

MEATS FROZEN OR PLACED IN CURE

COMMODITY	MAY 5-YR.AV. 1933-37	DURING MAY 1937	DURING MAY 1938	JUNE 5-YR.AV. 1933-37	DURING JUNE 1937	DURING JUNE 1938
			(IN THOUSANDS OF POUNDS, I. E. "000" OMITTED)			
BEEF, FROZEN .....	11,356	12,989	9,210	12,920	11,622	12,025
BEEF PLACED IN CURE .....	5,333	4,955	5,076	5,699	5,132	6,029
PORK, FROZEN .....	45,785	37,256	34,482	46,505	28,782	35,848
PORK, D.S.PLACED IN CURE..	40,445	26,380	35,591	43,490	28,585	44,365
PORK, PICKLED PLACED IN CURE	160,621	123,284	132,960	156,510	122,442	133,854
LAMB AND MUTTON, FROZEN ..	590	827	567	684	697	684

**NOTE:** THESE HOLDINGS INCLUDE STOCKS IN BOTH COLD STORAGE WAREHOUSES AND MEAT PACKING HOUSE PLANTS.

MEATS HELD FOR THE ACCOUNT OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY RELIEF ADMINISTRATION ARE NOT INCLUDED IN THE ABOVE FIGURES.

- (1) - FIGURES SHOWN SUBJECT TO REVISION. REVISED FIGURES WILL APPEAR IN NEXT MONTH'S REPORT.
- (2) - 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 EXCEEDINGLY 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 JULY 1, 1938

MARKETING 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 July 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. Because of the seasonal interest in the cherry pack and holdings, there is included a table showing cold storage stocks of cherries by geographic divisions. There is also included a breakdown of frozen poultry items by geographic divisions.

### FRUITS

#### FRESH

Few, if any, apples of the 1937 crop remained in cold storages on July 1, and the clean-up of pear stocks by that date was somewhat better than a year ago. The harvesting of summer fruits, berries, and melons is now under way and with long-time cold storage activities at a minimum, the refrigerating houses are now playing an important part in the distribution of these perishable commodities by short-time storage or through pre-cooling operations.

#### QUICK-FREEZE PROCESSED

This is the first report of quick-freeze fruit items which has been compiled from the monthly reports furnished by the nation's cold storage warehouses. Previously, quick-freeze fruit items were included with those cold packed and preserved.

Of the total stocks (25,360,000 pounds) of quick-freeze fruits and berries reported on July 1, the heaviest holdings were 10,980,000 pounds of strawberries. Of special significance was the report of 995,000 pounds of Logan and similar berries, such as Youngberries, Boysenberries, etc., most of which were processed at Pacific Coast points. Classification was not reported for 5,323,000 pounds of fruits and berries, but it is not unlikely that this amount could be pro-rated among the various items according to their distribution in the reports that furnished a classification.

#### COLD PACKED AND PRESERVED

Cold packed and preserved fruits on hand July 1 were 99,389,000 pounds, which is an increase of 29 percent over the holdings a year ago and 47 percent over the 5-year average holdings for that date. More than one-third of the total holdings consisted of strawberries.

### VEGETABLES

#### QUICK-FREEZE PROCESSED

There has been a consistent increase in the quantities of quick-freeze vegetables held in cold storage since the principal harvesting season began about a month ago. Stocks on July 1 amounted to 31,434,000 pounds, which is an increase of 10 million pounds over a month ago and is more than four times the quantity of quick-freeze vegetables held in storage on July 1, 1937. New vegetable items reported for the first time this month are asparagus and green sprouting broccoli.

