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## ESTIMATES OF PRODUCTION AND CONSUMPTION OF MEATS, 1959

Total production of the red meats from livestock slaughtered in Canada in 1959, including inspected, other commercial and farm kill, was 2,661 million pounds. This was an increase of 8.5 per cent from 2,453 million pounds in 1958. Reductions of 3 per cent in beef and 13.5 per cent in veal production were more than offset by a 25 per cent increase in pork. Farm output of cattle was about 15 per cent lower than in 1958 but live cattle exports decreased from 658,095 head to 312,351. Live exports of calves, on the other hand, rose from 12,389 to 30,347 head.

Exports of meat were almost 24 million pounds less than in 1958. Total quantity exported was about one third the 1946-50 average exports but almost equal to the 1951-55 average annual shipments of 125 million pounds. Beef exports were down sharply from almost 64 million pounds in 1958 to 30 million. Pork shipments, however, increased about 6.5 million pounds to 70 million.

Stocks of meat other than pork were near or below normal year-end holdings at the end of 1959, but carry-over of pork was about 17 million pounds more than the 1951-55 average. In addition, the stocks of canned meats, largely pork products accumulated through the canning program associated with price support for pork, were at a record 127 million pounds.

Disappearance of red meats in Canada during 1959 rose to 143.3 pounds per capita, an increase of 5.3 pounds over 1958 consumption, only 0.8 pounds per capita above 1957, but 9.5 pounds greater than the 1951-55 average per capita. Pork consumption increased from 51.7 pounds per capita in 1958 to 58.4 pounds in response to the supply-price situation. Per capita disappearance of other red meats in 1959, with 1958 comparisons in brackets were: beef, 64.4 pounds (64.8); veal, 7.5 pounds (8.8); mutton and lamb, 3.0 pounds (2.7); offal (fancy meats), 5.1 pounds (4.8); and canned meats (carcass equivalent basis), 4.9 pounds (5.2).

Table 1. - Per Capita Disappearance of Meats in Canada, 1957, 1958 and 1959  
(Basis cold dressed carcass weight)

Kind of Meat	1951-55 Average	1957	1958	1959
			- pounds -	
Beef	61.6	74.8	64.8	64.4
Veal	7.9	9.0	8.8	7.5
Mutton and lamb	2.3	2.6	2.7	3.0
Pork	51.6	46.2	51.7	58.4
Offal	5.0	5.3	4.8	5.1
Canned meats	5.4	4.6	5.2	4.9
Totals	133.8	142.5	138.0	143.3

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Table 2. - Meat Equivalent of Animal Output from Canadian Farms, 1957, 1958 and 1959  
(Includes slaughter and live exports of animals of Canadian origin, all converted at the average cold dressed weight of Canadian slaughter.)

Kind of Meat	1951-55 Average	1957	1958	1959
- thousand pounds -				
Beef	1,013,878	1,472,018	1,491,685	1,275,031
Veal	120,136	151,811	152,102	133,744
Mutton and Lamb	30,007	32,890	32,838	33,244
Pork	880,930	847,257	1,013,791	1,266,551
Totals	2,044,951	2,503,976	2,690,416	2,708,570

Table 3. - Output of Meats and Offal from Livestock Slaughtered in Canada, 1957, 1958 and 1959

Kind of Meat	1951-55 Average	1957	1958	1959
- thousand pounds -				
Beef	965,036	1,288,238	1,163,595	1,130,142
Veal	119,736	150,551	150,796	130,532
Mutton and Lamb	29,824	33,356	31,779	32,824
Pork	879,143	847,015	1,012,739	1,265,971
Offal	80,422	93,362	94,339	101,493
Totals	2,074,161	2,412,522	2,453,248	2,660,962

Table 4. - Exports of Meats and Offal from Canada, 1957, 1958 and 1959  
(Basis cold dressed carcass weight)

Kind of Meat	1951-55 Average	1957	1958	1959
- thousand pounds -				
Beef and Veal	45,902	55,312	63,925	29,959
Mutton and Lamb	632	472	1,377	749
Pork	43,631	38,183	63,493	70,042
Offal	6,501	5,587	11,590	15,397
Canned Meats	28,354	6,680	7,910	8,470
Totals	125,020	106,234	148,295	124,617



Table 5. - Meats and Lard: Disappearance in Canada, 1957, 1958 and 1959  
(All meats, other than canned, are on basis of cold dressed carcass weight;  
canned meats are in terms of product)

