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REPORT OF STOCKS OF FROZEN AND CURED MEATS, APRIL 1, 1917.

FROZEN BEEF

The total stocks of FROZEN BEEF reported by 259 firms on April 1, 1917, amounted to 139,529,215 pounds, while the total stocks reported by 264 firms on March 1, 1917, amounted to 159,615,065 pounds. The reports of 184 firms show stocks of 128,987,189 pounds on April 1, 1917, as compared with 118,278,547 pounds on April 1, 1916, an increase of 9.1 per cent. The reports of 230 firms show that the stocks decreased 13.7 per cent in March, 1917, while the reports of 164 firms show stocks decreased 13.1 per cent in March, 1916.

CURED BEEF

The total stocks of CURED BEEF reported by 283 firms on April 1, 1917, amounted to 30,635,487 pounds, while the total stocks reported by 280 firms on March 1, 1917, amounted to 38,211,205 pounds. The reports of 224 firms show stocks of 28,861,483 pounds on April 1, 1917, as compared with 25,810,779 pounds on April 1, 1916, an increase of 11.9 per cent. The reports of 246 firms show that the stocks decreased 16.8 per cent in March, 1917, while the reports of 198 firms show stocks increased 11.7 per cent in March, 1916.

FROZEN PORK

The total stocks of FROZEN PORK reported by 236 firms on April 1, 1917, amounted to 62,721,468 pounds, while the total stocks reported by 233 firms on March 1, 1917, amounted to 60,775,078 pounds. The reports of 171 firms show stocks of 54,651,238 pounds on April 1, 1917, as compared with 38,344,036 pounds on April 1, 1916, a decrease of 38.1 per cent. The reports of 213 firms show that the stocks increased 0.6 per cent in March, 1917, while the reports of 160 firms show stocks increased 1.8 per cent in March, 1916.

DRY SALT PORK

The total stocks of DRY SALT PORK reported by 333 firms on April 1, 1917, amounted to 218,551,175 pounds, while the total stocks reported by 346 firms on March 1, 1917, amounted to 249,218,917 pounds. The reports of 262 firms show stocks of 208,753,169 pounds on April 1, 1917, as compared with 206,702,854 pounds on April 1, 1916, an increase of 1.0 per cent. The reports of 316 firms show that the stocks decreased 16.9 per cent in March, 1917, while the reports of 245 firms show stocks decreased 4.1 per cent in March, 1916.

SWEET PICKLED PORK

The total stocks of SWEET PICKLED PORK reported by 417 firms on April 1, 1917, amounted to 326,917,806 pounds, while the total stocks reported by 429 firms on March 1, 1917, amounted to 352,736,147 pounds. The reports of 321 firms show stocks of 308,852,637 pounds on April 1, 1917, as compared with 351,050,602 pounds on April 1, 1916, a decrease of 12.0 per cent. The reports of 388 firms show that the stocks decreased 3.4 per cent in March, 1917, while the reports of 295 firms show stocks increased 3.2 per cent in March, 1916.

LARD

The total stocks of LARD reported by 374 firms on April 1, 1917, amounted to 60,691,012 pounds, while the total stocks reported by 388 firms on March 1, 1917, amounted to 81,368,248 pounds. The reports of 293 firms show stocks of 55,905,241 pounds on April 1, 1917, as compared with 97,236,604 pounds on April 1, 1916, a decrease of 42.5 per cent. The reports of 351 firms show that the stocks decreased 22.6 per cent in March, 1917, while the reports of 271 firms show stocks decreased 12.2 per cent in March, 1916.

FROZEN LAMB AND MUTTON

The total stocks of FROZEN LAMB AND MUTTON reported by 145 firms on April 1, 1917, amounted to 4,937,131 pounds, while the total stocks reported by 133 firms on March 1, 1917, amounted to 5,042,545 pounds. The reports of 113 firms show stocks of 4,099,873 pounds on April 1, 1917, as compared with 5,084,361 pounds on April 1, 1916, a decrease of 19.4 per cent. The reports of 128 firms show that the stocks decreased 6.2 per cent in March, 1917, while the reports of 102 firms show stocks decreased 14.4 per cent in March, 1916.

