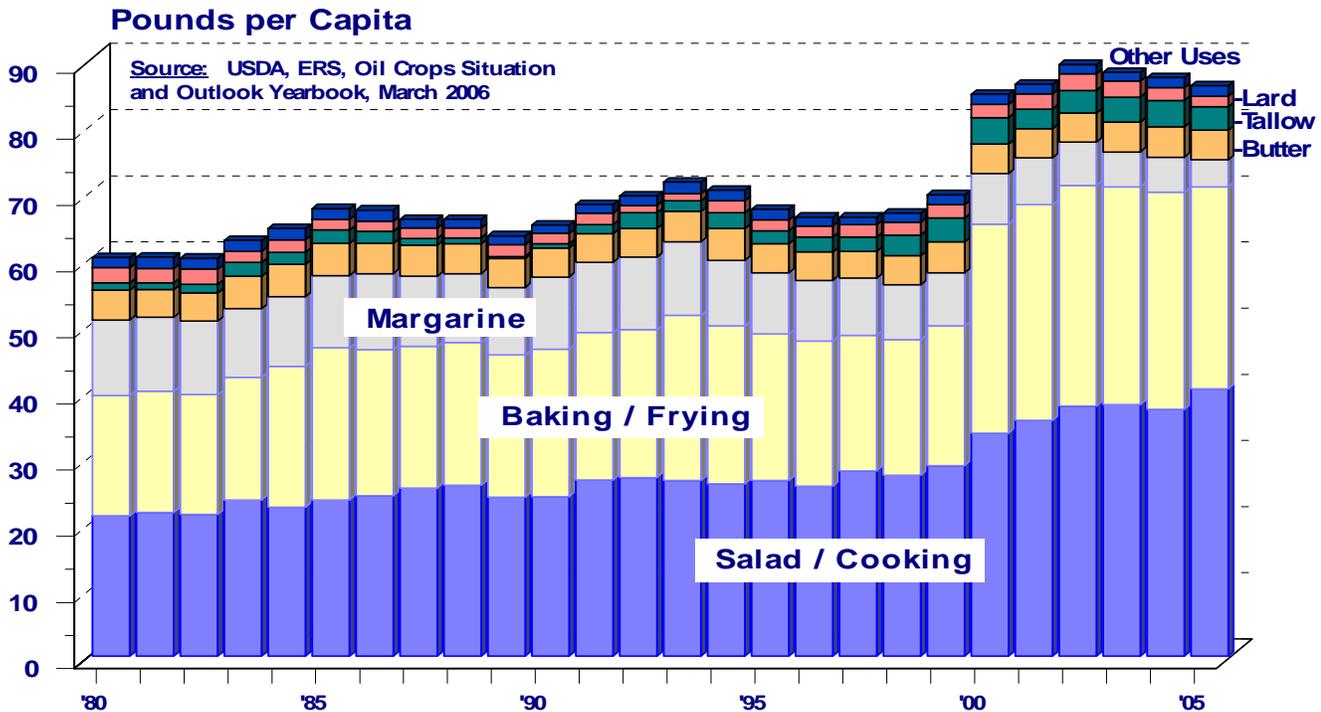


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Per Capita Consumption of Fats and Oils in Food Products



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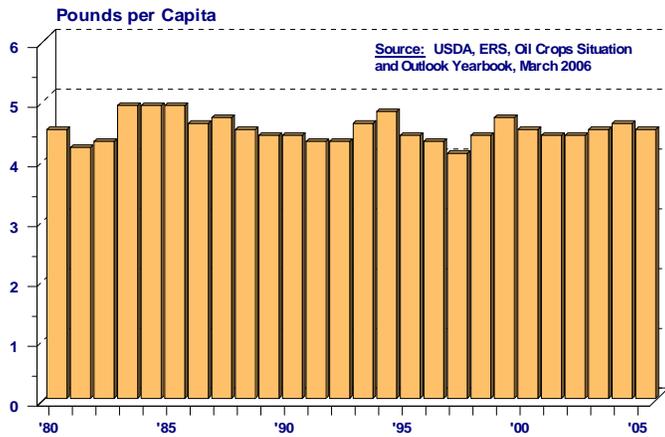
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Consumption of fats and oils in food products decreased by 0.9 pounds per capita in 2005 compared with the previous year. The 84.2 pounds consumed per person during 2005 computes to a 1.1% decrease compared with 2004, and marked the third consecutive year that consumption of these products registered a decrease on a per capita basis. Prior to 2003, per capita consumption had increased in 15 of the previous 21 years. It should be noted that unusually large consumption increases for the baking/ frying and the salad/ cooking categories in 2000 coincided with a change in the data source. Census Bureau data was the source for these categories prior to 2000, while USDA, Economic Research Service estimates were used for 2000 - 2002. Comparisons between the time periods for these two categories and for all food uses may not be appropriate due to changes in the methodology used to calculate per capita consumption.

