

REPORT OF STOCKS OF FROZEN AND CURED MEATS, DECEMBER 1, 1916.

This is the first monthly report issued by this Office on the stocks of frozen and cured meats held by wholesale slaughtering and meat packing establishments and public cold storages. As a number of firms have not responded to our inquiries, this report does not include all holdings.

Reports from 170 firms show that these firms now hold 122,695,990 pounds of FROZEN BEEF; 222 firms report holdings of 33,021,327 pounds of CURED BEEF; 117 firms hold 29,242,941 pounds of FROZEN PORK; 283 firms hold 124,351,542 pounds of DRY SALT PORK; 352 firms hold 210,902,406 pounds of SWEET PICKLED PORK; 318 firms hold 52,168,141 pounds of LARD; and 101 firms hold 5,085,796 pounds of FROZEN LAMB and MUTTON.

The 130 firms that reported holdings of FROZEN BEEF of this year and last show a present stock of 115,710,467 pounds as compared with 103,326,591 pounds last year, an increase of 12,383,876 pounds or 12.0 per cent.

The 189 firms that reported CURED BEEF held this year and last show a present stock of 31,733,450 pounds as compared with 18,802,814 pounds last year, an increase of 12,930,636 pounds or 68.2 per cent.

Holdings of FROZEN PORK reported by 98 firms amount to 28,608,045 pounds as compared with 21,763,562 pounds held last year, a difference of 6,844,483 pounds or 31.4 per cent more.

The 121,456,942 pounds of DRY SALT PORK reported by 234 firms who held 53,414,521 pounds last year is an increase of 38,042,421 pounds or 45.6 per cent.

SWEET PICKLED PORK to the amount of 201,881,916 pounds is held by 289 firms whose holdings of a year ago amounted to 150,964,693 pounds, a difference of 53,917,223 pounds or 33.7 per cent more.

A comparison of the LARD holdings of 261 firms shows 50,849,457 pounds held this year as compared with 34,377,151 pounds held the same date last year, a difference of 16,472,306 pounds or 47.9 per cent more.

The 83 firms that reported holdings of FROZEN LAMB and MUTTON of this year and last show a present stock of 4,909,222 pounds as compared with 4,047,308 pounds last year, an increase of 21.3 per cent.

A summary of this report was released by wire on December 9. Upon request, any or all of the information contained in these reports will be telegraphed immediately upon its release. These reports are free except for the cost of the telegrams which are sent charges collect.

HOLDINGS OF FROZEN AND CURED MEATS ON DECEMBER 1, 1916, WITH COMPARISONS OF THE HOLDINGS OF 1915 AND 1916 BY SECTIONS.

FROZEN BEEF

SECTION	Total Holdings, 1916		Comparison of Holdings with Previous Year			Comparison on percentage basis
	No. of Estab'ts Reporting	Pounds	No. of Estab'ts Reporting	Dec. 1, 1915 Pounds	Dec. 1, 1916 Pounds	
New England	19	3,637,317	14	3,069,731	3,513,084	114.4
M. Atlantic	45	24,405,246	28	22,871,798	17,775,930	77.7
S. Atlantic	7	31,857	5	10,000	28,857	288.6
N. Central (E)	37	60,454,983	29	54,709,503	60,258,312	110.1
N. Central (W)	24	26,204,556	21	18,046,359	26,172,753	145.0
S. Central	11	4,100,309	8	2,562,798	4,099,809	160.0
Western (N)	11	2,110,210	9	445,750	2,110,210	473.4
Western (S)	16	1,751,512	16	1,610,652	1,751,512	108.7
TOTAL	170	122,695,990	130	103,326,591	115,710,467	112.0

CURED BEEF

New England	21	1,116,507	14	1,583,062	1,052,496	66.5
M. Atlantic	75	6,003,096	60	4,641,014	5,211,081	112.3
S. Atlantic	12	214,600	12	285,755	214,600	75.1
N. Central (E)	64	14,797,848	56	7,484,085	14,394,617	192.3
N. Central (W)	23	10,157,646	22	4,204,572	10,130,776	240.9
S. Central	6	296,623	5	152,323	295,123	193.7
Western (N)	9	112,553	8	92,200	112,303	121.8
Western (S)	12	322,454	12	359,803	322,454	89.6
TOTAL	222	33,021,327	189	18,802,814	31,733,450	168.8

HOLDINGS OF FROZEN AND CURED MEATS ON DECEMBER 1, 1916, WITH COMPARISONS OF
THE HOLDINGS OF 1915 AND 1916 BY SECTIONS (Cont'd)

