

Cold Storage



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Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on August 31, 1997, were greater than year earlier levels for butter, concentrated orange juice, potatoes, meat, fruit, vegetables, and turkey. Cooler stocks of peanuts, apples, natural cheese, and pears were higher than a year earlier.

Total red meat supplies in freezers increased 1 percent from July and were up 12 percent from August 1996. Frozen pork stocks were 4 percent below last month, but were up 16 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were down 45 percent from last month and were 3 percent below a year ago.

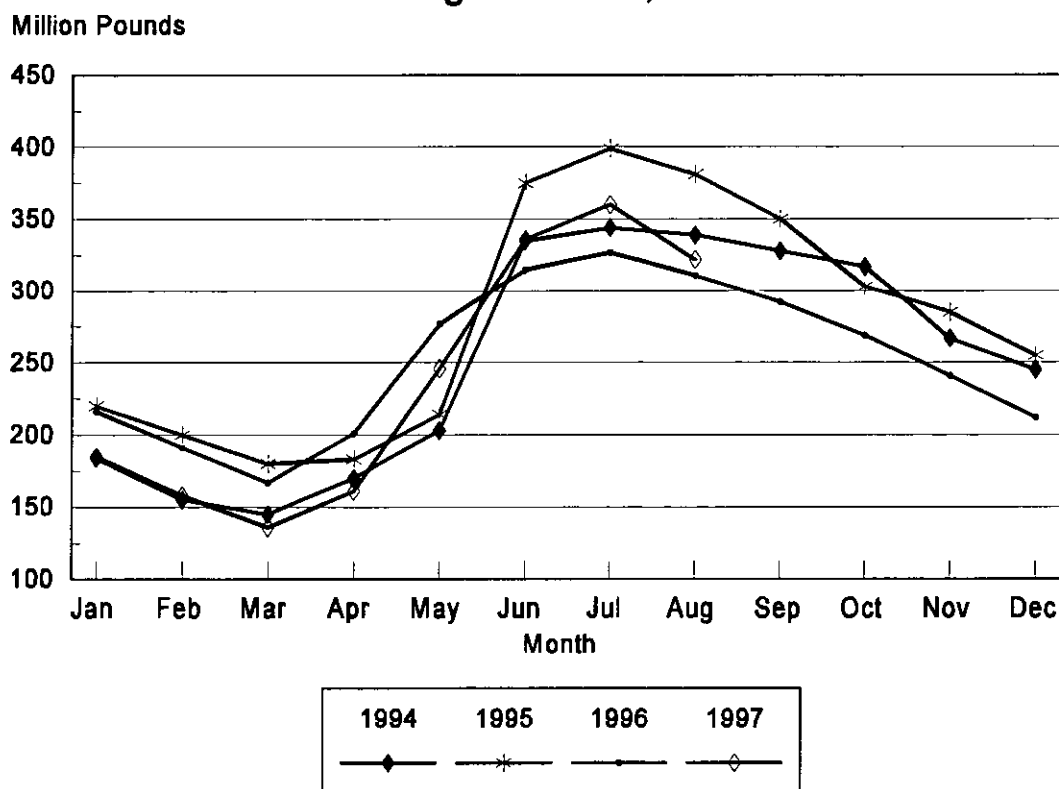
Total frozen poultry supplies decreased 5 percent from last month and were 3 percent below last year's level. Total stocks of chicken decreased 15 percent during the month and were 8 percent below 1996. Total pounds of turkey in freezers increased 3 percent from last month and were up 2 percent from last year.

Public cooler occupancy was at 47 percent of capacity, down 2 points from a year ago. Public freezer occupancy at 64 percent was down 1 point from last month, but unchanged from the year earlier level.

