

Cold Storage



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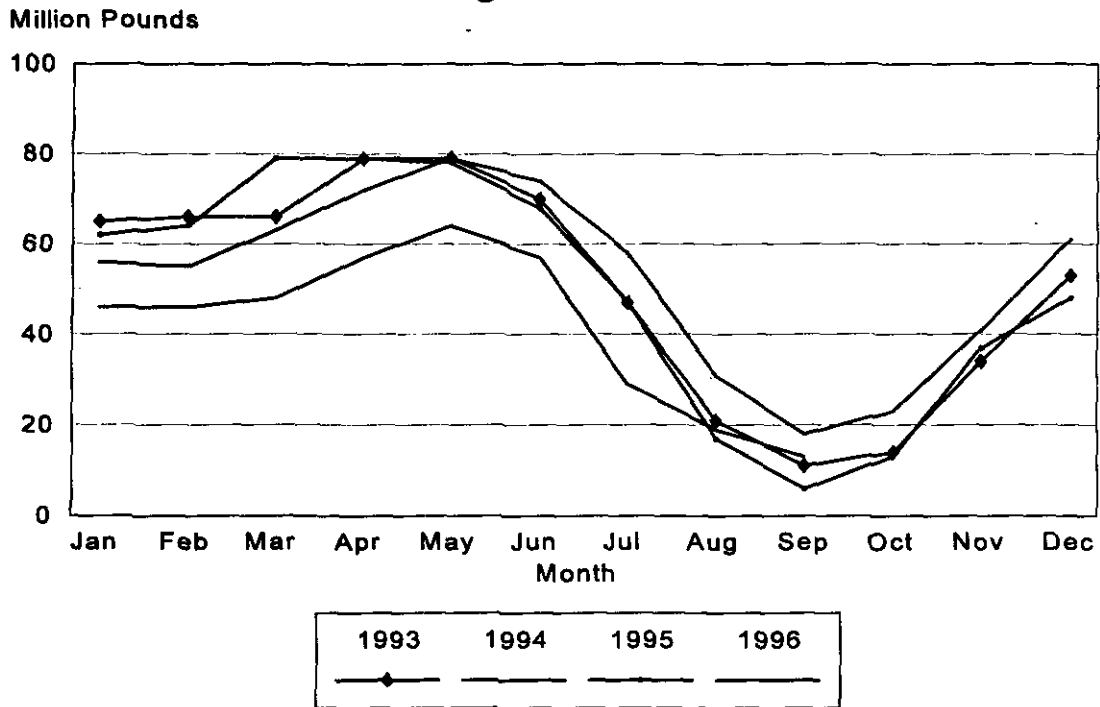
Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on September 30, 1996, were greater than year earlier levels for chicken, turkeys, broccoli, carrots, and pork. Cooler stocks of pecans and natural cheese were higher than a year earlier.

Total red meat supplies in freezers increased 4 percent from August, but were down 5 percent from September 1995. Frozen pork stocks were 6 percent above last month and 2 percent above last year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 33 percent from last month, but were two times as large as last year's low level.

Total frozen poultry supplies declined 1 percent from last month, but were 11 percent above last year. Total stocks of chicken decreased 2 percent during the month, but were 20 percent above 1995. Total pounds of turkey in freezers declined 1 percent from last month, but were up 5 percent from last year.

Public cooler occupancy was at 47 percent of capacity, down 3 points from a year ago. Public freezer occupancy at 67 percent was up 3 points from last month, but was down 3 points from last year.

