



Cold Storage

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HIGHLIGHTS

Frozen food stocks in refrigerated warehouses on April 30, 2000 were greater than year earlier levels for fruit, chicken, and potatoes. April 2000 stocks of chicken, at 836 million pounds, broke the previous record April high of 820 million pounds set in 1999. Cooler stocks of pecans and peanuts were also higher than a year earlier. Butter stocks were 9 percent above March 2000 but 15 percent below a year ago.

Total red meat supplies in freezers were slightly above March 2000 but were 5 percent below April 1999. Frozen pork stocks were 3 percent below last month but were 16 percent below last year. Stocks of pork bellies increased 5 percent from last month but were 42 percent below April 1999 stocks.

Total frozen poultry supplies were up 4 percent from last month but were 2 percent below last year's level. Total stocks of chicken were up 3 percent from last month and were 2 percent above April 1999. Total pounds of turkey in freezers increased 7 percent from last month but were 9 percent below last year.

Public cooler occupancy was at 43 percent of capacity, down 12 points from last year. Public freezer occupancy at 60 percent was down 3 percentage points from last year.

Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity,

	Apr 30, 1999	Mar 31, 2000	Apr 30, 2000	Apr 1999	Mar 2000	Apr 30, 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			132,513			
Total	99,710	224,082	1,751,456			
Nuts	1,757,990	2,241,156	1,883,969	133		
Shelled	1,857,700	2,465,238		100		
Peanuts	1,500	3,090	2,386	101		
Pecans	67,698	130,340	102,591			
Other Shelled	69,198	133,430	104,977	159		
Total				152		
In-Shell			596,716	152		
Peanuts	581,007	587,893	41,422			
Pecans	33,279	32,763	169,419	103		
Other In-Shell	160,938	163,454	807,557	124		
Total	775,224	784,110		105		
Dairy Products	25,499	26,684	28,182	104		
Butter, Total	72,016	259,706	228,715	111		
(Government Owned)	6,949	5,479	5,891	318		
Natural Cheese	104,464	291,869	262,788	85		
American, Total	125,520	97,793	106,519	252		
(Government Owned)	67	347	229	85	59 78 76	16,913
Swiss				342		
Other Natural Cheese	514,413	524,987	546,535	106	77 79 79	
Total	20	57	24	120		1,019
Eggs, Frozen	12,066	10,465	10,157	84		
Whites	162,172	191,274	191,041	118	102 126	
Yolks	688,651	726,726	747,733	109	104 103	
Whole & Mixed	660	616	439	67	106 88 108	
Unclassified	646	672	658	102	90	433,292
Total	6,674	6,192	5,394	81	109 66	
Frozen Poultry	1,376	611	628	46		
Chicken	9,356	8,091	7,119	76	104 42 97	
Broilers (Whole)					100 103	99,019
Hens	25,500	38,320	34,917	137	71 98 87	101,998
Other Chicken	10,480	5,993	6,762	65	103 88	
Total	783,632	766,558	794,423	101		
Turkey	819,612	810,871	836,102	102		
Whole Turkeys	239,906	192,806	203,762	85	91 113 104	
Other Turkey	215,505	194,739	209,178	97	103	
Total	455,411	387,545	412,940	91	106 107	464,315
Ducks	6,010	3,924	4,277	71	107 109	6,894
Total	1,281,033	1,202,340	1,253,319	98	104	1,172,252

**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity,
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	307,476	207,781		133,208
Pecans ¹					
In-Shell					
Pecans ¹		8	245	36	375,133
		106			11,764
Dairy Products					
Natural Cheese					60,355
American, Total					
Other Natural Cheese					
Frozen Poultry	19,702	43,085	252,624	112,140	4,212
Broilers (Whole)	598	8,509	101,155	69,043	354
Hens					
Other Chicken	101	403	736	915	12,353
Total		70	506	1,317	1,164
Whole Turkeys	1,909	22,835	16,545	30,658	214,372
Other Turkey	2,010	23,308	17,787	32,890	227,889
Total	4,047	12,596	14,541	30,400	41,529
Ducks	273	13,798	15,781	58,333	50,975
Total	4,320	26,394	30,322	88,733	92,504
Frozen Fruit	6,367	49,883	51,622	121,634	320,404
Apples					
Blueberries	22	26,630	43,481	231	173
Cherries, Tart (RSP)	7,465	6,229	16,622	143	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	2,386	754
		29,164	278,981		2,688

