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LIQUID AND DRIED EGG PRODUCTION
 February 1942

Liquid egg production in February by commercial egg breaking plants is estimated at 27,696,000 pounds compared with 10,571,000 pounds in February last year. Data on utilization showed that 13,626,000 pounds were frozen compared with 8,140,000 in February last year, and 2,880,000 pounds were used for immediate consumption in liquid form compared with only 846,000 pounds a year earlier. The remaining amount, 11,190,000 pounds, was used for drying. This amount, plus the eggs broken out by strictly egg drying plants, produced in February 13,851,009 pounds of dried egg compared with only 661,025 pounds in February last year. This production was almost double the total annual production of several years ago.

The record-breaking output of dried egg in February indicates that the domestic dried egg industry is rapidly approaching the production goal set for it to fulfill war requirements. The industry is gearing itself to produce about 20,000,000 pounds of dried egg per month.

Large quantities of eggs will have to be stored either in frozen form or in shell during the next 5 or 6 months to insure a sufficient supply for full utilization of egg drying facilities during the latter part of 1942. Statistics on holdings of frozen and shell eggs this year will, in all probability, be very much out of line with other years. The egg breaking picture in 1942 will be dominated by the requirements for dried egg rather than frozen egg as in past years.

Egg production is very large and if the current level is maintained, sufficient quantities will be available for all known requirements for the remaining months of 1942. Production of eggs in February was 15 percent larger than the previous record production of February 1941 and 34 percent larger than the 10-year (1931-40) February average.

The Agricultural Marketing Administration accepted offers on 18,121,210 pounds of dried egg in February. Offers accepted March 1 to 20 totaled 16,322,975 pounds.

Storage stocks of frozen egg on March 1 totaled 73,694,000 pounds compared with 45,239,000 on March 1 last year and 50,186,000 pounds the March 1 (1937-41) average. Included in the above figures were 12,165,000 pounds owned by the Agricultural Marketing Administration. The quantity removed from storage during February was 2,599,000 pounds compared with 8,766,000 pounds a year earlier. The firms reporting stocks of dried eggs on March 1 showed that out of a total of 4,213,990 pounds only 526,235 pounds remained unsold.

Liquid Egg Production, February 1941-42 ^{1/}

	February	February	Percent change
	1941	1942	in 1942
	Thous. pounds		Percent
Whole eggs	2,706	17,919	+562
Mixed eggs (emulsions, also with sugar, salt, etc.)	1,099	3,047	+177
Egg whites (all descriptions)	3,510	3,545	+ 1
Without salt, sugar, etc.	1,195	1,246	+ 4
Egg yolks	1,713	1,025	- 40
With salt	84	388	+361
packed All yolk emulsions, in- cluding glycerine	264	526	+ 99
Total	10,571	27,696	+162

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Dried Egg Production, February 1941-42

Commodity	Total Reported for February 1942	Same Firm Comparison		
		February 1941	February 1942	Percent change in 1942
	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Whole.....	13,342,864	79,460	13,342,864	+16,692
Albumen.....	92,637	95,030	92,637	- 3
Yolks.....	415,508	486,535	415,508	- 15
TOTAL	13,851,009	661,025	13,851,009	+ 1,995
Firms reporting	47		47	