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Cold Storage

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Highlights

Total natural cheese stocks in refrigerated warehouses on February 29, 2012 were up 1 percent from the previous month but down 5 percent from February 28, 2011.

Butter stocks were up 21 percent from last month and up 48 percent from a year ago.

Total frozen poultry supplies on February 29, 2012 were up 5 percent from the previous month but down 6 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 1 percent from the previous month and down 16 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 18 percent from last month and up 21 percent from February 28, 2011.

Total frozen fruit stocks were down 9 percent from last month but up 4 percent from a year ago.

Total frozen vegetable stocks were down 9 percent from last month but up slightly from a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were up 2 percent from the previous month and up 6 percent from last year. Total pounds of beef in freezers were down 4 percent from the previous month but up 1 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were up 7 percent from the previous month and up 9 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 15 percent from last month and up 21 percent from last year.

Nuts, Dairy Products, Frozen Eggs, and Frozen Poultry in Cold Storage – United States: February 29, 2012 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks in all warehouses			February 29, 2012 as a percent of		Public warehouse stocks
	February 28, 2011	January 31, 2012	February 29, 2012	February 28, 2011	January 31, 2012	February 29, 2012
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)
Nuts						
Shelled						
Peanuts	317,461	324,005	359,576	113	111	
Pecans	26,847	33,209	36,040	134	109	
In-Shell						
Peanuts	16,498	17,257	19,262	117	112	
Pecans	147,111	122,294	144,914	99	118	165,190
Dairy products						
Butter	138,672	170,348	205,315	148	121	596,174
Natural cheese						
American						
Swiss	621,023	612,034	606,297	98	99	
Other	34,611	25,909	26,993	78	104	
Total natural cheese	379,698	340,838	354,101	93	104	
	1,035,332	978,781	987,391	95	101	34,731
Frozen eggs						
Whites	3,327	4,166	4,044	122	97	
Yolks	2,157	2,179	2,365	110	109	
Whole and mixed	7,267	11,303	10,657	147	94	
Unclassified	15,392	19,768	19,207	125	97	
Total frozen eggs	28,143	37,416	36,273	129	97	
Frozen poultry						
Chicken						
Broilers, fryers, and roasters	17,004	15,430	13,890	82	90	
Hens, mature chickens	5,252	2,527	4,051	77	160	
Breasts and breast meat	148,797	116,924	123,630	83	106	
Drumsticks	17,342	23,725	15,555	90	66	
Leg quarters	102,598	84,503	96,438	94	114	
Legs	17,368	7,866	9,457	54	120	
Thigh and thigh quarters	11,750	8,615	9,208	78	107	
Thigh Meat	15,697	17,084	21,053	134	123	
Wings	71,010	35,657	34,092	48	96	
Paws and feet	28,687	31,892	27,328	95	86	
Other	280,900	263,348	244,719	87	93	
Total chicken	716,405	607,571	599,421	84	99	855,688
Turkey						
Whole turkeys				102	145	
Toms	58,839	41,410	59,998	128	119	
Hens	63,555	68,580	81,390	116	129	
Total whole turkeys	122,394	109,990	141,388	117	122	
Breasts	51,769	49,725	60,553	162	93	
Legs	12,813	22,391	20,739	110	93	
Legs	8,804	8,057	9,711	135	121	
Mechanically deboned meat	8,804	8,057	9,711	135	92	
Other	26,618	39,057	35,817	123	120	
Unclassified	66,578	68,515	81,879	121	118	
Total turkey	288,976	297,735	350,087			
Ducks	4,664	2,371	2,322	50	98	
Total frozen poultry	1,010,045	907,677	951,830	94	105	

Nuts and Dairy Products in Cold Storage – Regions: February 29, 2012 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks in all warehouses			February 29, 2012 as a percent of	
	February 28, 2011	January 31, 2012	February 29, 2012	February 28, 2011	January 31, 2012
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Nuts ¹					
Shelled					
Peanuts					
South					
Atlantic	236,826	272,763	303,020	128	111
East	22,933	21,768	25,212	110	116 106
South Central	57,702	29,474	31,344	54	
West South Central					120 140 104
Pecans					
South	7,984	7,927	9,550	120	
Atlantic	1,113	775	1,085	97	94
East	17,750	24,507	25,405	143	60
South Central					139
West South Central					
In-shell	25,097	52,392	49,449	197	
Pecans	2,994	2,504	1,513	51	
South	119,020	67,398	93,952	79	
Atlantic					
East					
South Central					99
West South Central					104 103
					93
					105 123
Dairy products	38,775	41,434	41,150	106	
Natural cheese	53,798	48,939	50,863	95	84 98 95
American, total	262,319	255,294	261,792	100	
New	98,292	110,760	103,127	105	97 99
England					
Middle	326	57	60	18	103 115 109
Atlantic	2,016	1,453	1,785	89	102
East	5,736	2,413	2,017	35	94
North					
Central	58,100	47,260	46,240	80	108
West North					
South	101,661	104,424	99,263	98	98
Atlantic					
East South Central					
West South Central	743	916	885	119	
Mountain	19,193	16,465	16,287	85	
Pacific	257,838	260,652	268,936	104	
Other	65,472	31,047	35,801	55	
New	7,052	5,348	5,809	82	
England					
Middle	152	294	299	197	
Atlantic	1,154	944	883	77	
East	5,090	4,489	4,870	96	
North					
Central	23,004	20,683	20,331	88	
West North					
South					
Central					
Atlantic					
East South Central					
West South Central					
Mountain					
Pacific					

2012 with Comparisons

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¹ New England and Middle Atlantic combined with South Atlantic. East North Central combined with East South Central. Pacific, Mountain, and West North Central combined with West South Central.