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Frozen Strawberries Cold Storage Stocks, 1994-1997



**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity,
United States, August 1997**

Commodity	Stocks in All Warehouses			Percent of		Public Warehouse Stocks
	Aug 31, 1996	Jul 31, 1997	Aug 31, 1997	Aug 1996	Jul 1997	Aug 31, 1997
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs</i>
Fresh Fruit						
Apples						
Regular Storage	19,067	15,219	24,102	126	158	
Controlled Atmosphere	32,946	280,610	60,890	185	22	
Total	52,013	295,829	84,992	163	29	1,923
Pears						
Bartlett	109,874	63,037	106,628	97	169	
Other Varieties	4,151	1,785	8,144	196	456	
Total	114,025	64,822	114,772	101	177	21,489
Nuts						
Shelled						
Peanuts	144,254	412,581	278,105	193	67	
Pecans	48,163	39,822	35,297	73	89	
Other Shelled	72,458	68,419	60,386	83	88	
Total	264,875	520,822	373,788	141	72	212,463
In-Shell						
Peanuts	5,340	36,155	15,064	282	42	
Pecans	44,491	21,819	13,102	29	60	
Other In-Shell	11,587	4,344	6,558	57	151	
Total	61,418	62,318	34,724	57	56	11,185
Dairy Products						
Butter, Total	27,299	62,757	53,595	196	85	47,941
(Government Owned)	843	661	570	68	86	
Natural Cheese						
American, Total	381,241	469,119	459,599	121	98	
(Government Owned)	225	47	294	131	626	
Swiss	12,606	11,516	11,507	91	100	
Other Natural Cheese	113,095	124,372	110,400	98	89	
Total	506,942	605,007	581,506	115	96	329,927
Eggs, Frozen						
Whites	1,543	1,141	981	64	86	
Yolks	1,684	1,289	1,172	70	91	
Whole & Mixed	10,278	6,251	8,834	86	141	
Unclassified	1,538	477	551	36	116	
Total	15,043	9,158	11,538	77	126	11,055
Frozen Poultry						
Chicken						
Broilers (Whole)	33,635	26,402	29,057	86	110	
Hens	15,766	10,254	7,900	50	77	
Other Chicken	566,619	629,410	529,038	93	84	
Total	616,020	666,066	565,995	92	85	
Turkey						
Whole Turkeys	492,666	439,485	477,011	97	109	
Other Turkey	230,520	274,326	261,598	113	95	
Total	723,186	713,811	738,609	102	103	
Ducks	1,987	2,801	2,277	115	81	
Total	1,341,193	1,382,678	1,306,881	97	95	1,161,699

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity,
United States, August 1997 (Continued)**

Commodity	Stocks in All Warehouses			Percent of		Public Warehouse Stocks
	Aug 31, 1996	Jul 31, 1997	Aug 31, 1997	Aug 1996	Jul 1997	Aug 31, 1997
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs</i>
Frozen Fruit						
Apples	59,817	74,766	61,010	102	82	
Apricots	12,867	22,367	24,130	188	108	
Blackberries, Total	26,147	36,121	39,297	150	109	
IQF	14,733	17,854	20,121	137	113	
Pails and Tubs	3,765	5,919	5,990	159	101	
Barrels, 400 lbs net	6,682	11,263	12,190	182	108	
Concentrate	967	1,085	996	103	92	
Blueberries	81,006	38,753	90,916	112	235	
Boysenberries	6,281	8,927	8,098	129	91	
Cherries, Tart (RSP)	155,678	105,283	196,720	126	187	
Cherries, Tart (Juice)	3,727	1,116	2,901	78	260	
Cherries, Sweet	15,209	15,599	21,139	139	136	
Grapes	3,335	1,870	1,574	47	84	
Peaches	52,915	39,414	60,212	114	153	
Raspberries, Black	1,837	2,129	1,381	75	65	
Raspberries, Red, Total	54,617	81,798	74,780	137	91	
IQF	17,049	19,544	16,938	99	87	
Pails and Tubs	17,103	22,063	21,575	126	98	
Barrels, 400 lbs net	19,532	39,080	35,193	180	90	
Concentrate	933	1,111	1,074	115	97	
Strawberries, Total	311,106	360,189	321,844	103	89	
Other Frozen Fruit	134,730	150,750	125,795	93	83	
Total	919,272	939,082	1,029,797	112	110	762,950
Frozen Juice						
Orange Juice Conc. ¹	1,237,292	1,761,763	1,562,005	126	89	
(Gallon Equivalent)	125,030	178,028	157,842			
Other Juice Concentrate	493,757	506,028	480,481	97	95	
Total	1,731,049	2,267,791	2,042,486	118	90	312,025
Frozen Vegetables						
Asparagus	11,067	11,765	9,956	90	85	
Limas, Fordhook	14,510	8,432	19,279	133	229	
Limas, Baby	21,924	14,679	23,907	109	163	
Green Beans, Reg. Cut	202,969	126,000	232,951	115	185	
Green Beans, Fr. Style	47,901	30,250	40,872	85	135	
Broccoli, Spears	33,204	21,339	19,173	58	90	
Broccoli, Chopped & Cut	113,665	97,623	99,921	88	102	
Brussels Sprouts	8,368	8,042	8,995	107	112	
Carrots, Diced	30,334	41,687	37,518	124	90	
Carrots, Other	130,136	108,158	122,217	94	113	
Cauliflower	33,960	29,454	29,899	88	102	
Corn, Cut	190,210	85,924	261,348	137	304	
Corn, Cob	141,805	78,780	173,951	123	221	
Mixed Vegetables	50,855	51,187	48,111	95	94	
Okra	39,705	43,328	50,871	128	117	
Onion Rings	9,171	12,242	9,001	98	74	
Onions, Other	27,659	28,524	27,324	99	96	
Blackeye Peas	9,184	3,948	4,450	48	113	
Green Peas	324,942	300,110	321,716	99	107	
Peas & Carrots Mixed	8,571	7,751	6,020	70	78	
Spinach	66,409	96,053	85,135	128	89	
Squash, Summer/Zucchini	60,544	65,058	79,977	132	123	
Southern Greens	13,420	19,103	16,256	121	85	
Other Vegetables	310,840	240,182	258,769	83	108	
Total	1,901,353	1,529,619	1,987,617	105	130	1,255,977

