	146.4

^{1/} Revised.

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Table 2: Meat Production, Canada, 1952-54 and Average 1935-39
(Includes meat equivalent of animals slaughtered in Canada and animals exported alive)

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	1952 ^{1/}	1953 ^{1/}	1954
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
Beef	703,731	790,650	1,017,181	1,141,790
Veal	122,241	89,360	124,703	154,112
Mutton and lamb	61,554	26,347	29,237	30,257
Pork	625,120	1,143,422	888,138	920,539
Totals	1,512,646	2,049,779	2,059,259	2,246,698

^{1/} Revised.

Table 3: Output of Meats and Offal from Live Stock Slaughtered in Canada, 1952-54 and Average 1935-39

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	1952 ^{1/}	1953 ^{1/}	1954
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
Beef	618,556	783,148	983,807	1,100,060
Veal	116,372	89,306	124,469	153,774
Mutton and lamb	61,417	26,318	29,136	30,155
Pork	620,522	1,143,331	885,424	917,106
Offal	64,611	81,209	81,393	89,372
Totals	1,481,478	2,123,312	2,104,229	2,290,467

^{1/} Revised.

Table 4: Exports of Meats from Canada, 1952-54 and Average 1935-39
(Basis cold dressed carcass weight)

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	1952	1953	1954
	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.
Beef and veal	10,899	68,072	28,920	22,580
Mutton and lamb	248	46	52	53
Pork	179,630	15,041	55,320	60,607
Offal	^{1/}	2,535	6,680	8,954
Canned meats	2,659	19,782	30,255	66,793
Totals	193,436	105,476	121,227	158,987

^{1/} Not available.

Table 5: Slaughter of Meat Animals and Consumption of Meats and Lard in Canada, 1952-54, 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 ^{1/}	1954
Beef -					
Animals slaughtered	'000	1,347.0	1,558.5	1,983.8	2,266.1
Estimated dressed weight ^{2/}	'000 lb.	618,556	783,148	983,807	1,100,060
On hand, January 1	"	22,684	19,497	32,961	35,756
Imports ^{3/}	"	158 ^{4/}	9,289	11,537	18,521
Total supply	"	641,398	811,934	1,028,305	1,154,337
Exports ^{3/}	"	10,899	68,072	28,920	22,580
Used for canning	"	1,406	9,199	9,651	11,625
On hand, December 31	"	24,040	32,961	35,756	25,673
Total Consumption	"	605,053	701,702	953,978	1,094,459
Consumption per Capita	lb.	54.7	48.6	64.5	72.0
Veal -					
Animals slaughtered	'000	1,333.6	859.8	1,172.0	1,464.6
Estimated dressed weight ^{2/}	'000 lb.	116,372	89,306	124,469	153,774
On hand, January 1	"	3,452	4,171	3,891	5,520
Imports	"	5/	5/	5/	5/
Total supply	"	119,824	93,477	128,360	159,294
Exports	"	-	5/	5/	5/
Used for canning	"	22	1,736	1,454	1,366
On hand, December 31	"	3,785	3,891	5,520	3,954
Total Consumption	"	116,017	87,850	121,386	153,974
Consumption per Capita	lb.	10.5	6.1	8.2	10.1
Mutton and Lamb -					
Animals slaughtered	'000	1,543.0	595.9	679.3	708.4
Estimated dressed weight ^{2/}	'000 lb.	61,417	26,318	29,136	30,155
On hand, January 1	"	6,190	3,584	4,482	3,533
Imports ^{3/}	"	422	2,661	4,745	7,324
Total supply	"	68,029	32,563	38,363	41,012
Exports ^{3/}	"	248	46	52	53
Used for canning	"	37	350	310	301
On hand, December 31	"	5,965	4,482	3,533	3,111
Total Consumption	"	61,779	27,685	34,468	37,547
Consumption per Capita	lb.	5.6	1.9	2.3	2.5

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Table 5 cont'd.

Item		Average 1935-39	1952 ^{1/}	1953 ^{1/}	1954
Pork -					
Animals slaughtered	'000	5,165.1	8,864.1	6,892.1	7,081.8
Estimated dressed weight ^{6/}	'000 lb.	620,522	1,143,331	885,424	917,106
On hand, January 1	"	34,511	39,000	68,813	30,752
Imports ^{3/}	"	7,394	4,677	481	1,525
Total supply	"	662,427	1,187,008	954,718	949,383
Exports ^{3/}	"	179,630	15,041	55,320	60,607
Used for canning	"	4,602	190,911	55,935	39,093
On hand, December 31	"	37,863	68,813	30,752	33,996
Total Consumption	"	440,332	912,243	812,711	815,687
Consumption per Capita	lb.	39.8	63.2	55.0	53.7
Offal -					
Estimated production	'000 lb.	64,611	81,209	81,393	89,372
Imports	"	7/	1,594	4,121	3,769
Total supply	"	64,611	82,803	85,514	93,141
Exports	"	7/	2,535	6,680	8,954
Used for canning	"	583	2,493	3,509	3,871
Total Consumption	"	64,028	77,775	75,325	80,316
Consumption per Capita	lb.	5.8	5.4	5.1	5.3
Canned Meats -					
Estimated production	'000 lb.	5,624	144,183	56,249	57,450
Change in stocks	"	8/	+ 54,442	- 39,017	- 20,936
Imports	"	12,292	14,185	11,543	15,978
Exports	"	1,999	14,874	22,748	50,220
Total Consumption	"	15,917	89,052	84,061	44,144
Consumption per Capita	lb.	1.4	6.2	5.7	2.9
Lard^{9/} -					
Estimated production	'000 lb.	63,237	186,972	139,313	138,751
Change in stocks	"	+ 278	+ 2,404	- 7,436	+ 566
Imports	"	56	1,265	6,790	2,850
Exports	"	19,485	14,289	1,426	676
Total Domestic Disappearance ^{10/}	"	43,530	171,544	152,113	140,359
Disappearance per Capita ^{10/}	lb.	3.9	11.9	10.3	9.2

1/ Revised.

2/ Edible meat excluding offal.

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 offal.

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.

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