

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

COMMODITY	DEC. 5-YR. AVERAGE 1932-36	DEC. 1936	DEC. 1937	JAN. 5-YR. AVERAGE 1933-37	JAN. 1937	JAN. 1938
BEEF FROZEN.....	30,771	59,279	20,494	14,289	21,420	14,748
BEEF PLACED IN CURE.....	6,884	7,873	6,354	5,217	5,640	5,021
PORK FROZEN.....	97,852	173,491	73,238	71,950	79,417	103,361
PORK DRY SALT PLACED IN CURE..	45,369	43,481	44,645	42,235	34,728	54,677
PORK PICKLED PLACED IN CURE...	151,725	150,895	137,702	151,265	142,004	165,876
LAMB AND MUTTON FROZEN.....	1,169	3,485	1,196	733	1,666	1,095

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 BRYERS CONTAINED IN THE FIGURES SHOWN FOR BROILERS, ROASTERS AND POSSIBLY MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY.

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**COLD STORAGE REPORT**  
 AS OF FEBRUARY 1, 1938

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 February 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 and apples.

**FRUITS AND VEGETABLES**

Cold storage apple holdings on February 1 were the largest of record for that date, totaling 26,076,000 bushels. They exceeded the stocks of a year ago by 8,716,000 bushels but were only 1,400,000 bushels above the near-record supplies of February 1, 1936.

Stocks of frozen and preserved fruits held in cold storage plants were 117,804,000 pounds as of February 1, which is approximately 54,000,000 pounds greater than those held a year ago and 29,000,000 pounds in excess of the previous February 1 record-holdings of 1932.

Stocks of vegetables processed by "quick-freeze" methods totaled 28,168,000 pounds, which indicated a net out-of-storage movement of approximately 1,200,000 pounds during the month of January.

Commodity	Feb. 1, 5-yr. av. 1933-37	Feb. 1, 1937	Jan. 1, 1938	Feb. 1, 1938
		- Thousands -		
Apples..... barrels.....	549	176	411	312
Apples..... western boxes..	10,767	9,201	13,952	10,938
Apples..... bushels <sup>1</sup> .....	7,456	7,631	16,819	14,202
TOTAL apples..... bushels.....	19,870	17,360	32,004	26,076
Pears, Bartletts..... packed boxes....		29	23	19
Pears, Bartletts..... loose boxes.....		6	5	3
Pears, all others..... boxes.....	542	379	1,090	620
Pears..... baskets.....	38	22	30	21
<b>FROZEN FRUITS: <sup>2</sup></b>				
Strawberries..... pounds.....		10,399	28,019	25,461
Blueberries..... "		1,929	7,259	7,023
Cherries..... "		9,052	22,666	20,762
Other fruits..... "		42,230	66,722	64,558
TOTAL frozen fruits..... "	64,594	63,610	124,666	117,804
<b>FROZEN VEGETABLES:</b>				
Peas..... "		3,323	9,031	8,969
Beans, cut..... "		1,056	1,930	1,843
Beans, Lima..... "		1,813	5,459	5,101
Corn..... "		679	2,175	2,114
Spinach..... "		379	2,388	2,341
Unclassified vegetables..... "		4,033	8,368	7,800
TOTAL frozen vegetables..... "		11,283	29,351	28,168

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

<sup>2</sup> Includes considerable quantities of cold pack and preserved fruits.

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DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

The net movement of creamery butter out of cold storage in January 1938 was approximately 56 percent of the 5-year average (1933-37) and was the smallest for any January since 1933. Stocks of creamery butter in cold storage on February 1, 1938, amounted to 31,083,000 pounds, which was about 4,000,000 pounds below the 5-year average holdings on that date.

American cheese in cold storage on February 1 amounted to 80,347,000 pounds, which was almost 8,000,000 pounds less than the stocks on the same date last year but 9,000,000 pounds more than the 5-year average for February 1. The present holdings of American cheese, however, are the second largest of record for February 1, being exceeded only by the stocks of a year earlier.

The net movement of shell eggs out of storage in January amounted to 519,000 cases compared with only 182,000 cases in January last year. The 5-year average is 473,000 cases.