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## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Commodity	July 1, 5-yr. av. 1933-37	July 1, 1937	June 1, 1938	July 1, 1938
FRUITS				
- Thousands -				
Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes				1
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes.				1
Pears, all others.....boxes.....	5	5	14	4
Pears.....baskets.....	1	1	2	1
<u>QUICK FREEZE PROCESSED</u>				
Blackberries.....pounds.....				616
Blueberries.....".....				766
Cherries 1/.....".....				2,263
Logan and similar berries.....".....				995
Raspberries.....".....				727
Strawberries.....".....				10,980
Other fruits.....".....				3,690
Classification not reported.....".....				5,323
TOTAL QUICK FREEZE ".....				25,360
<u>COLD PACKED AND PRESERVED</u>				
Blackberries.....pounds.....				2,360
Blueberries.....".....		1,238		4,462
Cherries 1/.....".....	See	2,401	See	9,840
Logan and similar berries.....".....	Foot-		Foot-	1,327
Raspberries.....".....	note 2/		note 2/	4,646
Strawberries.....".....		34,529		36,929
Other fruits 2/.....".....		38,901		21,149
Classification not reported.....".....				18,676
TOTAL COLD PACK... ".....	67,617	77,069		99,389
<u>VEGETABLES</u>				
<u>QUICK FREEZE PROCESSED</u>				
Asparagus.....pounds.....				3,382
Beans, Lima.....".....		1,594	3,145	2,971
Beans, snap.....".....		664	1,623	2,164
Broccoli, green.....".....	See			467
Corn, sweet.....".....	Foot-	477	1,714	1,895
Peas, green.....".....	note 2/	2,158	6,068	10,709
Spinach.....".....		503	1,797	2,403
Other vegetables 2/.....".....		1,692	7,064	2,917
Classification not reported.....".....				4,526
TOTAL QUICK FREEZE ".....		7,088	21,411	31,434

1/ A table showing, by geographic divisions, the quantities of "quick-freeze" and "cold pack" cherries in cold storage will be found on page 6.

2/ Not comparable with previous figures in that further segregations have been made beginning with July 1, 1938.

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DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

Holdings of creamery butter were 120,050,000 pounds on July 1 - a record for that date. Creamery butter stocks were 54,594,000 pounds a month ago; 83,119,000 a year ago - and the 5-year (1933-37) average July 1 holdings are 85,971,000 pounds.

American cheese held in cold storages amounted to 99,682,000 pounds on July 1, which was approximately ten million pounds above the previous record July 1 holdings of a year ago.

Shell eggs held in cold storage on July 1 set a new low record for that date (since 1917), amounting to 6,251,000 cases. This is about 2,300,000 cases less than hold in storage a year ago and 2 million cases less than the 5-year average.

Stocks of 138,453,000 pounds of frozen eggs on July 1 were about 26,000,000 pounds below last year's holdings but were 18 million pounds above the 5-year average.

Total frozen poultry items held in cold storage July 1 were slightly above average holdings for that date but 24,000,000 pounds less than a year ago.

Commodity	July 1 5-yr. av. 1933-37	July 1, 1937	June 1, 1938	July 1, 1938
- Thousands -				
<b>CREAM</b>				
Forty percent.....40-qt. cans	204	226	221	362
Twenty percent....." "	13	29	9	16
<b>BUTTER</b>				
Creamery.....pounds.....	85,971	83,119	54,594	120,050
Packing stock....." .....		779	371	647
<b>CHEESE</b>				
American....." .....	74,250	89,191	79,345	99,682
Swiss including block....." .....	3,904	3,368	2,773	3,101
Brick and Munster....." .....	1,444	1,202	510	733
Limburger....." .....	896	794	400	816
All other varieties....." .....	7,922	10,763	8,132	10,390
TOTAL CHEESE....." .....	88,416	105,318	91,160	114,722
<b>EGGS</b>				
Shell.....cases.....	8,306	8,548	5,100	6,251
Frozen.....pounds.....	120,714	164,830	130,872	138,453
Frozen, case equivalent 2/.....cases.....	3,449	4,709	3,739	3,956
TOTAL EGGS, case equiv. 3/....." .....	11,755	13,257	8,839	10,207
<b>FROZEN POULTRY 4/</b>				
Broilers.....pounds.....	4,752	7,366	4,258	4,851
Fryers....." .....	2,444	3,396	3,766	2,488
Roasters....." .....	7,613	8,726	8,826	6,906
Fowls....." .....	8,830	14,996	9,024	9,732
Turkeys....." .....	12,814	21,915	12,926	11,907
Ducks....." .....	2,794	5,993	3,143	6,049
Miscellaneous poultry....." .....	10,870	14,781	10,106	11,422
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY....." .....	50,118	77,173	52,049	53,355