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**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity,
United States, August 1997 (Continued)**

Commodity	Stocks in All Warehouses			Percent of		Public Warehouse Stocks
	Aug 31, 1996	Jul 31, 1997	Aug 31, 1997	Aug 1996	Jul 1997	Aug 31, 1997
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs</i>
Potatoes						
French Fries	760,996	984,858	905,993	119	92	
Other Frozen	196,778	229,374	224,478	114	98	
Total	957,774	1,214,232	1,130,471	118	93	771,845
Meat						
Frozen Beef						
Boneless	276,039	274,418	295,064	107	108	
Beef Cuts	29,162	28,268	30,419	104	108	
Total	305,201	302,686	325,483	107	108	323,170
(Government Owned)	6,524	3,432	4,233	65	123	
Frozen Pork						
Picnics, Bone-in	5,972	8,890	9,600	161	108	
Hams, Total	83,437	113,205	115,570	139	102	106,168
Bone-in	53,163	65,752	64,311	121	98	57,080
Boneless	30,274	47,453	51,259	169	108	49,088
Bellies	18,996	33,657	18,347	97	55	
Loins, Total	12,771	16,724	14,669	115	88	13,415
Bone-in	6,460	8,966	7,416	115	83	
Boneless	6,311	7,758	7,253	115	93	
Ribs	29,014	29,902	23,620	81	79	
Butts	3,918	4,833	4,133	105	86	
Trimnings	33,976	45,855	42,848	126	93	
Other	83,743	78,271	82,790	99	106	
Variety Meats	35,383	43,867	49,815	141	114	
Unclassified	15,657	12,530	11,561	74	92	
Total	322,867	387,734	372,953	116	96	305,226
(Government Owned)	1,024	528	318	31	60	
Other						
Veal	6,938	5,045	5,159	74	102	
Lamb & Mutton	14,645	18,535	19,607	134	106	
Total	21,583	23,580	24,766	115	105	24,330
Canned						
Canned Hams	7,201	9,696	9,347	130	96	
Other Canned Meat	580	1,567	1,861	321	119	
Total	7,781	11,263	11,208	144	100	8,878
Total	657,432	725,263	734,410	112	101	661,604
Miscellaneous						
Cooler	568,608	655,888	656,929	116	100	450,869
Freezer	1,746,652	1,814,379	1,813,033	104	100	1,748,102
Total	2,315,260	2,470,267	2,469,962	107	100	2,198,971
Commodities						
Stored in Coolers	1,577,018	2,217,425	1,861,572	118	84	1,038,273
Stored in Freezers	9,287,930	9,932,220	10,094,967	109	102	6,722,781
Total	10,864,948	12,149,645	11,956,539	110	98	7,761,054

¹ Adjusted to 42.0 degrees Brix equivalent (9.896 pounds per gallon).

