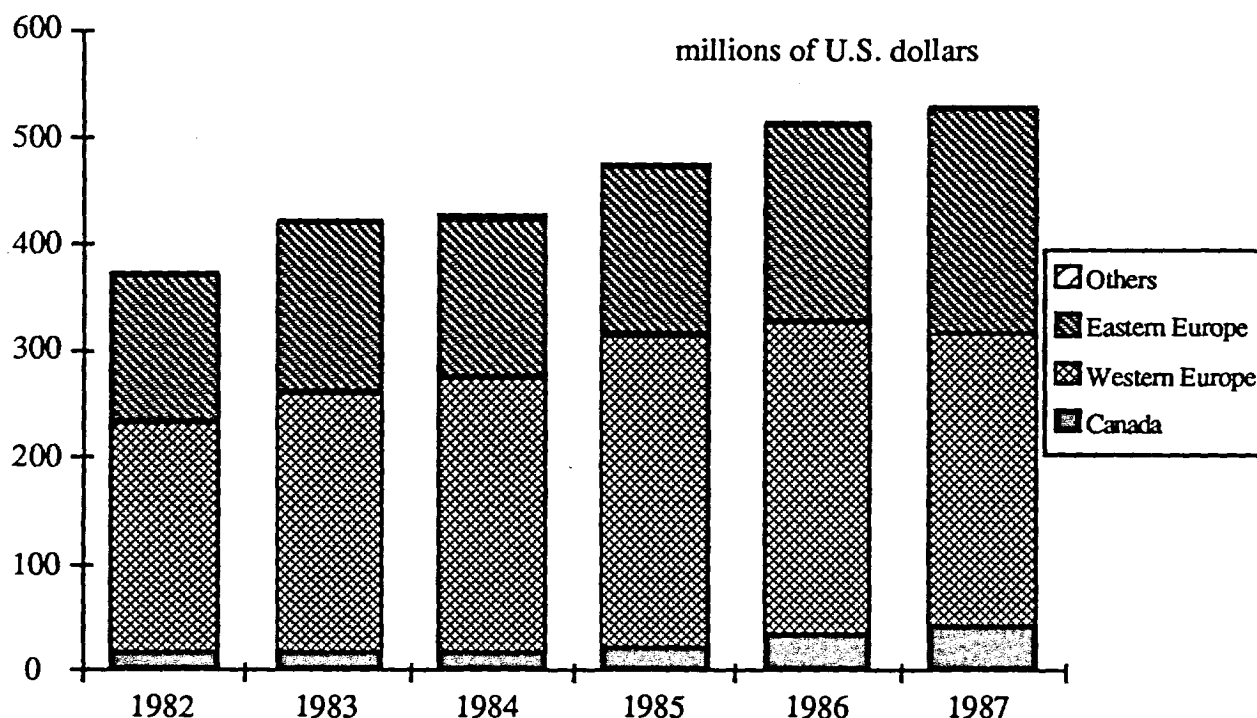


Western Europe's share of total U.S. imports for these products had fallen to 51.7%. At the same time Canada's share of imports for the nine product groups of interest has risen from 4.4% in 1982 to 7.9% in 1987.

**CHART 1**  
**TOTAL U.S. IMPORTS OF SELECTED**  
**PORK AND PROCESSED MEATS**



Source: *U.S. General Imports and Imports for Consumption*, U.S. Department of Commerce.

While Canada's market share is small in relation to those of both Western and Eastern European countries, it must be emphasized that hams and shoulders, prepared and preserved, in airtight containers, (Schedule A 0148020) accounted for 86.1% of total 1987 U.S. imports of the nine product groups under consideration. A fairly large percentage of these ham and shoulder imports was for one to three pound consumer sized canned hams, where Canadian processors cannot compete. European processors have a distinct competitive advantage with the economies of scale and large volume delivery capability gained from their significantly larger production facilities.