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STOCKS OF FROZEN AND CURED MEATS ON APRIL 1, 1917, WITH COMPARISONS
OF THE STOCKS OF APRIL 1, 1916, AND APRIL 1, 1917, BY SECTIONS

FROZEN BEEF						
SECTION	Total Stocks April 1, 1917		COMPARISON OF STOCKS			
	No. of Firms Reporting	Pounds	No. of Firms Reporting	April 1, 1916 Pounds	April 1, 1917 Pounds	Percentage increase or decrease
New England	22	5,654,448	12	1,855,932	2,195,410	+ 18.3
N. Atlantic	66	28,855,479	47	26,876,384	27,192,366	+ 1.2
S. Atlantic	19	243,191	6	14,130	43,537	+208.1
N. Central (E)	46	71,771,840	33	68,704,118	68,327,000	- 0.5
N. Central (W)	46	25,459,893	39	17,087,567	24,113,593	+ 41.1
S. Central	22	4,320,513	12	2,267,247	4,210,580	+ 85.7
Western (N)	12	1,477,115	11	344,520	1,357,115	+293.9
Western (S)	26	1,746,736	24	1,128,649	1,547,588	+ 37.1
TOTAL	259	139,529,215	184	118,278,547	128,987,189	+ 9.1
CURED BEEF						
New England	26	1,114,210	15	1,163,178	939,095	- 19.3
N. Atlantic	84	5,042,130	61	3,310,928	3,902,311	+ 17.9
S. Atlantic	17	186,855	15	116,909	149,855	+ 28.2
N. Central (E)	72	14,797,989	57	16,811,121	14,583,299	- 13.3
N. Central (W)	47	8,139,276	43	3,679,949	7,961,596	+116.4
S. Central	10	464,942	9	318,235	458,192	+ 44.0
Western (N)	14	449,035	12	115,628	448,825	+288.2
Western (S)	13	439,050	12	294,833	438,250	+ 48.6
TOTAL	283	30,635,487	224	25,810,779	28,881,483	+ 11.9
FROZEN PORK						
New England	18	5,026,989	9	3,648,702	4,098,879	+ 12.3
N. Atlantic	57	6,660,406	38	4,279,513	4,466,571	+ 4.4
S. Atlantic	15	145,879	7	12,962	50,095	+286.5
N. Central (E)	49	20,794,012	35	34,247,563	19,461,811	- 43.2
N. Central (W)	45	21,163,568	39	32,730,033	18,142,587	- 44.6
S. Central	16	2,713,074	11	4,216,860	2,641,697	- 37.4
Western (N)	12	3,216,556	11	6,797,392	3,213,556	- 52.7
Western (S)	24	3,100,243	21	2,411,011	2,576,042	+ 6.8
TOTAL	236	62,721,468	171	88,344,036	54,651,238	- 38.1
DRY SALT PORK						
New England	17	10,562,900	9	8,459,127	7,321,643	- 13.4
N. Atlantic	50	9,375,707	37	2,310,277	7,590,027	+228.5
S. Atlantic	33	3,596,740	24	3,947,811	3,541,875	- 10.3
N. Central (E)	93	95,313,558	76	94,672,796	93,236,763	- 1.5
N. Central (W)	70	85,848,122	61	81,114,702	85,138,574	+ 5.0
S. Central	29	10,591,118	19	11,723,450	8,671,831	- 26.0
Western (N)	19	1,196,967	16	2,142,859	1,186,913	- 44.6
Western (S)	22	2,066,063	20	2,331,832	2,065,543	- 11.4
TOTAL	333	218,551,175	262	206,702,854	208,753,169	+ 1.0
SWEET PICKLED PORK						
New England	30	25,404,432	16	22,881,108	22,720,529	- 0.7
N. Atlantic	98	26,666,158	73	23,113,097	22,436,006	- 2.9
S. Atlantic	29	6,715,111	23	6,154,750	5,870,828	- 4.6
N. Central (E)	114	114,130,346	87	125,446,421	107,289,657	- 14.5
N. Central (W)	70	124,292,825	59	139,297,404	122,077,966	- 12.4
S. Central	26	17,345,181	21	15,420,004	16,672,481	+ 8.1
Western (N)	24	3,688,284	21	10,125,975	3,616,350	- 64.3
Western (S)	26	8,675,469	22	8,611,843	8,168,820	- 5.1
TOTAL	417	326,917,806	321	351,050,602	308,852,637	- 12.0