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region,
and United States, July 31, 1997**

Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>
Nuts					
Shelled					
Peanuts		3	672	34	254,044
Pecans ¹		96			12,266
In-Shell					
Pecans ¹		18			3,923
Dairy Products					
Butter, Total	9,777	9,778	12,767	10,401	657
Natural Cheese					
American, Total	23,907	43,857	250,787	81,868	229
Other Natural Cheese	181	20,470	86,692	3,912	5,621
Broilers (Whole)	93	643	842	1,210	7,188
Hens	1	39	102	1,188	5,812
Other Chicken	1,847	6,917	12,569	34,369	157,659
Total	1,941	7,599	13,513	36,767	170,659
Whole Turkeys	13,418	45,322	42,267	60,525	67,113
Other Turkey	771	16,907	29,463	74,698	82,457
Total	14,189	62,229	71,730	135,223	149,570
Ducks	61	171	1,897	33	156
Total	16,191	69,999	87,140	172,023	320,385
Frozen Fruit					
Apples	24	24,844	23,604	280	9,465
Blueberries	4,170	6,972	6,366	452	6,256
Cherries, Tart (RSP)	52	4,306	83,634	136	108
Cherries, Sweet		1,118	8,370	281	192
Peaches	73	1,699	1,600	85	2,513
Raspberries, Red	209	1,285	1,148	445	207
Strawberries, Total	115	3,007	4,700	2,875	2,460
Other Frozen Fruit	25,729	15,935	65,873	1,097	2,175

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**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region,
and United States, July 31, 1997 (continued)**

Commodity	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	US Total
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>
Nuts					
Shelled					
Peanuts	50,928	103,051	102	3,747	412,581
Pecans ¹	539	26,474		447	39,822
In-Shell					
Pecans ¹	1,326	16,542		10	21,819
Dairy Products					
Butter, Total	182	756	357	18,082	62,757
Natural Cheese					
American, Total	224	1,852	20,995	45,400	469,119
Other Natural Cheese	3,321	184	1,041	2,950	124,372
Broilers (Whole)	758	7,389	729	7,550	26,402
Hens	1,615	85	614	798	10,254
Other Chicken	130,624	246,677	2,359	36,389	629,410
Total	132,997	254,151	3,702	44,737	666,066
Whole Turkeys	8,998	119,326	22,000	60,516	439,485
Other Turkey	616	24,855	6,046	38,513	274,326
Total	9,614	144,181	28,046	99,029	713,811
Ducks	7	33	41	402	2,801
Total	142,618	398,365	31,789	144,168	1,382,678
Frozen Fruit					
Apples	161	948	382	15,058	74,766
Blueberries	170	1,261	301	12,805	38,753
Cherries, Tart (RSP)	68	460	6,863	9,656	105,283
Cherries, Sweet	177	106	71	5,284	15,599
Peaches	92	676	134	32,542	39,414
Raspberries, Red	198	515	67	77,724	81,798
Strawberries, Total	2,140	37,359	3,733	303,800	360,189
Other Frozen Fruit	341	6,140	3,089	30,371	150,750

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**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region,
and United States, July 31, 1997 (continued)**

Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>
Frozen Juice					
Orange Juice Conc. ²	134		3,213	369	1,673,456
Other Juice Concentrate	390	22,458	19,849	1,112	234,622
Frozen Vegetables ³					
Asparagus		222	4,584	422	153
Limas, Fordhook		237	359	335	975
Limas, Baby		353	714	602	3,903
Green Beans, Reg. Cut		9,011	22,465	1,601	5,908
Green Beans, Fr. Style		3,179	3,918	493	296
Broccoli, Spears		2,428	276	940	1,333
Broccoli, Chopped & Cut		4,047	4,829	5,363	5,248
Brussels Sprouts		390	296	664	409
Carrots, Diced		2,775	12,221	1,732	3,194
Carrots, Other		4,252	5,637	1,258	6,943
Cauliflower		930	1,451	716	896
Corn, Cut		6,375	11,041	7,728	3,675
Corn, Cob		1,189	4,143	3,085	1,658
Mixed Vegetables		2,168	4,111	2,681	3,159
Okra		596	280	355	12,495
Onion Rings		3,441	4,717	1,577	575
Onions, Other		1,012	2,437	643	4,512
Blackeye Peas		192	346	38	2,141
Green Peas		32,318	35,913	23,635	21,230
Peas & Carrots Mixed		542	415	78	524
Spinach		14,018	1,802	1,487	7,484
Squash, Summer/Zucchini		1,795	17,529	468	9,115
Southern Greens		3,183	27	136	6,885
Other Vegetables		21,221	23,185	10,523	22,570
Potatoes					
French Fries	29,858	23,731	112,528	107,858	15,245
Other Frozen	7,434	19,189	35,005	7,917	3,049
Meat					
Frozen Beef					
Boneless	4,134	25,909	31,686	63,904	33,317
Beef Cuts	3,541	764	1,955	5,533	903
Frozen Pork					
Ribs	202	1,366	10,657	9,665	3,297
Trimmings	377	1,415	7,690	22,526	4,004
Other	162	1,279	15,283	24,399	16,381
Other					
Veal	376	1,188	2,227	459	241
Lamb & Mutton	692	4,683	2,641	1,154	1,711

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**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region,
and United States, July 31, 1997 (continued)**

Commodity	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	US Total
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>
Frozen Juice					
Orange Juice Concentrate	136	5,372	2,640	76,443	1,761,763
Other Juice Concentrate	648	15,556	958	210,435	506,028
Frozen Vegetables ³					
Asparagus		833	238	5,313	11,765
Limas, Fordhook		45	7	6,474	8,432
Limas, Baby		503	401	8,203	14,679
Green Beans, Reg. Cut		1,081	934	85,000	126,000
Green Beans, Fr. Style		322	630	21,412	30,250
Broccoli, Spears		7,231	179	8,952	21,339
Broccoli, Chopped & Cut		26,273	1,849	50,014	97,623
Brussels Sprouts		1,552	14	4,717	8,042
Carrots, Diced		407	194	21,164	41,687
Carrots, Other		10,535	568	78,965	108,158
Cauliflower		5,836	276	19,349	29,454
Corn, Cut		1,765	1,738	53,602	85,924
Corn, Cob		789	354	67,562	78,780
Mixed Vegetables		6,341	950	31,777	51,187
Okra		28,929	2	671	43,328
Onion Rings		369	4	1,559	12,242
Onions, Other		1,137	2,229	16,554	28,524
Blackeye Peas		1,018	2	211	3,948
Green Peas		2,111	17,295	167,608	300,110
Peas & Carrots Mixed		71	81	6,040	7,751
Spinach		8,668	875	61,719	96,053
Squash, Summer/Zucchini		9,958	388	25,805	65,058
Southern Greens		7,620	1	1,251	19,103
Other Vegetables		42,162	4,223	116,298	240,182
Potatoes					
French Fries	3,638	1,577	278,467	411,956	984,858
Other Frozen	1,882	3,935	49,227	101,736	229,374
Meat					
Frozen Beef					
Boneless	1,781	60,133	2,280	51,274	274,418
Beef Cuts	1,324	5,637	3,658	4,953	28,268
Frozen Pork					
Ribs	1,491	1,644	4	1,576	29,902
Trimming	590	8,462	154	637	45,855
Other	4,699	11,090	174	4,804	78,271
Other					
Veal		52		502	5,045
Lamb & Mutton	1	2,605	1,694	3,354	18,535