Poultry in cold storage on February 1 amounted to 115,091,000 pounds, which was about 63,000,000 pounds less than the record high stocks for February 1 last year and 11,000,000 pounds less than the 5-year average. Low stocks continue to prevail for broilers, fryers, and roasters but larger-than-average stocks are in evidence for fowls, ducks, and turkeys. Supplies of turkeys, although still large, are 13,000,000 pounds less than on February 1 last year.

Commodity	Feb. 1, 5-yr. av. 1933-37	Feb. 1, 1937	Jan. 1, 1938	Feb. 1, 1938
	- Thousands -			
Cream, 40% ..... 40-qt. cans	94	107	25	25
Cream, 20% ..... " "	2	5	1	1
Butter, creamery ..... pounds ...	35,394	42,734	42,953	31,083
Butter, packing stock ..... " "		394	121	6
Cheese, American ..... " ...	71,261	88,091	89,258	80,347
Cheese, Swiss ..... " ...	5,234	4,088	4,696	4,434
Cheese, brick and Munster ..... " ...	682	936	694	627
Cheese, Limburger ..... " ...	896	1,316	671	500
Cheese, all other varieties . . . " ...	5,193	7,681	8,616	7,432
TOTAL cheese ..... " ...	83,266	102,112	103,935	93,340
Eggs, shell ..... cases ....	158	469	831	312
Eggs, frozen ..... pounds ...	49,582	39,104	109,210	95,869
Eggs, frozen, case equiv. <u>1/</u> cases ....	1,417	1,117	3,120	2,739
TOTAL eggs, case equiv. <u>2/</u> " ....	1,575	1,586	3,951	3,051
Broilers ..... pounds ...	15,055	24,898	9,805	8,923
Fryers ..... " ...	13,848	18,118	10,852	9,778
Roasters ..... " ...	33,869	36,407	26,458	23,338
Fowls ..... " ...	18,180	27,983	24,244	22,161
Turkeys ..... " ...	24,313	40,841	25,503	28,063
Ducks ..... " ...	2,883	3,656	5,747	4,280
Miscellaneous poultry ..... " ...	17,738	26,401	20,891	18,548
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY ..... " ...	125,886	178,304	123,500	115,091

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 February 1, 1938, were classified as follows:

Whites ..... 29 percent  
Yolks ..... 24 "  
Mixed ..... 47 "

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FROZEN AND CURED MEATS  
(INCLUDING LARD)

Holdings of frozen and cured meats, as reported by cold storage warehouses and meat-packing establishments on February 1, were 697,425,000 pounds compared with 1,062,204,000, the holdings a year ago, and the 5-year (1933-37) average stocks of 827,207,000 pounds.

Cold storage stocks of frozen and cured beef on February 1 were the third lowest of record - 59,770,000 pounds. A year ago similar supplies of beef amounted to 180,916,000 and the 5-year (1933-37) average was 104,991,000 pounds.

Total pork holdings, as reported to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics by the meat-packing and cold storage industries on February 1, were 25 percent less than a year earlier but only 12 percent less than average. Total supplies of pickled pork were the second lowest recorded for this date (February 1).

The beef and pork items, as reported above, actually include but a small portion of the total meat supply available for consumption. For beef, it includes mostly those items that are dried or otherwise processed, and for pork, the bulk of the holdings will ultimately become hams, bacons, salt pork or will be otherwise processed.

The smaller storage stocks of all meats on February 1 compared with those of a year earlier, therefore, do not reflect a similar change in the quantity of meats available. The total volume of livestock slaughtered under Federal inspection in January was slightly greater than during January, a year ago.