FROZEN PORK

SECTION	Total Holdings, 1916		Comparison of Holdings with Previous Year			
	No. of Estab'ts Reporting	Pounds	No. of Estab'ts Reporting	Dec. 1, 1915 Pounds	Dec. 1, 1916 Pounds	Comparison on percent-age basis
New England	12	2,261,119	9	670,670	2,236,122	331.9
M. Atlantic	22	1,707,542	14	1,479,813	1,141,368	77.1
S. Atlantic	4	12,300	2	29,000	10,000	34.5
N. Central (E)	27	14,656,298	24	11,201,049	14,628,943	130.6
N. Central (W)	22	8,207,553	21	4,047,994	8,205,033	202.7
S. Central	8	1,096,752	7	680,550	1,095,552	161.0
Western (N)	9	508,349	9	2,677,727	508,349	19.0
Western (S)	13	793,023	12	976,759	792,478	81.1
TOTAL	117	29,242,941	93	21,763,562	28,608,045	131.4

DRY SALT PORK

New England	16	5,577,270	11	2,383,448	5,549,320	232.3
M. Atlantic	42	2,556,125	31	2,118,338	2,305,488	108.8
S. Atlantic	24	1,089,984	18	1,412,679	1,028,300	72.8
N. Central (E)	78	60,534,677	63	35,085,841	59,230,747	164.1
N. Central (W)	58	46,995,523	52	35,199,367	46,729,223	132.8
S. Central	31	5,772,764	27	4,400,386	4,791,405	108.9
Western (N)	13	476,369	17	599,622	475,619	79.3
Western (S)	16	1,347,390	15	1,209,840	1,345,840	111.3
TOTAL	283	124,351,542	234	83,414,521	121,455,942	145.6

SWEET PICKLED PORK

New England	26	15,628,016	15	9,088,233	15,535,556	170.9
M. Atlantic	83	18,754,012	64	13,657,397	15,742,514	115.3
S. Atlantic	22	3,243,852	19	3,514,629	2,825,977	80.4
N. Central (E)	96	79,475,170	75	53,209,967	77,641,510	145.9
N. Central (W)	57	73,954,833	62	55,297,474	73,659,633	133.2
S. Central	24	8,174,928	21	5,327,472	7,922,441	125.2
Western (N)	21	3,034,631	19	4,997,571	2,917,286	58.4
Western (S)	13	5,636,944	13	4,871,950	5,536,944	115.7
TOTAL	352	207,902,406	289	150,964,693	201,881,916	133.7

LARD

New England	21	3,139,096	14	2,847,409	3,125,056	109.8
M. Atlantic	71	3,345,153	57	2,514,132	2,999,863	119.3
S. Atlantic	21	494,288	18	689,225	457,008	66.3
N. Central (E)	91	35,776,768	72	19,186,630	35,017,771	182.5
N. Central (W)	54	7,485,957	47	5,968,744	7,371,496	123.5
S. Central	20	867,471	17	878,859	834,545	95.0
Western (N)	19	431,364	16	1,608,458	417,074	25.9
Western (S)	21	627,044	20	683,694	626,544	91.6
TOTAL	318	52,168,141	261	34,377,151	50,849,457	147.9

FROZEN LAMB AND MUTTON

New England	9	501,136	7	218,674	475,936	217.6
M. Atlantic	35	863,135	22	987,941	717,901	72.7
S. Atlantic	1	3,620	1	0	3,620	
N. Central (E)	18	2,064,277	17	2,045,345	2,063,277	100.9
N. Central (W)	15	1,126,167	14	377,609	1,125,117	298.2
S. Central	9	320,631	8	102,706	320,591	312.1
Western (N)	6	167,920	6	257,972	167,920	65.1
Western (S)	8	33,860	8	57,060	33,860	59.3
TOTAL	101	5,085,796	83	4,047,308	4,909,222	121.3

MISCELLANEOUS (Products not Classified)

All Sections	17	12,074,897	14	8,359,204	11,217,197	134.2
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NEW ENGLAND: Me., N.H., Vt., Mass., R.I., Conn. MIDDLE ATLANTIC: 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., Neb., Kans. SOUTH CENTRAL: Ky., Tenn., Ala., Miss. La.,
Tex., Okla. Ark. WESTERN: (North) Mont., Wyo., Idaho, Wash., Ore. (South) Colo.,
N. Mex., Ariz., Utah, Nev., Cal.

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