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ESTIMATES OF PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF MEATS, 1956

The apparent disappearance of red meats in Canada during 1956 rose 2.7 pounds per capita above 1955 disappearance to reach 154.1 pounds per person. The greater part of this increase was due to a record high consumption of beef. Other meats changed little from 1955 quantities. Disappearance per person during 1956 (in cold dressed carcass equivalents), by kind of meat, is estimated to have been (1955 in brackets): beef, 73.6 lb. (71.9); veal, 8.9 lb. (8.8); mutton and lamb, 2.7 lb. (2.8); pork, 58.3 lb. (57.9); offal, 5.7 lb. (5.8); canned meats, 4.9 lb. (4.2); and total of all meats, 154.1 lb. (151.4).

The meat-equivalent of animal output from Canadian farms - that is animals slaughtered in Canada, together with the meat-equivalent of live animals exported, but excluding animals imported for slaughter - is estimated at 2,437 million pounds, or 3.2 per cent higher than in 1955. Meat and offal production from all commercial and other slaughter in Canada amounted to 2,514 million pounds, or 3.6 per cent above the 1955 production. Beef increased 6.1 per cent, veal 4.4 per cent, pork 0.9 per cent, and offal 3.8 per cent. Mutton and lamb production decreased 2.4 per cent.

Exports of meats in 1956 totalled 96.4 million pounds, cold dressed carcass weight, a fall of 7.5 per cent from the 1955 quantity. Exports of beef and veal increased while those of all other kinds of meat decreased. Pork products, as usual, constituted the bulk of total exports, amounting to 55.4 million pounds in 1956.

These estimates are based on information derived from the Dominion Bureau of Statistics' semi-annual farm livestock surveys, reports of storage stocks of meats and foreign trade; and from Canada Department of Agriculture marketing and inspection data.

Table 1.- Per Capita Disappearance of Meats in Canada, 1954-1956
(Basis cold dressed carcass weight)

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	1954	1955	1956
- pounds -				
Beef	54.7	72.1	71.9	73.6
Veal	10.5	10.1	8.8	8.9
Mutton and lamb	5.6	2.5	2.8	2.7
Pork	39.8	53.7	57.9	58.3
Offal	5.8	5.3	5.8	5.7
Canned meats	1.7	4.4	4.2	4.9
Totals	118.1	148.1	151.4	154.1

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Table 2.- Meat Equivalent of Animal Output from Canadian Farms, 1954-1956
(Includes slaughter and live exports of animals of Canadian origin).

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	1954	1955 ^{1/}	1956
- thousand pounds -				
Beef	703,731	1,142,761	1,167,686	1,230,280
Veal	122,241	154,154	139,943	146,032
Mutton and lamb	61,554	31,117	33,741	32,775
Pork	625,120	921,483	1,020,560	1,028,383
Totals	1,512,646	2,249,515	2,361,930	2,437,470

^{1/} Revised.

Table 3.-Output of Meats and Offal from Livestock Slaughtered in Canada, 1954-1956

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	1954	1955	1956
- thousand pounds -				
Beef	618,556	1,101,031	1,139,078	1,208,384
Veal	116,372	153,816	139,548	145,643
Mutton and lamb	61,417	31,015	34,167	33,348
Pork	620,522	917,171	1,019,121	1,028,170
Offal	64,611	89,447	94,973	98,552
Totals	1,481,478	2,292,480	2,426,887	2,514,097

Table 4.- Exports of Meats from Canada, 1954-1956
(Basis cold dressed carcass weight.)

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	1954	1955	1956
- thousand pounds -				
Beef and veal	10,899	22,580	12,787	18,874
Mutton and lamb	248	53	273	45
Pork	179,630	60,607	64,109	55,408
Offal	^{1/}	8,954	7,112	6,831
Canned meats	2,659	34,881	19,842	15,218
Totals	193,436	127,075	104,123	96,376

^{1/} Not available.

