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ESTIMATES OF PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF MEATS, 1957

Per capita disappearance of red meats in Canada* during 1957, estimated at 142.5 lb. (cold dressed carcass equivalent), was a full 7 per cent above the 1946-50 five-year average of 133.3 lb., and over 20 per cent greater than the pre-war 1935-39 average of 118.1 lb. The meat disappearance estimates for 1951 to 1956 are currently undergoing revision, and meanwhile no valid comparisons are possible with 1956 estimates. Revisions on the basis of the 1956 census information will be published soon.

Per capita consumption of meat appears to have followed the recent Canadian pattern in that beef disappearance (74.8 lb.) accounted for about half the total and pork (46.2 lb.) for about one-third of the total. Per capita disappearance of other kinds of meat were: veal, 9.0 lb.; mutton and lamb, 2.7 lb.; offal (or fancy meats), 5.2 lb.; and canned meats, 4.6 lb. It is probable that the estimate of 74.8 lb. of beef constitutes a record per capita disappearance. The total domestic disappearance of 1,240,262 thousand pounds of beef is a record high.

Animal output from Canadian farms (that is, animals of Canadian origin slaughtered in Canada together with the meat equivalent of live animals exported) is estimated to have resulted in the production of 2,504 million pounds of meat, which is 18 per cent greater than the 1946-50 average. Output of meats, including offal, from livestock slaughtered in Canada (commercial, farm and other kill) amounted to an estimated 2,411 million pounds. Of this total, beef accounted for 1,288 million pounds and pork 847 million pounds.

Meat exports in 1957 totalled 106.5 million pounds, cold dressed carcass weight. This is about 10 per cent higher than in 1956 but only 28 per cent of the 1946-50 average and 55 per cent of the pre-war average. The big decrease has been in pork.

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, from foreign trade statistics, and from marketing and inspected slaughter data reported by the Department of Agriculture.

Table 1.- Per Capita Disappearance of Meats in Canada, 1957
(Basis cold dressed carcass weight)

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	Average 1946-50	1957
		- pounds -	
Beef	54.7	60.0	74.8
Veal	10.5	10.1	9.0
Mutton and lamb	5.6	3.3	2.7
Pork	39.8	51.0	46.2
Offal	5.8	5.2	5.2
Canned meats	1.7	3.7	4.6
Totals	118.1	133.3	142.5

*Not including Newfoundland.

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Table 2.- Meat Equivalent of Animal Output from Canadian Farms, 1957
(Includes slaughter and live exports of animals of Canadian origin)

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	Average 1946-50	1957
		- thousand pounds -	
Beef	703,731	1,046,387	1,472,018
Veal	122,241	134,380	151,811
Mutton and lamb	61,554	49,306	32,890
Pork	625,120	891,000	847,257
Totals	1,512,646	2,121,073	3,503,976

Table 3.- Output of Meats and Offal from Livestock Slaughtered in Canada, 1957

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	Average 1946-50	1957
		- thousand pounds -	
Beef	618,556	909,487	1,288,238
Veal	116,372	132,957	150,551
Mutton and lamb	61,417	47,640	33,356
Pork	620,522	890,307	847,015
Offal	64,611	81,218	91,745
Totals	1,481,478	2,061,609	2,410,905

Table 4.- Exports of Meats from Canada, 1957
(Basis cold dressed carcass weight)

Kind of Meat	Average 1935-39	Average 1946-50	1957
		- thousand pounds -	
Beef and veal	10,899	101,672	55,312
Mutton and lamb	248	5,522	472
Pork	179,630	188,311	38,183
Offal	1/	5,834	5,587
Canned meats	2,659	75,263	6,971
Totals	193,436	376,602	106,525

1/ Not available.