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**Stocks in Cold Storage: By Commodity, Region, and
United States, March 31, 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		6,147	4,201	1,776,138	2,465,238
Pecans ¹					
In-Shell					
Pecans ¹	62,312	149,689	139	331	587,893
	1,293	19,431		169	32,763
Dairy Products					
Natural Cheese	3,255	196,096			259,706
American, Total					
Other Natural Cheese					
Frozen Poultry	178	687	9,878	82,659	524,987
Broilers (Whole)		548	142	10,747	191,274
Hens					
Other Chicken	3,978	17,390	627	1,817	38,320
Total	829	478	272	1,357	5,993
Whole Turkeys	149,291	279,106	4,294	47,548	766,558
Other Turkey	154,098	296,974	5,193	50,722	810,871
Total	1,652	51,569	7,824	28,648	192,806
Ducks	900	27,513	9,761	17,405	194,739
Total	2,552	79,082	17,585	46,053	387,545
Total	1	3	1	166	3,924
Frozen Fruit	156,651	376,059	22,779	96,941	1,202,340
Apples					
Blueberries	133	276	197	16,155	87,298
Cherries, Tart (RSP)	85	374	92	6,658	38,377
Cherries, Sweet	53	155	1,445	5,830	85,032
Peaches	3	50	432	2,009	11,001
Raspberries, Red	65	698	14	35,153	41,464
Strawberries, Total	31	303	1	34,346	37,377
Other Frozen Fruit	3,061	27,954	1,961	179,217	222,599
Total	320	9,064	952	84,454	552,597

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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, April 30, 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	19,700	222,297	136,052		99,398
Pecans ¹					
In-Shell					
Pecans ¹		22	245	36	387,701
		119			13,830
Dairy Products					
Natural Cheese					48,984
American, Total					
Other Natural Cheese					
Frozen Poultry	20,438	44,622	266,007	115,079	4,426
Broilers (Whole)	658	7,864	99,045	71,442	518
Hens					
Other Chicken	101	351	856	886	9,476
Total		63	602	1,364	1,300
Whole Turkeys	1,891	24,277	17,872	29,587	211,601
Other Turkey	1,992	24,691	19,330	31,837	222,377
Total	4,399	15,104	16,603	30,355	40,269
Ducks	294	14,568	15,898	65,232	53,177
Total	4,693	29,672	32,501	95,587	93,446
Frozen Fruit	6,725	54,497	55,753	127,428	12
Apples					315,835
Blueberries	25	24,325	45,813	132	298
Cherries, Tart (RSP)	7,267	3,621	13,331	128	126
Cherries, Sweet	23	3,734	67,449	90	111
Peaches		401	7,511	65	7
Raspberries, Red	20 224	1,820	2,821	57	1,501
Strawberries, Total	67	1,454	787	100	96
Other Frozen Fruit	124,332	3,131	3,886	2,255	1,026
		25,748	248,091	739	1,931

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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, April 30, 2000 (continued)**

Total Fresh Apples					
Nuts					
Shelled					
Peanuts		4,028		1,400,340	1,883,969
Pecans ¹			2,154		
In-Shell					
Pecans ¹	60,348	147,891		331	596,716
	1,182	26,116		175	41,422
Dairy Products			142		
Natural Cheese	2,946	176,785			228,715
American, Total					
Other Natural Cheese					
		371		84,543	546,535
Frozen Poultry	188	466		10,603	191,041
Broilers (Whole)			11,049		
Hens			257		
Other Chicken	1,721	19,104		1,838	34,917
Total	871	537		1,797	6,762
Whole Turkeys	160,598	294,791	584	51,343	794,423
Other Turkey	163,190	314,432	228	54,978	836,102
Total	2,565	53,745	2,463	32,771	203,762
Ducks	897	31,853	3,275	15,405	209,178
Total	3,462	85,598	7,951	48,176	412,940
Total	2	3	11,854	159	4,277
	166,654	400,033	19,805	103,313	1,253,319
Frozen Fruit			1		
Apples			23,081		
Blueberries	140	599		16,053	87,607
Cherries, Tart (RSP)	78	378		5,366	30,389
Cherries, Sweet	42	219	222	5,360	78,365
Peaches	3	45	94	1,830	10,335
Raspberries, Red	49	532	1,337	29,966	36,772
Strawberries, Total	118	1,002	473 6	31,344	35,132
Other Frozen Fruit	2,891	31,923	7 603	186,370	232,152
	237	8,593	1,012	67,996	478,679

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