

MEATS FROZEN OR PLACED IN CURE DURING NOVEMBER  
 POUNDS, THOUSANDS, I.E. "000" OMITTED

COMMODITY	OCT. 5-YR. AVER. 1932-36	OCT. 1936	OCT. 1937	:	NOV. 5-YR AVER. 1932-36	NOV. 1936	NOV. 1937
BEEF, FROZEN .....	28,409:	38,900:	22,922	:	35,659:	63,117:	22,299
BEEF PLACED IN CURE.....	7,705:	9,926:	5,795	:	8,515:	11,304:	6,526
PORK, FROZEN.....	31,891:	43,631:	29,221	:	59,965:	100,119:	42,412
PORK, DRY SALT PLACED IN CURE....	34,133:	27,771:	31,540	:	41,732:	38,359:	34,168
PORK, PICKLED PLACED IN CURE.....	135,248:	147,435:	117,507	:	156,196:	157,965:	131,332
LAMB AND MUTTON FROZEN.....	1,540:	3,188:	1,266	:	1,589:	3,729:	806

**NOTE:** THESE HOLDINGS INCLUDE STOCKS IN BOTH COLD STORAGE WAREHOUSES AND MEAT PACKING PLANTS. THOUSANDS, I.E. "000" OMITTED FROM ABOVE TABLES. ITEMS IN TERMS OF POUNDS EXCEPT WHERE OTHERWISE STATED.

\* FIGURES SHOWN SUBJECT TO REVISION. REVISED FIGURES WILL APPEAR IN NEXT MONTH'S REPORT. WHILE THE BUREAU FEELS ASSURED OF THE COMPLETENESS AND ACCURACY OF THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF POULTRY REPORTED, IT CANNOT VOUCH FOR THE ACCURACY AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE VARIOUS SIZES OF CHICKENS. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF CONCERNS WHOSE HOLDINGS ARE EXTREMELY HEAVY, WHO FIND IT IMPRACTICABLE TO MAKE SEGREGATION ON THEIR REPORTS, CONSEQUENTLY THERE WILL BE FRYERS CONTAINED IN THE FIGURES SHOWN FOR BROILERS, ROASTERS AND POSSIBLY MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY.

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**COLD STORAGE REPORT**  
AS OF DECEMBER 1, 1937

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics makes the following report based on data furnished by cold storage warehouses throughout the country. The report contains stocks on hand as of December 1, 1937, with comparisons, for the following groups of commodities: Fruits and Vegetables, Dairy and Poultry Products, and Meats (cured and frozen) and Lard. Special tables of cold storage holdings by States or geographic divisions of the country are included for cream, butter, American cheese, eggs, poultry, apples, and pears.

**FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

Cold storage holdings of apples as reported to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics as of December 1, were the largest of record, totaling 35,342,000 bushels. Holdings in western boxes (15,659,000), however, were only slightly above average and were, roughly, 2¼ million boxes less than the record-holdings of December 1, 1934.

Pear holdings now consist chiefly of winter varieties, as most of the Bartletts have been withdrawn from cold storage. Present stocks are 31 percent greater than a year ago and 23 percent above average (1932-36).

December 1 stocks of frozen and preserved fruits (cold pack) amounted to 128,141,000 pounds - approximately 32 million pounds in excess of the previous December 1 record holdings in 1931. "Quick freeze" vegetable holdings increased 15 percent during November, the gains occurring chiefly in Lima beans, spinach, and miscellaneous vegetables.

Commodity	Dec. 1, 5-yr. av. 1932-36	Dec. 1, 1936	Nov. 1, 1937	Dec. 1, 1937
		- Thousands -		
Apples..... barrels.....	859	307	501	480
Apples..... western boxes..	15,615	13,924	12,264	15,659
Apples..... bushels <sup>1</sup> .....	10,824	11,641	17,688	18,243
TOTAL apples..... bushels.....	29,017	26,486	31,455	35,342
Pears, Bartletts..... packed boxes...		169	63	36
Pears, Bartletts..... loose boxes.....		30	127	38
Pears, all others..... boxes.....	1,338	1,079	2,366	1,630
Pears..... baskets.....	86	55	75	42
Strawberries..... pounds.....			31,804	30,603
Blueberries..... "			6,227	6,526
Cherries..... "			25,419	20,795
Other frozen fruits <sup>2</sup> ..... "			68,978	70,217
TOTAL frozen fruits <sup>2</sup> ..... "	73,523	75,254	132,428	128,141
Peas..... "			10,490	10,066
Beans, cut..... "			2,018	1,997
Beans, Lima..... "			5,383	6,300
Corn..... "			2,308	2,312
Spinach..... "			1,983	3,190
Unclassified frozen vegetables			5,720	8,257
TOTAL frozen vegetables..... "			27,902	32,122

<sup>1</sup> Includes baskets and Eastern boxes or crates.

<sup>2</sup> Includes some quantities of preserved fruits.