Frozen Pork Bellies Cold Storage Stocks, 1993-96



Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity,
United States, September 1996

Commodity	Stocks in All Warehouses		Percent of Stocks		Public Warehouse Stocks
	Sep 30, 1995	Aug 31, 1996	Sep 30, 1996	Sep 1995: Aug 1996	
	1,000 Pounds		Percent		1,000 Lbs
Fresh Fruit					
Apples					
Regular Storage	925,544	19,067	971,570	105	
Controlled Atmosphere	2,299,488	32,946	1,897,961	83	
Total	3,225,032	52,013	2,869,531	89	15,386
Pears					
Bartlett	133,743	109,874	73,914	55	67
Other Varieties	458,563	4,151	257,173	56	
Total	592,306	114,025	331,087	56	290 3,146
Grapes	305,797	47,965	208,977	68	436
Other Fresh Fruit	14,985	28,928	21,195	141	73 13,863
Dried & Evaporated Fruit	13,383	16,313	12,119	91	74 10,283
Fresh Vegetables					
Onions	2,227	1,682	2,425	109	144
Other Fresh Vegetables	25,778	12,142	8,782	34	72
Total	28,005	13,824	11,207	40	81 10,585

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Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity,
United States, September 1996 (continued)

Commodity	Stocks in All Warehouses			Percent of		Public Warehouse Stocks
	Sep 30, 1995	Aug 31, 1996	Sep 30, 1996	Sep 1995:1996	Aug 1996:	Sep 30, 1996
	1,000 Pounds			Percent		1,000 Lbs
Nuts						
Shelled						
Peanuts	341,376	144,254	102,774	30	71	
Pecans	25,992	48,163	47,316	182	98	
Other Shelled	103,069	72,458	56,817	55	78	
Total	470,437	264,875	206,907	44	78	88,059
In-Shell						
Peanuts	17,168	5,340	2,329	14	44	
Pecans	16,155	44,491	23,750	147	53	
Other In-Shell	7,039	11,587	9,761	139	84	
Total	40,362	61,418	35,840	89	58	14,147
Dairy Products						
Cream	1,542	1,356	1,168	76	86	643
Butter, Total	32,820	27,264	21,245	65	78	19,564
(Government Owned)	8,075	843	522	6	62	
Evap & Cond-Milk	2,052	692	782	38	113	776
Natural Cheese						
American, Total	320,088	368,704	361,502	113	98	
(Government Owned)	250	225	190	76	84	
Swiss	7,215	12,631	12,990	180	103	
Other Natural Cheese	101,243	108,958	100,264	99	92	
Total	428,546	490,293	474,756	111	97	257,419
Eggs						
Shell (Thou. Cases) 1/	24	15	20	83	133	
Frozen Eggs						
Whites	860	1,543	1,140	133	74	
Yolks	5,092	1,684	1,564	31	93	
Whole & Mixed	9,458	10,278	10,378	110	101	
Unclassified	791	1,538	1,370	173	89	
Total	16,201	15,043	14,452	89	96	14,126
Frozen Poultry						
Chicken						
Broilers (Whole)	39,198	33,695	34,097	87	101	
Hens	8,789	15,766	15,227	173	97	
Other Chicken	452,137	566,619	553,074	122	98	
Total	500,124	616,080	602,398	120	98	
Turkey						
Whole Turkeys	507,335	492,666	508,199	100	103	
Other Turkey	178,700	230,520	211,271	118	92	
Total	686,035	723,186	719,470	105	99	
Ducks	5,810	1,987	1,601	28	81	
Total	1,191,969	1,341,253	1,323,469	111	99	1,193,205

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Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity,
United States, September 1996 (Continued)

