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LIQUID AND DRIED EGG PRODUCTION
 May 1941

Egg breaking operations during May were relatively high, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports. The output in May is estimated by the Agricultural Marketing Service at 58,355,000 pounds compared with 58,944,000 pounds in May 1940 - a decrease of 1 percent. Production in May last year was probably one of the largest for any month in the history of the industry.

Storage stocks of frozen eggs on June 1 totaled 142,103,000 pounds compared with 123,793,000 pounds on June 1 last year. These are the largest stocks ever reported for June 1. From May 1 to June 1 stocks increased 42,486,000 pounds compared with 44,392,000 pounds during the same period a year ago - a decrease of about 4 percent.

The production of dried eggs during May was also large. Nine out of 11 firms believed to be operating during the month, reported a production of 1,997,922 pounds of dried eggs. Reports from 7 firms that reported operations during May this year and last year showed a total production of 1,362,171 pounds compared with 742,808 pounds in May last year - an increase of 83 percent. Reports on stocks were not complete from all firms. The firms reporting stocks showed that out of a total of 3,640,740 pounds on hand June 1 only 663,876 pounds remained unsold.

Liquid Egg Production, May 1940-41 1/

	May 1940	May 1941	Percent change in 1941
	<u>Thous. pounds</u>	<u>Thous. pounds</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Whole eggs	14,264	13,830	- 3
Mixed eggs (plain)	1,827	2,276	+25
Mixed eggs (emulsions, also with sugar, salt, etc.)	8,901	11,729	+32
Egg whites (all descriptions)	17,894	17,019	- 5
Without salt, sugar, etc.	3,713	4,318	+16
Egg yolks	6,602	4,143	-37
With salt	5,718	5,019	-12
packed All yolk emulsions, in- cluding glycerine	25	21	-16
Total	58,944	58,355	- 1

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Dried Egg Production, May 1940-41

Commodity	Total Reported for May 1941	Same Firm Comparison		
		May 1940	May 1941	Percent change in 1941
	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Pounds</u>	<u>Percent</u>
Whole.....	385,031	10,860	94,481	+769
Albumen.....	369,031	171,671	220,922	+ 29
Yolks.....	1,243,476	560,277	1,046,768	+ 87
Total	1,997,922	742,808	1,362,171	+ 83
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As a result of increased domestic demand and Government activity in buying frozen and dried eggs under the National emergency program, egg breaking operations have been relatively high in relation to egg production so far this season. Egg production for the first five months of this year shows an increase of slightly more than 3 percent compared with the same period last year while egg breaking operations have increased approximately 15 percent. Production of liquid eggs for the first five months of this year is estimated at 167,034,000 pounds compared with 144,557,000 pounds during the same period last year.

Egg prices are still creeping upward and are now 7 to 8 cents a dozen higher than a year ago. These relatively high prices so far have had no tendency in slowing up breaking operations, although it is unlikely that supplies of eggs during June will be large enough to warrant a production as large as the 45,190,000 pounds of liquid eggs produced in June last year.

Government purchases of frozen and dried eggs during May totaled 15,528,750 pounds of frozen and 874,500 pounds of dried.

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