	Unit	1951-55 Average	1957	1958	1959
<b>Beef -</b>					
Animals slaughtered	'000 head	1,961.8	2,602.5	2,324.4	2,216.1
Estimated dressed weight	'000 lb.	965,036	1,288,238	1,163,595	1,130,142
On hand, January 1	"	24,610	33,251	29,689	31,417
Imports	"	15,096	21,974	26,458	36,286
Total supply	"	1,004,742	1,343,463	1,219,742	1,197,845
Exports	"	45,902	55,312	63,925	29,959
Used for canning	"	12,075	17,974	19,374	16,651
On hand, December 31	"	26,635	29,689	31,417	27,740
Domestic Disappearance	"	920,130	1,240,488	1,105,026	1,123,495
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	61.6	74.8	64.8	64.4
<b>Veal -</b>					
Animals slaughtered	'000 head	1,144.5	1,381.2	1,430.7	1,184.5
Estimated dressed weight	'000 lb.	119,736	150,551	150,796	130,532
On hand, January 1	"	3,943	5,701	5,214	4,608
Imports 1/	"	1/	1/	1/	1/
Total supply	"	123,679	156,252	156,010	135,140
Exports 1/	"	1/	1/	1/	1/
Used for canning	"	1,407	957	1,240	977
On hand, December 31	"	4,257	5,214	4,608	3,862
Domestic Disappearance	"	118,015	150,081	150,162	130,301
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	7.9	9.0	8.8	7.5
<b>Mutton and Lamb -</b>					
Animals slaughtered	'000 head	685.2	766.8	727.2	749.4
Estimated dressed weight	'000 lb.	29,824	33,356	31,779	32,824
On hand, January 1	"	3,537	4,865	4,693	9,482
Imports	"	5,798	11,015	21,547	20,118
Total supply	"	39,159	49,236	58,019	62,424
Exports	"	632	472	1,377	749
Used for canning	"	299	558	1,022	3,087
On hand, December 31	"	3,754	4,693	9,482	5,874
Domestic Disappearance	"	34,474	43,513	46,138	52,714
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	2.3	2.6	2.7	3.0
<b>Pork -</b>					
Animals slaughtered	'000 head	6,816.9	6,515.5	7,766.4	9,882.7
Estimated dressed weight 2/'000 lb.	2/'000 lb.	879,143	847,015	1,012,739	1,265,971
On hand, January 1	"	38,675	20,571	23,821	45,310
Imports 2/	"	5,964	1,512	1,744	1,416
Total supply	"	923,782	869,098	1,038,304	1,312,697
Exports 2/	"	43,631	38,183	63,493	70,042
Used for canning	"	76,707	40,147	47,316	167,145
On hand December 31	"	39,670	23,821	45,310	56,633
Domestic Disappearance	"	763,774	766,947	882,185	1,018,877
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	51.6	46.2	51.7	58.4

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**Table 5. - Meats and Lard: Disappearance in Canada, 1957, 1958 and 1959 (concluded).**

	Unit	1951-55 Average	1957	1958	1959
<b>Offal -</b>					
Estimated Production	'000 lb.	80,422	93,362	94,339	101,493
On hand, January 1	"	5,346	5,146	5,867	4,946
Imports	"	3,508	3,150	758	4,529
Total supply	"	89,276	101,658	100,964	110,968
Exports	"	6,501	5,587	11,590	15,397
Used for Canning	"	2,979	1,598	2,039	1,628
On hand, December 31	"	5,484	5,867	4,946	5,313
Domestic Disappearance	"	74,312	88,606	82,389	88,630
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	5.0	5.3	4.8	5.1
<b>Canned Meats -</b>					
Estimated Production	'000 lb.	77,903	69,540	75,909	175,738
On hand, January 1	"	28,913	18,764	18,844	13,833
Imports	"	15,955	21,274	21,212	23,707
Total supply	"	122,771	109,578	115,965	213,278
Exports	"	22,404	5,241	6,314	6,843
On hand, December 31	"	31,338	18,844	13,833	127,274
Domestic Disappearance	"	69,029	85,493	95,818	79,161
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	4.6	5.2	5.6	4.5
<b>Lard <sup>2/</sup> -</b>					
Estimated Production	'000 lb.	127,469	115,791	145,162	183,197
On hand, January 1	"	6,429	4,866	6,823	8,606
Imports	"	5,829	28,015	5,224	2,736
Total supply	"	139,727	148,672	157,209	194,539
Exports	"	3,557	8	475	9,217
On hand, December 31	"	6,893	6,823	8,606	7,822
Domestic Disappearance	"	129,277	141,841	148,128	177,500
Per Capita Disappearance	lb.	8.7	8.6	8.7	10.2

<sup>1/</sup> Quantity small; included with beef.<sup>2/</sup> Trimmed of larding fat and excluding offal.<sup>3/</sup> Includes commercial lard production and estimated lard equivalent of renderable pork fat available from all uninspected slaughter.