The data depicted in the graph above are detailed in the table on page three of this bulletin. The graphs on pages 2 and 4 depict per capita consumption patterns for each category of fats and oils over the past 26 years. The March 2006 edition of Oil Crops Situation and Outlook Yearbook, published by the Economic Research Service, is the source for all data used in this bulletin.



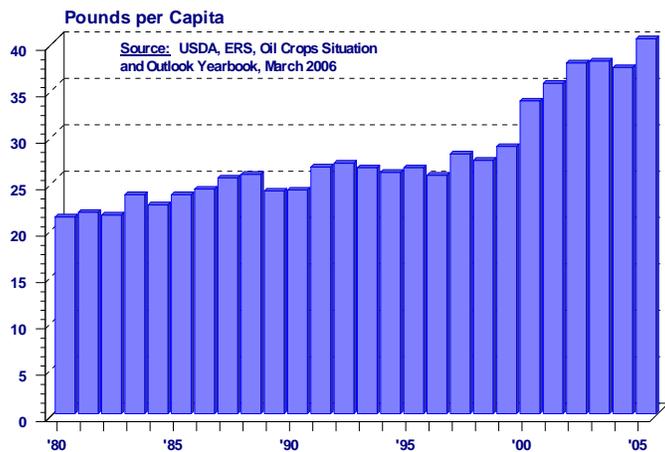
Per Capita Consumption of Fats and Oils in Food Products: Butter



Per capita consumption of margarine has decreased in 10 out of the last 12 years, and has not increased on a year-to-year basis since 1993. Moreover, margarine consumption per capita increased in only 6 years during the period depicted in the accompanying graph.

Margarine consumption in 2005 totaled 4.1 pounds per person, which was the lowest amount registered during the 1980 through 2005 period. 2005 consumption was only 36.0% of the 11.4 pounds per capita that was recorded during 1980.

Per Capita Consumption of Fats and Oils in Food Products: Salad / Cooking



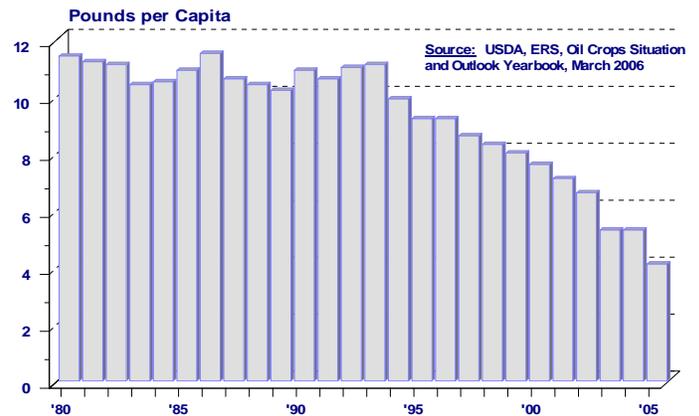
Per capita consumption of fats and oils in the baking and frying category totaled 30.5 pounds in 2005, a decrease of 2.3 pounds (-7.0%) compared with 2004. This was the third consecutive year that per capita consumption decreased for this category. Comparing 2005 with 2000, consumption of fats and oils in baking and frying has decreased by 1.1 pounds per capita (-3.5%).

Even though comparisons to years prior to 2000 may not be appropriate due to data source limitations, the overall trend for this category had been one of increasing per capita consumption prior to the last three

Butter consumption per person for 2000 through 2005 remained virtually unchanged, with maximum year-to-year variation of 0.1 pounds. Over the 26 years depicted in the accompanying graph, butter consumption has ranged from a high of 4.9 pounds per capita during 1983-85 to a low of 4.1 pound in 1997. Per capita consumption of butter totaled 4.5 pounds during 2005.

Butter consumption in 2005 was 109.8% of margarine usage on a per capita basis. This was the highest ratio recorded during the 1980 through 2005 period. The average butter-to-margarine ratio during this period was 52.2%, with a low of 37.5% in 1981.