Table 5: Meats and Lard: Disappearance in Canada, 1957

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

	Unit	Average 1935-39	Average 1946-50	1957
Beef -				
Animals slaughtered	'000 head	1,347.0	1,923.3	2,602.5
Estimated dressed weight ^{1/}	'000 lb.	618,556	909,487	1,288,238
On hand, January 1	"	22,684	30,708	33,251
Imports ^{2/}	"	158	3,554	21,974
Total supply	"	641,398	943,749	1,343,463
Exports ^{2/}	"	10,899	101,672	55,312
Used for canning	"	1,406	39,108	18,177
On hand, December 31	"	24,040	27,217	29,712
Domestic Disappearance	"	605,053	775,752	1,240,262
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	54.7	60.0	74.8
Veal -				
Animals slaughtered	'000 head	1,333.6	1,310.1	1,381.2
Estimated dressed weight ^{1/}	" lb.	116,372	132,957	150,551
On hand, January 1	"	3,452	5,509	5,701
Imports	"	3/	3/	3/
Total supply	"	119,824	138,466	156,252
Exports	"	3/	3/	3/
Used for canning	"	22	2,608	957
On hand, December 31	"	3,785	5,080	5,226
Domestic Disappearance	"	116,017	130,778	150,069
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	10.5	10.1	9.0
Mutton and Lamb -				
Animals slaughtered	'000 head	1,543.0	1,077.7	766.8
Estimated dressed weight ^{1/}	'000 lb.	61,417	47,640	33,356
On hand, January 1	"	6,190	6,843	4,865
Imports ^{2/}	"	422	103	11,015
Total supply	"	68,029	54,586	49,236
Exports ^{2/}	"	248	5,522	472
Used for canning	"	37	508	558
On hand, December 31	"	5,965	6,113	3,955
Domestic Disappearance	"	61,779	42,443	44,251
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	5.6	3.3	2.7
Pork -				
Animals slaughtered	'000 head	5,165.1	6,840.4	6,515.5
Estimated dressed weight ^{4/}	'000 lb.	620,522	890,307	847,015
On hand, January 1	"	34,511	37,773	20,571
Imports ^{4/}	"	7,394	3,891	1,512
Total supply	"	662,427	931,971	869,098
Exports ^{4/}	"	179,630	188,311	38,183
Used for canning	"	4,602	46,628	40,313
On hand, December 31	"	37,863	37,452	23,726
Domestic Disappearance	"	440,332	659,580	766,876
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	39.8	51.0	46.2



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Table 5 concluded

	Unit	Average 1935-39	Average 1946-50	1957
Offal -				
Estimated Production	'000 lb.	64,611	81,218	91,745
On hand, January 1	"	5/	6,090	5,146
Imports	"	6/	973	3,150
Total supply	"	64,611	88,281	100,041
Exports	"	6/	5,834	5,587
Used for canning	"	583	9,631	1,598
On hand, December 31	"	5/	5,796	5,848
Domestic Disappearance	"	64,028	67,020	87,008
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	5.8	5.2	5.2
Canned Meats -				
Estimated Production	'000 lb.	5,624	89,749	70,100
On hand, January 1	"	5/	15,362	18,764
Imports	"	12,292	4,314	21,274
Total supply	"	17,916	109,425	110,138
Exports	"	1,999	56,589	5,241
On hand, December 31	"	5/	8,807	18,844
Domestic Disappearance	"	15,917	44,029	86,053
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	1.4	3.4	5.2
Lard^{7/} -				
Estimated Production	'000 lb.	63,237	113,756	123,592
On hand, January 1	"	2,685	2,620	4,866
Imports	"	56	9,358	28,015
Total supply	"	65,978	125,734	156,473
Exports	"	19,485	431	8
On hand, December 31	"	2,963	3,102	6,823
Domestic Disappearance	"	43,530	122,201	149,642
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	3.9	9.4	9.0

- ^{1/} Cold dressed carcass weight, excluding offal. ^{2/} Basis cold dressed carcass weight. ^{3/} Quantity small; included with beef. ^{4/} Trimmed weight, excluding offal. ^{5/} Not available; assume no change in stocks between beginning and end of period. ^{6/} Not available. ^{7/} Includes commercial lard production and estimated lard equivalent of renderable pork fat available from all uninspected slaughter.