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REPORT OF COLD STORAGE APPLE HOLDINGS, DECEMBER 1, 1916.

Reports from 450 storages show that their rooms contain 2,603,584 barrels and 3.913.290 boxes of apples. ¶ Holdings reported from 367 storages showed 2,421,954 barrels and 3.744,162 boxes on December 1 as compared with 4,213,203 barrels and 3,684,557 boxes on the same date a year ago, a difference of 32.6 per cent. The barreled apple holdings show a decrease of 42.5 per cent and the boxed apples an increase of 1.6 per cent as compared with those of last year. ¶ The holdings have increased 9.0 per cent since November 15 as compared with an increase of 9.0 per cent during the same period last year. ¶ A summary of this report was released by wire on December 7. Inasmuch as some of the cold storage firms have not reported their holdings, this report is not quantitatively complete. Upon request any or all of the information contained in these reports will be telegraphed, charges collect, immediately upon release each month, from October to June. No more reports will be issued on the fifteenth of the month this season.

	NUMBER OF FIRMS REPORT- ING	BARRELS	BOXES	COMBINED HOLDINGS EXPRESSED IN BARRELS	COMPARISON OF HOLDINGS ON A PERCENTAGE BASIS
Holdings Reported					
on December 1, 1916.	450	2,603,584	3,913,290	3,908,014	
Comparison of Holdings					
on Nov. 15, 1915	293	3,308,908	2,503,024	4,143,249	100.0
and Dec. 1, 1915	293	3,479,870	3,114,429	4,518,013	109.0
Comparison of Holdings				, ,	
on Nov. 15, 1916	394	2,332,364	3,008,142	3,335,078	100.0
and December 1, 1916.	394		3,741,709	3,636,246	109.0

THREE BOXES TO THE BARREL.

COMPARISON OF HOLDINGS BY SECTIONS.

SECTIONS	NUMBER OF	DECEMBE	CR 1, 1915.	DECEMBER 1, 1916.		COMPARISON
	REPORTING	BARRELS	BOXES	BARRELS	BOXES	ON A PERCENT-
N.Atl.(New Eng.)	13	159,670	77,404	112,177	94,418	77.5
N. Atl. (Others)	88	1,665,543	629,498	1,018,620		63.0
South Atlantic	31	316,291	34,460	180,809	22,174	57.4
North Central(E)	80	1,068,484	199,178	594,800	284,723	60.8
North Central(W)	59	685,371	524,308	364,328	560,140	64.1
South Central	40	317,844	309,875	151,208	209,388	52.5
Western (North)	24	000	726,066	000	1,119,996	154.3
Western (South)	32	000	1,183,768	12	929,797	78.5
TOTAL	367	4,213,203	3,684,557	2,421,954	3,744,162	67.4

NORTH ATLANTIC: (New England) Me., N.H., Vt., Mass., R.I., Conn. (Others) N.Y., N.J., Pa. SOUTH ATLANTIC: Del., Md., D.C., Va., W.Va., N.C., S.C., Ga., Fla. NORTH CENTRAL: (East of Miss. River) Ohio, Ind., Ill., Mich., Wis. (West of Miss. River) Minn., Iowa, Mo., N.D., S.D., Nebr., Kans. SOUTH CENTRAL: Ky., Tenn., Ala., Miss., La., Tex., Okla., Ark. WESTERN: (North) Mont., Wyo., Idaho, Wash., Ore. (South) Cold, N.Mex., Ariz., Utah, Nev., Cal.

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REPORT OF COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF AMERICAN CHEESE, DECEMBER 1, 1916.

Reports from 232 cold storages show that their rooms contain 33,235,484 poun of AMERICAN CHEESE as compared with 40,434,524 pounds in 223 storages on November 1. The 203 storages that reported holdings on December first of this year and last show a present stock of 25,754,366 pounds as compared with 30,943,632 pounds last year, a difference of 5189266 pounds, or 16.8 per cent. The reports of 212 storages show that their holdings decreased 15.3 per cent during November as compared with the decrease of 2.5 per cent during October. Last year the holdings decreased 1.5 per cent during October and decreased 9.3 per cent during November. A summary of this report was released by wire on December 7. As a few cold storages have not responded to our monthly inquiries, this report does not include all holdings. Upon request, any or all of the information contained in the cold storage reports will be telegraphed immediately upon its release. These reports are free except for the cost of the telegrams which are sent charges collect.

COMPARISON OF HOLDINGS OF 1915 AND 1916 BY SECTIONS.

SECTIONS	Number of Storages Reporting	Dec. 1, 1915 POUNDS	Dec. 1, 1916 POUNDS	Comparison on a percentage basis.
North Atlantic (New England) North Atlantic (N.Y., N.J., Pa.) South Atlantic North Central (E. of Mississippi) North Central (W. of Mississippi) South Central Western (North) Western (South)	52 15 48 28 19	4,093,695 11,574,338 2,219,884 8,413,507 1,299,171 225,489 289,555 2,821,993	4,365,513 8,530,711 1,432,987 5,967,876 1,137,994 192,321 675,327 3,451,634	106.5 73.7 64.6 70.9 87.6 84.9 233.2 122.3
T O T A L S	203	30,943,632	25,754,366	83.2

TABULATIONS.

TOTAL HOLDINGS TABULATED BY SECTIONS.			COMPARISON OF HOLDINGS WITH PREVIOUS MONTH.			
	DECEMBER 1, 1916		MONTH, 1915.	STORAGES	POUNDS	
SECTIONS	Storages Reporting	POUNDS	Novembor 1 December 1	151 151	32,427,658 29,398,871	
N. Atl.(New Eng.) N. Atl.(Others)	11 78	4,417,327 13,467,106 1,479,397 7,563,204 1,211,419 596,943 832,066	Pounds less December l Per cent less December l		3,028,787 9.3	
South Atlantic North Central(E.) North Central(W.)	23 58 35		MONTH, 1916.	STORAGES	POUNDS	
South Central Western(North)	31 19		November 1 December 1	212 212	37,569,742 31,833,373	
To TALS	27 282	3,637,522 33,205,484	Pounds less December 1 Per cent less December 1		5,736,369 15.3	

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