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# Cold Storage

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## Highlights

**Total natural cheese stocks** in refrigerated warehouses on March 31, 2012 were up 2 percent from the previous month but down 2 percent from March 31, 2011.

**Butter stocks** were up 3 percent from last month and up 46 percent from a year ago.

**Total frozen poultry supplies** on March 31, 2012 were up slightly from the previous month but down 7 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 4 percent from the previous month and down 17 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 7 percent from last month and up 15 percent from March 31, 2011.

**Total frozen fruit stocks** were down 11 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 1 percent from a year ago.

**Total red meat supplies** in freezers were up 3 percent from the previous month and up 11 percent from last year. Total pounds of beef in freezers were up 8 percent from the previous month and up 14 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 2 percent from the previous month but up 7 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 7 percent from last month and up 26 percent from last year.

**Nuts, Dairy Products, Frozen Eggs, and Frozen Poultry in Cold Storage – United States: March 31, 2012 with Comparisons**

| Commodity                            | Stocks in all warehouses |                   |                | March 31, 2012 as a percent of |                   | Public warehouse stocks |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------|
|                                      | March 31, 2011           | February 29, 2012 | March 31, 2012 | March 31, 2011                 | February 29, 2012 | March 31, 2012          |
|                                      | (1,000 pounds)           | (1,000 pounds)    | (1,000 pounds) | (percent)                      | (percent)         | (1,000 pounds)          |
| <b>Nuts</b>                          |                          |                   |                |                                |                   |                         |
| Shelled                              |                          |                   |                |                                |                   |                         |
| Peanuts .....                        | 332,152                  | 359,576           | 387,398        | 117                            | 108               |                         |
| Pecans .....                         | 30,720                   | 36,060            | 42,627         | 139                            | 118               |                         |
| In-Shell                             |                          |                   |                |                                |                   |                         |
| Peanuts .....                        | 24,953                   | 19,262            | 23,385         | 94                             | 121               |                         |
| Pecans .....                         | 131,448                  | 144,994           | 143,624        | 109                            | 99                | 166,000                 |
| <b>Dairy products</b>                |                          |                   |                |                                |                   |                         |
| Butter .....                         | 144,244                  | 205,172           | 210,598        | 146                            | 103               | 606,551                 |
| Natural cheese                       |                          |                   |                |                                |                   |                         |
| American .....                       |                          |                   |                |                                |                   |                         |
| Swiss .....                          | 611,200                  | 607,701           | 621,941        | 102                            | 102               |                         |
| Other .....                          | 32,557                   | 27,049            | 28,612         | 88                             | 106               |                         |
| Total natural cheese .....           | 385,737                  | 353,508           | 353,980        | 92                             | 100               | 31,788                  |
|                                      | 1,029,494                | 988,258           | 1,004,533      | 98                             | 102               |                         |
| <b>Frozen eggs</b>                   |                          |                   |                |                                |                   |                         |
| Whites .....                         | 3,676                    | 4,044             | 3,714          | 101                            | 92                |                         |
| Yolks .....                          | 2,007                    | 2,365             | 2,352          | 117                            | 99                |                         |
| Whole and mixed .....                | 6,565                    | 10,711            | 10,326         | 157                            | 96                |                         |
| Unclassified .....                   | 15,039                   | 19,206            | 16,927         | 113                            | 88                |                         |
| Total frozen eggs .....              | 27,287                   | 36,326            | 33,319         | 122                            | 92                |                         |
| <b>Frozen poultry</b>                |                          |                   |                |                                |                   |                         |
| Chicken                              |                          |                   |                |                                |                   |                         |
| Broilers, fryers, and roasters ..... | 20,489                   | 13,937            | 17,049         | 83                             | 122               |                         |
| Hens, mature chickens .....          | 3,981                    | 4,051             | 1,786          | 45                             | 44                |                         |
| Breasts and breast meat .....        | 142,488                  | 122,332           | 123,801        | 87                             | 101               |                         |
| Drumsticks .....                     | 18,501                   | 15,040            | 12,432         | 67                             | 83                |                         |
| Leg quarters .....                   | 105,124                  | 94,769            | 76,538         | 73                             | 81                |                         |
| Legs .....                           | 15,640                   | 9,715             | 9,591          | 61                             | 99                |                         |
| Thigh and thigh quarters .....       | 8,576                    | 9,620             | 8,465          | 99                             | 88                |                         |
| Thigh Meat .....                     | 13,138                   | 20,834            | 19,394         | 148                            | 93                |                         |
| Wings .....                          | 67,778                   | 33,732            | 32,741         | 48                             | 97                |                         |
| Paws and feet .....                  | 31,700                   | 27,681            | 26,233         | 83                             | 95                |                         |
| Other .....                          | 269,049                  | 247,987           | 248,997        | 93                             | 100               |                         |
| Total chicken .....                  | 696,464                  | 599,698           | 577,027        | 83                             | 96                | 854,650                 |
| Turkey                               |                          |                   |                |                                |                   |                         |
| Whole turkeys                        |                          |                   |                | 105                            | 119               |                         |
| Toms .....                           | 67,358                   | 59,607            | 70,874         | 106                            | 106               |                         |
| Hens .....                           | 80,903                   | 81,395            | 85,917         | 106                            | 111               |                         |
| Total whole turkeys .....            | 148,261                  | 141,002           | 156,791        | 112                            | 109               |                         |
| Breasts .....                        | 57,933                   | 59,759            | 64,908         | 173                            | 99                |                         |
| Legs .....                           | 12,352                   | 21,533            | 21,421         | 134                            | 112               |                         |
| Mechanically deboned meat .....      | 8,709                    | 10,427            | 11,703         | 126                            | 88                |                         |
| Other .....                          | 25,162                   | 36,041            | 31,785         | 121                            | 110               |                         |
| Unclassified .....                   | 73,271                   | 80,815            | 88,976         | 115                            | 107               |                         |
| Total turkey .....                   | 325,688                  | 349,577           | 375,584        |                                |                   |                         |
| Ducks .....                          | 6,173                    | 2,222             | 2,547          | 41                             | 115               |                         |
| Total frozen poultry .....           | 1,028,325                | 951,497           | 955,158        | 93                             | 100               |                         |