Table 5: Meats and Lard: Disappearance in Canada, 1954-1956

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

	Unit	Average 1935-39	1954 ^{1/}	1955 ^{1/}	1956
Beef -					
Animals slaughtered	'000 head	1,347.0	2,268.1	2,345.7	2,494.6
Estimated dressed weight ^{2/}	'000 lb.	618,556	1,101,031	1,139,078	1,208,384
On hand, January 1	"	22,684	33,103	23,648	29,584
Imports ^{3/}	"	158 ^{4/}	18,521	20,098	18,266
Total supply	"	641,398	1,152,655	1,182,824	1,256,234
Exports ^{3/}	"	10,899	22,580	12,787	18,874
Used for canning	"	1,406	11,625	18,197	20,713
On hand, December 31	"	24,040	23,648	29,584	33,155
Domestic Disappearance	"	605,053	1,094,802	1,122,256	1,183,492
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	54.7	72.1	71.9	73.6
Veal -					
Animals slaughtered	'000 head	1,333.6	1,465.0	1,342.9	1,388.4
Estimated dressed weight ^{2/}	" lb.	116,372	153,816	139,548	145,643
On hand, January 1	"	3,452	5,199	3,700	4,662
Imports	"	5/	5/	5/	5/
Total supply	"	119,824	159,015	143,248	150,305
Exports	"	5/	5/	5/	5/
Used for canning	"	22	1,366	1,297	1,483
On hand, December 31	"	3,785	3,700	4,662	5,698
Domestic Disappearance	"	116,017	153,949	137,289	143,124
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	10.5	10.1	8.8	8.9
Mutton and Lamb -					
Animals slaughtered	'000 head	1,543.0	728.6	808.1	786.5
Estimated dressed weight ^{2/}	'000 lb.	61,417	31,015	34,167	33,348
On hand, January 1	"	6,190	3,359	2,901	3,734
Imports ^{3/}	"	422	7,324	10,829	9,546
Total supply	"	68,029	41,698	47,897	46,628
Exports ^{3/}	"	248	53	273	45
Used for canning	"	37	301	330	628
On hand, December 31	"	5,965	2,901	3,734	2,916
Domestic Disappearance	"	61,779	38,443	43,560	43,039
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	5.6	2.5	2.8	2.7
Pork -					
Animals slaughtered	'000 head	5,165.1	7,082.2	7,950.6	7,995.1
Estimated dressed weight ^{6/}	'000 lb.	620,522	917,171	1,019,121	1,028,170
On hand, January 1	"	34,511	28,731	32,280	34,965
Imports ^{3/}	"	7,394	1,525	167	154
Total supply	"	662,427	947,427	1,051,568	1,063,289
Exports ^{3/}	"	179,630	60,607	64,109	55,408
Used for canning	"	4,602	39,093	48,844	50,574
On hand, December 31	"	37,863	32,280	34,965	20,549
Domestic Disappearance	"	440,332	815,447	903,650	936,758
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	39.8	53.7	57.9	58.3



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	Unit	Average 1935-39	1954 ^{1/}	1955 ^{1/}	1956
Offal -					
Estimated Production	'000 lb.	64,611	89,447	94,973	98,552
On hand, January 1	"	<u>8/</u>	5,169	5,348	5,042
Imports	"	<u>7/</u>	3,769	3,793	2,360
Total supply	"	64,611	98,385	104,114	105,954
Exports	"	<u>7/</u>	8,954	7,112	6,831
Used for canning	"	583	3,871	2,099	2,285
On hand, December 31	"	<u>8/</u>	5,348	5,042	5,145
Domestic Disappearance	"	64,028	80,212	89,861	91,693
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	5.8	5.3	5.8	5.7
Canned Meats -					
Estimated Production	'000 lb.	5,624	57,450	75,606	81,401
On hand, January 1	"	<u>8/</u>	36,102	15,165	20,775
Imports	"	12,292	15,978	15,629	13,662
Total supply	"	17,916	109,530	106,400	115,838
Exports	"	1,999	26,226	14,919	11,442
On hand, December 31	"	<u>8/</u>	15,165	20,775	18,764
Domestic Disappearance	"	15,917	68,139	70,706	85,632
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	1.4	4.5	4.5	5.3
Lard^{9/} -					
Estimated Production	'000 lb.	63,237	137,931	152,779	155,148
On hand, January 1	"	2,685	4,916	5,490	5,678
Imports	"	56	2,850	6,195	15,301
Total supply	"	65,978	145,697	164,464	176,127
Exports	"	19,485	676	1,312	320
On hand, December 31	"	2,963	5,490	5,678	4,853
Domestic Disappearance	"	43,530	139,531	157,474	170,954
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	3.9	9.2	10.0	10.6

- ^{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/} Trimmed weight, excluding offal.
^{7/} Not available. ^{8/} Not available; assume no change in stocks between beginning and end of period. ^{9/} Includes commercial lard production and estimated lard equivalent of renderable pork fat available from all uninspected slaughter.