



Cold Storage

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HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on February 29, 2000 were greater than year earlier levels for fruit, chicken, and beef. February 2000 stocks of chicken, at 794 million pounds, broke the previous record February high of 722 million pounds set in 1999. Cooler stocks of pecans and peanuts were also higher than a year earlier.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were 7 percent above January 2000 but were 4 percent below February 1999. Frozen pork stocks were 9 percent above last month but were 11 percent below last year. Stocks of pork bellies increased 14 percent from last month but were 46 percent below February 1999 stocks.

Total frozen poultry supplies were up 2 percent from last month and were 4 percent above last year's level. Total stocks of chicken were down 1 percent from last month but were 10 percent above February 1999. Total pounds of turkey in freezers increased 12 percent from last month but were 7 percent below last year.

Public cooler occupancy was at 46 percent of capacity, down 6 points from last year. Public freezer occupancy at 61 percent was 2 percentage points below last year.

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity,

	Feb 29, 1999	Jan 31, 2000	Feb 29, 2000	Feb 1999	Jan 2000	Feb 29, 2000
	<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						
Controlled Atmosphere						
Total						
Pears						
Bartlett						
Other Varieties	334,450		378,804			
Total	3,072,762	568,462	2,852,378			
Nuts	3,407,212	3,448,737	3,231,182	113	67	
Shelled	4,232		6,919	93	83	
Peanuts	173,172	7,149	186,171	95	80	
Pecans	177,404	233,886	193,090			
Other Shelled		241,035		163	97	
Total				108	80	
In-Shell	469,556		502,692	109	80	
Peanuts	32,805	477,094	30,048			
Pecans	160,481	24,980	151,344	107	105	
Other In-Shell	662,842	143,138	684,084	92	120	
Total	17,130	645,212		94	106	
Total	107,394	17,661	22,666	103	106	
Dairy Products	107,394	236,529	264,814			
Butter, Total	9,837	5,567	5,547	132	128	
(Government Owned)	134,361	259,757	293,027	247	112	
Natural Cheese				56	100	
American, Total	94,971	72,867	92,369	218	113	
(Government Owned)	281	288	383	97	127	38,890
Swiss	464,724	480,143	515,820	136	133	
Other Natural Cheese	36	70	67	111	107	
Total	12,054	9,735	10,487	186	96	2,963
Eggs, Frozen	159,095	178,209	183,069	87	108	
Whites	635,873	668,087	709,376	115	103	
Yolks				112	106	
Whole & Mixed	1,052	610	571			
Unclassified	730	753	844	54	94	389,575
Total	8,151	10,159	9,174	116	112	
Frozen Poultry	905	576	641	113	90	
Chicken	10,838	12,098	11,230	71	111	
Broilers (Whole)				104	93	99,941
Hens	23,406	35,738	40,666	174	114	78,323
Other Chicken	8,760	7,027	7,420	85	106	
Total	690,314	760,632	745,916	108	98	
Turkey	722,480	803,397	794,002	110	99	
Whole Turkeys	177,209	122,822	164,091	93	134	
Other Turkey	198,422	189,625	184,872	93	97	
Total	375,631	312,447	348,963	93	112	431,981
Ducks	4,548	4,003	3,710	82	93	10,559
Total	1,102,659	1,119,847	1,146,675	104	102	1,060,708

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity,
and United States, January 31, 2000**

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>
Total Fresh Apples					
Nuts					
Shelled					
Peanuts		482,853	387,832	1,447	233,321
Pecans ¹	58,066				
In-Shell					
Pecans ¹		40	207	30	291,459
Dairy Products		87			7,037
Natural Cheese		2			61,798
American, Total					
Other Natural Cheese					
Frozen Poultry		33,628	229,483	103,157	687
Broilers (Whole)	19,873	8,794	99,020	57,424	1,874
Hens	587				
Other Chicken		483	723	913	12,058
Total	102 1	333	963	953	2,150
Whole Turkeys	1,791	8,659	18,000	31,315	201,552
Other Turkey	1,894	9,475	19,686	33,181	215,760
Total	1,778	6,757	6,791	25,684	24,161
Ducks	270	11,115	14,663	60,504	51,207
Total	2,048	17,872	21,454	86,188	75,368
Total	33	178	3,314	143	17
Frozen Fruit	3,975	27,525	44,454	119,512	291,145
Apples					
Blueberries	20	25,069	38,773	109	229
Cherries, Tart (RSP)	10,286	6,793	23,884	203	1,089
Cherries, Sweet	34	6,672	88,934	59 53	47 60
Peaches		627	8,867	42	351
Raspberries, Red	30 318	2,666	4,018	42	351
Strawberries, Total	102	1,671	728	113	37
Other Frozen Fruit	187,316	3,251	4,554	2,380	918
		31,083	336,239	2,046	2,025

See footnotes at end of table.