Commodity	Feb. 1, 5-yr. av. 1933-37	Feb. 1, 1937	Jan. 1, 1938	Feb. 1, 1938
		- Thousand Pounds -		
Beef, frozen .....	82,278	148,042	46,985	45,750
Beef in process of cure .....	16,860	25,623	11,114	11,259
Beef, cured .....	5,853	7,251	2,871	2,761
TOTAL beef .....	104,991	180,916	60,970	59,770
Pork, frozen .....	193,876	321,668	116,313	200,525
Pork, dry salt, in process of cure .....	45,173	43,558	37,403	51,341
Pork, dry salt, cured .....	38,255	32,001	22,302	31,661
Pork, pickled, in process of cure .....	210,466	210,567	138,110	169,017
Pork, pickled, cured .....	141,838	130,728	84,437	100,702
TOTAL pork .....	629,608	738,522	398,565	553,246
Lamb and mutton, frozen .....	4,669	10,491	2,895	3,278
Frozen & cured trimmings & edible offal .....	87,939	132,275	67,212	81,131
TOTAL MEATS .....	827,207	1,062,204	529,642	697,425
Lard .....	118,494	182,709	53,693	97,300

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COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, FEBRUARY 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 .....		988	2,899		1,942	5,989
Other States .....		306	365		766	695
NEW ENGLAND .....		1,294	3,264	6	2,708	6,684
New York .....	11	2,737	11,026		11,537	29,077
New Jersey .....		685	4,133		5,861	7,965
Pennsylvania .....		457	1,628		6,707	4,407
MIDDLE ATLANTIC ...		3,879	16,787	125	24,105	41,449
Ohio .....		1,195	766		4,738	1,334
Indiana .....		300	61		1,697	1,574
Illinois .....		10,893	4,875		14,800	20,998
Michigan .....		282	835		1,129	1,620
Wisconsin .....		180	38,651		1,117	1,412
EAST N. CENTRAL ...		12,850	45,188	95	23,481	26,938
Minnesota .....		1,008	810		1,808	4,944
Iowa .....		339	83		2,738	4,537
Missouri .....	5	1,482	803		12,846	6,183
Nebraska .....		841	229		3,828	7,431
Kansas .....		355	289		5,053	1,045
Dakotas .....		169	--		2	131
WEST N. CENTRAL ...		4,194	2,214	56	27,275	24,271
SOUTH ATLANTIC ...		1,357	1,562	10	1,990	1,483
Kentucky .....		1,688	378		1,491	1,383
Tennessee .....		891	291		1,845	1,407
Alabama & Mississippi .		279	431		350	36
EAST S. CENTRAL ...		2,858	1,100	5	3,686	2,826
Oklahoma .....		604	117		2,126	153
Texas .....		643	2,790		5,172	1,017
Arkansas & Louisiana .		31	239		1,417	180
WEST S. CENTRAL ...		1,278	3,146	3	8,715	1,350
Colorado .....		308	523		478	435
Other States .....		181	1,328		20	568
MOUNTAIN .....		489	1,851	3	498	1,003
Washington .....		767	263		834	1,816
Oregon .....		31	870		359	919
California .....		2,086	4,102		2,218	6,352
PACIFIC .....		2,884	5,235	9	3,411	9,087
Other States, combined for cream only .....	10					
UNITED STATES ....	26	31,083	80,347	312	95,869	115,091

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## APPLE HOLDINGS IN COLD STORAGE

STATE	February 1, 1938				Feb. 1, 1937
	Barrels	Western boxes	Baskets	Total bushels	Total bushels
			- Thousands -		
Massachusetts .....	--	5	426	431	221
New York .....	18	32	4,352	4,438	2,656
New Jersey .....	2	--	647	853	639
Pennsylvania .....	32	50	1,223	1,369	923
Ohio .....	--	49	648	697	318
Indiana .....	--	5	268	273	126
Illinois .....	1	202	916	1,121	692
Michigan .....	--	22	696	718	543
Wisconsin .....	--	45	72	117	60
Minnesota .....	1	90	13	106	102
Iowa .....	--	6	25	31	22
Missouri .....	2	61	705	772	392
Nebraska .....	--	19	34	53	42
Kansas .....	--	--	19	19	11
Virginia .....	234	17	2,598	3,317	1,600
West Virginia .....	11	1	407	441	209
Kentucky .....	--	--	25	25	13
Tennessee .....	--	9	29	38	18
Texas .....	--	77	2	79	115
Arkansas .....	--	--	--	--	--
Washington .....	--	8,078	--	8,078	6,246
Oregon .....	--	618	--	618	688
California .....	--	1,363	--	1,363	1,060
Other States .....	11	189	897	1,119	664
UNITED STATES ...	312	10,938	14,202	26,076	17,360