

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

CUMMODITY	JAN. 5-YR. AVERAGE 1933-37	JAN. 1937	JAN. 1938	FEB. 5-YR. AVERAGE 1933-37	FEB. 1937	FEB. 1938
BEEF, FROZEN.....	14,289:	21,420:	14,819:	11,343:	14,413:	11,360
BEEF PLACED IN CURE.....	5,217:	5,640	5,038:	5,049:	5,507:	4,630
PORK FROZEN.....	71,950:	79,417:	104,139:	51,955:	54,475:	51,901
PORK DRY SALT PLACED IN CURE.....	42,235:	34,728:	54,902:	37,626:	35,092:	30,121
PORK PICKLED PLACED IN CURE.....	151,265:	142,004:	166,553:	149,616:	137,458:	125,005
LAMB AND MUTTON FROZEN.....	733:	1,666:	1,090:	563:	865:	904

**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 MARCH 1, 1938

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 March 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**

United States apple holdings in cold storage warehouses on March 1 were 19,573,000 bushels, a record-high for that date. This compares with 12,193,000 in 1937, 17,928,000 in 1936, and 13,938,000 bushels on March 1, 1935.

Winter pears (in boxes) in cold storage on March 1 amounted to 318,000 boxes - slightly below the 5-year (1933-37) average holdings.

Supplies of frozen and preserved fruits in cold storage on March 1 were about double the holdings of a year ago, or 110,807,000 pounds compared with 55,825,000 pounds.

Stocks of "quick-freeze" vegetables on March 1 were 2,648,000 pounds less than those on February 1 but were 15,701,000 pounds greater than the March 1, 1937, holdings.

Commodity	March 1, 5-yr. av. 1933-37	March 1, 1937	Feb. 1, 1938	March 1, 1938
		- Thousands -		
Apples..... barrels.....	371	121	322	217
Apples..... western boxes..	7,558	6,809	10,958	8,017
Apples..... bushels <sup>1</sup> .....	5,303	5,021	14,356	10,905
TOTAL apples..... bushels.....	13,975	12,193	26,280	19,573
Pears, Bartletts..... packed boxes....		21	18	14
Pears, Bartletts..... loose boxes....		2	4	3
Pears, all others..... boxes.....	331	213	620	318
Pears..... baskets.....	23	14	20	12
<b>FROZEN FRUITS: <sup>2</sup></b>				
Strawberries..... pounds.....		9,631	25,852	24,822
Blueberries..... "		2,357	7,079	7,142
Cherries..... "		8,039	21,147	18,564
Other fruits..... "		35,798	64,564	60,279
TOTAL frozen fruits..... "	57,479	55,825	118,642	110,807
<b>FROZEN VEGETABLES:</b>				
Peas..... "		3,563	9,403	8,342
Beans, cut..... "		1,184	1,843	1,796
Beans, Lima..... "		2,267	5,097	4,907
Corn..... "		757	2,117	1,911
Spinach..... "		355	2,342	2,188
Unclassified vegetables..... "		2,165	7,838	6,848
TOTAL frozen vegetables..... "		10,291	28,640	25,992

<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

Out-of-storage movement of creamery butter during February 1938 indicated a net disappearance of 10,281,000 pounds compared with the 5-year (1933-37) average disappearance of 18,306,000 pounds. March 1 holdings of 20,930,000 pounds were approximately the same as a year ago. American cheese (cheddar) in cold storage on March 1 totaled 73,807,000 pounds, which was nearly 7 million pounds less than the stocks on the same date last year but 11 million pounds greater than the 5-year average for March 1.

Case eggs held in cold storage - 281,000 cases - were the third highest of record for March 1, being surpassed by the holdings of 408,000 in 1931 and 322,000 cases on March 1, 1937. The highest cold-storage holdings of case eggs during recent years, for this same date, were 13,000 cases in 1936.