Commodity	Stocks in All Warehouses			Percent of Stocks		Public Warehouse Stocks
	Sep 30, 1995	Aug 31, 1996	Sep 30, 1996	Sep 1995:1996	Aug 1996:	Sep 30, 1996
	1,000 Pounds			Percent	1,000 Lbs	
Frozen Fruit						
Apples	64,309	59,817	51,059	79	85	
Apricots	13,093	12,867	11,245	86	87	
Blackberries, Total	23,418	26,147	32,129	137	123	
IQF	11,783	14,733	15,228	129	103	
Pails and Tubs	4,270	3,765	4,119	96	109	
Barrels, 400 lbs net	5,333	6,682	11,869	223	178	
Concentrate	2,032	967	913	45	94	
Blueberries	98,555	81,006	82,004	83	101	
Boysenberries	3,209	6,281	4,938	154	79	
Cherries, Tart (RSP)	162,583	155,678	150,590	93	97	
Cherries, Tart (Juice)	1,850	3,727	3,109	168	83	
Cherries, Sweet	15,715	15,209	12,317	78	81	
Grapes	2,684	3,335	4,164	155	125	
Peaches	63,691	52,915	60,525	95	114	
Raspberries, Black	1,847	1,837	1,701	92	93	
Raspberries, Red, Total	57,781	54,617	49,425	86	90	
IQF	15,908	17,049	15,605	98	92	
Pails and Tubs	23,626	17,103	16,761	71	98	
Barrels, 400 lbs net	16,172	19,532	15,668	97	80	
Concentrate	2,075	933	1,391	67	149	
Strawberries, Total	350,060	311,106	291,870	83	94	
Other Frozen Fruit	178,448	134,615	150,931	85	112	
Total	1,037,243	919,157	906,007	87	99	641,461
Frozen Juice						
Orange Juice Conc. 2/ (Gallon Equivalent)	1,038,269	1,238,578	999,921	96	81	
Other Juice Concentrate	521,055	494,388	457,101	88	92	
Total	1,559,324	1,732,966	1,457,022	93	84	314,309
Frozen Vegetables						
Asparagus	12,331	11,067	9,588	78	87	
Limas, Fordhook	24,023	14,510	19,396	81	134	
Limas, Baby	40,684	21,924	50,364	124	230	
Green Beans, Reg. Cut	238,933	202,969	242,858	102	120	
Green Beans, Fr. Style	58,101	47,901	47,745	82	100	
Broccoli, Spears	22,922	33,204	28,719	125	86	
Broccoli, Chopped & Cut	91,569	113,665	109,393	119	96	
Brussels Sprouts	12,523	8,368	7,960	64	95	
Carrots, Diced	27,333	30,334	26,038	95	86	
Carrots, Other	137,671	130,136	146,692	107	113	
Cauliflower	36,418	33,960	35,075	96	103	
Corn, Cut	416,553	190,210	396,996	95	209	
Corn, Cob	305,954	141,805	345,370	113	244	
Mixed Vegetables	59,208	50,855	55,458	94	109	
Okra	67,578	39,705	41,944	62	106	
Onion Rings	10,288	9,171	8,836	86	96	
Onions, Other	33,594	27,659	27,198	81	98	
Blackeye Peas	11,304	9,184	11,461	101	125	
Green Peas	363,326	324,942	315,815	87	97	
Peas & Carrots Mixed	6,595	8,571	9,956	151	116	
Spinach	76,811	66,409	56,235	73	85	
Squash, Summer/Zucchini	59,917	60,544	65,737	110	109	
Southern Greens	19,699	13,420	12,666	64	94	
Other Vegetables	297,567	310,844	330,593	111	106	
Total	2,430,902	1,901,357	2,402,093	99	126	1,647,651

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Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity,
United States, September 1996 (Continued)

