

COLD STORAGE REPORT
 AS OF JANUARY 1, 1938

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MANAGING EXTENSION

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 January 1, 1938, 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

Apples held in cold storages, as reported to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics as of January 1, 1938, were the largest January holdings of record - 31,987,000 bushels. They exceeded the previous record made January 1, 1932, by 1,858,000 bushels. Cold storage holdings in western boxes, however, were approximately 2½ million boxes less than the record holdings of January 1, 1931.

Winter varieties of pears stored in boxes, while considerably in excess of the January 1 holdings for the past 4 years, were 572,000 boxes below the record January 1 holdings in 1931.

January 1 stocks of frozen and preserved fruits, including cold pack, amounted to 123,131,000 pounds - approximately 31 million pounds in excess of the previous January 1 record holdings in 1932. Stocks of frozen vegetables began their seasonal out-of-storage movement during the month of December.

Commodity	Jan. 1, 5-yr. av. 1933-37	Jan. 1, 1937	Dec. 1, 1937	Jan. 1, 1938
		- Thousands -		
Apples..... barrels.....	726	233	483	411
Apples..... western boxes..	13,486	11,863	15,878	13,974
Apples..... bushels ¹	9,342	9,795	18,727	16,780
TOTAL apples..... bushels.....	25,006	22,357	36,054	31,987
Pears, Bartletts..... packed boxes....		42	37	22
Pears, Bartletts..... loose boxes.....		14	40	5
Pears, all others..... boxes.....	899	752	1,632	1,089
Pears..... baskets.....	58	33	45	30
FROZEN FRUITS:²				
Strawberries..... pounds.....		11,444	31,697	27,215
Blueberries..... "		1,794	6,782	6,950
Cherries..... "		9,500	23,832	22,127
Other fruits..... "		47,784	70,247	66,839
TOTAL frozen fruits..... "	69,811	70,622	132,558	123,131
FROZEN VEGETABLES:				
Peas..... "		2,951	10,289	9,206
Beans, cut..... "		1,003	1,997	1,929
Beans, Lima..... "		1,853	6,352	5,458
Corn..... "		680	2,385	2,164
Spinach..... "		390	3,189	2,388
Unclassified vegetables..... "		2,050	8,291	8,281
TOTAL frozen vegetables..... "		8,927	32,503	29,426

¹ Includes baskets and Eastern boxes or crates.

² Includes considerable quantities of cold pack and preserved fruits.

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DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

Creamery butter holdings in cold storage on January 1, 1938, were 42,954,000 pounds, which is 30 percent below the stocks of a year ago and 24 percent less than the 5-year (1933-37) average. The out-of-storage movement during December was somewhat less than for any year since 1932.

The January 1 stocks of American cheese were 7 percent less than a year ago but were 9 percent above the 5-year (1933-37) average stocks. Total holdings of all varieties of cheese in cold storage were 103,865,000 pounds, which was a decrease of 4,632,000 pounds from December 1, 1937. Stocks were 6,535,000 pounds less than a year ago but 9,294,000 pounds greater than the 5-year (1933-37) average.

The net out-of-storage movement of shell eggs during December 1937 was 1,841,000 cases. This was somewhat heavier than the average movement for this period.

Total holdings of frozen poultry were 123,320,000 pounds on January 1, which is 34 percent less than a year ago and 7 percent less than the 5-year (1933-37) average.

Turkey stocks on January 1 were approximately 10 million pounds less than a year ago but were about 5 million pounds above the 5-year average.

Commodity	Jan. 1, 5-yr. av. 1933-37	Jan. 1, 1937	Dec. 1, 1937	Jan. 1, 1938
- Thousands -				
Cream, 40% 40-qt. cans	128	144	33	23
Cream, 20% " "	4	11	1	1
Butter, creamery pounds	56,364	61,234	66,191	42,954
Butter, packing stock " "		644	151	121
Cheese, American " "	81,471	95,418	93,633	89,202
Cheese, Swiss " "	5,549	4,389	4,761	4,679
Cheese, brick and Munster " "	797	1,085	657	701
Cheese, Limburger " "	1,146	1,604	760	661
Cheese, all other varieties " "	5,608	7,904	8,686	8,622
TOTAL cheese " "	94,571	110,400	108,497	103,865
Eggs, shell cases	631	651	2,672	831
Eggs, frozen pounds	60,604	51,837	120,923	108,036
Eggs, frozen, case equiv. ^{1/} cases	1,732	1,481	3,455	3,087
TOTAL eggs, case equiv. ^{2/} " "	2,363	2,132	6,127	3,918
Broilers pounds	17,207	27,531	9,963	9,797
Fryers " "	15,242	20,113	10,234	10,853
Roasters " "	35,756	39,186	21,624	26,465
Fowls " "	21,140	32,699	19,919	24,247
Turkeys " "	20,196	35,189	19,695	25,320
Dicks " "	3,865	4,515	7,821	5,781
Miscellaneous poultry " "	19,079	28,654	19,490	29,857
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY " "	132,485	187,887	108,746	123,320

^{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 January 1, 1938, were classified as follows:

Whites	29	percent
Yolks	24	"
Mixed	47	"

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FROZEN AND CURED MEATS

(INCLUDING LARD)

Except for 1932 and 1933, the January 1 total stocks of frozen and cured beef were the lowest on record. They were only 31 percent of the stocks reported a year ago and 54 percent of average.