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, August 31, 1997**

Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>
Nuts					
Shelled					
Peanuts		2	570	27	168,662
Pecans ¹		86			11,120
In-Shell					
Pecans ¹		11			2,566
Dairy Products					
Butter, Total	8,326	8,670	11,614	8,292	469
Natural Cheese					
American, Total	24,178	42,972	245,669	78,103	226
Other Natural Cheese	175	18,116	76,027	4,283	5,080
Broilers (Whole)	95	947	733	1,299	9,601
Hens		82	78	916	3,767
Other Chicken	1,633	5,112	12,118	26,860	136,051
Total	1,728	6,141	12,929	29,075	149,419
Whole Turkeys	15,365	50,802	51,299	68,376	69,600
Other Turkey	868	16,235	27,616	68,585	79,437
Total	16,233	67,037	78,915	136,961	149,037
Ducks	46	196	1,263	116	106
Total	18,007	73,374	93,107	166,152	298,562
Frozen Fruit					
Apples	38	20,986	21,966	222	4,359
Blueberries	17,622	11,077	33,016	693	6,043
Cherries, Tart (RSP)	107	5,585	170,093	207	142
Cherries, Sweet		1,053	11,171	349	126
Peaches	111	1,874	2,111	82	1,899
Raspberries, Red	161	1,446	809	677	276
Strawberries, Total	90	3,555	4,883	4,082	2,941
Other Frozen Fruit	17,874	13,746	47,966	1,246	2,966

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**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region,
and United States, August 31, 1997 (continued)**

Commodity	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	US Total
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>
Nuts					
Shelled					
Peanuts	39,144	67,027	125	2,548	278,105
Pecans ¹	484	23,136		471	35,297
In-Shell					
Pecans ¹	1,175	9,340		10	13,102
Dairy Products					
Butter, Total	151	653	349	15,071	53,595
Natural Cheese					
American, Total	264	2,387	20,839	44,961	459,599
Other Natural Cheese	2,956	172	1,010	2,581	110,400
Broilers (Whole)	801	8,172	315	7,094	29,057
Hens	1,629	60	848	520	7,900
Other Chicken	102,313	208,753	2,056	34,142	529,038
Total	104,743	216,985	3,219	41,756	565,995
Whole Turkeys	9,809	118,565	26,238	66,957	477,011
Other Turkey	581	26,236	5,801	36,239	261,598
Total	10,390	144,801	32,039	103,196	738,609
Ducks	7	33	64	446	2,277
Total	115,140	361,819	35,322	145,398	1,306,881
Frozen Fruit					
Apples	140	811	282	12,206	61,010
Blueberries	233	773	808	20,651	90,916
Cherries, Tart (RSP)	103	371	10,690	9,422	196,720
Cherries, Sweet	184	104	70	8,082	21,139
Peaches	106	799	59	53,171	60,212
Raspberries, Red	171	371	96	70,773	74,780
Strawberries, Total	1,995	30,825	3,550	269,923	321,844
Other Frozen Fruit	377	10,467	2,747	28,406	125,795

See footnotes at end of table.

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**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region,
and United States, August 31, 1997 (continued)**

Commodity	New England	Middle Atlantic	East North Central	West North Central	South Atlantic
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>
Frozen Juice					
Orange Juice Conc. ²	75		2,859	313	1,487,724
Other Juice Concentrate	197	24,995	16,166	1,234	221,772
Frozen Vegetables ³					
Asparagus		226	3,947	435	115
Limas, Fordhook		409	833	346	1,642
Limas, Baby		273	941	682	3,949
Green Beans, Reg. Cut		21,008	41,218	1,618	7,418
Green Beans, Fr. Style		6,787	5,066	426	372
Broccoli, Spears		1,600	249	565	1,882
Broccoli, Chopped & Cut		3,384	5,392	4,813	5,380
Brussels Sprouts		371	304	554	350
Carrots, Diced		2,852	12,046	1,545	2,596
Carrots, Other		4,159	6,205	1,085	6,517
Cauliflower		941	1,572	675	838
Corn, Cut		10,930	27,229	14,438	9,698
Corn, Cob		5,544	6,562	13,607	2,067
Mixed Vegetables		2,362	3,791	2,507	3,295
Okra		659	251	276	23,397
Onion Rings		626	4,595	1,473	643
Onions, Other		1,026	2,413	767	4,201
Blackeye Peas		122	367	31	3,330
Green Peas		31,575	38,521	24,895	22,049
Peas & Carrots Mixed		566	278	79	591
Spinach		11,949	1,512	1,302	6,404
Squash, Summer/Zucchini		1,297	25,731	459	13,947
Southern Greens		2,791	26	126	5,365
Other Vegetables		25,982	26,646	11,820	23,656
Potatoes					
French Fries	27,264	24,568	93,769	94,320	13,117
Other Frozen	6,930	17,051	30,764	9,445	2,692
Meat					
Frozen Beef					
Boneless	4,889	27,041	31,736	72,817	34,993
Beef Cuts	3,862	698	1,929	6,507	1,003
Frozen Pork					
Ribs	157	1,220	9,565	6,626	2,495
Trimmings	364	1,258	6,354	21,141	4,038
Other	242	1,760	17,427	24,871	17,028
Other					
Veal	432	1,047	2,288	575	222
Lamb & Mutton	699	4,913	2,816	1,419	1,623