Commodity	Stocks in All Warehouses			Percent of		Public Warehouse Stocks
	Sep 30, 1995	Aug 31, 1996	Sep 30, 1996	Sep 1995	Aug 1996	Sep 30, 1996
	1,000 Pounds			Percent		1,000 Lbs
Potatoes						
French Fries	913,940	760,996	945,637	103	124	
Other Frozen	231,323	196,778	202,373	87	103	
Total	1,145,263	957,774	1,148,010	100	120	778,076
Meat						
Frozen Beef						
Boneless	322,776	275,969	285,111	88	103	
Beef Cuts	24,928	29,162	29,328	118	101	
Total	347,704	305,131	314,439	90	103	307,325
(Government Owned)	12,793	6,524	6,560	51	101	
Frozen Pork						
Picnics, Bone-in	5,032	6,120	5,561	111	91	
Hams, Total	114,693	83,437	92,428	81	111	86,179
Bone-in	87,253	53,163	62,436	72	117	57,131
Boneless	27,440	30,274	29,992	109	99	29,048
Bellies	6,255	18,996	12,680	203	67	
Loins, Total	10,390	12,771	13,371	129	105	11,551
Bone-in	4,924	6,460	5,369	109	83	
Boneless	5,466	6,311	8,002	146	127	
Ribs	27,103	29,014	34,055	126	117	
Butts	5,984	3,918	5,603	94	143	
Trimmings	29,377	33,976	33,897	115	100	
Other	82,599	83,743	86,970	105	104	
Variety Meats	37,681	32,383	37,556	100	116	
Unclassified	13,515	15,657	16,176	120	103	
Total	332,629	320,015	338,297	102	106	288,140
(Government Owned)	1,308	1,024	586	45	57	
Other						
Veal	7,082	6,938	6,442	91	93	
Lamb & Mutton	7,412	14,705	11,154	150	76	
Total	14,494	21,643	17,596	121	81	17,218
Canned						
Canned Hams	14,536	7,206	7,406	51	103	
Other Canned Meat	1,911	580	777	41	134	
Total	16,447	7,786	8,183	50	105	6,977
Total	711,274	654,575	678,515	95	104	619,660
Miscellaneous						
Cooler	426,136	458,610	503,901	118	110	393,491
Freezer	1,903,294	1,745,494	1,767,499	93	101	1,696,106
Total	2,329,430	2,204,104	2,271,400	98	103	2,089,597
Commodities						
Stored in Coolers	5,566,165	1,558,813	4,686,620	84	301	952,124
Stored in Freezers	10,011,843	9,287,097	9,710,129	97	105	6,917,181
Total	15,578,008	10,845,910	14,396,749	92	133	7,869,305

1/ 46.8 pounds per case.

2/ Adjusted to 42.0 degrees Brix equivalent (9.896 pounds per gallon).

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region,
and United States, August 31, 1996

Commodity	: New : England	: Middle : Atlantic	: East : North : Central	: West : North : Central	: South : Atlantic
	: 1,000 Pounds				
Nuts					
Shelled					
Peanuts		44	252	17	92,425
Pecans 1/		125			11,698
In-Shell					
Pecans 1/		106			4,804
Dairy Products					
Butter, Total	4,123	3,326	6,088	6,102	268
Natural Cheese					
American, Total	14,267	39,784	215,746	57,461	321
Other Natural Cheese	57	15,364	80,108	2,130	5,784
Broilers (Whole)	24	876	722	436	15,012
Hens	1	1,407	666	1,766	4,584
Other Chicken	1,791	5,174	21,618	31,328	143,915
Total	1,816	7,457	23,006	33,530	163,511
Whole Turkeys	14,079	57,520	53,547	80,136	71,320
Other Turkey	596	16,170	28,773	58,775	69,472
Total	14,675	73,690	82,320	138,911	140,792
Ducks	47	248	1,031	41	13
Total	16,538	81,395	106,357	172,482	304,316
Frozen Fruit					
Apples	44	24,782	20,769	247	2,655
Blueberries	25,539	11,102	24,486	849	3,026
Cherries, Tart (RSP)	35	8,518	124,960	109	174
Cherries, Sweet	1	2,056	7,469	373	151
Peaches	38	2,280	2,242	136	1,045
Raspberries, Red	183	2,008	1,002	284	289
Strawberries, Total	176	5,179	5,055	5,300	2,199
Other Frozen Fruit	20,188	17,335	45,286	2,423	2,527

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Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region,
and United States, August 31, 1996 (continued)

