

U.S. fats, oils consumption at record level

United States residents consumed a record 56 pounds of food fats and oils during calendar year 1976, up from the 53.4 pounds average in 1975, and the previous records 53.4 pounds during 1972 and 1973 (Table I).

Increased use of margarine, shortening, and cooking and salad oils more than offset slight declines in lard and butter, a report in the May 1977 Fats and Oils Situation said.

The USDA presented in another report figures on fats and oils supplies and per capita consumption computed on a production year basis (year beginning October). On this basis, per capita consumption during the production year beginning October 1975 was 55.8 pounds, the highest level recorded on a production year basis. The forecast for per capita consumption during the production year that began October 1976 is somewhat between 54 and 55 pounds. Total use for food during the 1975 production year was set at 12.1 billion pounds; total use for food during the 1976 production year was forecast at 11.9 billion pounds.

TABLE I

Food Fats and Oils: Per Capita Consumption, by Type of Product, 1955-76^a

Calendar year	Table spreads (product weight)		Cooking fats		Other edible fats and oils (mainly cooking and salad oils)					Total	
	Butter	Margarine	Lard (direct use) ^b	Shortening	Margarine and salad dressing	Potato chips ^c	Frozen French fries ^c	Mellorine ^c	Other ^d	Product weight ^e	Fat content
1955	9.0	8.2	10.1	11.5	2.9	f	f	.07	7.5	10.5	25.0
1956	7.5	9.4	10.1	12.6	2.9	1.3	.24	.09	6.5	11.5	26.7
1957	6.4	9.9	6.4	14.1	3.5	1.8	.52	.10	7.7	14.1	30.6
1958	5.3	11.0	6.3	17.3	4.1	2.1	.65	.10	10.0	17.9	38.8
1959	5.1	11.1	6.2	16.8	5.0	2.0	.87	.09	9.7	18.0	38.7
1960	4.9	11.3	6.2	17.7	5.2	1.9	.89	.08	11.7	19.8	40.7
1961	4.8	11.3	6.1	17.3	5.4	1.9	.89	.07	12.5	20.8	42.7
1962	4.6	11.3	6.1	17.0	5.4	1.9	1.23	.06	f	20.3	41.4
1963	4.8	11.2	6.0	17.3	f	f	f	f	f	20.3	41.4
1964	4.8	11.2	6.0	17.3	f	f	f	f	f	20.3	41.4
1965	4.4	12.2	6.6	18.1	2.7	f	f	f	f	22.0	46.3
1966	4.4	12.2	6.6	18.1	2.7	f	f	f	f	22.0	46.3
1967	4.4	12.2	6.6	18.1	2.7	f	f	f	f	22.0	46.3
1968	4.4	12.2	6.6	18.1	2.7	f	f	f	f	22.0	46.3
1969	4.4	12.2	6.6	18.1	2.7	f	f	f	f	22.0	46.3
1970	4.4	12.2	6.6	18.1	2.7	f	f	f	f	22.0	46.3
1971	4.4	12.2	6.6	18.1	2.7	f	f	f	f	22.0	46.3
1972	4.4	12.2	6.6	18.1	2.7	f	f	f	f	22.0	46.3
1973	4.4	12.2	6.6	18.1	2.7	f	f	f	f	22.0	46.3
1974	4.4	12.2	6.6	18.1	2.7	f	f	f	f	22.0	46.3
1975	4.4	12.2	6.6	18.1	2.7	f	f	f	f	22.0	46.3
1976	4.4	12.2	6.6	18.1	2.7	f	f	f	f	22.0	46.3

^aCivilian consumption only.
^bExcludes use in margarine, shortening, and nonfood products.
^cEstimated from data on production of item.
^dComputed as a residual. Includes retail trade and use of oil in commercial frying, roasting, bakery and other products including confectionery fats, toppings, milk fillings, and other specialty fats.
^eTable spreads and cooking fats plus oil content of other edible fats and oils.
^fNot available.
^gPreliminary.

