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PER CAPITA SUPPLIES OF FOOD MOVING INTO CONSUMPTION IN CANADA

June 14, 1952 - The accompanying tables set forth the apparent per capita consumption of food in Canada for the prewar years, the wartime period, the postwar period and 1950 and 1951. For the purpose of this special compilation, foods are divided into 13 groups.

Although of necessity there were differences in the methods of calculating the consumption of different types of foods, the general approach was to prepare annual balance sheets showing supplies and distribution. For all products which are produced domestically, production statistics are the basis. Production statistics for foods are for the most part made up of crop and live-stock estimates derived from producer (farmer) sample surveys, and reports from firms engaged in the business of handling the product in question. With surveys of the latter character complete coverage of the industry is usually achieved.

To arrive at domestic disappearance, adjustments are made for net trade with other countries and net changes in stocks over the year. Deductions are also made for the use of food stuffs by the food processing industry and for non-food uses. In the case of the former, the deductions re-appear in the production statistics of the various processed foods. For all products of which there is no domestic production, import statistics become the starting point and the same adjustments, where applicable, are made. In the case of some foods, allowances are made for losses due to wastage and shrinkage.

During the period 1940-45 consumption figures refer to civilian consumption only, but for all other periods reference is to total consumption.

As might be expected during a period of transition to a higher level of economic activity such as has occurred since 1935-39 there have been significant changes in the per capita consumption of most food groups. Fruits, vegetables and dairy products have all shown a fairly steady climb from 1935-39 through the wartime and postwar periods and up to the present. On the other hand, consumption of cereals, pulses and nuts is down.

Figures on the per capita consumption of food production are generally very dependent upon production statistics. As revisions in production figures are made possible by the release of material from the 1951 census, revisions are also anticipated in the per capita consumption data. In the case of potatoes, for example, preliminary tabulations of census material indicate that the effect will be to adjust the consumption sharply downward for recent years.

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1940-45, 1946-49, 1950 and 1951

Item	Specification	Pounds per Capita per Annum				
		1935-39 lb.	1940-45 lb.	1946-49 lb.	1950 lb.	1951 1/ lb.
Cereals-						
Flour (including rye flour) 2/	Retail wt.	184.8	176.9	164.7	154.9	153.3
Oatmeal and rolled oats	"	7.3	6.8	7.0	6.0	6.3
Pot and pearl barley	"	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
Corn meal and flour	"	1.4	0.7	0.6	0.8	0.8
Buckwheat flour	"	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Rice	"	4.3	3.6	2.9	4.0	4.8
Breakfast food	"	7.4	6.9	7.2	6.7	7.0
Totals, Cereals	Retail wt.	205.7	195.4	182.9	172.8	172.6
Potatoes-						
Potatoes, white 3/	Retail wt.	192.3	197.5	196.4	236.1	200.3
Potatoes, sweet	"	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.7	0.7
Totals, Potatoes	Retail wt.	192.9	198.1	196.9	236.8	201.0
Sugars and Syrups-						
Sugar	Refined wt.	94.7	85.4	89.8	101.1	96.2
Maple sugar	Retail wt.	1.8	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.1
Other	"	8.2	10.2	11.2	8.9	9.1
Totals, Sugars and Syrups	Sugar content	101.7	93.5	98.5	108.3	103.2
Pulses and Nuts-						
Dry beans	Retail wt.	3.7	4.8	4.8	4.7	5.2
Dry peas	"	5.7	4.5	2.8	2.3	2.2
Peanuts	Shelled wt.	2.2	2.3	3.3	3.2	2.7
Tree nuts	"	1.1	0.6	1.1	1.2	1.1
Soybean flour	Retail wt.	- -	0.2	0.6	4/	4/
Cocoa	Green beans	3.7	4.1	3.0	3.4	2.4
Totals, Pulses and Nuts	Retail wt. incl. shelled wt. of nuts	14.5	14.4	14.0	13.0	12.4
Starch-	Retail wt.	2.5	2.0	2.2	1.6	1.6