Commodity	: East : South : Central	: West : South : Central	: Mountain	: Pacific	: US : Total
	: 1,000 Pounds				
Nuts					
Shelled					
Peanuts	: 19,060	: 32,247	: 119	: 90	: 144,254
Pecans 1/	: 523	: 35,219		: 598	: 48,163
In-Shell					
Pecans 1/	: 1,332	: 38,228		: 21	: 44,491
Dairy Products					
Butter, Total	: 473	: 950	: 614	: 5,320	: 27,264
Natural Cheese					
American, Total	: 179	: 344	: 14,194	: 26,408	: 368,704
Other Natural Cheese	: 3,442	: 156	: 575	: 1,342	: 108,958
Broilers (Whole)	: 716	: 11,216	: 313	: 4,380	: 33,695
Hens	: 2,808	: 778	: 476	: 3,280	: 15,766
Other Chicken	: 105,331	: 216,717	: 2,212	: 38,533	: 566,619
Total	: 108,855	: 228,711	: 3,001	: 46,193	: 616,080
Whole Turkeys	: 13,507	: 107,310	: 25,306	: 69,941	: 492,666
Other Turkey	: 2,224	: 17,958	: 10,195	: 26,357	: 230,520
Total	: 15,731	: 125,268	: 35,501	: 96,298	: 723,186
Ducks	: 34	: 39	: 1	: 533	: 1,987
Total	: 124,620	: 354,018	: 38,503	: 143,024	: 1,341,253
Frozen Fruit					
Apples	: 168	: 1,095	: 338	: 9,719	: 59,817
Blueberries	: 179	: 726	: 437	: 14,662	: 81,006
Cherries, Tart (RSP)	: 16	: 193	: 14,096	: 7,577	: 155,678
Cherries, Sweet	: 85	: 148	: 21	: 4,905	: 15,209
Peaches	: 132	: 986	: 139	: 45,917	: 52,915
Raspberries, Red	: 251	: 390	: 74	: 50,136	: 54,617
Strawberries, Total	: 2,476	: 32,639	: 620	: 257,462	: 311,106
Other Frozen Fruit	: 258	: 4,935	: 2,542	: 39,121	: 134,615

See footnotes at end of table.

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Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region,
and United States, August 31, 1996 (continued)

Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic
1,000 Pounds					
Frozen Juice					
Orange Juice Conc. 2/	104		2,827	231	1,152,631
Other Juice Concentrate	379	22,566	17,790	2,799	194,540
Frozen Vegetables 3/					
Asparagus		265	5,221	309	217
Limas, Fordhook		337	636	176	527
Limas, Baby		602	958	680	4,423
Green Beans, Reg. Cut		19,628	52,282	1,457	7,342
Green Beans, Fr. Style		7,679	2,238	392	604
Broccoli, Spears		6,901	283	633	1,130
Broccoli, Chopped & Cut		7,036	5,343	3,789	2,567
Brussels Sprouts		472	372	585	326
Carrots, Diced		2,224	6,449	1,195	2,569
Carrots, Other		2,478	6,946	1,417	4,704
Cauliflower		988	1,619	912	730
Corn, Cut		10,040	20,747	12,382	5,865
Corn, Cob		4,052	10,937	8,836	3,149
Mixed Vegetables		3,232	4,482	2,080	3,330
Okra		517	267	556	11,136
Onion Rings		1,539	3,107	1,909	556
Onions, Other		1,157	2,753	481	2,815
Blackeye Peas		238	331	26	7,239
Green Peas		31,881	32,359	24,080	11,752
Peas & Carrots Mixed		636	529	191	506
Spinach		5,407	1,149	872	3,913
Squash, Summer/Zucchini		1,315	17,802	669	7,263
Southern Greens		886	27	213	4,026
Other Vegetables		30,266	28,244	13,116	27,103
Potatoes					
French Fries	27,038	16,543	76,082	51,395	13,613
Other Frozen	11,256	14,764	32,252	8,873	3,069
Meat					
Frozen Beef					
Boneless	4,996	22,309	28,058	65,536	27,908
Beef Cuts	2,679	740	1,749	6,220	676
Frozen Pork					
Ribbs	182	1,920	12,387	8,227	2,984
Trimnings	290	1,161	4,464	16,117	2,699
Other	83	1,528	16,911	29,357	17,116
Other					
Veal	282	2,508	1,475	621	266
Lamb & Mutton	325	4,971	1,440	1,289	1,528

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Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region,
and United States, August 31, 1996 (continued)

