

MEATS FROZEN OR PLACED IN CURE

COMMODITY	JUNE 5-YR.AV. 1933-37	DURING JUNE 1937	DURING JUNE 1938	JULY 5-YR.AV. 1933-37	DURING JULY 1937	DURING JULY 1938
(IN THOUSANDS OF POUNDS, I.E. "000" OMITTED)						
BEEF FROZEN .....	12,920	11,622	12,123	17,416	15,558	14,396
BEEF PLACED IN CURE .....	5,699	5,132	6,053	6,212	5,373	7,559
PORK, FROZEN .....	46,505	28,782	35,711	45,510	28,392	32,618
PORK, D.S. PLACED IN CURE .....	43,490	28,585	44,628	44,710	29,877	49,909
PORK, PICKLED PLACED IN CURE	156,510	122,442	135,717	145,308	114,084	132,656
LAMB AND MUTTON, FROZEN	684	697	672	658	616	800

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.

COLD STORAGE REPORT  
AS OF AUGUST 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 August 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 and poultry. Because of the seasonal interest in the cherry and strawberry packs and holdings, there are included tables showing cold storage stocks of these items by geographic divisions. There is also included a breakdown of frozen poultry items by geographic divisions.

F R U I T S

FRESH

Practically none of the early pack of pears moved into cold storage up to August 1, 1938, and the amounts on hand were rather insignificant. The movement into storage of summer fruits and berries continued with a considerable volume of increase above July 1 holdings.

QUICK-FREEZE PROCESSED AND COLD PACKED AND PRESERVED

The collection and compilation of information on cold storage stocks of quick-freeze and cold-packed and preserved fruits is still in the experimental stage, which makes it somewhat difficult to give a really accurate segregation. Of the 35,000,000 pounds of "quick-freeze" fruits in storage on August 1, the classification on 3,700,600 pounds was not reported. Of the 116,000,000 pounds of cold packed fruits in storage on the same date, 30,000,000 pounds were unclassified.

V E G E T A B L E S

QUICK-FREEZE

The same situation as for frozen fruits prevails in the case of frozen vegetables. Of the 45,000,000 pounds reported, slightly over 6,000,000 pounds were not classified.

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Commodity	August 1, 5-yr. av. 1933-37	August 1, 1937	July 1, 1938	August 1 1938
<u>FRUITS</u>				
- Thousands -				
Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes	No	30	-	19
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes.	data	289	-	17
Pears, all others.....boxes.....	350	9	4	19
Pears.....baskets.....	13	3	1	
<u>QUICK FREEZE PROCESSED</u>				
Blackberries.....pounds.....			390	602
Blueberries....."			864	704
Cherries 1/....."			3,368	9,904
Logan and similar berries....."			464	1,014
Raspberries....."			709	3,443
Strawberries 1/....."			9,862	12,600
Other fruits....."			3,493	3,043
Classification not reported...."			5,027	3,711
TOTAL QUICK FREEZE "			24,177	35,021
<u>COLD PACKED AND PRESERVED</u>				
Blackberries.....pounds.....			2,417	2,976
Blueberries....."		1,147	4,459	3,917
Cherries 1/....."	See	23,127	8,752	18,609
Logan and similar berries....."	Foot-		1,886	2,903
Raspberries....."	note 2/		4,770	9,549
Strawberries 1/....."		36,930	38,352	33,550
Other fruits....."		2/ 54,202	21,498	14,798
Classification not reported...."			19,061	30,028
TOTAL COLD PACK... "	85,900	115,406	101,195	116,330
<u>VEGETABLES</u>				
<u>QUICK FREEZE PROCESSED</u>				
Asparagus.....pounds.....			3,741	4,012
Beans, Lima....."		2,100	3,433	3,004
Beans, snap....."		1,473	2,222	3,464
Broccoli, green....."			601	710
Corn, sweet....."			2,019	2,052
Peas, green....."		7,457	11,415	21,839
Spinach....."		811	2,586	2,306
Other vegetables....."		2/ 4,402	2,950	1,493
Classification not reported...."			4,614	6,214
TOTAL QUICK FREEZE "		16,651	33,581	45,094

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

2/ Data for periods prior to July 1, 1938, are not fully comparable with present reports, which are based upon a more detailed segregation.

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DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS

The August 1, 1938, holdings of creamery butter reached 172,505,000 pounds - the heaviest on record for August 1 and also the heaviest on record for any period with two exceptions, September 1933 with 175,476,000 and October of the same year with 174,713,000 pounds. A month ago stocks were 120,351,000 pounds; August a year ago 123,863,000 and the 5-year average (1933-37), 127,286,000 pounds. Cold storage holdings of American cheese were 114,154,000 pounds, which constituted a record for any date since records are available.

Shell eggs held in cold storage on August 1 were 6,407,000 cases. This amount is the lowest on record for August 1 (this date invariably showing peak holdings) since 1916. This amount is 2,311,000 cases less than on August 1 a year ago and 2,087,000 cases less than the 5-year August 1 average.

