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LIQUID EGG PRODUCTION

The production of liquid eggs during February was over six times that of February last year, the Agricultural Marketing Service reports. Estimated at 10,571,000 pounds, the February output was 520 percent larger than that of February 1940. In comparing the production this year with that of last year, it should be remembered that many firms did not operate in February 1940 on account of severe cold weather. The February 1940 production was 82 percent less than the production in February 1939.

With unusually favorable weather over most of the country during February, this year, fresh egg production reached an all time high for the month. Aside from the egg breaking plants that ordinarily operate in February, many plants that normally do not begin operating until March or early April were, therefore, able to obtain sufficient supplies at prices to justify earlier opening this year. The February production of fresh eggs was 12 percent larger than the production in February 1940, 14 percent larger than the 10-year (1930-39) average, and exceeded the previous high production in February 1931 by 3 percent.

Of the total February production of liquid eggs approximately 8 percent was used currently as liquid eggs, 15 percent dried and 77 percent frozen. In February 1940, 57 percent of the liquid egg production was used currently, and 43 percent frozen. The amount dried was insignificant.

Storage stocks of frozen eggs on March 1 were 45,120,000 pounds, compared with 38,070,000 pounds on March 1 last year. From February 1 to March 1 stocks decreased 8,760,000 pounds or 16 percent. This compares with a decrease of 33 percent last year when fresh egg supplies were extremely short.

Liquid Eggs Produced During February 1941*

Commodity	February 1940	February 1941	Percent change in 1941
	Thous. pounds	Thous. pounds	Percent
Whole eggs	612	3,531	+ 477
Mixed eggs (plain)	56	809	+1344
Mixed eggs (emulsions, also with sugar, salt, etc.)..	258	348	+ 35
Egg whites (all descriptions)...	426	3,229	+ 658
Without salt, sugar, etc.	114	1,376	+1107
Egg yolks	167	1,247	+ 647
With salt	70	78	+ 11
packed All yolk emulsions, including glycerine	2	166	+8200
Total	1,705	10,571	+ 520

* Amounts shown are estimates and subject to revisions.