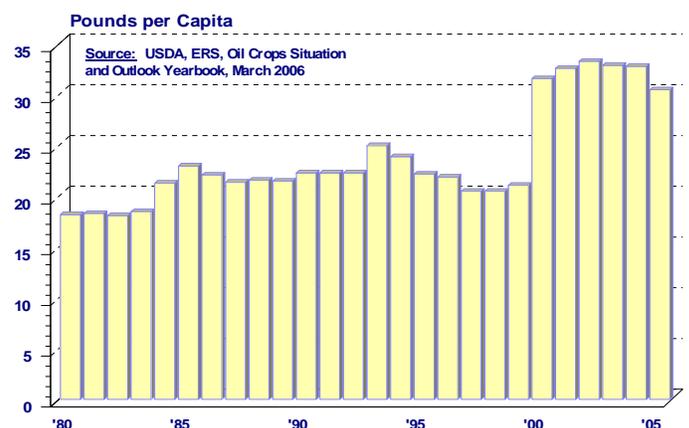
Per Capita Consumption of Fats and Oils in Food Products: Margarine



The trend in per capita consumption of fats and oils in salad and cooking has exhibited a persistent upward trend over the 26 years depicted in the graph to the left. The estimate for 2005 for this category was 40.4 pounds per person, an increase of 6.7 pounds (+19.9%) compared with 2000.

Comparisons to years prior to 2000 may not be appropriate due to the data source changes previously noted. However, the trend of increasing per capita consumption of fats and oils in the salad/cooking category is prevalent during both periods covered by the different data sources.

Per Capita Consumption of Fats and Oils in Food Products: Baking / Frying



Fats and Oils: Domestic Consumption in Food Products

YEAR	Lard*		Butter		Margarine		Tallow**	
	(Direct Food Use)		(Actual Weight)		(Actual Weight)		(Direct Food Use)	
	Total	Per Capita	Total	Per Capita	Total	Per Capita	Total	Per Capita
	(million lbs)	(pounds)	(million lbs)	(pounds)	(million lbs)	(pounds)	(million lbs)	(pounds)
1980	534	2.3	1,017	4.5	2,591	11.4	241	1.1
1981	511	2.2	975	4.2	2,573	11.2	223	1.0
1982	536	2.3	1,010	4.3	2,582	11.1	313	1.3
1983	401	1.7	1,149	4.9	2,446	10.4	501	2.1
1984	442	1.9	1,163	4.9	2,472	10.5	418	1.8
1985	377	1.6	1,164	4.9	2,588	10.9	476	2.0
1986	369	1.5	1,115	4.6	2,761	11.5	443	1.8
1987	379	1.6	1,132	4.7	2,565	10.6	231	1.0
1988	365	1.5	1,102	4.5	2,543	10.4	210	0.9
1989	443	1.8	1,077	4.4	2,526	10.2	68	0.3
1990	402	1.6	1,095	4.4	2,731	10.9	154	0.6
1991	429	1.7	1,101	4.3	2,691	10.6	367	1.4
1992	291	1.1	1,156	4.3	2,821	11.0	610	2.4
1993	299	1.1	1,210	4.6	2,887	11.1	412	1.6
1994	471	1.8	1,255	4.8	2,610	9.9	639	2.4
1995	430	1.6	1,186	4.4	2,463	9.2	533	2.0
1996	468	1.7	1,148	4.3	2,471	9.2	591	2.2
1997	518	1.9	1,116	4.1	2,344	8.6	584	2.1
1998	541	2.0	1,208	4.4	2,297	8.3	868	3.1
1999	547	2.0	1,307	4.7	2,241	8.0	998	3.6
2000	561	2.0	1,277	4.5	2,153	7.6	1,125	4.0
2001	659	2.3	1,264	4.4	2,012	7.1	869	3.0
2002	709	2.5	1,281	4.4	1,889	6.6	974	3.4
2003	708	2.4	1,310	4.5	1,550	5.3	1,108	3.8
2004	566	1.9	1,353	4.6	1,554	5.3	1,163	4.0
2005 ^{2/}	462	1.6	1,347	4.5	1,203	4.1	1,030	3.5

