

MEATS FROZEN OR PLACED IN CURE

COMMODITY	JULY 5-YR. AV. 1933-37	DURING JULY, 1937	DURING JULY, 1938	AUGUST 5-YR. AV. 1933-37	DURING AUGUST 1937	DURING AUGUST 1938
(IN THOUSANDS OF POUNDS, I.E. "000" OMITTED)						
BEEF FROZEN .....	17,416	15,558	14,348	23,419	15,990	13,202
BEEF PLACED IN CURE ...	6,212	5,373	7,575	6,992	5,216	7,692
PORK, FROZEN .....	45,510	28,392	32,712	33,093	21,467	30,635
PORK, D.S. PLACED IN CURE	14,710	29,877	50,071	38,302	25,154	40,866
PORK, PICKLED PLACED IN CURE	45,308	114,084	131,875	133,530	98,979	117,664
LAMB AND MUTTON, FROZEN	658	616	795	871	806	768

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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## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

*Sept.*

Commodity	Sept. 1, 5-yr. av. 1933-37	Sept. 1, 1937	Aug. 1, 1938	Sept. 1, 1938
<u>FRUITS</u>				
- Thousands -				
Pears, Bartletts.....packed boxes	No	222	23	308
Pears, Bartletts.....loose boxes.	data	1,325	17	1,457
Pears, all others.....boxes.....	1,909	322	19	503
Pears.....baskets.....	73	41	-	125
<u>QUICK FREEZE PROCESSED</u>				
Blackberries.....pounds.....			602	1,110
Blueberries.....".....			705	725
Cherries 1/.....".....	This is a new series, Historical data for these items are not available.		7,054	5,494
Logan and similar berries.....".....			1,016	1,660
Raspberries.....".....			3,446	3,839
Strawberries 1/.....".....			12,583	13,551
Other fruits.....".....			3,036	2,060
Classification not reported.....".....			3,710	3,895
TOTAL QUICK FREEZE			32,152	32,334
<u>COLD PACKED AND PRESERVED</u>				
Blackberries.....pounds.....			3,035	4,714
Blueberries.....".....		2,484	3,918	3,966
Cherries 1/.....".....	See	30,170	22,708	22,217
Logan and similar berries.....".....	Foot-		2,916	2,185
Raspberries.....".....	note 2/		9,704	9,193
Strawberries 1/.....".....		36,198	33,700	30,324
Other fruits.....".....		2/ 59,598	14,786	16,406
Classification not reported.....".....			30,002	28,928
TOTAL COLD PACK... ".....	88,016	128,450	120,769	117,933
<u>VEGETABLES</u>				
<u>QUICK FREEZE PROCESSED</u>				
Asparagus.....pounds.....			4,033	4,244
Beans, Lima.....".....		2,817	3,008	9,727
Beans, snap.....".....		1,770	3,466	4,941
Broccoli, green.....".....	See		711	1,090
Corn, sweet.....".....	Foot-		498	3,736
Peas, green.....".....	note 2/		11,337	22,547
Spinach.....".....		737	2,309	2,149
Other vegetables.....".....		2/ 4,877	1,497	2,181
Classification not reported.....".....			6,227	5,409
TOTAL QUICK FREEZE ".....		22,036	45,851	59,963

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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## COLD STORAGE REPORT

AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 1938

MARKETING EXTENSION

The Bureau of Agricultural Economics makes the following report based on data furnished by cold storage warehouses<sup>1/</sup> throughout the country. The report shows stocks on hand as of September 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

Cold storage holdings of pears on hand September 1 amounted to a total of 2,393,000 boxes and baskets. This amount compares with a total of 1,910,000 on the same date a year ago, and a 5-year (1933-37) average of 1,982,000 boxes and baskets.

#### "QUICK-FREEZE PROCESSED" AND "COLD PACKED AND PRESERVED"

There was some decrease in cold storage stocks of frozen fruit products during August. The total holdings on September 1 amounted to 150,267,000 pounds, of which 32,334,000 were reported as "quick-frozen" and 117,933,000 "cold-packed". The reported classification of frozen fruits is still incomplete, 3,895,000 pounds of the total "quick-freeze" and 28,928,000 pounds of "cold-pack" being unclassified.

### V E G E T A B L E S

#### QUICK-FREEZE

Stocks of frozen vegetables increased during August by slightly more than 14,000,000 pounds. Of the 59,963,000 pounds reported, 5,409,000 pounds were unclassified.

<sup>1/</sup> The figures shown for the various commodities listed in the several tables of this report do not necessarily include the entire amounts that are carried under refrigeration. The following definition is used for purposes of the monthly cold storage report - "A cold storage warehouse is any place artificially cooled to a temperature of 45° Fahrenheit or below, in which food commodities are stored and held for 30 days or more." Thus it will be seen that floor stocks or what are known generally as current trading stocks held in dealers' distributing plants or meat-packing branch-houses (normally a few days' supply) are not considered cold storage stocks for purposes of this report.

