



Cold Storage

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HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on March 31, 2000 were greater than year earlier levels for fruit, chicken, and potatoes. March 2000 stocks of chicken, at 810 million pounds, broke the previous record March high of 794 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 5 percent above February 2000 but were 3 percent below March 1999. Frozen pork stocks were 4 percent above last month but were 9 percent below last year. Stocks of pork bellies increased 20 percent from last month but were 43 percent below March 1999 stocks.

Total frozen poultry supplies were up 6 percent from last month and were 4 percent above last year's level. Total stocks of chicken were up 2 percent from last month and were 3 percent above March 1999. Total pounds of turkey in freezers increased 15 percent from last month and were 6 percent above last year.

Public cooler occupancy was at 45 percent of capacity, down 9 points from last year. Public freezer occupancy at 59 percent was 3 percentage points below last year.

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity,

	Mar 31, 1999	Feb 29, 2000	Mar 31, 2000	Mar 1999	Feb 2000	Mar 31, 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			226,443			
Total	179,170	378,458	2,241,156			
Nuts	2,428,114	2,852,378	2,467,599	126	60	
Shelled	2,607,284	3,230,836		92	79	
Peanuts		4,519	2,986	95	76	
Pecans	2,718	186,171	130,340			
Other Shelled	117,552	190,690	133,326	110	66	
Total	120,270			111	70	
In-Shell		524,267	580,167			
Peanuts	546,863	29,945	32,653			
Pecans	33,278	151,064	163,454	106	111	
Other In-Shell	137,095	705,276	776,274	98	109	
Total	717,236			119	108	
Total		24,809	28,266	108	110	
Dairy Products	20,728	262,853	267,272			
Butter, Total	91,808	5,445	5,479	136	114	
(Government Owned)	10,235	293,107	301,017	291	102	
Natural Cheese	122,771			54	101	
American, Total	108,441	88,899	97,206	245	103	
(Government Owned)	181	383	339	90	109	32,456
Swiss				187	89	
Other Natural Cheese	467,663	515,338	530,151			
Total	35	67	57	113	103	552
Total		10,487	10,365	163	85	
Eggs, Frozen	13,538	182,525	186,740	77	99	
Whites	163,850	708,350	727,256	114	102	
Yolks	645,051			113	103	
Whole & Mixed		570	616			
Unclassified	849	797	672	73	108	435,756
Total	573	7,213	6,193	117	84	
Total	6,714			92	86	
Frozen Poultry	1,102	678	597	54	88	
Chicken	9,238	9,258	8,078	87	87	
Broilers (Whole)						105,430
Hens	24,968	41,040	38,074	152	93	92,826
Other Chicken	10,915	7,192	5,999	55	83	
Total	751,818	745,709	766,203	102	103	
Turkey	787,701	793,941	810,276	103	102	
Whole Turkeys	184,809	161,543	192,353	104	119	
Other Turkey	190,136	185,730	206,088	108	111	
Total	374,945	347,273	398,441	106	115	444,772
Ducks	5,868	3,705	3,924	67	106	7,600
Total	1,168,514	1,144,919	1,212,641	104	106	1,111,270

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region,
 stomachs, hearts, chitterlings, salivary glands, and other organs removed from slaughtered hogs. ¹⁰ Includes pork unable to be
 classified elsewhere in this report.

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		405,851	285,307	437	182,216
Pecans ¹	44,944				
In-Shell					
Pecans ¹		42	221	33	315,246
		117			9,287
Dairy Products					
Natural Cheese					66,837
American, Total			249,213		
Other Natural Cheese			99,766	111,567	479
Frozen Poultry		41,456		60,936	943
Broilers (Whole)	19,953	9,251			
Hens	586				
Other Chicken		377	711	904	13,292
Total	101 1	67	1,032	879	1,877
Whole Turkeys	1,773	9,518	17,310	29,114	209,145
Other Turkey	1,875	9,962	19,053	30,897	224,314
Total	1,769	9,005	9,802	31,678	32,007
Ducks	237	11,808	13,333	54,154	53,526
Total	2,006	20,813	23,135	85,832	85,533
Frozen Fruit	34	158	3,233	11	10
Apples	3,915	30,933	45,421	116,740	309,857
Blueberries		30,045	40,368	124	330
Cherries, Tart (RSP)	33	4,834	19,922	180	986
Cherries, Sweet	10,028	5,550	82,887	54	62 9
Peaches	31	569	8,761	81	323
Raspberries, Red	28 267	2,472	3,693	29	449
Strawberries, Total	70	1,610	682	105	1,070
Other Frozen Fruit	172,909	3,289	4,156	2,596	3,252
		29,293	313,038	966	

See footnotes at end of table.