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DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

Stocks of creamery butter declined to 66,208,000 pounds on December 1, which were approximately 25 percent less than those of a year ago and 21 percent less than the 5-year (1932-36) average. Record-low December holdings of 37,207,000 pounds were reported in 1932, while the all-time record high for that month (138,166,000 pounds) was reached in 1933. Withdrawals of American cheese during November followed the seasonal trend. The December stocks were about 5 percent less than a year ago but were 7 percent above average.

Shell eggs reported in cold storage December 1 amounted to 2,677,000 cases, which were 53 percent in excess of the holdings a year previous and 25 percent above the December 1 average. Stocks of frozen eggs - 120,789,000 pounds - were the largest of record as of December 1, exceeding the previous high mark of 1930 by 31,218,000 pounds.

The net seasonal "in-to-storage" movement of frozen poultry during November was 32,579,000 pounds. Stocks of broilers on December 1 were 62 percent less than a year ago and 40 percent less than average holdings. Holdings of frozen turkeys were only 7 percent above those of a year previous but were 77 percent above average. However, there has been a net movement out-of-storage since February 1 of this year of 21,129,000 pounds compared with a similar movement of 2,081,000 pounds during the same period in 1936.

Commodity	Dec. 1, 5-yr. av. 1932-36	Dec. 1, 1936	Nov. 1, 1937	Dec. 1, 1937
- Thousands -				
Cream, 40% ..... 40-qt.cans	161	176	117	32
Cream, 20% ..... " "	5	12	5	1
Butter, creamery ..... pounds ...	83,444	88,866	98,624	66,208
Butter, packing stock ..... " ...		888	197	151
Cheese, American ..... " ...	87,223	98,975	97,160	93,624
Cheese, Swiss ..... " ...	5,527	4,455	4,942	4,792
Cheese, brick and Munster ... " ...	769	1,251	713	661
Cheese, Limburger ..... " ...	1,067	1,207	783	759
Cheese, all other varieties . " ...	5,868	8,818	9,089	8,683
TOTAL cheese ..... " ...	100,454	114,706	112,687	108,519
Eggs, shell ..... cases ....	2,143	1,755	5,158	2,677
Eggs, frozen ..... pounds ...	71,533	66,309	133,805	120,789
Eggs, frozen, case equiv. 1/ cases ....	2,045	1,895	3,823	3,451
TOTAL eggs, case equiv. 2/ " ....	4,188	3,650	8,981	6,128
Broilers ..... pounds ...	16,958	27,089	9,631	10,205
Fryers ..... " ...	12,663	17,521	7,899	10,237
Roasters ..... " ...	25,349	28,099	13,989	21,650
Fowls ..... " ...	16,865	27,133	15,335	19,908
Turkeys ..... " ...	11,129	18,450	5,208	19,712
Ducks ..... " ...	4,571	5,247	9,035	7,821
Miscellaneous poultry ..... " ...	17,142	25,782	15,113	19,254
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY ..... " ...	104,677	149,391	76,208	108,787

1/ Frozen eggs are converted on the basis of 35 pounds to the case.

2/ SPECIAL NOTE: 76 percent of the total frozen eggs reported as of December 1, 1937, were classified as follows:

Whites .....	28 percent
Yolks .....	25 "
Mixed .....	47 "

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FROZEN AND CURED MEATS

(INCLUDING LARD)

Total holdings of frozen and cured meats were 411,553,000 pounds compared with 719,230,000 a year ago and 617,054,000 pounds, the 5-year (1932-36) December 1 average. With the exception of December 1935 stocks of 410,318,000 pounds, the current holdings of all meats in cold storages and meat packing establishments were the smallest of record. Supplies of total beef were 65 percent less than a year ago and 45 percent less than average.

Total pork holdings were reported at 305,940,000 pounds on December 1 - a decrease of 34 percent from a year ago and a 31 percent decrease from average.

Frozen lamb and mutton stocks totaled 2,294,000 pounds compared with 8,450,000 pounds reported in December 1936 and 4,318,000 pounds - the 5-year (1932-36) average.

Stocks of lard on December 1 were 33,974,000 pounds, or 69 percent smaller than those of a year ago and 57 percent smaller than average. Present holdings of lard, while not the lowest on record, indicate that an unusually heavy movement has taken place since the record-high stocks of 217,227,000 pounds were reported but eight months ago.

The seasonal trend of meat products into cold storage for the period between November 1 and December 1 is normally upward. This past month, while the trend does not depart, in general, from normal, meat supplies have provided rather limited increases for most important classifications.