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LARD

SECTION	Total Stocks April 1, 1917		COMPARISON OF STOCKS			
	No. of Firms Reporting	Pounds	No. of Firms Reporting	April 1, 1916 Pounds	April 1, 1917 Pounds	Percentage increase or decrease
New England	21	3,796,176	11	10,570,790	3,316,577	- 68.6
M. Atlantic	77	3,777,085	60	2,488,094	2,978,665	+ 19.7
S. Atlantic	27	1,351,438	22	1,079,604	1,136,773	+ 9.9
N. Central (E)	104	30,320,146	81	55,784,977	29,276,975	- 47.5
N. Central (W)	70	14,551,841	59	18,608,727	13,279,885	- 28.6
S. Central	28	2,630,841	20	2,209,131	2,144,111	- 2.9
Western (N)	22	1,841,472	18	3,845,368	1,802,892	- 53.1
Western (S)	25	1,922,013	22	2,649,913	1,919,363	- 27.6
TOTAL	374	60,691,012	293	97,236,604	55,905,241	- 42.5

FROZEN LAMB AND MUTTON

New England	13	710,299	8	2,66,714	221,263	- 17.0
M. Atlantic	40	2,001,244	29	3,598,554	1,765,564	- 50.9
S. Atlantic	2	0	1	1,000	0	- 100.0
N. Central (E)	29	1,045,558	23	379,422	939,300	+ 6.8
N. Central (W)	27	1,006,273	25	177,983	1,002,467	+ 463.2
S. Central	12	50,924	10	32,855	50,569	+ 53.9
Western (N)	9	74,905	6	73,121	74,905	+ 2.4
Western (S)	13	47,928	11	54,707	45,805	- 16.3
TOTAL	145	4,937,131	113	5,084,361	4,099,873	- 19.4

COMPARISON OF STOCKS OF MARCH 1, 1917, WITH THOSE OF APRIL 1, 1917.

PRODUCT	No. of Firms Reporting	March 1, 1917 Pounds	April 1, 1917, Pounds	Percentage increase or decrease
FROZEN BEEF	230	146,457,651	126,360,301	- 13.7
CURED BEEF	246	35,189,360	29,263,529	- 16.3
FROZEN PORK	213	58,193,351	58,550,569	+ 0.6
DRY SALT PORK	316	261,736,543	217,594,215	- 16.9
SWEET PICKLED PORK	388	333,329,204	322,128,168	- 3.4
LARD	351	77,592,709	60,066,401	- 22.6
FROZEN LAMB AND MUTTON	128	4,833,390	4,533,649	- 6.2

COMPARISON OF STOCKS OF MARCH 1, 1916, WITH THOSE OF APRIL 1, 1916.

PRODUCT	No. of Firms Reporting	March 1, 1916 Pounds	April 1, 1916 Pounds	Percentage increase or decrease
FROZEN BEEF	164	125,018,212	108,597,235	- 13.1
CURED BEEF	198	20,545,770	22,944,293	+ 11.7
FROZEN PORK	160	86,060,893	87,611,331	+ 1.8
DRY SALT PORK	245	214,613,935	205,863,835	- 4.1
SWEET PICKLED PORK	295	335,411,200	346,007,417	+ 3.2
FROZEN LAMB AND MUTTON	102	5,703,675	4,881,032	- 14.4
LARD	271	110,309,418	96,868,530	- 12.2

NEW ENGLAND: Me., N.H., Mass., R.I., Conn., MIDDLE ATLANTIC: N.Y., N.J., Pa. SOUTH ATLANTIC: Del., Md., D.C., Va., W.Va., N.C., S.C., Ga., Fla. NORTH CENTRAL: (East of Miss. River) Ohio, Ind., Ill., Mich., Wis. (West of Miss. River) Minn., Iowa, Mo., N.D., S.D., Nebr., Kans. SOUTH CENTRAL: Ky., Tenn., Ala., Miss., La., Tex., Okla., Ark. WESTERN: (North) Mont., Wyo., Idaho, Wash., Ore. (South) Colo., N.Mex., Ariz., Utah, Nev., Cal.

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