



Cold Storage

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HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on December 31, 2002, were greater than year earlier levels for poultry, red meat, and orange juice concentrate.

Butter stocks were 16 percent above November 2002 and 182 percent above a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were 2 percent above November 30, 2002 and 7 percent above December 2001. Frozen pork stocks were 1 percent above last month and last year. Stocks of pork bellies were 57 percent above last month but 36 percent below December 2001 stocks.

Total frozen poultry supplies on December 31, 2002, were down 3 percent from last month but were 15 percent above last year's level. Total stocks of chicken were down 4 percent from last month but were 7 percent above last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers decreased slightly from last month but were 39 percent above last year.

Public cooler occupancy on December 31, 2002, was at 42 percent of capacity, up 6 points from last year. Public freezer occupancy, was at 56 percent, up 4 points from last year.

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity,
United States, December 2002**

Commodity	Stocks in All Warehouses			Percent of		Public Warehouse Stocks
	Dec 31, 2001	Nov 30, 2002	Dec 31, 2002	Dec 2001	Nov 2002	Dec 31, 2002
	<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						3,262
Apples						
Regular Storage						
Controlled Atmosphere						127
Total						
Pears				79	58	
Bartlett				103	94	
Other Varieties	759,622	1,027,615	597,986	99	87	
Total	3,595,582	3,952,142	3,718,089			
Total	4,355,204	4,979,757	4,316,075			163,741
Nuts				68	33	
Shelled	12,152	25,500	8,291	93	80	
Peanuts	309,726	359,021	286,634	92	77	
Pecans	321,878	384,521	294,925			43,786
Other Shelled						
Total	448,628	260,687	277,918	62	107	143,496
In-Shell	28,310	35,114	36,519	129	104	
Peanuts	132,103	107,247	115,796	88	108	
Pecans	609,041	403,048	430,233	71	107	
Other In-Shell						
Total	16,268	13,589	11,826	73	87	
Total	106,868	42,369	81,302	76	192	
Dairy Products	13,062	14,468	12,821	98	89	415,008
Butter, Total	136,198	70,426	105,949	78	150	
(Government Owned)						
Natural Cheese	55,915	135,632	157,460	282	116	
American, Total	436	1,021	555	127	54	
(Government Owned)						
Swiss	449,105	474,055	495,806	110	105	13,247
Other Natural Cheese	817	463	197	24	43	
Total	12,051	22,251	23,842	198	107	
Total	198,885	200,757	213,781	107	106	
Eggs, Frozen	660,041	697,063	733,429	111	105	
Whites						
Yolks	2,467	1,736	2,324	94	134	
Whole & Mixed	480	514	479	100	93	
Unclassified	9,463	5,913	7,618	81	129	
Total	1,300	3,036	3,265	251	108	
Frozen Poultry	13,710	11,199	13,686	100	122	
Chicken						
Broilers, Fryers						
Roasters (Whole)	24,087	31,590	26,223	109	83	
Hens, Mature Chickens	7,935	5,767	5,401	68	94	
Other	687,667	763,066	740,529	108	97	
Total Chicken	719,689	800,423	772,153	107	96	

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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Commodity	Stocks in All Warehouses			Percent of		Public Warehouse Stocks
	Dec 31, 2001	Nov 30, 2002	Dec 31, 2002	Dec 2001	Nov 2002	Dec 31, 2002

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. ³

⁴ Includes all boxed primal beef cuts, bone-in.

⁵ Includes full ham, bone removed and individual muscles separated.

⁶ Includes pork tenderloins.

⁷ Includes spareribs and backribs.

⁸ 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.

⁹ Includes ears, tails, feet, neckbones and snouts.

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

¹¹ Includes product unable to be classified elsewhere in this report.

and United States, November 30, 2002

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	32,613	430,233	236,203	3,128	249,376
Nuts					
Shelled					
Peanuts		11	323	15	144,525
Pecans ¹		132			12,342
In-Shell					
Pecans ¹					14,016
Dairy Products					
Natural Cheese	17,941	59,428	189,187	108,491	475
American, Total	371	28,256	104,712	55,076	899
Other Natural Cheese					
Frozen Poultry					
Chicken					
Broilers, Fryers	14	1,134	108	1,352	9,062
Roasters (Whole)	1,761	269	297	262	2,062
Hens, Mature Chickens	1,775	20,530	16,491	30,418	241,053
Other		21,933	16,896	32,032	252,177
Total Chicken	1,462	2,996	5,515	18,553	22,057
Turkeys	1,455	10,488	19,417	56,000	106,139
Whole Turkeys	2,917	13,484	24,932	74,553	128,196
Other Turkey	4,692	354	6,969		46
Total Turkey		35,771	48,797	106,585	380,419
Ducks					
Total Poultry	27	9,265	20,755	154	745
Frozen Fruit	18,914	5,963	49,681	1,682	2,503
Apples	12	5,882	39,524	879	680
Blueberries	37	264	3,883	628	52
Cherries, Tart (RTP)	146	3,190	7,379	2,409	508
Cherries, Sweet	104	654	1,568	152	129
	14,974			2,308	