September 1, 1938, holdings of creamery butter reached the highest point on record for any period. The 201,543,000 pounds reported exceeded the previous high stocks of September 1, 1933, by slightly over 26,000,000 pounds. They were 28,921,000 pounds more than on August 1 last; 66,658,000 pounds more than on September 1, 1937, and 61,585,000 pounds greater than the September 1 average for the 5 years, 1933 to 1937.

Cold storage stocks of American cheese were 127,979,000 pounds, which exceeded the record high holdings of a month ago by 13,372,000 pounds.

Shell eggs held in cold storage on September 1 were 5,950,000 cases. This amount is 2,440,000 cases less than on September 1, 1937, and 1,980,000 cases less than the 5-year (1933-37) average holdings for September 1.

Holdings of frozen eggs were reduced during August by 10,273,000 pounds. Stocks, which totaled 125,056,000 pounds, were 35,202,000 pounds less than on the same date a year ago but 5,876,000 pounds in excess of the 5-year average.

Frozen poultry stocks of all items indicated a net into-storage movement during August of 2,352,000 pounds. September 1 holdings, however, were 8,741,000 pounds less than those on hand September 1 a year ago but 3,397,000 pounds more than the 5-year average.

Commodity	Sept. 1, 5-yr. av. 1933-37	Sept. 1, 1937	Aug. 1, 1938	Sept. 1, 1938
- Thousands -				
<b>CREAM</b>				
Forty percent.....40-qt. cans	180	178	377	335
Twenty percent....." "	7	9	15	13
<b>BUTTER</b>				
Creamery.....pounds.....	139,958	134,885	172,622	1/ 201,543
Packing stock....." .....		169	321	220
<b>CHEESE</b>				
American....." .....	97,293	105,026	114,607	127,979
Swiss including block....." .....	5,684	4,915	5,026	6,913
Brick and Munster....." .....	1,364	1,146	1,013	919
Limburger....." .....	1,114	934	1,154	1,214
All other varieties....." .....	7,860	10,626	12,551	13,318
TOTAL CHEESE....." .....	113,314	122,647	134,351	150,343
<b>EGGS</b>				
Shell.....cases.....	7,930	8,390	6,411	5,950
Frozen.....pounds.....	119,180	160,258	135,329	125,056
Frozen, case equivalent 2/.....cases.....	3,405	4,579	3,867	3,573
TOTAL EGGS, case equiv. 3/. " .....	11,335	12,969	10,278	9,523
<b>FROZEN POULTRY</b> 4/				
Broilers.....pounds.....	9,667	8,212	6,553	9,041
Fryers....." .....	2,238	2,297	2,039	2,564
Roasters....." .....	4,230	4,798	5,449	5,035
Fowls....." .....	10,575	12,223	9,039	8,813
Turkeys....." .....	7,627	12,312	8,633	5,773
Ducks....." .....	5,576	10,170	9,196	11,250
Miscellaneous poultry....." .....	11,682	13,721	11,731	12,510
TOTAL FROZEN POULTRY....." .....	51,595	63,733	52,640	54,992

1/ Includes 67,505,000 pounds of creamery butter held by the Dairy Products Marketing Association for resale or for relief purposes, (Chicago, 39,296,000 pounds; New York metropolitan area, 24,102,000 pounds; Pacific Coast, 2,943,000 pounds; other areas, 1,164,000 pounds). Also includes 590,000 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 August 12, 1938, release for similar report on August 1 holdings.)

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

3/ SPECIAL NOTE: 84 percent of the total frozen eggs reported as of September 1, 1938, were classified as follows: Whites - 29 percent; Yolks - 20 percent; and Mixed - 51 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)

Stocks of frozen and cured beef on hand amounted to 36,211,000 pounds. They showed an increase over last month of 286,000 pounds but were 8,371,000 less than on September 1, 1937, and 20,719,000 pounds less than the 5-year (1933-37) average for September 1.

Total stocks of frozen and cured pork were reduced during August by 44,522,000 pounds. They were 33,136,000 pounds below those on September 1 a year ago and 148,022,000 below the 5-year average. September 1 stocks have been lower on one occasion only, in 1935, when they were 325,249,000 pounds.

Stocks of all frozen and cured meats were 432,778,000 pounds. This amount is 30,657,000 pounds less than September 1, 1937, holdings and 175,708,000 pounds less than the 5-year average for this date.

Lard stocks declined by 6,995,000 pounds during August. September 1 stocks, which were 116,682,000 pounds, were 1,412,000 pounds below those of September 1, 1937, and 18,083,000 pounds below the 5-year average.