## Nuts and Dairy Products in Cold Storage – Regions: March 31, 2012 with Comparisons

| Commodity                | Stocks in all warehouses |                   |                | March 31, 2012<br>as a percent of |                      |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|
|                          | March 31,<br>2011        | February 29, 2012 | March 31, 2012 | March 31,<br>2011                 | February 29,<br>2012 |
|                          | (1,000 pounds)           | (1,000 pounds)    | (1,000 pounds) | (percent)                         | (percent)            |
| <b>Nuts <sup>1</sup></b> |                          |                   |                |                                   |                      |
| Shelled                  |                          |                   |                |                                   |                      |
| Peanuts                  |                          |                   |                |                                   |                      |
| South Atlantic .....     | 255,483                  | 303,020           | 323,147        | 126                               | 107                  |
| East South Central ..... | 21,131                   | 25,212            | 28,636         | 136                               | 114                  |
| West South Central ..... | 55,538                   | 31,344            | 35,615         | 64                                | 114                  |
| Pecans                   |                          |                   |                |                                   |                      |
| South Atlantic .....     | 8,937                    | 9,550             | 10,930         | 122                               | 114                  |
| East South Central ..... | 1,298                    | 1,085             | 1,479          | 114                               | 136                  |
| West South Central ..... | 20,485                   | 25,425            | 30,218         | 148                               | 119                  |
| In-shell                 |                          |                   |                |                                   |                      |
| Pecans                   |                          |                   |                |                                   |                      |
| South Atlantic .....     | 18,000                   | 49,449            | 45,137         | 251                               | 91                   |
| East South Central ..... | 2,290                    | 1,513             | 585            | 26                                | 39                   |
| West South Central ..... | 111,158                  | 94,032            | 97,902         | 88                                | 104                  |
| <b>Dairy products</b>    |                          |                   |                |                                   |                      |
| Natural cheese           |                          |                   |                |                                   |                      |
| American, total          |                          |                   |                |                                   |                      |
| New England .....        | 38,904                   | 41,150            | 41,013         | 105                               | 100                  |
| Middle Atlantic .....    | 54,942                   | 50,863            | 53,066         | 97                                | 104                  |
| East North Central ..... | 254,301                  | 263,320           | 268,901        | 106                               | 102                  |
| West North Central ..... | 97,784                   | 103,163           | 108,908        | 111                               | 106                  |
| South Atlantic .....     | 43                       | 50                | 47             | 109                               | 94                   |
| East South Central ..... | 2,860                    | 1,785             | 1,533          | 54                                | 86                   |
| West South Central ..... | 2,528                    | 2,017             | 2,593          | 103                               | 129                  |
| Mountain .....           | 64,100                   | 46,221            | 45,983         | 72                                | 99                   |
| Pacific .....            | 95,738                   | 99,132            | 99,897         | 104                               | 101                  |
| Other                    |                          |                   |                |                                   |                      |
| New England .....        | 617                      | 885               | 928            | 150                               | 105                  |
| Middle Atlantic .....    | 17,970                   | 16,287            | 15,108         | 84                                | 93                   |
| East North Central ..... | 257,144                  | 268,389           | 268,146        | 104                               | 100                  |
| West North Central ..... | 66,803                   | 35,866            | 35,539         | 53                                | 99                   |
| South Atlantic .....     | 7,242                    | 5,809             | 5,641          | 78                                | 97                   |
| East South Central ..... | 162                      | 299               | 247            | 152                               | 83                   |
| West South Central ..... | 1,131                    | 883               | 915            | 81                                | 104                  |
| Mountain .....           | 5,304                    | 4,783             | 4,724          | 89                                | 99                   |
| Pacific .....            | 29,364                   | 20,307            | 22,732         | 77                                | 112                  |

<sup>1</sup> 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.