Holdings of frozen egg meats showed a slight decrease from July. Stocks totaled 135,351,000 pounds, 31,525,000 pounds less than on August 1 last year but 9,779,000 pounds more than the 5-year (1933-37) August 1 average.

Frozen poultry stocks of all items totaled 52,561,000 pounds. This was 17,479,000 pounds less than a year earlier but 2,482,000 pounds greater than the August 1, 5-year average.

Commodity	August 1 5-yr. av. 1933-37	August 1, 1937	July 1, 1938	August 1, 1938
- Thousands -				
<u>CREAM</u>				
Forty percent.....40-qt. cans	204	226	363	377
Twenty percent....." "	10	20	16	16
<u>BUTTER</u>				
Creamery.....pounds.....	127,286	123,863	120,351	<sup>1/</sup> 172,505
Packing stock....." .....		1,139	450	321
<u>CHEESE</u>				
American....." .....	88,668	100,418	99,676	114,154
Swiss including block....." .....	4,518	4,034	3,117	3,932
Brick and Munster....." .....	1,593	1,545	795	953
Limburger....." .....	1,114	1,100	809	1,091
All other varieties....." .....	8,197	11,138	10,391	12,539
TOTAL CHEESE....." .....	104,090	118,235	114,788	132,669
<u>EGGS</u>				
Shell.....cases.....	8,494	8,718	6,255	6,407
Frozen.....pounds.....	125,572	166,876	138,510	135,351
Frozen, case equivalent <sup>2/</sup> .....cases.....	3,588	4,768	3,957	3,867
TOTAL EGGS, case equiv. <sup>3/</sup> cases.....	12,081	13,486	10,212	10,274
<u>FROZEN POULTRY <sup>4/</sup></u>				
Broilers.....pounds.....	6,407	7,400	4,876	6,536
Fryers....." .....	1,887	2,514	2,513	2,005
Roasters....." .....	5,349	6,094	6,948	5,426
Fowls....." .....	10,207	14,136	9,700	9,046
Turkeys....." .....	10,285	17,441	11,938	8,626
Ducks....." .....	4,494	8,588	6,050	9,196
Miscellaneous poultry....." .....	11,450	13,867	11,407	11,726
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY....." .....	50,079	70,040	53,432	52,561

<sup>1/</sup> Includes 17,359,000 pounds of creamery butter held by the Dairy Products Marketing Association for resale or for relief purposes, (Chicago, 8,684,000 pounds; New York metropolitan area, 7,126,000 pounds; Pacific Coast, 1,389,000 pounds; other areas, 160,000 pounds). Also includes 1,003,000 pounds held by various states for relief distribution and not subject to resale. Any quantities held in New York City storages for municipal relief distribution are not included. (See July 12, 1938, release for similar report on July 1 holdings.)

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

<sup>3/</sup> SPECIAL NOTE: 84 percent of the total frozen eggs reported as of August 1, 1938, were classified as follows: Whites, 30 percent; Yolks, 21 percent; and Mixed, 49 percent.

<sup>4/</sup> 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)

Stocks of frozen and cured beef on hand August 1, 1938, totaled 35,965,000 pounds, or about 15,500,000 pounds less than on the same date a year ago. An increase of 2,235,000 pounds occurred during July. August 1 stocks were 13,500,000 pounds less than the 5-year (1933-37) average.

Total stocks of frozen, dry salt, and pickled pork continue to decline. August 1 holdings, which were 379,000,000 pounds, were the lowest for August 1 on record with the exception of 1935. They were 88,240,000 pounds less than on August 1 last year, and 167,173,000 pounds less than the 5-year August 1 average.

Stocks of all frozen and cured meats were 101,335,000 pounds below those at this date last year and 167,173,000 pounds below the 5-year average.

Lard stocks were 123,649,000 pounds. This is 33,310,000 less than a year earlier and 30,586,000 pounds less than the August 1 (1933-37) 5-year average. Holdings were reduced during July by 2,417,000 pounds.

Commodity	August 1 5-yr. av. 1933-37	August 1, 1937	July 1, 1938	August 1, 1938
	- <u>Thousand pounds</u> -			
<u>BEEF</u>				
Frozen.....	32,476	34,105	23,343	24,124
In process of cure.....	10,871	8,262	8,386	9,182
Cured.....	6,098	9,099	2,001	2,659
<b>TOTAL BEEF.....</b>	<b>49,445</b>	<b>51,466</b>	<b>33,730</b>	<b>35,965</b>
<u>PORK</u>				
Frozen.....	146,432	143,668	118,212	98,103
Dry salt in process of cure.....	46,933	39,202	44,517	45,899
Dry salt cured.....	46,561	35,443	33,460	36,067
Pickled in process of cure.....	188,659	140,742	134,181	120,465
Pickled cured.....	117,621	108,218	87,334	78,499
<b>TOTAL PORK.....</b>	<b>546,206</b>	<b>467,273</b>	<b>417,704</b>	<b>379,033</b>
<u>LAMB AND MUTTON</u>				
Frozen.....	1,708	1,840	2,148	1,971
<u>TRIMMINGS AND EDIBLE OFFAL</u>				
Frozen and cured.....	64,467	58,070	61,945	60,345
<b>TOTAL MEATS.....</b>	<b>661,826</b>	<b>578,649</b>	<b>515,527</b>	<b>477,314</b>
<u>LARD.....</u>	154,235	156,959	126,066	123,649