Commodity	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	US Total
	1,000 Pounds				
Frozen Juice					
Orange Juice Concentrate	264	4,600	2,009	75,912	1,238,578
Other Juice Concentrate	492	21,609	1,277	232,936	494,388
Frozen Vegetables 3/					
Asparagus		308	11	4,736	11,067
Limas, Fordhook		85	6	12,743	14,510
Limas, Baby		370	67	14,824	21,924
Green Beans, Reg. Cut		2,339	515	119,406	202,969
Green Beans, Fr. Style		305	530	36,153	47,901
Broccoli, Spears		13,644	70	10,543	33,204
Broccoli, Chopped & Cut		34,245	1,827	58,858	113,665
Brussels Sprouts		667	7	5,939	8,368
Carrots, Diced		2,228	93	15,576	30,334
Carrots, Other		12,336	735	101,520	130,136
Cauliflower		8,372	584	20,755	33,960
Corn, Cut		1,924	1,268	137,984	190,210
Corn, Cob		1,754	543	112,534	141,805
Mixed Vegetables		5,017	741	31,973	50,855
Okra		26,606	28	595	39,705
Onion Rings		405	55	1,600	9,171
Onions, Other		1,941	2,580	15,932	27,659
Blackeye Peas		1,041	3	306	9,184
Green Peas		2,629	14,944	207,297	324,942
Peas & Carrots Mixed		175	149	6,385	8,571
Spinach		12,159	413	42,496	66,409
Squash, Summer/Zucchini		10,281	682	22,532	60,544
Southern Greens		7,180		1,088	13,420
Other Vegetables		37,987	4,882	169,246	310,844
Potatoes					
French Fries	3,290	2,077	217,062	353,896	760,996
Other Frozen	1,174	4,735	48,076	72,579	196,778
Meat					
Frozen Beef					
Boneless	5,486	62,200	4,861	54,615	275,969
Beef Cuts	1,021	3,060	6,965	6,052	29,162
Frozen Pork					
Ribs	1,555	791	22	946	29,014
Trimnings	472	7,267	203	1,303	33,976
Other	4,644	9,301	265	4,538	83,743
Other					
Veal	32	92	1	1,661	6,938
Lamb & Mutton		728	1,596	2,828	14,705

- 1/ East North Central combined with South Atlantic. Mountain and West North Central combined with West South Central.
2/ Middle Atlantic combined with South Atlantic.
3/ New England combined with Middle Atlantic. East South Central combined with South Atlantic.

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region,
and United States, September 30, 1996 (continued)

Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic
1,000 Pounds					
Frozen Juice					
Orange Juice Conc. 2/	51		2,555	223	927,065
Other Juice Concentrate	452	16,847	17,640	3,550	177,192
Frozen Vegetables 3/					
Asparagus		256	4,250	509	107
Limas, Fordhook		376	825	199	1,335
Limas, Baby		1,219	2,693	677	13,637
Green Beans, Reg. Cut		32,081	64,933	1,509	7,322
Green Beans, Fr. Style		10,064	2,154	359	575
Broccoli, Spears		5,284	235	1,144	1,083
Broccoli, Chopped & Cut		4,732	5,156	3,088	2,566
Brussels Sprouts		435	380	565	365
Carrots, Diced		1,784	6,590	892	2,126
Carrots, Other		2,530	8,206	1,191	7,118
Cauliflower		1,043	1,828	767	739
Corn, Cut		19,101	46,118	41,150	10,554
Corn, Cob		15,493	17,792	28,615	6,023
Mixed Vegetables		3,115	4,257	1,970	9,910
Okra		743	256	518	11,905
Onion Rings		1,783	3,246	1,274	576
Onions, Other		1,085	2,569	461	2,915
Blackeye Peas		365	409	26	9,057
Green Peas		31,704	36,767	22,191	10,593
Peas & Carrots Mixed		778	456	184	525
Spinach		4,211	924	826	3,481
Squash, Summer/Zucchini		936	19,685	443	11,347
Southern Greens		771	44	265	3,976
Other Vegetables		32,070	30,000	14,817	23,800
Potatoes					
French Fries	26,998	19,382	102,594	64,792	16,702
Other Frozen	10,706	14,684	31,989	8,973	3,659
Meat					
Frozen Beef					
Boneless	4,916	23,047	28,755	64,117	31,413
Beef Cuts	2,316	494	2,060	6,401	613
Frozen Pork					
Ribs	194	2,748	12,653	10,955	4,123
Trimnings	305	1,108	4,668	14,339	3,407
Other	73	1,298	18,439	29,403	18,612
Other					
Veal	334	2,425	1,448	428	240
Lamb & Mutton	295	2,617	1,314	1,219	1,439