Frozen poultry supplies held in cold storage on March 1 amounted to 100,518,000 pounds, about 8 percent below the average holdings for March 1 during the preceding five years. Stocks of broilers, fryers, and roasters were a little over half those held in cold storage the same date a year ago but were two-thirds of the average amount held during the 5-year (1933-37) period. The net out-of-storage movement of frozen turkeys during February 1938 was 3,490,000 pounds compared with the February average (1933-37) of 1,362,000 pounds. While present holdings are approximately 13,000,000 pounds below those of a year ago, supplies of cold-storage turkeys are slightly above the 5-year (1933-37) average.

Commodity	March 1, 5-yr.av. 1933-37	March 1, 1937	Feb. 1, 1938	March 1, 1938
		- Thousands -		
Cream, 40% ..... 40-qt.cans	61	79	23	16
Cream, 20% ..... " "	2	3	1	1
Butter, creamery ..... pounds ...	17,088	20,678	31,211	20,930
Butter, packing stock ..... " ...		253	10	36
Cheese, American ..... " ...	62,389	80,713	80,479	73,807
Cheese, Swiss ..... " ...	4,886	3,798	4,447	4,032
Cheese, brick and Munster .. " ...	605	809	645	568
Cheese, Limburger ..... " ...	724	1,196	501	375
Cheese, all other varieties " ...	4,671	6,598	7,425	6,873
TOTAL cheese ..... " ...	73,275	93,114	93,497	85,655
Eggs, shell ..... cases ....	124	322	314	281
Eggs, frozen ..... pounds ....	39,960	34,390	95,598	88,456
Eggs, frozen, case equiv. <u>1</u> / cases ....	1,142	983	2,731	2,527
TOTAL eggs, case equiv. <u>2</u> / " ....	1,266	1,305	3,045	2,808
Broilers ..... pounds ...	12,639	21,927	8,886	7,888
Fryers ..... " ...	11,727	15,638	9,850	8,623
Roasters ..... " ...	28,800	31,698	23,344	19,790
Fowls ..... " ...	14,932	25,465	22,126	21,218
Turkeys ..... " ...	22,951	37,763	28,020	24,530
Ducks ..... " ...	2,037	2,717	4,290	2,719
Miscellaneous poultry ..... " ...	15,089	22,650	18,589	15,750
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY ..... " ...	108,175	157,858	115,105	100,518

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

2/ SPECIAL NOTE: 73 percent of the total frozen eggs reported as of March 1, 1938, were classified as follows:

Whites .....	28	percent
Yolks .....	24	"
Mixed .....	48	"

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FROZEN AND CURED MEATS

(INCLUDING LARD)

Stocks of frozen and cured meats in cold-storage and meat-packing plants amounted to 719,912,000 pounds on March 1, 1938, compared with 1,079,166 pounds a year ago and 824,108,000 pounds, the 5-year (1933-37) average holdings for that date.

Holdings of frozen and cured beef on March 1 were the third lowest on record - 56,874,000 pounds. Average holdings for that date (1933-37) were 93,181,000 pounds, while the March 1, 1937, stocks were reported at 167,438,000 pounds.

Holdings of frozen and cured pork followed the seasonal trend and increased by 28,342,000 pounds during the month of February. The average (1933-37) increase for that month was 17,788,000 pounds. Pork stocks generally were considerably below those of a year ago and the 5-year average.

Stocks of lard increased during February by 17,538,000 pounds, which is about 3 times the average increase for that month.

The smaller storage stocks of all meats on March 1 compared with those of a year earlier do not suggest that the total quantities of meats available are correspondingly low. The beef and pork items, as reported above, actually include but a small portion of the total meat supply available for consumption.

Commodity	March 1, 5-yr.av. 1933-37	March 1, 1937	Feb. 1, 1938	March 1, 1938
	- Thousand Pounds -			
Beef, frozen .....	71,325	135,256	45,313	43,848
Beef in process of cure .....	14,939	22,698	11,273	10,333
Beef, cured .....	6,917	9,484	2,783	2,693
TOTAL beef .....	93,181	167,438	59,369	56,874
Pork, frozen .....	196,662	325,036	200,671	212,111
Pork, dry salt, in process of cure ....	44,261	46,340	51,618	45,399
Pork, dry salt, cured .....	43,613	37,850	31,712	41,501
Pork, pickled, in process of cure ....	210,200	217,338	169,262	163,326
Pork, pickled, cured .....	152,650	149,124	100,765	120,033
TOTAL pork .....	647,396	775,688	554,028	582,370
Lamb and mutton, frozen .....	4,122	9,807	3,294	3,496
Frozen & cured trimmings & edible offal	79,409	126,233	81,179	77,172
TOTAL MEATS .....	824,108	1,079,166	697,870	719,912
Lard .....	125,125	202,476	99,318	116,856