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COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, AUGUST 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 .....	14	6,354	3,715	132	2,606	2,787
Other States .....		853	960	24	962	256
NEW ENGLAND .....	14	7,207	4,675	156	3,568	3,043
New York .....	240	16,581	14,030	587	10,355	11,179
New Jersey .....	11	13,477	4,501	633	10,878	8,627
Pennsylvania .....	20	7,375	2,267	304	7,000	2,335
MIDDLE ATLANTIC ...	271	37,433	20,798	1,524	28,233	22,141
Ohio .....	22	6,322	824	375	4,449	843
Indiana .....		2,581	340	38	2,189	679
Illinois .....	16	55,995	8,474	1,852	20,606	8,746
Michigan .....	6	5,507	1,451	183	1,403	1,312
Wisconsin .....	18	5,407	55,333	173	1,316	567
EAST N. CENTRAL ...	62	72,812	66,422	2,621	29,963	12,147
Minnesota .....	20	17,959	1,008	252	3,917	2,033
Iowa .....		5,447	83	124	4,006	1,076
Missouri .....	4	5,162	1,484	371	22,394	2,737
Nebraska .....		5,252	532	135	4,019	1,700
Kansas .....		1,725	718	163	6,839	497
Dakotas .....		1,286	-	2	1	5
WEST N. CENTRAL ...	24	36,831	3,825	1,047	41,176	8,048
SOUTH ATLANTIC ....		2,317	3,828	135	2,482	902
Kentucky .....		1,988	181	28	1,819	405
Tennessee .....		1,315	578	149	2,684	147
Alabama & Mississippi		633	782	22	315	58
EAST S. CENTRAL ...		3,936	1,541	199	4,818	610
Oklahoma .....		980	302	47	5,089	69
Texas .....		1,121	2,590	115	10,803	189
Arkansas & Louisiana .		187	276	20	2,279	115
WEST S. CENTRAL ...		2,288	3,168	182	18,171	373
Colorado .....		1,265	846	65	719	111
Other States .....		482	2,025	31	153	335
MOUNTAIN .....		1,747	2,871	96	872	446
Washington .....		2,686	701	105	878	1,280
Oregon .....		497	1,252	37	394	495
California .....		4,751	5,073	305	4,796	3,076
PACIFIC .....		7,934	7,026	447	6,068	4,851
Other States, combined for cream only .....	14					
UNITED STATES .....	385	172,505	114,154	6,407	135,351	52,561

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FROZEN POULTRY IN COLD STORAGE, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS

CLASSIFIED BY VARIETIES

AUGUST 1, 1938

Geographic division	Broilers	Fryers	Roasters	Fowls	Turkeys	Ducks	Miscellaneous
- 1,000 pounds -							
New England.....	187	88	501	383	1,004	678	202
Middle Atlantic.....	1,838	354	1,602	2,800	3,073	7,246	5,228
East North Central..	1,566	912	1,586	3,246	1,139	821	2,877
West North Central..	1,531	405	1,351	1,512	719	128	2,402
South Atlantic.....	75	33	103	184	233	54	220
East South Central..	69	59	71	68	128	33	182
West South Central..	22	12	5	142	84	18	90
Mountain.....	263	12	3	95	72	-	1
Pacific.....	985	130	204	616	2,174	218	524
UNITED STATES	6,536	2,005	5,426	9,046	8,626	9,196	11,726

CHERRIES IN COLD STORAGE 1/

Geographic division	August 1, 1938		August 1, 1937
	Quick Freeze	Cold Pack	Quick Freeze and Cold Pack
- 1,000 pounds -			
New England.....	20	196	224
Middle Atlantic.....	8,395	10,632	15,476
East North Central.....	974	4,834	6,025
West North Central.....	-	675	241
Pacific.....	37	1,719	932
All other divisions.....	478	553	229
UNITED STATES	9,904	18,609	23,127

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STRAWBERRIES IN COLD STORAGE 1/

Geographic division	August 1, 1938		August 1, 1937
	Quick Freeze	Cold Pack	Quick Freeze and Cold Pack
- 1,000 pounds -			
New England.....	942	2,258	2,731
Middle Atlantic.....	2,258	5,643	7,840
East North Central.....	1,231	3,999	4,849
West North Central.....	131	2,087	2,372
South Atlantic.....	1,818	2,616	8,468
Pacific.....	5,986	15,013	9,798
All other divisions.....	234	1,934	872
UNITED STATES	12,600	33,550	36,930

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