

**46.—Supply, Distribution and Consumption of Meats and Lard 1952-56 with  
Average for 1946-50—concluded**

Item	Average 1946-50	1952	1953	1954*	1955	1956
<b>Lard—<sup>3</sup></b>						
Estimated production..... '000 lb.	113,756	186,972	139,323	137,931	152,779	155,148
On hand, Jan. 1..... "	2,620	6,000	12,352	4,916	5,490	5,707
Imports..... "	9,358	1,265	6,790	2,860	6,195	15,301
<b>Totals, Supply..... "</b>	<b>125,734</b>	<b>194,237</b>	<b>158,465</b>	<b>145,697</b>	<b>164,464</b>	<b>176,156</b>
Exports..... "	430	14,289	1,426	676	1,312	320
On hand, Dec. 31..... "	3,103	8,404	4,916	5,490	5,707	4,853
<b>TOTALS, CONSUMPTION..... "</b>	<b>122,201</b>	<b>171,544</b>	<b>152,123</b>	<b>139,531</b>	<b>157,445</b>	<b>170,983</b>
<b>CONSUMPTION PER CAPITA..... lb.</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>11.9</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>10.6</b>

<sup>1</sup> Included with beef.      <sup>2</sup> Not available; assume no change in stocks between beginning and end of period.  
<sup>3</sup> Includes commercial lard production and estimated lard equivalent of renderable pork fat available from all uninspected slaughter.

**Section 5.—Agricultural Statistics of the Census\***

Census of Agriculture statistics relating to farms, farm mechanization, electrification and area are included in this Section. No comparable data are available for Newfoundland for years previous to the 1951 Census.

For census purposes a farm is defined as a holding on which agricultural operations are carried out and which is three acres or more in size, or from one to three acres in size, and with an agricultural production in 1955 valued at \$250 or more. The holding may consist of a single tract of land or of a number of separate tracts held under the same or different tenures, and operated as a single unit. Where the farm was made up of several parts located in different municipalities, the 1956 Census reported the complete farm as one unit in the municipality where the headquarters was located. The same definition was used in the 1951 Census.

**Number of Farms.**—The number of farms in Canada at June 1, 1956, was 575,015, a decrease of 48,076 from the 623,091 farms recorded in the 1951 Census. As compared with 1951, all the provinces showed decreases in number of farms ranging from 5.8 p.c. in Alberta to 34.2 p.c. in Newfoundland. Decreases in the Atlantic Provinces, except Prince Edward Island, and in Quebec were above the national average of 7.7 p.c., while decreases in Prince Edward Island, Ontario and the Western Provinces were below it.

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**47.—Number of Farms by Province, Censuses of 1951 and 1956**

Province or Territory	1951	1956	Percentage Change 1951-56
	No.	No.	
Newfoundland.....	3,626	2,387	- 34.2
Prince Edward Island.....	10,137	9,432	- 7.0
Nova Scotia.....	23,515	21,075	- 10.4
New Brunswick.....	26,431	22,116	- 16.3
Quebec.....	134,336	122,617	- 8.7
Ontario.....	149,920	140,602	- 6.2
Manitoba.....	52,383	49,201	- 6.1
Saskatchewan.....	112,018	103,391	- 7.7
Alberta.....	84,315	79,424	- 5.8
British Columbia.....	26,406	24,748	- 6.3
Yukon and Northwest Territories.....	4	22	+450.0
<b>Canada.....</b>	<b>623,091</b>	<b>575,015</b>	<b>- 7.7</b>