1/ Includes 1,939,000 pounds of creamery butter held by the Dairy Products Marketing Association for resale or for relief purposes. Also includes 1,713,000 pounds held by various states for relief distribution and not subject to resale. Quantities held in New York City storages for municipal relief distribution are not included.

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

3/ SPECIAL NOTE: 80 percent of the total frozen eggs reported as of July 1, 1938, were classified as follows: Whites - 31 percent; Yolks - 21 percent; and Mixed - 48 percent.

4/ A breakdown of frozen poultry items by geographic divisions will be found on page 6.

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FROZEN AND CURED MEATS  
(INCLUDING LARD)

Frozen and cured beef stocks were 33,359,000 pounds on July 1, or about 30,000,000 pounds less than holdings a year ago. The total of frozen and cured beef meat items is the third smallest for that date since the records began in 1916. However, these smaller storage stocks do not mean that the available quantities of fresh beef are correspondingly low, since the items as reported actually include but a small portion of the total beef supply available for consumption.

Stocks of frozen, dry salt, and pickled pork amounted to 416,838,000 pounds on July 1, which are the smallest pork holdings reported on that date since the reports began in 1916. However, stocks of 445 and 435 million pounds, respectively, were reported in 1935 and 1936. The low level of storage stocks in the past 3 years reflects to a considerable extent the relatively small production of pork resulting from the droughts of 1934 and 1936. The per capita output of pork in the United States in the past 3 years has been at the lowest level in the present century.

Lard holdings are about the same as last month and a year ago but are 19 percent above the 5-year (1933-37) average stocks of 1,785,000 pounds.

Commodity	July 1 5-yr. av. 1933-37	July 1, 1937	June 1, 1938	July 1, 1938
- Thousand pounds -				
<u>BEEF</u>				
Frozen.....	31,563	43,191	24,038	23,114
In process of cure.....	10,317	9,362	7,379	8,236
Cured.....	6,321	10,969	2,184	2,009
TOTAL BEEF.....	48,201	63,522	33,601	33,359
<u>PORK</u>				
Frozen.....	157,874	203,595	141,180	118,379
Dry salt in process of cure.....	46,273	40,859	38,910	44,373
Dry salt cured.....	45,358	40,860	34,994	33,809
Pickled in process of cure.....	197,753	165,641	138,638	133,886
Pickled cured.....	122,346	127,469	96,794	86,391
TOTAL PORK.....	569,603	578,424	450,516	416,838
Lamb and mutton, frozen .....	1,785	2,171	2,125	2,125
Frozen & cured trimmings and edible offal	60,978	69,198	61,524	62,053
TOTAL MEATS .....	680,568	713,315	547,766	514,375
Lard.....	151,593	185,124	123,581	126,123

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COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, JULY 1, 1938