Commodity	Dec. 1, 5-yr. av. 1932-36	Dec. 1, 1936	Nov. 1, 1937	Dec. 1, 1937
- Thousand Pounds -				
Beef, frozen .....	75,408	121,744	31,960	40,843
Beef in process of cure .....	15,737	23,322	8,069	9,442
Beef, cured .....	5,240	7,703	3,868	3,117
TOTAL beef .....	96,385	152,769	43,897	53,402
Pork, frozen .....	96,573	144,308	47,476	64,886
Pork, dry salt, in process of cure .....	30,685	28,441	24,215	25,141
Pork, dry salt, cured .....	21,350	15,269	14,790	13,026
Pork, pickled, in process of cure .....	177,308	181,271	117,861	132,216
Pork, pickled, cured .....	118,459	94,111	62,072	70,671
TOTAL pork .....	444,375	463,400	266,414	305,940
Lamb and mutton, frozen .....	4,318	8,450	2,376	2,294
Frozen & cured trimmings & edible offal ..	71,976	94,611	42,210	49,917
TOTAL MEATS .....	617,054	719,230	354,897	411,553
Lard .....	79,268	108,765	39,477	33,974

## COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, DECEMBER 1, 1937

BY STATES, FOR SPECIFIED COMMODITIES

State	Cream (40-qt. cans)	Butter Lbs.	American cheese Lbs.	Eggs Cases	Frozen eggs Lbs.	Total poultry Lbs.
- Thousands -						
Massachusetts .....	4	2,584	3,636	35	2,904	5,081
Other States .....		444	555	7	952	610
NEW ENGLAND .....		3,028	4,191	42	3,856	5,691
New York .....	11	5,067	14,816	326	12,531	28,775
New Jersey .....		1,560	4,928	304	7,049	9,481
Pennsylvania .....	2	1,636	2,286	104	7,446	3,926
MIDDLE ATLANTIC ...		8,263	22,030	734	27,026	42,182
Ohio .....		2,637	956	178	6,217	1,804
Indiana .....		1,123	81	16	2,107	2,433
Illinois .....		21,154	5,290	558	20,270	20,440
Michigan .....		1,127	1,126	133	1,605	1,855
Wisconsin .....	2	590	42,554	56	1,274	1,472
EAST N. CENTRAL ...		26,631	50,007	941	31,473	28,004
Minnesota .....		3,715	866	102	2,285	4,703
Iowa .....		2,392	47	39	4,809	3,495
Missouri .....	5	2,811	1,282	200	17,512	5,774
Nebraska .....		2,388	235	47	4,671	7,327
Kansas .....		1,076	268	87	6,412	1,111
Dakotas .....		822	--	7	57	102
WEST N. CENTRAL ...		13,204	2,698	482	35,746	22,512
SOUTH ATLANTIC ...		1,463	2,126	73	2,547	1,597
Kentucky .....		2,515	246	24	1,524	1,335
Tennessee .....		1,648	420	72	2,128	1,467
Alabama & Mississippi		361	513	7	339	38
EAST S. CENTRAL ...		4,524	1,179	103	3,991	2,840
Oklahoma .....		1,141	175	18	3,686	181
Texas .....		1,317	3,113	34	6,923	845
Arkansas & Louisiana .		81	343	8	491	131
WEST S. CENTRAL ...		2,539	3,631	60	11,100	1,157
Colorado .....		567	588	21	635	312
Other States .....		451	1,088	16	14	53
MOUNTAIN .....		1,018	1,676	37	649	365
Washington .....		1,634	808	64	813	1,387
Oregon .....		206	883	15	401	211
California .....		3,698	4,395	126	3,187	2,841
PACIFIC .....		5,538	6,086	205	4,401	4,439
Other States, combined for cream only .....	9					
UNITED STATES ....	33	66,208	93,624	2,677	120,789	108,787

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## APPLE AND PEAR HOLDINGS IN COLD STORAGE

DECEMBER 1, 1937

STATE	A P P L E S			
	Barrels	Western boxes	Baskets	Total bushels
	- Thousands -			
Massachusetts .....	--	--	661	661
New York .....	27	116	5,461	5,658
New Jersey .....	4	24	1,008	1,044
Pennsylvania .....	59	66	1,562	1,805
Ohio .....	--	60	760	820
Indiana .....	--	5	376	381
Illinois .....	--	234	1,177	1,411
Michigan .....	--	36	916	952
Wisconsin .....	--	43	142	185
Minnesota .....	1	123	19 <sup>b</sup>	145
Iowa .....	--	8	44	52
Missouri .....	2	88	1,006	1,100
Nebraska .....	--	30	49	79
Kansas .....	--	--	26	26
Virginia .....	338	10	3,137	4,161
West Virginia .....	24	2	636	710
Kentucky .....	--	3	44	47
Tennessee .....	1	15	54	72
Texas .....	2	104	3	113
Arkansas .....	--	--	57	57
Washington .....	--	11,634	--	11,634
Oregon .....	--	1,002	--	1,002
California .....	--	1,807	--	1,807
Other States .....	22	248	1,106	1,420
UNITED STATES ..	480	15,658	18,244	35,342

STATE	P E A R S
	Thousand boxes <sup>1/</sup>
New York .....	72
New Jersey .....	86
Pennsylvania .....	32
Illinois .....	44
Washington .....	445
Oregon .....	856
California .....	140
Other States .....	71
UNITED STATES ....	1,746

<sup>1/</sup> Chiefly winter varieties; including limited holdings in bushel baskets.