See footnotes at end of table.

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Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region,
and United States, September 30, 1996 (continued)

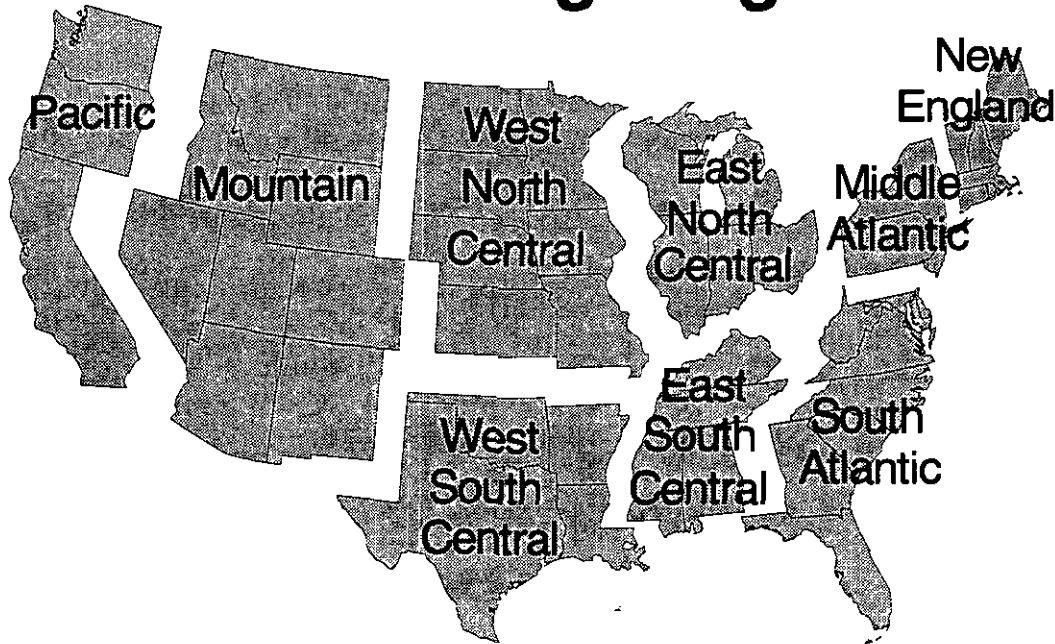
Commodity	: East : South : Central	: West : South : Central	: Mountain	: Pacific	: US : Total
1,000 Pounds					
Frozen Juice					
Orange Juice Concentrate	217	4,367	1,688	63,755	999,921
Other Juice Concentrate	472	20,249	1,122	219,577	457,101
Frozen Vegetables 3/					
Asparagus		276	7	4,183	9,588
Limas, Fordhook		130	4	16,527	19,396
Limas, Baby		631	4,587	26,920	50,364
Green Beans, Reg. Cut		2,127	524	134,362	242,858
Green Beans, Fr. Style		364	467	33,762	47,745
Broccoli, Spears		11,541	41	9,391	28,719
Broccoli, Chopped & Cut		35,211	1,469	57,171	109,393
Brussels Sprouts		596	6	5,613	7,960
Carrots, Diced		1,980	69	12,597	26,038
Carrots, Other		11,617	637	115,393	146,692
Cauliflower		8,141	854	21,703	35,075
Corn, Cut		2,813	1,610	275,650	396,996
Corn, Cob		2,841	1,073	273,533	345,370
Mixed Vegetables		5,336	735	30,135	55,458
Okra		27,772	30	720	41,944
Onion Rings		387	57	1,513	8,836
Onions, Other		1,598	2,583	15,987	27,198
Blackeye Peas		1,306	2	296	11,461
Green Peas		2,065	14,153	198,342	315,815
Peas & Carrots Mixed		160	97	7,756	9,956
Spinach		7,649	221	38,923	56,235
Squash, Summer/Zucchini		8,834	727	23,765	65,737
Southern Greens		6,543		1,067	12,666
Other Vegetables		43,920	5,301	180,685	330,593
Potatoes					
French Fries	3,607	2,284	280,216	429,062	945,637
Other Frozen	984	4,330	49,246	77,802	202,373
Meat					
Frozen Beef					
Boneless	9,939	59,120	4,668	59,136	285,111
Beef Cuts	1,090	2,455	6,312	7,587	29,328
Frozen Pork					
Ribs	1,601	669	7	1,105	34,055
Trimming	434	8,214	116	1,306	33,897
Other	4,694	9,676	235	4,540	86,970
Other					
Veal	21	182		1,364	6,442
Lamb & Mutton		547	1,464	2,259	11,154