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region,

Total Fresh Apples		4,958	37,050	3,986,196	4,979,757
Nuts					
Shelled					
Peanuts		88,003	103	918	260,687
Pecans ¹		22,071		138	35,114
In-Shell					
Pecans ¹	26,789	27,427			42,369
	431				
Dairy Products					
Natural Cheese	926	1,657	6,929	89,671	474,055
American, Total		346	683	10,164	200,757
Other Natural Cheese					
	276				
Frozen Poultry	250				
Chicken		10,937	415	3,060	31,590
Broilers, Fryers		462		1,365	5,767
Roasters (Whole)		269,589	2,521	50,527	763,066
Hens, Mature Chickens	5,522	280,988	2,936	54,952	800,423
Other	1,036				
Total Chicken	130,176	14,411	7,592	19,337	92,698
Turkeys	136,734	29,773	8,430	8,592	241,641
Whole Turkeys		44,184	16,022	27,929	334,339
Other Turkey	775	51	51	80	7,551
Total Turkey	1,347	325,223	19,009	82,961	1,142,313
Ducks	2,122				
Total Poultry	138,856	1,065	125	5,371	37,649
		771	370	20,285	100,274
Frozen Fruit		1,441	3,348	7,926	59,721
Apples	142	97	739	2,354	8,019
Blueberries	105	3,394	73	65,749	82,842
Cherries, Tart (RTP)	29	742	2	52,966	56,441
Cherries, Sweet	2	23,822	332	257,287	292,889
Peaches	103	14,360	5,788	128,287	435,283
Raspberries, Red	82				
Strawberries, Total	1,090				
Other Frozen Fruit	94				

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region,
and United States, November 30, 2002 (continued)**

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and United States, December 31, 2002

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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	25,141	418,438	188,885	827	213,842
Nuts					
Shelled					
Peanuts		4	19	16	153,301
Pecans ¹		124			13,385
In-Shell					
Pecans ¹					24,577
Dairy Products					
Natural Cheese	18,656	58,212	202,092	112,218	398
American, Total	364	29,294	111,040	58,765	2,392
Other Natural Cheese					
Frozen Poultry					
Chicken	11	872	110	957	6,545
Broilers, Fryers	14	190	281	195	2,017
Roasters (Whole)	1,582	16,792	14,063	27,455	241,197
Hens, Mature Chickens	1,607	17,854	14,454	28,607	249,759
Other					
Total Chicken	1,155	2,748	1,536	18,969	18,130
Turkeys	479	10,164	19,658	59,181	117,233
Whole Turkeys	1,634	12,912	21,194	78,150	135,363
Other Turkey		327	5,827	1	24
Total Turkey	3,241	31,093	41,475	106,758	385,146
Ducks					
Total Poultry	23	12,280	24,621	122	870
Frozen Fruit	16,655	4,971	43,473	1,657	2,501
Apples	9	5,324	36,543	798	537
Blueberries		484	3,360	608	51
Cherries, Tart (RTP)	32	2,806	6,966	2,376	400
Cherries, Sweet	169	637	1,568	162	126
Peaches	126	3,818	4,930	604	1,015
Raspberries, Red	20,246	16,412	232,308	2,225	5,928
Strawberries, Total					
Other Frozen Fruit					

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**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region,
and United States, December 31, 2002 (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		4,405	23,887	3,440,650	4,316,075
Nuts					
Shelled					
Peanuts		96,100	94	928	277,918
Pecans ¹		22,403		138	36,519
In-Shell					
Pecans ¹	27,456	53,602			81,302
	469				
Dairy Products					
Natural Cheese	3,123	1,678	6,900	95,022	495,806
American, Total		346	718	10,602	213,781
Other Natural Cheese					
	630				
Frozen Poultry	260				
Chicken					
Broilers, Fryers		10,596	349	2,626	26,223
Roasters (Whole)		439		1,243	5,401
Hens, Mature Chickens		258,103	2,528	46,278	740,529
Other	4,157	269,138	2,877	50,147	772,153
Total Chicken	1,022	11,748	8,851	16,148	79,787
Turkeys	132,531	28,501	8,724	8,960	254,079
Whole Turkeys	137,710	40,249	17,575	25,108	333,866
Other Turkey	502	49	28	149	6,405
Total Turkey	1,179	309,436	20,480	75,404	1,112,424
Ducks	1,681				
Total Poultry	139,391	1,248	180	6,738	46,196
Frozen Fruit					
Apples	114	744	282	18,319	88,673
Blueberries	71	1,472	2,814	7,437	54,951
Cherries, Tart (RTP)	17	97	1,157	2,129	7,887
Cherries, Sweet	1	3,177	92	56,548	72,496
Peaches	99	684	21	47,070	50,547
Raspberries, Red	110	21,771	85	230,133	263,739
Strawberries, Total	1,257	13,773	5,781	123,877	420,675
Other Frozen Fruit	125				

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