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ESTIMATES OF PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF MEATS, 1955

In 1955, per capita consumption of meat in Canada increased 3.5 pounds, from 148.0 pounds in 1954 to 151.5 pounds. This increase was brought about by heavier consumption of pork while that of beef remained steady. Consumption of mutton and lamb, and offal rose slightly while that of veal showed a decrease. Consumption per capita (in cold dressed carcass equivalent), by kinds of meat, during 1955 and 1954 (latter in brackets) was: beef, 72.0 lb. (72.0); veal, 8.8 lb. (10.1); mutton and lamb, 2.8 lb. (2.5); pork, 58.0 lb. (53.7); offal, 5.7 lb. (5.3); canned meats, 4.2 lb. (4.4); total, all meats, 151.5 lb. (148.0).

Total meat production, less offal but including estimated meat equivalent of animals exported alive, increased over 5 per cent to 2,365 million pounds in 1955 as compared to 2,249 million pounds in 1954. Meat and edible offal output from farm and commercial slaughter in Canada amounted to 2,427 million pounds in 1955 as compared to 2,292 million pounds in 1954 and the 1935-39 annual average output of 1,481 million pounds.

Meat exports, in terms of dressed weight, amounted to 104.1 million pounds in 1955, a drop of 18 per cent from 1954 exports. Beef and canned meats exports were little more than half the quantities exported in 1954 while exports of pork products - the major item in meat exports - increased from 60.6 million pounds in 1954 to 64.1 in 1955.

These estimates are based on information derived from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' semi-annual farm livestock surveys, from reports of storage stocks of meats, foreign trade, and on marketing and inspected slaughter data reported by the Canada Department of Agriculture. Revisions of 1953 and 1954 data arise largely from correcting for the lag in reporting 1953 exports of canned meat products.

Table 1.-Per Capita Consumption of Meats in Canada, 1953-55 and Average 1935-39
(Basis cold dressed carcass weight.)

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	1953	1954	1955
- pounds -				
Beef	54.7	64.6	72.0	72.0
Veal	10.5	8.2	10.1	8.8
Mutton and lamb	5.6	2.4	2.5	2.8
Pork	39.8	55.0	53.7	58.0
Offal	5.8	5.1	5.3	5.7
Canned meats	1.7	5.2 ^{1/}	4.4 ^{1/}	4.2
Totals	118.1	140.5 ^{1/}	148.0 ^{1/}	151.5

^{1/} Revised.

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Table 2.-Meat Production in Canada, 1953-55 and Average 1935-39
(Includes meat equivalent of animals slaughtered in Canada and animals exported alive)

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	1953 ^{1/}	1954 ^{1/}	1955
- thousand pounds -				
Beef	703,731	1,018,173	1,142,761	1,169,943
Veal	122,241	124,809	154,154	139,966
Mutton and lamb	61,554	30,010	31,117	34,551
Pork	625,120	888,897	921,483	1,020,560
Totals	1,512,646	2,061,889	2,249,515	2,365,020

^{1/} Revised.

Table 3.-Output of Meats and Offal from Livestock Slaughtered in Canada, 1953-55 and Average 1935-39

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	1953 ^{1/}	1954 ^{1/}	1955
- thousand pounds -				
Beef	618,556	984,799	1,101,031	1,139,078
Veal	116,372	124,575	153,816	139,548
Mutton and lamb	61,417	29,909	31,015	34,167
Pork	620,522	885,488	917,171	1,019,121
Offal	64,611	81,468	89,447	94,973
Totals	1,481,478	2,106,239	2,292,480	2,426,887

^{1/} Revised.

Table 4.-Exports of Meats from Canada, 1953-55 and Average 1935-39
(Basis cold dressed carcass weight.)

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	1953	1954	1955
- thousand pounds -				
Beef and veal	10,899	28,920	22,580	12,787
Mutton and lamb	248	52	53	273
Pork	179,630	55,320	60,607	64,109
Offal	^{1/}	6,680	8,954	7,112
Canned meats	2,659	62,168 ^{2/}	34,881 ^{2/}	19,842
Totals	193,436	153,140	127,075	104,123

^{1/} Not available.

^{2/} Revised to show dressed meat equivalent of canned meat exports -(see footnote 9, Table 5.)

Table 5: Slaughter of Meat Animals and Consumption of Meats and Lard in Canada, 1953-55, and 1935-39 Averages

(All meats, other than canned, are on basis of cold dressed carcass weight; canned meats are in terms of product.)

