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LIQUID AND DRIED EGG PRODUCTION

April 1942

The production of 94,100,000 pounds of liquid eggs by commercial egg breaking plants during April was larger than the production during April last year by 41,308,000 pounds or 78 percent. The plants reported that 59,001,000 pounds were frozen compared with 46,826,000 pounds in April last year and 2,541,000 pounds were used for immediate consumption compared with 2,776,000 pounds a year earlier. From the remaining 32,558,000 pounds, plus the eggs broken out by strictly egg drying plants, 21,714,358 pounds of dried eggs were produced compared with 3,517,965 pounds in April 1941.

Government purchases continue to dominate the dried egg industry. Practically all of the dried eggs produced in April were in the whole form and were sold to the Government for Lease-Lend uses. The production of dried albumen was 72 percent less than the total produced in April last year and the production of yolk 19 percent less. The Agricultural Marketing Administration accepted offers on 56,831,605 pounds of dried egg in April. Offers accepted May 1 to May 14, totaled 16,746,380 pounds.

Large quantities of frozen and shell eggs apparently are being stored to be used later in the year for drying eggs. Storage stocks of frozen eggs on May 1 totaled 159,176,000 pounds compared with 99,531,000 pounds on May 1 last year and 94,382,000 pounds, the May 1 (1937-41) average. Stocks of shell-egg on May 1 totaled 4,650,000 cases compared with 3,031,000 cases on May 1 last year and 3,468,000 cases, the May 1 (1937-41) average. Out of a total of 11,196,304 pounds of dried eggs on hand on May 1 only 350,049 pounds remained unsold.

Liquid Egg Production, April 1941-42 1/

	April 1941	April 1942	Percent change in 1942
	<u>Thous. pounds</u>		<u>Percent</u>
Whole eggs	13,620	43,286	+218
Mixed eggs (emulsions, also with sugar, salt, etc.)	7,074	12,233	+ 73
Egg whites (all descriptions)	17,844	22,302	+ 25
Without salt, sugar, etc.	4,751	6,587	+ 39
Egg yolks	8,183	7,904	- 3
With salt	1,320	1,788	+ 35
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All yolk emulsions, in- cluding glycerine			
Total	52,792	94,100	+ 78

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Dried Egg Production, April 1941-42

Commodity	April 1941	April 1942 <u>1/</u>	Percent change in 1942
	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Whole	243,497	19,609,258	+7,953
Albumen	1,031,979	290,652	- 72
Yolks	2,242,489	1,814,448	- 19
TOTAL	3,517,965	21,714,358	+517

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