

Subsection 9.—Food Consumption

Food consumption figures represent available supplies, including production and imports, adjusted for change of stocks, exports, marketing losses and industrial uses. All calculations are made at the retail stage of distribution, except for meats for which the figures are worked out at the wholesale stage. The amount of food actually eaten would be somewhat lower than indicated because of losses and waste occurring after the products reach the hands of the consumer. It should also be pointed out that there are minor inaccuracies in certain of the figures since statistics of storage stocks in the hands of retailers and consumers are not available.

All basic foods are classified under 13 main commodity groups. The total for each group is computed using a common denominator for the group, for example: milk solids (dry weight) in the dairy products group; fat content for fats and oils; and fresh equivalent for fruits. All foods are included in their basic form, that is, as flour, fat, sugar, etc., rather than in more highly manufactured forms.

The series in Table 45 represents the official estimates of yearly supplies of food moving into consumption, expressed in pounds per capita, for the years 1956-60 as an average for comparison with the years 1960 and 1961.

45.—Per Capita Supplies of Food Moving into Consumption 1960 and 1961, with Average for 1956-60

Kind of Food and Weight Base	Pounds per Capita per Annum			Percentages of 1956-60 Average	
	Average 1956-60	1960 ^r	1961	1960	1961
Cereals Retail wt.	157.2	153.7	151.9	97.8	96.6
Flour (including rye flour) ¹	139.6	135.2	134.1	96.8	96.1
Oatmeal and rolled oats.....	5.0	4.8	5.0	96.0	100.0
Pot and pearl barley.....	0.2	0.2	0.2	100.0	100.0
Corn meal and flour.....	1.2	1.7	1.8	141.7	150.0
Buckwheat flour.....	0.1	0.1	0.1	100.0	100.0
Rice.....	4.5	4.5	3.5	100.0	77.8
Breakfast food.....	6.7	7.2	7.2	107.5	107.5
Potatoes Retail wt.	143.6	144.1	145.0	100.3	101.0
Potatoes, white.....	143.0	143.6	144.6	100.0	101.1
Potatoes, sweet.....	0.5	0.5	0.4	100.0	80.0
Sugars and Syrups Sugar content	104.9	104.3	104.7	99.4	99.8
Sugar..... Refined wt.	97.1	96.6	97.7	99.5	100.6
Maple sugar..... Retail wt.	0.7	0.8	1.2	114.3	171.4
Other.....	11.1	10.7	8.8	96.4	79.3
Starch Retail wt.	1.6	1.6	1.6	100.0	100.0
Pulses and Nuts Retail wt.	10.4	10.0	10.2	96.2	98.0
Dry beans ²	3.3	2.9	2.8	84.8	84.8
Dry peas.....	1.5	1.4	1.3	93.3	86.7
Peanuts..... Shelled wt.	3.0	3.0	3.2	100.0	106.7
Tree nuts.....	1.2	1.2	1.2	100.0	100.0
Cocoa..... Green beans	2.9	3.1	3.3	106.9	113.8
Fruit Fresh equiv.	241.1	240.2	235.1	99.6	97.5
Tomatoes and Citrus Fruit—					
Tomatoes, fresh..... Retail wt.	17.3	17.6	18.0	101.7	104.0
Tomato products ³ Net wt. canned	18.6	19.9	20.7	107.0	111.3
Citrus fruit, fresh..... Retail wt.	33.3	31.7	30.3	95.2	91.0
Citrus fruit juice..... Net wt. canned	15.5	16.3	16.0	105.2	103.2
Other Fruit—					
Fresh..... Retail wt.	67.3	64.7	66.6	96.1	99.0
Canned..... Net wt. canned	15.7	16.0	16.7	101.9	106.4
Dried..... Processed wt.	5.7	5.4	4.4	94.7	77.2
Juice..... Net wt. canned	5.4	6.1	4.4	113.0	81.5
Frozen..... Retail wt.	2.0	2.3	2.4	115.0	120.0

For footnotes, see end of table, p. 474.