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ESTIMATES OF PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF MEATS, 1958

The disappearance of red meats in Canada during 1958 decreased 4.5 pounds per capita from 142.6 pounds in 1957 to 138.1 pounds (cold dressed carcass equivalent). This decrease occurred despite a rise of 5.6 pounds per person in the apparent consumption of pork, estimated at 51.8 pounds compared to 46.2 pounds in 1957. It is directly attributable to a 10.0 pound per capita decrease in the disappearance of beef, estimated at 64.8 pounds compared to the all-time high of 74.8 pounds in 1957. This reflects the rising price of beef in 1958 in the wake of the flow of slaughter and feeder cattle to the United States. It also reflects the increasing supply of pork in the second half of 1958 which made a partial substitution of pork for beef possible to Canadian consumers. Per capita disappearance of other red meats in 1958, with 1957 comparisons in brackets were: veal, 8.8 pounds (9.0); mutton and lamb, 2.7 pounds (2.7); offal (or fancy meats), 4.8 pounds (5.3); and canned meats, 5.2 pounds (4.6).

The meat equivalent of livestock output from Canadian farms increased 7.4 per cent in 1958 relative to that in 1957, or from 2,503,976,000 pounds to 2,690,416,000 pounds. This output includes animals of Canadian origin slaughtered in Canada plus the meat equivalent of live animals exported if the latter had been raised to market weight in Canada.

Output of meats and offal from livestock slaughtered in Canada, including commercial, farm, and other kill, amounted to 2,453,248,000 pounds, an increase of 1.7 per cent over the 1957 output. Of the total, beef accounted for 1,163,595,000 pounds and pork 1,012,739,000 pounds.

Exports of each of the major red meats increased in 1958. The total quantity shipped out of the country was 148,295,000 pounds in 1958, 39.6 per cent above the 1957 total. However, the volume is still considerably below the 1946-50 average of 376,602,000 pounds in total.

Table 1. Per Capita Disappearance of Meats in Canada, 1956, 1957, and 1958
(Basis cold dressed carcass weight)

	1946-50			
Kind of Meat	Average	1956	1957	1958
		- pounds -		
Beef	60.0	72.0	74.8	64.8
Veal	10.1	8.6	9.0	8.8
Mutton and lamb	3.3	2.6	2.7	2.7
Pork	51.0	49.5	46.2	51.8
Offal	5.2	5.3	5.3	4.8
Canned meats	3.7	4.9	4.6	5.2
Totals	133.3	142.9	142.6	138.1

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Table 2.- Meat Equivalent of Animal Output from Canadian Farms, 1956, 1957 and 1958
(Includes slaughter and live exports of animals of Canadian origin, all converted at the average cold dressed weight of Canadian slaughter.)

	1946-50			
Kind of Meat	Average	1956	1957	1958
		- thousand pounds -		
Beef	1,046,387	1,204,413	1,472,018	1,491,685
Veal	134,380	140,609	151,811	152,102
Mutton and lamb	49,306	31,719	32,890	32,838
Pork	891,000	887,463	847,257	1,013,791
Totals	2,121,073	2,264,204	2,503,976	2,690,416

Table 3.- Output of Meats and Offal from Livestock Slaughtered in Canada, 1956, 1957 and 1958.

	1946-50			
Kind of Meat	Average	1956	1957	1958
		- thousand pounds -		
Beef	909,487	1,182,517	1,288,238	1,163,595
Veal	132,957	140,220	150,551	150,796
Mutton and lamb	47,640	32,292	33,356	31,779
Pork	890,307	887,250	847,015	1,012,739
Offal	81,218	91,797	93,362	94,359
Totals	2,061,609	2,334,076	2,412,522	2,453,248

Table 4.- Exports of Meats and Offal from Canada, 1956, 1957 and 1958
(Basis cold dressed carcass weight)

	1946-50			
Kind of Meat	Average	1956	1957	1958
		- thousand pounds -		
Beef and veal	101,672	18,634	55,312	63,925
Mutton and lamb	5,522	45	472	1,377
Pork	188,311	55,408	38,183	63,493
Offal	5,834	6,831	5,587	11,590
Canned meats	75,263	14,808	6,680	7,910
Totals	376,602	95,726	106,234	148,295

Table 5.- Meats and Lard: Disappearance in Canada, 1956, 1957 and 1958
(All meats, other than canned, are on basis of cold dressed carcass weight; canned meats are in terms of product)

