

Consumption of Meats.—Production of meats from slaughter in Canada, total supply, distribution and per capita consumption of meats and lard are shown in Table 47. All estimates are on a carcass-weight basis except canned meats which are in terms of product. There was a 4 p.c. decrease in output in 1949 as compared with 1948. Lower output was reflected in sharply reduced exports of all meats except offals. On a dressed-carcass basis total exports amounted to only 206,000,000 lb. in comparison with 418,000,000 lb. in the previous year. However, per capita consumption of all meats in 1949 in terms of cold dressed-carcass weight amounted to 138.6 lb. as compared with 135.3 lb. in 1948. There was a marked increase in pork consumption while moderate decreases were shown for beef, veal, mutton and lamb.

47.—Supply, Distribution and Civilian Consumption of Meats and Lard, 1946-49, with Averages, 1935-39

Meats and Lard	Average 1935-39	1946	1947	1948	1949 ¹
Beef—					
Animals slaughtered in Canada..... '000	1,347.0	2,266.3	2,100.6	1,953.5	1,904.5
Estimated dressed weight ² '000 lb.	618,556	1,053,339	962,801	891,688	866,844
On hand, Jan. 1..... "	22,684	40,842	30,642	43,154	35,313
Imports ³ "	158 ⁴	6	8	8	9,335
Totals, Supply..... "	641,398	1,094,187	993,451	934,850	911,492
Exports ³ "	10,899	138,191 ^r	50,952 ^r	133,822	105,121
Used for canning..... "	1,406	88,480	54,037 ^r	25,480	17,415
On hand, Dec. 31..... "	24,040	30,642	43,154	35,313	23,247
Used by non-civilians..... "	—	18,218	—	—	—
TOTALS, CIVILIAN CONSUMPTION..... "	605,053	818,656 ^r	845,308 ^r	740,235	765,709
CIVILIAN CONSUMPTION PER CAPITA..... lb.	54.7	67.2 ^r	67.2 ^r	57.5	56.5
Veal—					
Animals slaughtered in Canada..... '000	1,333.6	1,464.8	1,393.3	1,554.1	1,287.1
Estimated dressed weight ² '000 lb.	116,372	132,022	126,426	142,390	124,303
On hand, Jan. 1..... "	3,452	5,348	3,438	6,624	6,894
Imports..... "	5	5	5	8	5
Totals, Supply..... "	119,824	137,370	129,864	149,014	131,197
Exports..... "	—	5	5	5	5
Used for canning..... "	22	5,459	3,153 ^r	1,527	1,554
On hand, Dec. 31..... "	3,785	3,438	6,624	6,894	6,317
Used by non-civilians..... "	—	481	—	—	—
TOTALS, CIVILIAN CONSUMPTION..... "	116,017	127,992	120,087 ^r	140,593	123,326
CIVILIAN CONSUMPTION PER CAPITA..... lb.	10.5	10.5	9.5 ^r	10.9	9.1
Pork—					
Animals slaughtered in Canada..... '000	5,165.1	7,896.3	7,586.0	7,441.1	7,169.5
Estimated dressed weight ² '000 lb.	620,522	993,471	972,089	941,406	910,568
On hand, Jan. 1..... "	34,511	33,072	38,705	57,585	32,439
Imports ³ "	7,394	726	5,891	1,562	6,685
Totals, Supply..... "	662,427	1,027,269	1,016,685	1,000,553	949,692
Exports ³ "	179,630	300,777 ^r	251,178 ^r	229,496	76,060
Used for canning..... "	4,602 ^r	55,992 ^r	54,298 ^r	44,661	35,201
On hand, Dec. 31..... "	37,863	38,705	57,585	32,439	35,309
Used by non-civilians..... "	—	6,506	—	—	—
TOTALS, CIVILIAN CONSUMPTION..... "	440,332 ^r	625,289 ^r	653,624 ^r	693,957	803,122
CIVILIAN CONSUMPTION PER CAPITA..... lb.	39.8 ^r	51.3 ^r	51.9 ^r	53.9	59.3

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