By States, For Specified Commodities

State	Cream (40-gt. cans)	Butter Lbs.	American cheese Lbs.	Eggs Cases	Frozen eggs Lbs.	Total poultry Lbs.
- Thousands -						
Massachusetts.....	14	4,951	2,910	135	2,348	2,966
Other States.....		806	569	28	954	375
NEW ENGLAND.....	14	5,757	3,479	163	3,302	3,341
New York.....	232	11,571	12,261	568	10,927	11,220
New Jersey.....	12	7,848	3,364	629	9,575	6,888
Pennsylvania.....	18	5,967	1,782	289	6,952	2,406
MIDDLE ATLANTIC....	262	25,386	17,407	1,486	27,454	20,514
Ohio.....	21	4,540	686	355	4,640	658
Indiana.....		1,509	137	39	2,405	442
Illinois.....	17	35,826	6,391	1,796	20,518	9,137
Michigan.....	8	4,142	1,041	185	1,499	1,261
Wisconsin.....	15	1,471	51,692	165	1,340	534
EAST N. CENTRAL....	61	47,488	59,947	2,540	30,402	12,032
Minnesota.....	20	13,151	734	254	3,995	2,088
Iowa.....		3,778	86	119	4,153	1,337
Missouri.....	4	4,364	1,218	337	23,764	2,605
Nebraska.....		3,610	445	129	3,906	2,421
Kansas.....		1,279	640	153	7,717	454
Dakotas.....		761	--	2	1	5
WEST N. CENTRAL....	24	26,943	3,123	999	43,536	8,910
SOUTH ATLANTIC....		2,586	3,157	131	2,486	887
Kentucky.....		1,199	207	25	1,804	513
Tennessee.....		734	321	150	2,763	241
Alabama & Mississippi.		512	617	24	313	33
EAST S. CENTRAL....		2,445	1,145	199	4,880	787
Oklahoma.....		421	231	43	5,174	84
Texas.....		1,096	2,408	109	12,119	292
Arkansas & Louisiana..		158	220	21	2,352	129
WEST S. CENTRAL....		1,675	2,859	173	19,645	505
Colorado.....		1,054	574	65	730	179
Other States.....		354	2,121	33	105	268
MOUNTAIN.....		1,408	2,695	98	835	447
Washington.....		2,114	489	116	747	1,515
Oregon.....		410	1,124	39	475	577
California.....		3,838	4,257	307	4,691	3,840
PACIFIC.....		6,362	5,870	462	5,913	5,932
Other States, combined for cream only.....	9					
UNITED STATES....	370	120,050	99,682	6,251	138,453	53,355

FROZEN POULTRY IN COLD STORAGE, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

CLASSIFIED BY VARIETIES

JULY 1, 1938

Geographic division	Broilers	Fryers	Roasters	Fowls	Turkeys	Ducks	Miscellaneous
- 1,000 pounds -							
New England.....	117	91	649	572	1,291	406	215
Middle Atlantic....	1,082	483	2,536	2,735	4,054	4,674	4,950
East North Central.	1,071	1,045	1,533	3,374	1,545	708	2,756
West North Central.	1,248	587	1,778	1,711	1,097	60	2,429
South Atlantic.....	54	39	110	110	294	46	234
East South Central.	67	83	85	225	165	15	147
West South Central.	29	13	6	175	156	11	115
Mountain.....	200	19	4	116	102	2	4
Pacific.....	983	128	205	714	3,203	127	572
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>4,851</b>	<b>2,488</b>	<b>6,906</b>	<b>9,732</b>	<b>11,907</b>	<b>6,049</b>	<b>11,422</b>

*Stocks* CHERRIES IN COLD STORAGE *July 1, 1938*

Geographic division	July 1, 1938		July 1, 1937
	Quick Freeze	Cold Pack <i>Total</i>	Quick Freeze and Cold Pack
- 1,000 pounds -			
New England.....	35	193 <i>228</i>	97
Middle Atlantic....	1,995	4,671 <i>6666</i>	1,138
East North Central.	176	3,276 <i>3452</i>	920
West North Central.	18	575 <i>593</i>	142
Pacific.....	7	698 <i>705</i>	44
All other divisions	32	427 <i>459</i>	60
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>2,263</b>	<b>9,840</b> <i>12,163</i>	<b>2,401</b>

*X* Segregation of "quick freeze" and "cold pack" not reported prior to July 1, 1938.