See footnotes at end of table.

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**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region,
and United States, August 31, 1997 (continued)**

Commodity	East South Central	West South Central	Mountain	Pacific	US Total
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>
Frozen Juice					
Orange Juice Concentrate	126	4,798	2,008	64,102	1,562,005
Other Juice Concentrate	597	20,041	1,129	194,350	480,481
Frozen Vegetables ³					
Asparagus		329	220	4,684	9,956
Limas, Fordhook		131	1	15,917	19,279
Limas, Baby		625	2,084	15,353	23,907
Green Beans, Reg. Cut		1,515	637	159,537	232,951
Green Beans, Fr. Style		328	570	27,323	40,872
Broccoli, Spears		6,316	110	8,451	19,173
Broccoli, Chopped & Cut		24,800	1,962	54,190	99,921
Brussels Sprouts		2,072	48	5,296	8,995
Carrots, Diced		376	206	17,897	37,518
Carrots, Other		9,856	466	93,929	122,217
Cauliflower		5,113	637	20,123	29,899
Corn, Cut		1,841	1,179	196,033	261,348
Corn, Cob		1,249	183	144,739	173,951
Mixed Vegetables		4,977	523	30,656	48,111
Okra		25,724	5	559	50,871
Onion Rings		243	5	1,416	9,001
Onions, Other		1,059	2,081	15,777	27,324
Blackeye Peas		397	2	201	4,450
Green Peas		2,038	20,999	181,639	321,716
Peas & Carrots Mixed		55	42	4,409	6,020
Spinach		7,213	654	56,101	85,135
Squash, Summer/Zucchini		9,409	398	28,736	79,977
Southern Greens		6,963	1	984	16,256
Other Vegetables		35,173	4,702	130,790	258,769
Potatoes					
French Fries	3,192	1,736	245,213	402,814	905,993
Other Frozen	750	3,715	52,974	100,157	224,478
Meat					
Frozen Beef					
Boneless	2,540	65,670	1,910	53,468	295,064
Beef Cuts	1,157	6,845	4,276	4,142	30,419
Frozen Pork					
Ribs	1,161	1,562	3	831	23,620
Trimnings	692	8,230	127	644	42,848
Other	5,296	11,072	206	4,888	82,790
Other					
Veal		24		571	5,159
Lamb & Mutton	1	3,163	1,415	3,558	19,607

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, August 1997**

Region	Cooler				Freezer			
	Usable Space	Usable Space Occupied			Usable Space	Usable Space Occupied		
		Aug 31 1997	Aug 31 1996	Jul 31 1997		Aug 31 1997	Aug 31 1996	Jul 31 1997
	<i>1,000 Cu Ft</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Cu Ft</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>Percent</i>
New England	2,415	48	56	53	20,250	39	59	59
Middle Atlantic	34,506	59	63	59	85,254	74	77	77
E. North Central	40,542	54	51	51	168,354	60	56	57
W. North Central	43,595	51	41	41	145,918	52	56	54
South Atlantic	42,357	43	57	54	128,274	61	61	60
E. South Central	9,518	42	60	57	34,835	62	72	70
W. South Central	17,814	29	42	41	114,729	71	74	71
Mountain	5,891	72	54	52	45,713	56	65	62
Pacific	44,980	48	37	34	243,866	72	70	71
US	241,618	49	49	47	987,193	64	65	64

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, U.S. Apple Association, 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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