TABLE II

Food Fats and Oils: Supply, Disappearance, and Per Capita Disappearance

Item	Year beginning October			
	1973	1974	1975 ^a	1976 ^b
Million pounds				
Stocks, October 1:				
Butter	94	106	40	68
Lard	28	48	23	34
Tallow, edible	19	32	24	59
Coconut oil	114	122	107	127
Corn oil	57	68	52	41
Cottonseed oil	114	110	136	105
Soybean oil	516	794	561	1,251
Palm oil	60	88	127	138
Palm kernel oil	20	26	20	27
Peanut oil	18	22	44	199
Safflower oil	31	8	25	44
Sunflower oil	---	---	---	20
Sub-total	1,071	1,424	1,159	2,113
Finished products ^c	206	247	213	271
Total food fats and oils	1,277	1,671	1,372	2,384
Imports:				
Butter	56 ^d	2 ^d	2	2
Tallow, edible	---	---	---	---
Olive oil	49	46	63	60
Coconut oil	563	674	1,248	1,000
Corn oil	1	2	1	10
Cottonseed oil	---	---	---	---
Palm oil	346	757	933	750
Palm kernel oil	126	160	158	125
Peanut oil	1	---	2	---
Sesame oil	3	2	3	2
Sunflower oil	---	1	2	---
Total	1,145	1,644	2,412	1,949
Production:				
Butter	927	992	953	1,050
Lard	1,349	1,111	988	1,150
Tallow, edible	556	557	527	550
Oleo oil & Stearine ^e	9	11	7	10
Coconut oil	93	---	---	---
Corn oil	528	465	495	650
Cottonseed oil	1,552	1,335	920	1,200
Soybean oil	8,995	7,375	9,630	8,910
Peanut oil	195	236	494	425
Safflower oil (estimate)	100	115	100	100
Sunflower oil	---	92	110	55
Sub-total	14,304	12,289	14,224	14,100
Oilseeds (oil equivalent of exports)	6,221	4,887	6,445	6,295
Total supply	22,947	20,491	24,453	24,728
Exports and shipments:				
Butter	8	4	3	5
Lard	180	148	185	300
Tallow, edible	43	17	22	35
Oleo oil & Stearine	9	11	7	10
Coconut oil	17	14	53	40
Corn oil	68	84	98	125
Cottonseed oil	565	686	500	625
Palm oil	24	27	39	60
Peanut oil	42	40	104	75
Processed food oils ^f	91	77	101	75
Safflower oil (estimate)	25	25	25	25
Soybean oil	1,461	1,090	1,034	1,575
Sunflower oil	---	9	10	15
Sub-total	2,533	2,232	2,181	2,965
Oilseed (oil equivalent):				
Cottonseed	17	2	26	15
Soybeans	6,100	4,643	6,083	6,000
Peanuts (for crushing abroad)	68	54	---	---
Safflower	36	38	26	30
Sunflowerseed	---	150	310	250
Sub-total	6,221	4,887	6,445	6,295
Total exports	8,754	7,119	8,626	9,260
Domestic disappearance:				
Butter	964	1,056	923	975
Lard	1,150	989	792	850
Tallow, edible	500	548	470	525
Coconut oil	631	675	1,175	950
Corn oil	450	399	410	525
Cottonseed oil	991	622	451	550
Soybean oil	7,255	6,518	7,906	7,400
Olive oil	49	46	63	50
Palm kernel oil	294	692	883	700
Peanut oil	120	165	151	125
Safflower oil (estimate)	150	175	237	350
Sesame oil	98	75	75	75
Sunflower oil	3	2	3	2
Processed food oils ^f	---	83	80	40
Total	12,564	11,968	13,518	13,052
Total (calculated net) ^g	12,523	11,919	13,396	12,818
Total use for food ^h	11,597	11,337	12,168	11,975
Per capita disappearance:				
Butter (fat content)	3.7	4.0	3.5	3.5
Margarine (fat content)	9.0	8.8	9.6	9.6
Lard (direct use)	3.2	3.0	2.8	2.8
Baking and frying fats	17.3	16.6	18.3	18.3
Salad and cooking oils	18.5	17.8	19.5	19.5
Other edible uses	2.1	2.0	2.1	2.1
Total (fat content)	53.9	52.2	55.8	54.55

^aPreliminary.
^bForecast.
^cShortening, margarine (fat content), and salad and cooking oils.
^dLess than 500.000 pounds.
^eRepresents exports only; production data are not available.
^fIncludes exports of processed food oils not classified by kind, shortening and other secondary fats.
^gAdjusted to reflect changes in stocks of finished products.
^hExcludes food fats and oils used for non-food purposes.