

THE LAST GASP

- Number of species of deer worldwide: 30
- Number of species in which both the female and male grow antlers: 1 — the reindeer
 - Total online sales during the 1997 holiday season: \$1.1 billion
 - During the 1998 holiday season: \$2.3 billion
- Percentage of the world's population consuming 80% of the natural resources: 16%
 - Number of Internet hits for the keyword "Y2K": 111 892
 - For "Bible": 106 519
 - For "chocolate": 99 696
 - Per capita annual consumption of turkey in Canada: 4.32 kg
- Weight of turkey produced annually by Canada's 558 turkey growers: 138.6 million kg
 - Year that red M&Ms were introduced: 1960
 - Year they were removed due to the controversy over red food colouring: 1976
 - Year they were reintroduced as part of the Christmas mix: early 1980s
- Number of Americans treated annually in emergency rooms for injuries related to holiday lights: 1300
 - For injuries related to decorations and Christmas trees: 6200
 - Number of fires involving Christmas trees in the US each year: 400
 - Number of resulting deaths: 10
 - Cost of property loss and damage: \$15 million
 - Number of trees planted by Scouts Canada in 1999: 4 million
 - Number of trees Canadian Scouts have planted since 1972: 60 million
- Percentage of sports-related eye-injuries in Canada incurred by hockey players between 1972 and 1997: 34%
 - Annual value of the North American snowmobiling industry: \$6 billion
 - Number of Canadians who die annually in snowmobile accidents: 90
- Number of water molecules in each snowflake (which explains why no 2 are alike): 100 million million million
 - Largest-ever snowfall in 24 hours: 193 cm in Silver Lake, Colorado, Apr. 14, 1921
 - Coldest recorded temperature: -89.2°C in Vostok, Antarctica, July 21, 1983
 - Hottest recorded temperature (shade): 58°C in Al-Aziziyah, Libya, Sept. 13, 1922
 - Number of Canadian homes with cable TV in 1997: 10 437 000
- Percentage of Canadians who reported volunteering with a charitable organization in 1996/97: 31%
 - Percentage increase since 1987: 40%
- Amount of poultry held in cold storage at the retail level on Sept. 1, 1999: 68 768 tonnes
 - Amount of red meat: 61 146 tonnes
- Percentage of Canadians who are vegetarians, according to the Beef Information Centre: 2%
 - Health program graduates as a proportion of all Canadian university graduates who move to the US within 2 years of graduation: 20%
- Percentage of Canadian men who reported at least 1 visit to a chiropractor in 1996/97: 10%
 - Percentage of Canadian women: 11%
- Canada's infant mortality rate in 1996: fewer than 6 deaths per 1000 live births
 - Current infant mortality rate in Sierra Leone (estimated): 170 per 1000 live births
 - Life expectancy at birth for Canadian men: 76.1 years
 - For Canadian women: 81.1 years
 - Life expectancy at birth for men in Sierra Leone: 35.8 years
 - For women: 38.7 years
- Number of people killed in motor vehicle collisions worldwide since the invention of the automobile: 30 million
 - World population on Oct. 12, 1999, as estimated by the UN Population Fund: 6 billion
 - Expected world population by 2150: 9.7 billion
 - By 2200: 10 billion

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