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**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region, and
United States, January 31, 2000 (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>
Total Fresh Apples					
Nuts					
Shelled					
Peanuts		8,036	23,661	2,821,983	4,017,199
Pecans ¹					
In-Shell					
Pecans ¹	54,551	130,380	159	268	477,094
	1,089	16,653		114	24,980
Dairy Products					
Natural Cheese	3,710	171,019			236,529
American, Total					
Other Natural Cheese					
Frozen Poultry					
Broilers (Whole)	160	472	12,144	80,699	480,143
Hens		234	297	9,819	178,209
Other Chicken					
Total	1,509	17,502	297	2,151	35,738
Whole Turkeys	1,215	399	87	926	7,027
Total	159,413	290,089	2,830	46,983	760,632
Other Turkey	162,137	307,990	3,214	50,060	803,397
Total	202	19,724	12,966	24,759	122,822
Ducks	1,114	21,469	11,372	17,911	189,625
Total	1,316	41,193	24,338	42,670	312,447
Total	1	10	1	306	4,003
Frozen Fruit	163,454	349,193	27,553	93,036	1,119,847
Apples					
Blueberries	150	537	138	13,636	78,661
Cherries, Tart (RSP)	86	448	133	9,885	52,807
Cherries, Sweet	50	234	1,877	7,477	105,384
Peaches	4	45	497	2,275	12,428
Raspberries, Red	81	535	244	52,013	59,980
Strawberries, Total	231	514	13	43,766	47,391
Other Frozen Fruit	3,564	17,557	3,253	224,969	260,548
	407	9,753	2,025	110,434	681,328

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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>

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region,
and United States, February 29, 2000**

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>
Total Fresh Apples					
Nuts					
Shelled					
Peanuts		404,286	285,305	437	182,417
Pecans ¹	44,944				
In-Shell					
Pecans ¹		42	221	33	307,614
		117			9,306
Dairy Products					
Natural Cheese					66,837
American, Total					
Other Natural Cheese					
Frozen Poultry		41,487	249,453		479
Broilers (Whole)	19,953	9,171	99,848	111,269	943
Hens	586			60,906	
Other Chicken		369	688		
Total	101 1	317	1,032	904	13,291
Whole Turkeys	1,773	9,529	17,316	879	1,877
Other Turkey	1,875	10,215	19,036	29,113	209,145
Total	1,769	8,999	9,822	30,896	224,313
Ducks	237	11,799	13,435	53,247	53,526
Total	2,006	20,798	23,257	83,736	85,536
Frozen Fruit	34	163	3,233	11	10
Apples	3,915	31,176	45,526	114,643	309,859
Blueberries					
Cherries, Tart (RSP)	33	30,071	48,165	123	330
Cherries, Sweet	10,028	4,814	23,581	180	985
Peaches	31	5,550	92,599	54	62 8
Raspberries, Red	28 267	569	9,387	81	323
Strawberries, Total	70	2,459	4,658	31	448
Other Frozen Fruit	170,881	1,610	876	106	1,014
		3,278	4,397	2,607	2,452
		29,193	311,529	969	

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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>

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region, and
United States, February 29, 2000 (continued)**

Total Fresh Apples					
Nuts					
Shelled					
Peanuts		7,173	8,863	2,297,757	3,231,182
Pecans ¹					
In-Shell					
Pecans ¹	60,699	133,636	153	294	502,692
	1,421	19,071		133	30,048
Dairy Products					
Natural Cheese	3,614	194,363			264,814
American, Total					
Other Natural Cheese			12,852		
Frozen Poultry					
Broilers (Whole)	203	333	271	79,928	183,069
Hens					
Other Chicken	4,008	18,056	355	2,894	40,666
Total	1,123	1,075	88	1,028	7,420
Whole Turkeys	147,423	282,933	2,972	45,712	745,916
Other Turkey	152,554	302,064	3,415	49,634	794,002
Total	520	39,754	10,672	30,056	164,091
Ducks	1,134	25,304	10,818	15,372	184,872
Total	1,654	65,058	21,490	45,428	348,963
Total	1	7	1	250	3,710
Frozen Fruit	154,209	367,129	24,906	95,312	1,146,675
Apples			143		
Blueberries	190	647	102	15,145	94,847
Cherries, Tart (RSP)	93	457	1,728	8,217	48,457
Cherries, Sweet	82	179	618	6,628	106,913
Peaches	3	24	231	2,138	12,828
Raspberries, Red	92	513	15	47,181	55,516
Strawberries, Total	77	428	2,657	36,559	40,386
Other Frozen Fruit	3,423	27,439	2,745	204,061	248,946
	290	9,890		93,014	620,963

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