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LIQUID AND DRIED EGG PRODUCTION
 September 1941

Liquid egg production by commercial egg breaking plants in September was over five times that of September last year, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports. Production was estimated at 12,701,000 pounds, compared with 2,401,000 pounds a year earlier. The large increase this year can be attributed to the heavy buying of dried eggs by the Government. If it were not for this demand, most of the plants now operating would be closed down until next spring. The demand for dried eggs is so large, however, that production facilities have been greatly expanded. It would not be surprising if the monthly production of dried eggs during the spring months next year would be as large as the total output of the year 1939 when 10,039,000 pounds were produced.

Utilization reports show that 65 percent of the September production of liquid eggs was used for drying, compared with 28 percent in September last year. Ten firms drying eggs reported a production of 2,697,269 pounds, compared with 107,576 pounds last year. Approximately 83 percent of the production consisted of dried whole eggs, the type that is being exported to Great Britain under the Lease-Lend Act. But despite the unusually large dried egg production, only relatively small quantities of frozen eggs were used for drying purposes, because the September farm output of eggs set a new high record for the month at 7,353,000 cases. Later in the fall as farm egg production drops to its low for the year, dryers may have to draw upon frozen egg supplies to meet their commitments. September purchases of dried eggs by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation totaled 5½ million pounds. Purchases from October 1 through October 17 have totaled 9,121,500 pounds.

Stocks of frozen eggs on October 1 totaled 177,940,000 pounds. This was 47,153,000 pounds greater than on October 1 last year and 56,464,000 pounds above the October 1 average. The firms reporting stocks of dried eggs on October 1 showed that out of a total of 5,332,285 pounds only 357,782 pounds remained unsold.

Liquid Egg Production, September 1940-41 ^{1/}

	September 1940	September 1941	Percent change in 1941
	<u>Thous. pounds</u>	<u>Thous. pounds</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Whole eggs	1,244	10,237	+723
Mixed eggs (plain)	214	292	+ 36
Mixed eggs (emulsions, also with sugar, salt, etc.)	48	63	+ 31
Egg whites (all descriptions)	454	1,080	+138
Without salt, sugar, etc.	165	267	+ 62
Egg yolks	276	127	- 54
With sugar	--	635	--
With salt	--	--	--
All yolk emulsions, in- cluding glycerine	--	--	--
Total	2,401	12,701	+429

^{1/} Preliminary

Dried Egg Production, September 1940-41

Commodity	Total Reported for September 1941	Same Firm Comparison		
		September 1940	September 1941	Percent change in 1941
	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Whole.....	2,227,309	34,850	2,227,309	+6291
Albumen.....	224,699	64,674	224,699	+ 247
Yolks.....	245,261	8,052	245,261	+2946
Total	2,697,269	107,576	2,697,269	+2407
Firms reporting	10	10		

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