

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

COMMODITY	FEB. 5-YR. AVERAGE 1933-37	FEB. 1937	FEB. 1938	MAR. 5-YR. AVERAGE 1933-37	MAR. 1937	MAR. 1938
BEEF, FROZEN.....	11,343:	14,413:	12,042 :	10,658:	12,925:	11,437
BEEF, PLACED IN CURE.....	5,049:	5,507:	4,437 :	4,779:	4,847:	5,110
PORK, FROZEN.....	51,955:	54,475:	52,782 :	40,364:	47,993:	38,316
PORK DRY SALT PLACED IN CURE.....	37,626:	35,092:	36,702 :	33,566:	32,445:	30,943
PORK PICKLED PLACED IN CURE.....	149,616:	137,458:	124,296 :	133,029:	119,580:	124,493
LAMB AND MUTTON, FROZEN.....	563:	865:	911 :	553:	635:	706

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 MONTHS' 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 APRIL 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 April 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 holdings of apples as reported to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics as of April 1 were the largest on record for that date, totaling 12,060,000 bushels. April 1 stocks exceeded those of a year ago by 4,700,000 bushels and the 5-year (1933-37) average by 3,726,000 bushels.

Stocks of frozen and preserved fruits on hand on April 1 were 98,833,000 pounds compared with 48,284,000 pounds on April 1 a year ago and 52,978,000 pounds, the 5-year (1933-37) average.

"Quick-freeze" vegetable stocks were 23,792,000 pounds, indicating a decrease during March of 2,200,000 pounds. Holdings were 15,388,000 pounds greater than those of April 1 a year ago.

Commodity	April 1,	April 1,	March 1,	April 1,
	5-yr. av. 1933-37	1937	1938	1938
		- Thousands -		
Apples..... barrels.....	189	42	218	95
Apples..... western boxes..	4,609	4,580	7,969	4,790
Apples..... bushels ¹	3,158	2,654	10,917	6,985
TOTAL apples..... bushels.....	8,334	7,360	19,540	12,060
Pears, Bartletts..... packed boxes....		9	11	13
Pears, Bartletts..... loose boxes....		1	3	2
Pears, all others..... boxes.....	158	105	317	132
Pears..... baskets.....	9	6	14	7
FROZEN FRUITS: ²				
Strawberries..... pounds.....		6,594	24,821	22,264
Blueberries..... "		2,165	7,143	6,699
Cherries..... "		6,558	18,583	15,503
Other fruits..... "		32,967	60,281	54,367
TOTAL frozen fruits..... "	52,978	48,284	110,828	98,833
FROZEN VEGETABLES:				
Peas..... "		2,663	8,342	7,578
Beans, cut..... "		1,096	1,796	1,732
Beans, Lima..... "		2,161	4,907	4,130
Corn..... "		733	1,911	1,949
Spinach..... "		367	2,187	2,013
Unclassified vegetables..... "		1,384	6,849	6,390
TOTAL frozen vegetables..... "		8,404	25,992	23,792

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

Stocks of creamery butter declined to 14,310,000 pounds by April 1. They were, however, approximately 114 percent greater than those of April 1, 1937, and 70 percent above the 5-year (1933-37) average. The out-of-storage movement during March (6,723,000 pounds) was much below that for March 1937, at which time 13,978,000 pounds were moved. The 5-year (1933-37) average out-of-storage movement was 8,689,000 pounds.

Withdrawals of American cheese during March were slightly above the seasonal trend, being 7,383,000 pounds. The April 1 stocks were about 10 percent less than a year ago but 18 percent greater than the 5-year (1933-37) average.

The into-storage movement of shell eggs during March 1938 was 1,013,000 cases compared with 1,091,000 for the same period a year ago and the 5-year average in-movement of 1,230,000 cases.

Stocks of frozen eggs on April 1 were the largest on record for that date, exceeding the previous high point of April 1, 1931, by 17,688,000 pounds.

Total frozen poultry holdings on April 1, 1938, were 41,603,000 pounds below those of April 1, 1937, and 4,277,000 pounds below the 5-year (1933-37) average.

Commodity	April 1, 5-yr. av. 1933-37	April 1, 1937	March 1, 1938	April 1, 1938
		- Thousands -		
Cream, 40% 40-qt.cans	41	55	16	22
Cream, 20% " "	2	2	1	1
Butter, creamery pounds ...	8,399	6,700	21,033	14,310
Butter, Packing stock "		18	36	86
Cheese, American " ...	56,467	73,822	73,815	66,432
Cheese, Swiss " ...	4,247	3,317	4,033	3,489
Cheese, brick and Munster ... " ...	723	851	569	499
Cheese, Limburger " ...	623	1,072	376	254
Cheese, all other varieties . " ...	4,531	6,154	6,863	6,467
TOTAL cheese " ...	66,596	83,216	85,656	77,141
Eggs, shell cases	1,354	1,413	281	1,294
Eggs, frozen pounds ...	44,441	53,074	88,754	95,739
Eggs, frozen, case equiv. $\frac{1}{2}$ / cases	1,270	1,516	2,536	2,735
TOTAL eggs, case equiv. $\frac{2}{2}$ / "	2,624	2,929	2,817	4,029
Broilers pounds ...	9,782	16,990	7,862	6,254
Fryers " ...	9,161	11,734	8,625	7,021
Roasters " ...	22,171	23,908	20,161	15,783
Fowls " ...	10,042	17,904	20,810	15,236
Turkeys " ...	19,055	30,417	24,561	20,078
Ducks " ...	1,185	1,883	2,717	1,458
Miscellaneous poultry " ...	11,606	17,492	15,757	12,895
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY " ...	83,002	120,328	100,493	78,725

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

2/ SPECIAL NOTE: 72 percent of the total frozen eggs reported as of April 1, 1938, were classified as follows:

Whites	30 percent
Yolks	23 "
Mixed	47 "

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FROZEN AND CURED MEATS

(INCLUDING LARD)

Total holdings of frozen and cured meats reported to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics on April 1, 1938, were 666,516,000 pounds compared with those of a year ago of 1,022,539,000 pounds and with the 5-year (1933-37) April 1 average of 777,431,000 pounds.