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Fruit-						
Tomatoes and Citrus Fruit-						
Tomatoes, fresh	Retail wt.	15.4	18.6	19.4	17.9	18.3
Tomato products	Net wt. canned	10.0	15.1	16.9	16.0	15.5
Citrus fruit, fresh	Retail wt.	25.1	38.0	40.0	29.9	34.4
Citrus fruit, canned	Net wt. canned	0.5	1.5	6.7	5.8	6.5
Other fruit-						
Fresh	Retail wt.	40.5	49.4	52.7	54.7	63.5
Canned	Net wt. canned	6.3	5.5	8.9	11.9	11.3
Dried	Processed wt.	8.3	7.6	8.8	6.6	6.8
Juice	Net wt. canned	. .	. .	2.4	3.2	3.6
Frozen	Retail wt.	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.3
Totals, Fruit	Fresh equiv.	138.7	172.6	201.0	182.9	199.0
Vegetables-						
Fresh-						
Cabbage and greens	Retail wt.	16.2	18.1	18.6	20.5	19.3
Carrots	"	15.4	14.2	11.4	13.1	13.6
Legumes	"	6.2	4.2	3.4	3.2	4.5
Other	"	29.8	31.4	32.0	39.6	38.9
Canned-	Net wt. canned	10.8	14.6	19.1	17.6	18.5
Frozen-	Retail wt.	. .	. .	0.4	0.5	0.5
Totals, Vegetables	Fresh equiv.	78.4	82.5	84.9	94.5	95.3
Oils and Fats-						
Lard	Retail wt.	3.9	8.5	7.2	8.1	8.1
Shortening	"	10.6	. .	. .	9.3	8.2
Salad and cooking oils	"	1.8	. .	. .	3.0	2.4
Butter	"	31.0	31.1	26.5	23.5	22.6
Margarine	"	- -	- -	- -	6.8	7.4
Totals, Oils and Fats	Fat content	41.4			44.8	42.9
Meat-						
Pork	Carcass wt.	39.8	52.7	54.1	60.8	67.8
Beef	"	54.7	62.2	62.1	50.3	44.1
Veal	"	10.5	11.0	10.0	9.2	7.7
Mutton & Lamb	"	5.6	4.8	4.0	2.5	2.6
Offal	Edible wt.	5.8	6.4	5.9	5.6	5.2
Canned meat	Net wt. canned	1.4	2.3	3.8	4.0	4.9
Totals, Meats	Carcass wt.	118.3	140.2	141.1	133.7	133.9



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Poultry and Fish-						
Hens and chickens	Retail wt. dressed	15.6	19.7	18.6	18.3	19.7
Other poultry	"	2.8	4.0	3.4	3.7	3.5
Shellfish	Fresh edible wt.	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.4
Fish (other) fresh, frozen and cured	Filletted wt.	8.8	7.0	7.6	8.6	8.7
Fish Canned	Net wt. canned	2.7	3.2	4.1	4.6	4.7
Totals, Poultry & Fish	Edible wt.	22.4	24.1	24.6	26.2	26.9
Eggs-	Fresh egg equiv.	30.7	33.0	34.4	34.5	34.6
Milk and Cheese-						
Cheddar cheese	Retail wt.	3.5	4.3	4.1	4.1	3.9
Other cheese 5/	"	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.7
Cottage cheese	"	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.7
Evap. whole milk	"	6.1	11.4	14.1	17.3	18.1
Cond. whole milk	"	0.6	0.8	0.9	0.8	0.7
Whole milk powder	"	0.1	0.8	0.7	0.4	0.4
Cond. skim milk	"	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.3
Skim milk powder	"	1.8	2.3	2.8	3.4	3.8
Evap. skim milk	"	0.1	0.1	0.4	0.9	0.7
Cond. buttermilk	"	0.1		0.2	0.2	0.3
Milk in ice cream	"	10.9	20.9	26.3	30.7	32.7
Powdered buttermilk	"	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3
Fluid whole milk 6/	"	408.5	445.7	447.2	424.6	420.6
Totals, Milk and Cheese	Milk solids	52.0	61.4	65.4	64.5	64.7
Beverages-						
Tea	Primary dist. wt.	3.5	3.0	3.3	4.0	3.0
Coffee	Green beans	3.7	4.4	5.7	6.0	6.3
Totals, Beverages	Primary dist. wt.	7.2	7.4	9.0	10.0	9.3

1/ Subject to revision.

2/ Fluctuations in apparent flour consumption are partly due to the fact that complete data on flour inventories in all positions are not available. During the war and immediate postwar period apparent consumption includes amounts used in the manufacture of livestock feeds and alcohol.

3/ Includes amounts dumped or fed to livestock for which no data are available.

4/ Included with dry beans as only one firm produced soybean flour in these years.

5/ Includes farm-made cheese.

6/ Includes cream expressed as milk.

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- - Quantity negligible.