



# Cold Storage

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## HIGHLIGHTS

**Frozen food stocks** in refrigerated warehouses on March 31, 2003 were greater than year earlier levels for cheese, butter, frozen eggs, total turkey, and orange juice.

Butter stocks were 2 percent above February 2003 and 67 percent above a year ago.

**Total red meat supplies** in freezers were 4 percent below February 28, 2003 and 2 percent below March 2002. Frozen pork stocks were 1 percent above last month but 1 percent below last year. Stocks of pork bellies were 11 percent above last month but 30 percent below March 2002 stocks.

**Total frozen poultry supplies** on March 31, 2003 were up 3 percent from last month but down 7 percent from last year's level. Total stocks of chicken were down 4 percent from last month and down 20 percent from last year's level. Total pounds of turkey in freezers increased 14 percent from last month and 16 percent above last year.

**Public cooler occupancy** on March 31, 2003, was at 41 percent of capacity, down 1 point from last year. Public freezer occupancy, was at 52 percent, up 3 points from last year.

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity,  
United States, March 2003**

Commodity	Stocks in All Warehouses			Percent of		Public Warehouse Stocks
	Mar 31, 2002	Feb 28, 2003	Mar 31, 2003	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 31, 2003
	<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						957
Apples						
Regular Storage						
Controlled Atmosphere						66
Total						
Pears				73	51	
Bartlett				100	75	
Other Varieties	187,258	270,100	137,362	97	73	
Total	2,033,890	2,694,314	2,025,909			
Total	2,221,148	2,964,414	2,163,271	227	81	203,950
Nuts						
Shelled				99	70	
Peanuts	26	73	59	99	70	
Pecans	135,727	191,166	134,590			
Other Shelled	135,753	191,239	134,649	55	102	39,088
Total	562,626	306,156	311,946	87	102	225,470
In-Shell				118	111	
Peanuts	45,795	39,153	39,974	68	104	
Pecans	128,923	137,283	151,712			
Other In-Shell	737,344	482,592	503,632	95	106	
Total	17,361	15,556	16,542	52	89	
Total	181,333	105,471	94,082	82	89	
Dairy Products						433,961
Butter, Total	11,447	7,311	9,429	57	94	
(Government Owned)	210,141	128,338	120,053	167	102	
Natural Cheese				57	101	
American, Total	145,160	238,197	242,138			
(Government Owned)	1,323	747	755	107	99	16,652
Swiss	498,290	538,314	535,036	219	435	
Other Natural Cheese	733	368	1,602	184	102	
Total	12,880	23,149	23,647	96	102	
Total	220,552	207,043	211,244	105	100	
Eggs, Frozen						
Whites	731,722	768,506	769,927			
Yolks				161	98	
Whole & Mixed	1,561	2,571	2,519	155	120	
Unclassified	906	1,169	1,405	159	105	
Total	6,260	9,463	9,969	111	83	
Total	2,942	3,924	3,256	147	100	
Frozen Poultry						
Chicken						
Broilers, Fryers						
Roasters (Whole)	29,307	24,854	22,710	77	91	
Hens, Mature Chickens	4,924	4,465	5,107	104	114	
Other	774,373	646,043	618,541	80	96	
Total Chicken	808,604	675,362	646,358	80	96	

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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Commodity	Stocks in All Warehouses			Percent of		Public Warehouse Stocks
	Mar 31, 2002	Feb 28, 2003	Mar 31, 2003	Mar 2002	Feb 2003	Mar 31, 2003

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region,**

Includes all boxed boneless beef, such as ground beef, roasts, steaks, loins, strips, rounds, trimmings, etc. Variety meats (edible offal), such as tongues, livers, hearts, kidneys, and other organs removed from slaughtered beef, are included as miscellaneous freezer stocks. <sup>3</sup>

<sup>4</sup> Includes all boxed primal beef cuts, bone-in.

<sup>5</sup> Includes full ham, bone removed and individual muscles separated.

<sup>6</sup> Includes pork tenderloins.

<sup>7</sup> Includes spareribs and backribs.

<sup>8</sup> Includes 42% regular trimmings, 72% special trimmings, boneless picnic meat, jowls, neckbone trimmings, blade, cheek, head, and shank meat, etc. Packaged bacon, sausage, and processed items, such as hot dogs and luncheon meats, are included in miscellaneous cooler or freezer stocks.

<sup>9</sup> Includes ears, tails, feet, neckbones and snouts.

<sup>10</sup> Includes tongues, kidneys, livers, stomachs, hearts, chitterlings, salivary glands, and other organs removed from slaughtered hogs.

<sup>11</sup> Includes product unable to be classified elsewhere in this report.

**and United States, February 28, 2003**

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	14,899	297,329	104,569		135,832
Nuts					
Shelled				18	
Peanuts		2	21		174,375
Pecans <sup>1</sup>		62			14,954
In-Shell					19,245
Pecans <sup>1</sup>					
Dairy Products				124,574	
Natural Cheese	21,737	58,459	221,498	53,326	104
American, Total	258	18,624	118,335		1,856
Other Natural Cheese					
Frozen Poultry				1,052	
Chicken		933	128	105	5,819
Broilers, Fryers	12	268	284	23,801	1,821
Roasters (Whole)	1,539	17,955	14,203	24,958	199,724
Hens, Mature Chickens	1,551	19,156	14,615		207,364
Other	1,181	4,808	1,743	50,426	40,032
Total Chicken	767	11,150	22,086	69,031	136,800
Turkeys	1,948	15,958	23,829	119,457	176,832
Whole Turkeys	2	441	4,512	144,415	30
Other Turkey	3,501	35,555	42,956		384,226
Total Turkey					
Ducks				172	
Total Poultry	61	14,564	31,554	1,497	1,042
	13,784	4,530	30,705	767	1,642
Frozen Fruit	6	3,570	26,030	600	589
Apples		316	2,886	1,989	46
Blueberries	24	2,489	5,586	81	513
Cherries, Tart (RTP)	161	1,122	1,260	620	103
Cherries, Sweet				2,499	