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COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS MARCH 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 .....		513	2,679		1,632	4,828
Other States .....		266	317		706	638
NEW ENGLAND .....		779	2,996	4	2,338	5,466
New York .....	5	2,271	9,813		11,125	25,774
New Jersey .....		505	3,834		5,566	6,348
Pennsylvania .....		563	1,261		6,464	4,158
MIDDLE ATLANTIC ...		3,339	14,908	88	23,155	36,280
Ohio .....		580	713		4,084	1,160
Indiana .....		103	58		1,482	1,221
Illinois .....		7,942	4,862		13,105	19,155
Michigan .....		249	697		1,095	1,536
Wisconsin .....	3	102	35,558		1,087	1,159
EAST N. CENTRAL ...		8,976	41,888	39	20,853	24,231
Minnesota .....		1,166	638		1,627	4,128
Iowa .....		79	100		3,721	3,688
Missouri .....		767	824		11,356	5,498
Nebraska .....		281	216		3,555	6,601
Kansas .....		96	243		3,857	671
Dakotas .....		70	--		2	106
WEST N. CENTRAL ...		2,459	2,021	40	24,118	20,692
SOUTH ATLANTIC ...		1,276	1,529	9	1,909	1,150
Kentucky .....		975	333		1,450	1,153
Tennessee .....		497	277		1,639	1,101
Alabama & Mississippi .		258	328		301	32
EAST S. CENTRAL ...		1,730	938	17	3,390	2,286
Oklahoma .....		255	143		1,804	130
Texas .....		365	2,723		6,211	1,027
Arkansas & Louisiana ..		25	136		1,327	153
WEST S. CENTRAL ...		645	3,002	58	9,342	1,310
Colorado .....		177	489		373	356
Other States .....		47	1,301		66	433
MOUNTAIN .....		224	1,790	7	439	789
Washington .....		275	353		809	1,650
Oregon .....		11	990		284	464
California .....		1,216	3,532		1,819	6,200
PACIFIC .....		1,502	4,735	19	2,912	8,314
Other States, combined for cream only .....	9					
UNITED STATES .....	17	20,930	73,807	281	88,456	100,518

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A P P L E   H O L D I N G S   I N   C O L D   S T O R A G E

STATE	March 1, 1938				March 1, 1937
	Barrels	Western boxes	Baskets	Total bushels	Total bushels
			- Thousands -		
Massachusetts .....	--	12	310	322	133
New York .....	10	28	3,354	3,412	1,726
New Jersey .....	1	--	687	690	480
Pennsylvania .....	24	43	941	1,056	565
Ohio .....	--	36	532	568	233
Indiana .....	--	5	183	188	97
Illinois .....	--	165	690	855	518
Michigan .....	--	15	552	567	387
Wisconsin .....	--	35	46	81	46
Minnesota .....	1	67	10	80	83
Iowa .....	--	3	15	18	12
Missouri .....	1	49	486	538	313
Nebraska .....	--	9	27	36	30
Kansas .....	--	--	12	12	8
Virginia .....	167	15	2,112	2,628	960
West Virginia .....	5	1	275	291	102
Kentucky .....	--	--	13	13	7
Tennessee .....	--	4	21	25	9
Texas .....	--	77	2	79	124
Arkansas .....	--	--	21	21	1
Washington .....	--	5,909	--	5,909	4,616
Oregon .....	--	370	--	370	464
California .....	--	1,017	--	1,017	830
Other states .....	8	157	616	797	<del>1,349</del>
UNITED STATES ...	217	8,017	10,905	19,573	12,193