Cold storage stocks of frozen and cured beef were approximately 92,000,000 pounds less than those of April 1 a year ago and about 32,000,000 pounds below the 5-year average.

Total holdings of frozen and cured pork were reported at 543,407,000 pounds, a decrease of 28 percent from a year ago and approximately a 12 percent decrease from average.

Stocks of frozen lamb and mutton were 4,234,000 pounds less than those of a year ago and 374,000 pounds below the 5-year average.

Holdings of lard were reported at 121,413,000 pounds on April 1, 1938. On the same date a year ago they amounted to 217,227,000 pounds, and the 5-year average was 126,885,000 pounds.

Commodity	April 1, 5-yr. av. 1933-37	April 1, 1937	March 1, 1938	April 1, 1938
	- Thousand Pounds -			
Beef, frozen	61,243	111,751	43,965	37,948
Beef, in process of cure	13,043	18,928	10,371	9,828
Beef, cured	7,790	12,012	2,687	2,692
TOTAL beef	82,076	142,691	57,023	50,468
Pork, frozen	190,102	328,383	213,433	189,739
Pork, dry salt, in process of cure ...	45,013	47,096	45,301	40,497
Pork, dry salt, cured	44,316	42,068	41,490	44,199
Pork, pickled, in process of cure	194,188	196,662	162,368	146,037
Pork, pickled, cured	146,528	141,568	120,062	122,935
TOTAL pork	620,147	755,777	582,654	543,407
Lamb and mutton, frozen	3,314	7,174	3,523	2,940
Frozen & cured trimmings & edible offal	71,894	116,897	77,779	69,701
TOTAL MEATS	777,431	1,022,539	720,979	666,516
Lard	126,885	217,227	116,979	121,413

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COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, APRIL 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		320	2,285		1,350	3,800
Other States		266	307		686	513
NEW ENGLAND		586	2,592	14	2,036	4,313
New York	14	1,753	8,838		11,099	20,411
New Jersey		320	3,195		6,032	4,867
Pennsylvania		1,055	1,190		6,819	3,354
MIDDLE ATLANTIC ..		3,128	13,223	233	23,950	28,632
Ohio		442	675		4,240	809
Indiana		42	55		1,912	830
Illinois		3,949	4,006		13,328	15,248
Michigan		235	632		1,093	1,333
Wisconsin	3	71	32,749		1,084	856
EAST N. CENTRAL ..		4,739	38,117	453	21,657	19,076
Minnesota		1,738	578		1,482	3,101
Iowa		30	54		3,742	2,901
Missouri		377	690		13,979	4,342
Nebraska		162	225		3,276	5,439
Kansas		46	281		3,384	503
Dakotas		17	--		1	53
WEST N. CENTRAL ..		2,370	1,828	202	25,864	16,339
SOUTH ATLANTIC ...		1,313	1,393	32	2,000	934
Kentucky		230	223		2,006	834
Tennessee		94	92		2,042	727
Alabama & Mississippi		217	256		257	30
EAST S. CENTRAL ..		541	571	91	4,305	1,591
Oklahoma		1	103		2,263	32
Texas		326	2,795		7,963	460
Arkansas & Louisiana		28	131		1,832	134
WEST S. CENTRAL ..		355	3,029	119	12,058	626
Colorado		76	406		372	273
Other States		16	1,201		76	364
MOUNTAIN		92	1,607	32	448	637
Washington		87	309		735	1,350
Oregon		6	848		292	297
California		1,093	2,915		2,394	4,930
PACIFIC		1,186	4,072	118	3,421	6,577
Other States, combined for cream only	6					
UNITED STATES	23	14,310	66,432	1,294	95,739	78,725

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APPLE HOLDINGS IN COLD STORAGE EXTENSION

STATE	APRIL 1, 1938				APRIL 1, 1937
	Barrels	Western boxes	Baskets	Total bushels	Total bushels
- Thousands -					
Massachusetts	--	8	195	203	69
New York	3	24	2,282	2,315	931
New Jersey	--	--	462	462	278
Pennsylvania	7	38	566	625	237
Ohio	--	22	357	379	150
Indiana	--	3	92	95	71
Illinois	--	123	417	540	356
Michigan	--	5	355	360	229
Wisconsin	--	28	21	49	29
Minnesota	14	31	8	81	44
Missouri	1	33	233	269	200
Nebraska	--	5	20	25	19
Kansas	--	--	--	--	4
Virginia	67	53	1,456	1,710	445
West Virginia	1	1	137	141	26
Texas	--	60	1	61	73
Washington	--	3,436	--	* 3,436	3,081
Oregon	--	197	--	197	292
California	--	642	--	642	571
Other States	2	81	383	470	255
UNITED STATES	95	4,790	6,985	12,060	7,360

* This figure was inadvertently reported as 436 (thousand) bushels in the original report.