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region,**

Total Fresh Apples		4,178	6,970	2,400,637	2,964,414
Nuts					
Shelled					
Peanuts		101,760	91	924	306,156
Pecans <sup>1</sup>		23,047		133	39,153
In-Shell					
Pecans <sup>1</sup>	28,965	83,499			105,471
	957				
Dairy Products					
Natural Cheese	2,727	1,661	13,866	95,982	538,314
American, Total		246	1,934	12,287	207,043
Other Natural Cheese					
	433				
Frozen Poultry	177				
Chicken		10,948	365	2,725	24,854
Broilers, Fryers		601		949	4,465
Roasters (Whole)		224,061	2,026	45,479	646,043
Hens, Mature Chickens		235,610	2,391	49,153	675,362
Other	2,884				
Total Chicken	425	34,232	9,821	28,992	171,891
Turkeys	117,255	30,742	10,611	14,786	297,051
Whole Turkeys	120,564	64,974	20,432	43,778	468,942
Other Turkey	656	47	24	79	5,135
Total Turkey	1,078	300,631	22,847	93,010	1,149,439
Ducks	1,734				
Total Poultry	122,298	1,399	220	7,630	56,746
		741	287	12,541	65,838
Frozen Fruit		1,172	844	5,750	38,771
Apples	104	45	961	1,963	6,818
Blueberries	111	1,393	158	40,101	52,310
Cherries, Tart (RTP)	43	485	2	34,638	38,017
Cherries, Sweet	1	19,431	207	173,450	203,663
Peaches	57	15,617	5,662	94,393	361,950
Raspberries, Red	165				
Strawberries, Total	892				
Other Frozen Fruit	162				

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region,  
and United States, February 28, 2003 (continued)**

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**and United States, March 31, 2003**

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	<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	10,347	230,600	61,813		99,195
Nuts					
Shelled					
Peanuts		2	22		179,503
Pecans <sup>1</sup>		73			15,859
In-Shell					
Pecans <sup>1</sup>				19	16,509
Dairy Products					
Natural Cheese	21,175	59,548	216,690		118
American, Total	276	17,448	122,782		1,883
Other Natural Cheese					
Frozen Poultry				123,432	
Chicken		905	148	54,018	5,685
Broilers, Fryers	13	231	268		1,957
Roasters (Whole)	1,694	16,163	15,604		188,703
Hens, Mature Chickens	1,707	17,299	16,020		196,345
Other	964	4,535	2,296	1,001	52,646
Total Chicken	749	11,236	24,923	24,640	147,059
Turkeys	1,713	15,771	27,219	25,755	199,705
Whole Turkeys	1	427	5,210		28
Other Turkey	3,421	33,497	48,449	60,239	396,078
Total Turkey				73,480	
Ducks				133,719	
Total Poultry	61	18,450	31,265	159,474	1,109
Frozen Fruit	11,905	4,122	26,062		1,545
Apples	6	2,750	23,580		638
Blueberries		350	2,617		39
Cherries, Tart (RTP)	20	2,335	5,439	202	412
Cherries, Sweet	140	1,025	1,078	1,392	118
Peaches	100	4,423	4,109	756	950
Raspberries, Red	44,023	13,130	166,961	491	4,572
Strawberries, Total				1,970	
Other Frozen Fruit				86	
				693	
				2,503	

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**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region,  
and United States, March 31, 2003 (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		3,638	3,849	1,753,829	2,163,271
Nuts					
Shelled					
Peanuts		104,927	89	338	311,946
Pecans <sup>1</sup>		22,902		133	39,974
In-Shell					
Pecans <sup>1</sup>		75,332			94,082
	27,046				
	1,007				
Dairy Products					
Natural Cheese	2,241	1,592	15,048	97,203	535,036
American, Total		283	1,932	12,416	211,244
Other Natural Cheese					
Frozen Poultry	230				
Chicken	206				
Broilers, Fryers		10,016	379	2,514	22,710
Roasters (Whole)		1,131	35	948	5,107
Hens, Mature Chickens		217,805	2,359	43,043	618,541
Other	2,062	228,952	2,773	46,505	646,358
Total Chicken	410	47,353	10,101	35,921	214,753
Turkeys	108,530	32,940	9,808	16,351	317,794
Whole Turkeys	111,002	80,293	19,909	52,272	532,547
Other Turkey	698	48	51	54	5,819
Total Turkey	1,248	309,293	22,733	98,831	1,184,724
Ducks	1,946				
Total Poultry	112,948	1,453	214	7,704	60,549
Frozen Fruit		594	234	10,500	56,493
Apples		1,106	998	5,129	34,971
Blueberries	91	80	779	1,904	6,261
Cherries, Tart (RTP)	139	1,350	117	32,905	44,590
Cherries, Sweet	8	414	1	29,056	32,048
Peaches	1	21,527	242	151,075	183,968
Raspberries, Red	42	14,601	6,030	78,982	330,953
Strawberries, Total	849				
Other Frozen Fruit	151				

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	<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>