	Unit	1946-50 Average	1956	1957	1958
Beef -					
Animals slaughtered	'000 head	1,923.3	2,441.2	2,602.5	2,324.4
Estimated dressed weight	'000 lb.	909,487	1,182,517	1,288,238	1,163,595
On hand, January 1	"	30,708	29,682	33,251	29,712
Imports	"	3,554	18,266	21,974	26,458
Total supply	"	943,749	1,230,465	1,343,463	1,219,765
Exports	"	101,672	18,634	55,312	63,925
Used for canning	"	39,108	20,713	17,974	19,374
On hand, December 31	"	27,217	33,251	29,712	30,913
Domestic Disappearance	"	775,752	1,157,867	1,240,465	1,105,553
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	60.0	72.0	74.8	64.8
Veal -					
Animals slaughtered	'000 head	1,310.1	1,336.7	1,381.2	1,430.7
Estimated dressed weight	'000 lb.	132,957	140,220	150,551	150,796
On hand, January 1	"	5,509	4,662	5,701	5,214
Imports ^{1/}	"	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
Total supply	"	138,466	144,882	156,252	156,010
Exports ^{1/}	"	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>
Used for canning	"	2,608	1,483	957	1,240
On hand, December 31	"	5,080	5,701	5,214	4,533
Domestic Disappearance	"	130,778	137,698	150,081	150,237
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	10.1	8.6	9.0	8.8
Mutton and Lamb -					
Animals slaughtered	'000 head	1,077.7	761.6	766.8	727.2
Estimated dressed weight	'000 lb.	47,640	32,292	33,356	31,779
On hand, January 1	"	6,843	4,816	4,865	3,978
Imports	"	103	9,546	11,015	21,547
Total supply	"	54,586	46,654	49,236	57,304
Exports	"	5,522	45	472	1,377
Used for canning	"	508	628	558	1,022
On hand, December 31	"	6,113	4,865	3,978	9,426
Domestic Disappearance	"	42,443	41,116	44,228	45,479
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	3.3	2.6	2.7	2.7
Pork -					
Animals slaughtered	'000 head	6,840.4	6,899.3	6,515.5	7,766.4
Estimated dressed weight ^{2/}	'000 lb.	890,307	887,250	847,015	1,012,739
On hand, January 1	"	37,773	34,965	20,571	23,821
Imports ^{2/}	"	3,891	154	1,512	1,744
Total supply	"	931,971	922,369	869,098	1,038,304
Exports ^{2/}	"	188,311	55,408	38,183	63,493
Used for canning	"	46,628	50,574	40,147	47,316
On hand, December 31	"	37,452	20,571	23,821	44,711
Domestic Disappearance	"	659,580	795,816	766,947	882,784
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	51.0	49.5	46.2	51.8

Table 5.- Meats and Lard: Disappearance in Canada, 1956, 1957 and 1958 (concluded).

	Unit	1946-50 Average	1956	1957	1958
Offal -					
Estimated Production	'000 lb.	81,218	91,797	93,362	94,339
On hand, January 1	"	6,090	5,042	5,146	5,867
Imports	"	973	2,360	3,150	758
Total supply	"	88,281	99,199	101,658	100,964
Exports	"	5,834	6,831	5,587	11,590
Used for canning	"	9,631	2,285	1,598	2,039
On hand, December 31	"	5,796	5,146	5,867	4,724
Domestic Disappearance	"	67,020	84,937	88,606	82,611
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	5.2	5.3	5.3	4.8
Canned Meats -					
Estimated Production	'000 lb.	89,749	81,699	69,540	75,909
On hand, January 1	"	15,362	20,775	18,764	18,844
Imports	"	4,314	13,662	21,274	21,212
Total supply	"	109,425	116,136	109,578	115,965
Exports	"	56,589	11,442	5,241	6,314
On hand, December 31	"	8,807	18,764	18,844	13,833
Domestic Disappearance	"	44,029	85,930	85,493	95,818
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	3.4	5.3	5.2	5.6
Lard^{3/} -					
Estimated Production	'000 lb.	113,756	133,248	123,592	154,290
On hand, January 1	"	2,620	5,707	4,866	6,823
Imports	"	9,358	15,301	28,015	5,224
Total supply	"	125,734	154,256	156,473	166,337
Exports	"	431	320	8	475
On hand, December 31	"	3,102	4,866	6,823	8,606
Domestic Disappearance	"	122,201	149,070	149,642	157,256
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	9.4	9.3	9.0	9.2

^{1/} Quantity small; included with beef.

^{2/} Trimmed weight excluding offal.

^{3/} Includes commercial lard production and estimated lard equivalent of renderable pork fat available from all uninspected slaughter.

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