- 1/ East North Central combined with South Atlantic. Mountain and West North Central Combined with West South Central.
2/ Middle Atlantic combined with South Atlantic.
3/ New England combined with Middle Atlantic. East South Central combined with South Atlantic.

Public General Warehouses: Cold Storage Space Occupied
by Region and United States, September 1996

Region	Cooler				Freezer			
	Usable	Usable	Usable	Usable	Usable	Usable	Usable	
	Space	Space	Space	Space	Space	Space	Space	
	Occupied	Occupied	Occupied	Occupied	Occupied	Occupied	Occupied	
	Sep 30	Sep 30	Aug 31	Sep 30	Sep 30	Sep 30	Aug 31	Sep 30
	1996	1995	1996	1996	1996	1995	1996	1996
	1,000				1,000			
	Cu Ft	Percent	Percent	Percent	Cu Ft	Percent	Percent	Percent
New England	2,415	45	50	45	20,251	46	39	39
Middle Atlantic	34,505	53	59	55	84,255	73	74	75
E. North Central	40,505	51	54	51	167,688	69	60	63
W. North Central	41,964	50	51	50	140,797	64	52	54
South Atlantic	40,587	55	43	42	126,463	63	61	64
E. South Central	9,518	49	42	40	34,835	79	62	63
W. South Central	17,614	33	29	27	114,729	69	71	71
Mountain	5,904	51	72	65	40,209	72	56	61
Pacific	46,617	49	48	44	246,582	76	72	76
US	239,629	50	49	47	975,809	70	64	67

Cold Storage Regions



Survey Procedures: Questionnaires are mailed about the 24th of each month to all operators on the list of approximately 1,400 public and private cold storage warehouses. In addition, apple data are obtained from special surveys and other sources (State Departments of Agriculture, American Apple Institute, etc.). All survey data represent stocks as of the end of the month.

Data are collected from warehouses artificially cooled to a temperature of 50 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, and whose food products are normally stored for 30 days or more. All food items in these facilities are reported regardless of the number of days stored at the time of the report. Also included are specialized storage facilities meeting the 30 day requirement, such as fruit houses, dairy manufacturing plants, frozen fruit, fruit juice, and vegetable processors, and poultry and meat packing plants. Excluded are stocks in space maintained by wholesalers, jobbers, distributors, chain stores, locker plants containing individual lockers, meat packer branch houses, and frozen food processors whose entire inventories are turned over more than once a month.

Estimating Procedures: Data for reporting firms are added to estimates for non-reporting firms to obtain regional and National totals. Estimates for non-reporting firms are obtained by multiplying the previous month's figure by a percent change from the previous month. The percent change is calculated for each item from totals of the current and previous month summed from firms that reported both months.

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