Commodity	Sept. 1, 5-yr. av. 1933-37	Sept. 1, 1937	Aug. 1, 1938	Sept. 1, 1938
	- Thousand pounds -			
<u>BEEF</u>				
Frozen.....	40,423	29,250	24,023	23,558
In process of cure.....	11,312	7,992	9,240	10,375
Cured.....	5,195	7,340	2,662	2,278
TOTAL BEEF.....	56,930	44,582	35,925	36,211
<u>PORK</u>				
Frozen.....	119,073	91,024	98,217	82,486
Dry salt in process of cure.....	40,196	32,464	45,959	41,702
Dry salt cured.....	42,782	32,209	36,042	39,029
Pickled in process of cure.....	172,913	123,709	119,998	108,325
Pickled cured.....	107,517	88,189	78,765	62,917
TOTAL PORK.....	482,481	367,595	378,981	334,459
<u>LAMB AND MUTTON</u>				
Frozen.....	1,877	1,928	1,972	1,836
<u>TRIMMINGS AND EDIBLE OFFAL</u>				
Frozen and cured.....	67,198	49,330	60,808	60,27
TOTAL MEATS.....	608,486	463,435	477,686	432,778
<u>LARD</u> .....	134,765	118,094	123,677	116,682

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**COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS, SEPTEMBER 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.....	12	5,329	3,571	116	2,521	2,688
Other States.....		655	895	17	929	343
NEW ENGLAND.....		5,984	4,466	133	3,450	3,031
New York.....	219	16,701	15,478	519	9,676	11,791
New Jersey.....	9	28,865	4,999	576	10,983	9,825
Pennsylvania.....	17	6,453	2,432	282	6,780	2,467
MIDDLE ATLANTIC....		52,019	22,909	1,377	27,439	24,083
Ohio.....	17	6,464	987	343	3,915	1,188
Indiana.....		1,586	300	37	1,836	991
Illinois.....	12	75,699	10,636	1,803	19,397	8,272
Michigan.....	5	4,751	1,591	177	1,295	1,324
Wisconsin.....	18	1,958	63,534	170	1,198	572
EAST N. CENTRAL....		90,458	77,048	2,530	27,641	12,347
Minnesota.....	14	18,526	1,191	244	3,362	1,860
Iowa.....		4,694	77	136	3,351	899
Missouri.....	7	4,532	1,640	358	20,147	3,792
Nebraska.....		5,034	486	111	3,993	2,236
Kansas.....		1,642	572	147	6,258	667
Dakotas.....		1,085	-	2	-	10
WEST N. CENTRAL....		35,513	3,966	998	37,111	9,464
SOUTH ATLANTIC....		2,267	4,366	113	2,246	948
Kentucky.....		1,298	211	24	1,752	316
Tennessee.....		1,532	757	135	2,447	262
Alabama & Mississippi.		677	968	20	336	58
EAST S. CENTRAL....		3,507	1,936	179	4,535	636
Oklahoma.....		631	300	46	4,765	46
Texas.....		1,126	2,426	97	9,683	216
Arkansas & Louisiana..		120	356	12	2,163	98
WEST S. CENTRAL....		1,877	3,082	155	16,611	360
Colorado.....		1,027	1,039	63	621	68
Other States.....		443	1,870	24	136	314
MOUNTAIN.....		1,470	2,909	87	757	382
Washington.....		3,032	890	91	812	1,022
Oregon.....		350	1,150	27	367	297
California.....		5,066	5,257	260	4,087	2,422
PACIFIC.....		8,448	7,297	378	5,266	3,741
Other States, combined for cream only.....	11					
UNITED STATES....	341	201,543	127,979	5,950	125,056	54,992

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FROZEN POULTRY IN COLD STORAGE, BY GEOGRAPHIC DIVISIONS  
CLASSIFIED BY VARIETIES

Geographic division	September 1, 1938						
	Broilers	Fryers	Roasters	Fowls	Turkeys	Ducks	Miscellaneous
	- 1,000 pounds -						
New England.....	319	115	384	422	715	899	177
Middle Atlantic.....	2,436	553	1,686	2,936	2,324	8,753	5,395
East North Central..	2,151	977	1,557	2,949	741	1,017	2,955
West North Central..	2,736	652	1,032	1,537	383	123	3,021
South Atlantic.....	76	44	101	145	199	144	239
East South Central..	156	68	65	77	70	26	174
West South Central..	18	14	6	168	74	16	64
Mountain.....	299	13	3	28	36	1	2
Pacific.....	850	148	201	551	1,231	277	483
UNITED STATES...	9,041	2,564	5,035	8,813	5,773	11,256	12,510

CHERRIES IN COLD STORAGE <sup>1/</sup>

Geographic division	September 1, 1938		September 1, 1937
	Quick Freeze	Cold Pack	Quick Freeze and Cold Pack
	- 1,000 pounds -		
New England.....	28	272	423
Middle Atlantic.....	5,075	12,217	16,142
East North Central.....	168	6,190	10,859
West North Central.....	-	819	796
Pacific.....	65	1,583	1,550
All other divisions.....	158	1,136	400
UNITED STATES.....	5,494	22,217	30,170

STRAWBERRIES IN COLD STORAGE <sup>1/</sup>

Geographic division	September 1, 1938		September 1, 1937
	Quick Freeze	Cold Pack	Quick Freeze and Cold Pack
	- 1,000 pounds -		
New England.....	910	2,353	2,870
Middle Atlantic.....	2,441	4,844	7,720
East North Central.....	1,913	3,437	5,111
West North Central.....	165	2,095	2,750
South Atlantic.....	1,353	2,440	7,720
Pacific.....	6,563	13,382	9,249
All other divisions.....	206	1,773	778
UNITED STATES.....	13,551	30,324	36,198

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