Total holdings of frozen and cured pork on January 1 were the second lowest on record for this date. The net into-storage increase during December was 92 million pounds compared with a similar movement a year ago of 203 million and the 5-year (1933-37) average movement of 116 million pounds.

Total frozen and cured meats in cold storage on January 1 continued at a low level - only slightly more than one-half the holdings of a year ago. They were 31 percent below the average holdings for this date.

The increase in stocks of lard during December were about normal for this period. Present stocks, however, were only 36 percent of stocks a year ago and 54 percent of the average.

Commodity	Jan. 1, 5-yr. av. 1933-37	Jan. 1, 1937	Dec. 1, 1937	Jan. 1, 1938
- Thousand Pounds -				
Beef, frozen	89,538	159,493	41,179	46,864
Beef in process of cure	17,462	27,111	9,514	11,081
Beef, cured	5,602	7,156	3,048	2,863
TOTAL beef	112,602	193,760	53,741	60,808
Pork, frozen	161,296	285,786	64,996	116,688
Pork, dry salt, in process of cure	40,489	39,794	25,150	36,955
Pork, dry salt, cured	30,861	26,718	13,359	22,231
Pork, pickled, in process of cure	196,950	201,388	131,372	136,869
Pork, pickled, cured	130,759	113,205	71,753	85,539
TOTAL pork	560,355	666,891	306,630	398,282
Lamb and mutton, frozen	4,918	10,228	2,286	2,883
Frozen & cured trimmings & edible offal	88,154	132,101	50,546	66,952
TOTAL MEATS	766,029	1,002,980	413,203	528,925
Lard	58,046	145,809	33,966	53,076

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COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, JANUARY 1, 1938
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		1,544	3,278	11	2,349	6,203
Other States		380	409	3	864	717
NEW ENGLAND		1,924	3,687	14	3,213	6,920
New York	8	3,613	13,201	137	12,445	31,546
New Jersey		691	4,653	133	6,435	9,279
Pennsylvania	3	683	1,916	35	6,916	4,444
MIDDLE ATLANTIC		4,987	19,770	305	25,796	45,269
Ohio		1,682	839	40	5,546	1,666
Indiana		529	67	2	1,832	2,304
Illinois		14,406	5,002	155	17,695	23,206
Michigan		534	1,012	44	1,440	1,660
Wisconsin		335	42,348	13	1,273	1,416
EAST N. CENTRAL		17,486	49,266	254	27,786	30,252
Minnesota		1,720	623	41	2,057	5,224
Iowa		990	49	15	4,368	5,212
Missouri	5	2,225	868	66	15,221	6,800
Nebraska		1,243	219	12	4,226	8,417
Kansas		830	288	18	5,685	1,237
Dakotas		337	--	3	9	146
WEST N. CENTRAL		7,345	2,247	155	31,566	27,036
SOUTH ATLANTIC		1,310	1,809	24	2,349	1,408
Kentucky		2,094	234	7	1,377	1,598
Tennessee		1,193	371	20	1,943	1,790
Alabama & Mississippi		238	470	1	320	39
EAST S. CENTRAL		3,525	1,075	28	3,640	3,427
Oklahoma		859	157	2	2,544	179
Texas		977	3,115	9	6,112	1,023
Arkansas & Louisiana		39	284	--	458	184
WEST S. CENTRAL		1,875	3,556	11	9,114	1,386
Colorado		387	602	5	561	419
Other States		315	1,359	3	11	283
MOUNTAIN		702	1,961	8	572	702
Washington		1,040	505	6	810	1,562
Oregon		73	827	4	356	596
California		2,687	4,497	22	2,834	4,762
PACIFIC		3,800	5,829	32	4,000	6,920
Other States, combined for cream only	8					
UNITED STATES	24	42,954	89,202	831	108,036	123,320

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A P P L E A N D P E A R H O L D I N G S I N C O L D S T O R A G EJanuary 1, 1938

STATE	A P P L E S			
	Barrels	Western boxes	Baskets	Total bushels
	- Thousands -			
Massachusetts	--	5	537	542
New York	23	44	5,164	5,277
New Jersey	3	--	969	978
Pennsylvania	47	60	1,456	1,657
Ohio	--	53	706	759 ^{1/}
Indiana	--	5	336	341 ^{1/}
Illinois	1	227	1,064	1,294 ^{1/}
Michigan	--	30	844	874 ^{1/}
Wisconsin	--	50	99	149 ^{1/}
Minnesota	1	98	18	119
Iowa	--	7	34	41
Missouri	2	77	879	962
Nebraska	--	29	39	68
Kansas	--	1	23	24
Virginia	300	11	2,901	3,812
West Virginia	18	2	552	608
Kentucky	--	1	34	35
Tennessee	--	14	40	54
Texas	--	87	3	90
Arkansas	--	--	43	43
Washington	--	10,374	--	10,374
Oregon	--	863	--	863
California	--	1,670	--	1,670
Other States	16	266	1,039	1,353
UNITED STATES ...	411	13,974	16,780	31,987

STATE	P E A R S
	<u>Thousand boxes 1/</u>
New York	62
New Jersey	61
Pennsylvania	31
Illinois	36
Washington	192
Oregon	646
California	65
Other States	53
UNITED STATES	1,146

^{1/} Chiefly winter varieties; including limited holdings in bushel baskets.