YEAR	Baking / Frying		Salad / Cooking		Other Edible Uses*		All Food Products	
	Total	Per Capita	Total	Per Capita	Total	Per Capita	Total	Per Capita
	(million lbs)	(pounds)	(million lbs)	(pounds)	(million lbs)	(pounds)	(million lbs)	(pounds)
1980	4,150	18.2	4,837	21.2	343	1.5	12,991	57.0
1981	4,199	18.3	4,986	21.7	384	1.7	13,142	57.1
1982	4,195	18.1	4,980	21.4	374	1.6	13,271	57.2
1983	4,269	18.2	5,524	23.6	365	1.6	13,937	59.5
1984	5,039	21.3	5,319	22.5	404	1.7	14,530	61.5
1985	5,478	23.0	5,617	23.6	375	1.6	15,324	64.3
1986	5,328	22.1	5,831	24.2	404	1.7	15,475	64.3
1987	5,205	21.4	6,156	25.4	316	1.3	15,244	62.8
1988	5,282	21.6	6,324	25.8	318	1.3	15,415	62.9
1989	5,322	21.5	5,940	24.0	313	1.3	14,968	60.5
1990	5,571	22.3	6,040	24.1	291	1.2	15,518	62.0
1991	5,663	22.3	6,743	26.6	321	1.3	16,556	65.3
1992	5,732	22.3	6,946	27.0	367	1.4	17,127	66.7
1993	6,495	25.0	6,907	26.5	451	1.7	17,841	68.6
1994	6,305	23.9	6,845	26.0	426	1.6	17,778	67.5
1995	5,926	22.2	7,057	26.5	434	1.6	17,299	64.9
1996	5,914	21.9	6,924	25.7	361	1.3	17,153	63.6
1997	5,606	20.5	7,652	28.0	297	1.1	17,426	63.9
1998	5,669	20.5	7,532	27.3	365	1.3	17,779	64.4
1999	5,886	21.1	8,030	28.8	431	1.5	18,731	67.1
2000 ^{1/}	8,932	31.6	9,522	33.7	429	1.5	23,313	82.6
2001 ^{1/}	9,315	32.6	10,145	35.6	408	1.4	24,017	84.2
2002 ^{1/}	9,607	33.3	10,891	37.8	402	1.4	25,119	87.2
2003	9,565	32.9	11,057	38.0	386	1.3	25,111	86.3
2004	9,561	32.8	10,966	37.3	436	1.5	25,017	85.1
2005 ^{2/}	8,981	30.5	12,000	40.4	480	1.6	24,994	84.2

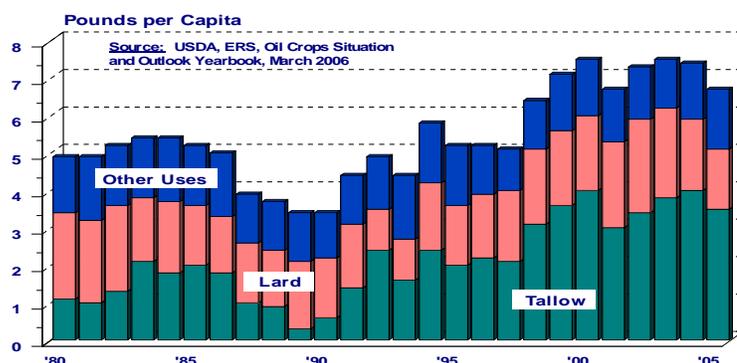
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* Factory use as a proxy for domestic consumption in other edible products. ** Direct use is an ERS calculation.

^{1/} Economic Research Service estimates. ^{2/} Preliminary.

	Statistical Uniform Price		Producer Price Differential		Class I Utilization	
	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '06	Feb '06	Mar '06	Feb '06
Northeast	13.43	14.25	2.32	2.05	45.32	44.25
Appalachian	14.13	15.01	-----	-----	64.08	67.17
Florida	15.41	16.34	-----	-----	80.77	82.33
Southeast	13.77	14.71	-----	-----	54.11	55.64
Upper Midwest	11.67	12.68	0.56	0.48	17.46	17.10
Central	12.00	12.91	0.89	0.71	28.03	28.16
Mideast	12.36	13.28	1.25	1.08	37.95	37.72
Pacific Northwest	11.86	12.60	0.75	0.40	27.38	26.87
Southwest	12.95	13.73	1.84	1.53	36.45	37.58
Arizona-Las Vegas	12.21	13.03	-----	-----	32.66	32.34

Per Capita Consumption of Fats and Oils in Food Products: Tallow, Lard, Other



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