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PER CAPITA SUPPLIES OF FOOD MOVING INTO CONSUMPTION IN CANADA

November 23, 1954 - The accompanying tables set forth the apparent per capita consumption of food in Canada in 1953 with comparable figures for 1952.

Although of necessity there are differences in the methods of calculating the consumption of different types of foods, the general approach is 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.

There were certain changes in the consumption of many foods between 1953 and 1952. Consumption of cereals, sugar, oils and fats and poultry and fish was somewhat lower while on the other hand the apparent domestic disappearance of fruits, potatoes, pulses and nuts, vegetables, meat, eggs and milk was up. In the case of meats the consumption of which was up on the whole there was a decline of about 14 per cent in pork consumption which was more than offset by increases in the domestic disappearance of beef, veal, mutton and lamb. There were also rather large proportional increases in the consumption of frozen fruits and vegetables. In 1953, 100 per cent more frozen fruits and 25 per cent more frozen vegetables were used than in 1952. However, the total quantities were still quite limited.

Assembled in the Agriculture Division of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics

Per Capita Supplies of Food Moving into Consumption in Canada, 1952 and 1953

Item	Specification	Pounds per Capita per Annum	
		1952	1953 ^{1/}
Cereals-			
Flour (including rye flour)	Retail wt.	151.6	145.4
Oatmeal and rolled oats	"	5.5	5.2
Pot and pearl barley	"	0.3	0.3
Corn meal and flour	"	0.6	0.6
Buckwheat flour	"	0.1	0.1
Rice	"	3.0	4.1
Breakfast food	"	6.4	6.5
Totals, Cereals	Retail wt.	167.5	162.2
Potatoes-			
Potatoes, white	Retail wt.	146.8	157.5
Potatoes, sweet	"	0.5	0.5
Totals, Potatoes	Retail wt.	147.3	158.0
Sugars and Syrups-			
Sugar	Refined wt.	97.7	96.6
Maple sugar	Retail wt.	1.4	0.5
Other	"	7.1	6.6
Totals, Sugars and Syrups	Sugar content	103.8	101.3
Pulses and Nuts-			
Dry beans	Retail wt.	3.6 ^{2/}	3.7 ^{2/}
Dry peas	"	1.4	1.8
Peanuts	Shelled wt.	2.7	2.8
Tree nuts	"	1.1	1.3
Soybean flour	Retail wt.	3 [/]	3 [/]
Cocoa	Green beans	3.1	3.5
Totals, Pulses and Nuts	Retail wt. including shelled wt. of nuts	10.3	11.3
Starch-			
	Retail wt.	1.6	1.6

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Item	Specification	Pounds per Capita per Annum	
		1952	1953 ^{1/}
Fruit-			
Tomatoes and Citrus Fruit-			
Tomatoes, fresh	Retail wt.	18.8	20.2
Tomato products	Net wt. canned	13.3	14.8
Citrus fruit, fresh	Retail wt.	37.5	39.0
Citrus fruit, canned	Net wt. canned	9.2	10.6
Other fruit-			
Fresh	Retail wt.	68.1	65.4
Canned	Net wt. canned	12.6	14.6
Dried	Processed wt.	6.9	6.6
Juice	Net wt. canned	4.2	4.1
Frozen	Retail wt.	0.5	1.0
Totals, Fruit	Fresh equiv.	212.1	218.0
Vegetables-			
Fresh-			
Cabbage and greens	Retail wt.	19.9	18.9
Carrots	"	11.6	11.2
Legumes	"	3.4	3.8
Other	"	36.1	37.6
Canned	Net wt. canned	18.4	18.8
Frozen	Retail wt.	0.8	1.0
Totals, Vegetables	Fresh equiv.	90.2	91.3
Oils and Fats-			
Margarine	Retail wt.	7.7	7.5
Lard	"	9.4	7.8
Shortening	"	8.3	9.2
Other oils and fats	"	2.7	2.5
Butter	"	20.8	20.9
Totals, Oils and Fats	Fat content	43.4	42.4
Meat-			
Pork	Carcass wt.	65.9	57.0
Beef	"	44.7	59.1
Veal	"	6.7	9.1
Mutton & lamb	"	1.9	2.3
Offal	Edible wt.	5.5	5.2
Canned meat	Net wt. canned	6.2	5.6
Totals, Meats	Carcass wt.	132.9	140.1



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Item	Specification	Pounds per Capita per Annum	
		1952	1953 ^{1/}
Poultry and Fish-			
Hens and chickens	Retail wt. dressed	24.84 ^{4/}	22.24 ^{4/}
Other poultry	"	4.84 ^{4/}	4.94 ^{4/}
Shellfish	Fresh edible wt.	0.4	0.4
Fish, (other) fresh, frozen and cured	Filletted wt.	8.8	8.4
Fish canned	Net wt. canned	4.7	4.7
Totals, Poultry and Fish	Edible wt.	30.8	29.0
Eggs-			
	Fresh egg equiv.	34.04 ^{4/}	35.14 ^{4/}
Milk and Cheese-			
Cheddar cheese ^{5/}	Retail wt.	5.1	5.3
Other cheese	"	0.8	0.8
Cottage cheese	"	0.7	0.7
Evaporated whole milk	"	18.4	18.6
Condensed whole milk	"	0.8	0.9
Whole milk powder	"	0.4	0.4
Condensed skim milk	"	0.3	0.3
Skim milk powder	"	3.5	4.4
Evaporated skim milk	"	0.7	0.7
Condensed buttermilk	"	0.2	0.1
Milk in ice cream	"	33.0	33.0
Powdered buttermilk	"	0.5	0.4
Fluid whole milk ^{6/}	"	402.54 ^{4/}	406.14 ^{4/}
Totals, Milk and Cheese	Milk solids	62.9	64.1
Beverages-			
Tea	Primary distribution wt.	3.2	3.1
Coffee	Green beans	6.8	7.2
Totals, Beverages	Primary distribution wt.	10.0	10.3

^{1/} Subject to revision.^{2/} Includes soybean flour.^{3/} Included with dry beans as only one firm producing soybean flour.^{4/} Exclusive of Newfoundland.^{5/} Includes process cheese.^{6/} Includes cream expressed as milk.