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**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region, and
United States, February 29, 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		7,173	8,863	2,296,045	3,230,836
Pecans ¹					
In-Shell					
Pecans ¹	60,699	147,581	148	297	524,267
Dairy Products	1,421	18,988		132	29,945
Natural Cheese	3,614	192,402			262,853
American, Total					
Other Natural Cheese					
Frozen Poultry		399	10,852	81,419	515,338
Broilers (Whole)	203	371	260	10,209	182,525
Hens					
Other Chicken	4,008	18,106	646	2,895	41,040
Total	1,123	1,110	88	1,015	7,192
Whole Turkeys	147,423	282,770	3,101	45,555	745,709
Other Turkey	152,554	301,986	3,835	49,465	793,941
Total	520	39,599	13,386	23,777	161,543
Ducks	1,134	25,364	10,802	15,372	185,730
Total	1,654	64,963	24,188	39,149	347,273
Total	1	7	1	250	3,705
Frozen Fruit	154,209	366,956	28,024	88,864	1,144,919
Apples			143		
Blueberries	190	454	112	15,145	86,832
Cherries, Tart (RSP)	93	457	1,754	8,195	44,807
Cherries, Sweet	82	176	619	6,628	97,224
Peaches	3	24	619	2,138	12,204
Raspberries, Red	92	513	153	47,181	54,484
Strawberries, Total	77	428	10	36,522	40,150
Other Frozen Fruit	3,423	27,365	2,416	203,788	248,173
Other Frozen Fruit	290	9,890	2,716	93,408	625,762

See footnotes at end of table.

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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, March 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	30,287	306,557	207,781		136,488
Pecans ¹					
In-Shell					
Pecans ¹		8	245	36	357,003
		106			11,764
Dairy Products					
Natural Cheese					60,355
American, Total					
Other Natural Cheese					
Frozen Poultry	19,702	43,085	254,509	113,730	4,212
Broilers (Whole)	598	8,509	100,749	64,915	354
Hens					
Other Chicken	101	403	736	915	12,028
Total		70	506	1,317	1,170
Whole Turkeys	1,909	23,071	16,545	29,670	214,779
Other Turkey	2,010	23,544	17,787	31,902	227,977
Total	4,047	12,596	14,541	29,550	41,843
Ducks	273	13,798	15,781	54,453	66,204
Total	4,320	26,394	30,322	84,003	108,047
Frozen Fruit	6,367	50,119	51,622	115,916	336,035
Apples					
Blueberries	22	26,630	43,481	229	173
Cherries, Tart (RSP)	7,465	6,229	16,622	142	709
Cherries, Sweet	26	4,477	72,925	95	267
Peaches		444	7,978	78	317
Raspberries, Red	22,224	1,984	3,173	38	89
Strawberries, Total	75	1,575	696	112	913
Other Frozen Fruit	146,220	3,360	3,672	2,390	2,695

See footnotes at end of table.

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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, March 31, 2000 (continued)**

Total Fresh Apples					
Nuts					
Shelled					
Peanuts		6,147	4,201	1,776,138	2,467,599
Pecans ¹					
In-Shell					
Pecans ¹	62,312	160,093	139	331	580,167
	1,293	19,321		169	32,653
Dairy Products					
Natural Cheese	3,255	203,662			267,272
American, Total					
Other Natural Cheese					
Frozen Poultry	178	687	10,172	84,054	530,151
Broilers (Whole)		548	142	10,747	186,740
Hens					
Other Chicken	3,978	17,390	706	1,817	38,074
Total	829	478	272	1,357	5,999
Whole Turkeys	149,291	279,106	4,284	47,548	766,203
Other Turkey	154,098	296,974	5,262	50,722	810,276
Total	1,652	51,569	7,907	28,648	192,353
Ducks	900	27,513	9,761	17,405	206,088
Total	2,552	79,082	17,668	46,053	398,441
Total	1	3	1	166	3,924
Frozen Fruit	156,651	376,059	22,931	96,941	1,212,641
Apples					
Blueberries	133	276	197	16,155	87,296
Cherries, Tart (RSP)	85	374	92	6,586	38,304
Cherries, Sweet	53	155	1,445	5,830	85,032
Peaches	3	50	432	2,009	11,001
Raspberries, Red	65	698	22	35,153	41,472
Strawberries, Total	31	303	1	34,404	37,435
Other Frozen Fruit	3,061	27,954	1,961	179,239	222,625
	320	9,064	952	84,462	551,173

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