Item		Average 1935-39	1953 ^{1/}	1954 ^{1/}	1955
Beef -					
Animals slaughtered	'000	1,347.0	1,985.8	2,268.1	2,345.7
Estimated dressed weight	'000 lb.	618,556	984,799	1,101,031	1,139,078
On hand, January 1	"	22,684	32,961	35,756	26,345
Imports ^{3/}	"	1584	11,537	18,521	20,098
Total supply	"	641,398	1,029,297	1,155,308	1,185,521
Exports ^{3/}	"	10,899	28,920	22,580	12,787
Used for canning	"	1,406	9,651	11,625	18,197
On hand, December 31	"	24,040	35,756	26,345	32,141
Total Consumption	"	605,053	954,970	1,094,758	1,122,396
Consumption per Capita	lb.	54.7	64.6	72.0	72.0
Veal -					
Animals slaughtered	'000	1,333.6	1,173.0	1,465.0	1,342.9
Estimated dressed weight ^{2/}	'000 lb.	116,372	124,575	153,816	139,548
On hand, January 1	"	3,452	3,891	5,520	3,954
Imports	"	5	5	5	5
Total supply	"	119,824	128,466	159,336	143,502
Exports	"	5	5	5	5
Used for canning	"	22	1,454	1,366	1,297
On hand, December 31	"	3,785	5,520	3,954	5,032
Total Consumption	"	116,017	121,492	154,016	137,173
Consumption per Capita	lb.	10.5	8.2	10.1	8.8
Mutton and Lamb -					
Animals slaughtered	'000	1,543.0	673.3	728.6	808.1
Estimated dressed weight ^{2/}	'000 lb.	61,417	29,909	31,015	34,167
On hand, January 1	"	6,190	4,482	3,533	3,112
Imports ^{3/}	"	422	4,745	7,324	10,829
Total supply	"	68,029	39,136	41,872	48,108
Exports ^{3/}	"	248	52	53	273
Used for canning	"	37	310	301	330
On hand, December 31	"	5,965	3,533	3,112	4,116
Total Consumption	"	61,779	35,241	38,406	43,389
Consumption per Capita	lb.	5.6	2.4	2.5	2.8

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Table 5 concluded

Item		Average 1935-39	1953 ^{1/}	1954 ^{1/}	1955
Pork -					
Animals slaughtered	'000	5,165.1	6,892.6	7,082.2	7,950.6
Estimated dressed weight ^{6/}	'000 lb.	620,522	885,488	917,171	1,019,121
On hand, January 1	"	34,511	68,813	30,752	34,466
Imports ^{3/}	"	7,394	481	1,525	167
Total supply	"	662,427	954,782	949,448	1,053,754
Exports ^{3/}	"	179,630	55,320	60,607	64,109
Used for canning	"	4,602	55,935	39,093	48,844
On hand, December 31	"	37,863	30,752	34,466	36,463
Total Consumption	"	440,332	812,775	815,282	904,338
Consumption per Capita	lb.	39.8	55.0	53.7	58.0
Offal -					
Estimated production	'000 lb.	64,611	81,468	89,447	94,973
Imports	"	7/	4,121	3,769	3,793
Total supply	"	64,611	85,589	93,216	98,766
Exports	"	7/	6,680	8,954	7,112
Used for canning	"	583	3,509	3,871	2,099
Total Consumption	"	64,028	75,400	80,391	89,555
Consumption per Capita	lb.	5.8	5.1	5.3	5.7
Canned Meats -					
Estimated Production	'000 lb.	5,624	56,249	57,450	75,606
On hand, January 1	"	8/	75,118	36,102	15,165
Imports	"	12,292	11,543	15,978	15,629
Total Supply	"	17,916	142,910	109,530	106,400
Exports	"	1,999	46,743 ^{9/}	26,226 ^{9/}	14,919
On hand, December 31	"	8/	36,102	15,165	20,775
Total Consumption	"	15,917	60,065	68,139	70,706
Consumption per Capita	lb.	1.4	4.1	4.5	4.5
Lard^{10/} -					
Estimated Production	'000 lb.	63,237	139,323	137,931	152,779
On hand, January 1	"	2,685	12,352	4,916	5,490
Imports	"	56	6,790	2,850	6,195
Total Supply	"	65,978	158,465	145,697	164,464
Exports	"	19,485	1,426	676	1,312
On hand, December 31	"	2,963	4,916	5,490	5,678
Total Domestic Disappearance	"	43,530	152,123	139,531	157,474
Disappearance per Capita	lb.	3.9	10.3	9.2	10.0

- 1/ Revised. 2/ Cold dressed carcass weight excluding offal. 3/ Basis cold dressed carcass weight. 4/ Includes edible offal of beef and veal.
5/ Quantity small; included with beef. 6/ Cold dressed carcass weight excluding fats and offal. 7/ Not available. 8/ Not available; assume no change in stocks between beginning and end of period. 9/ Revised to include 23,994,252 lb. in 1953 exports formerly included in 1954 exports; this was loaded in December, 1953 but not in official export data until 1954. 10/ Includes commercial lard production and estimated lard equivalent of renderable pork fat available from all uninspected slaughter. 11/ Includes lard used in processing other food products.