



# Cold Storage

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## Highlights

**Total natural cheese stocks** in refrigerated warehouses on December 31, 2015 were down slightly from the previous month but up 13 percent from December 31, 2014.

**Butter stocks** were up 15 percent from last month and up 46 percent from a year ago.

**Total frozen poultry supplies** on December 31, 2015 were down 1 percent from the previous month but up 18 percent from a year ago. Total stocks of chicken were down 2 percent from the previous month but up 21 percent from last year. Total pounds of turkey in freezers were up 5 percent from last month and up 3 percent from December 31, 2014.

**Total frozen fruit stocks** were down 8 percent from last month but up 7 percent from a year ago.

**Total frozen vegetable stocks** were down 6 percent from last month but up 3 percent from a year ago.

**Total red meat supplies** in freezers were down 1 percent from the previous month but up 12 percent from last year. Total pounds of beef in freezers were up 1 percent from the previous month and up 16 percent from last year. Frozen pork supplies were down 3 percent from the previous month but up 8 percent from last year. Stocks of pork bellies were up 30 percent from last month and up 13 percent from last year.

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**Nuts, Dairy Products, Frozen Eggs, and Frozen Poultry in Cold Storage – United States:  
December 31, 2015 with Comparisons**

Commodity	Stocks in all warehouses			December 31, 2015 as a percent of		Public warehouse stocks
	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015	December 31, 2015
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)
<b>Nuts</b>						
Shelled						
Pecans .....	45,067	32,057	34,221	76	107	
In-Shell						
Pecans .....	84,740	42,466	106,998	126	252	
<b>Dairy products</b>						
Butter .....	104,728	132,740	152,890	146	115	131,837
Natural cheese						
American .....	627,769	698,313	700,688	112	100	
Swiss .....	21,282	22,665	24,587	116	108	
Other .....	368,885	425,601	420,541	114	99	
Total natural cheese .....	1,017,936	1,146,579	1,145,816	113	100	722,572
<b>Frozen eggs</b>						
Whites .....	3,574	3,634	3,817	107	105	
Yolks .....	1,471	1,096	1,169	79	107	
Whole and mixed .....	10,148	16,419	19,030	188	116	
Unclassified .....	15,525	14,864	16,887	109	114	
Total frozen eggs .....	30,718	36,013	40,903	133	114	40,487
<b>Frozen poultry</b>						
Chicken						
Broilers, fryers, and roasters .....	11,425	10,955	15,041	132	137	
Hens, mature chickens .....	3,030	10,382	7,657	253	74	
Breasts and breast meat .....	159,121	171,403	171,432	108	100	
Drumsticks .....	26,331	31,377	37,300	142	119	
Leg quarters .....	128,638	156,951	139,878	109	89	
Legs .....	15,748	23,599	19,199	122	81	
Thigh and thigh quarters .....	13,088	17,407	18,323	140	105	
Thigh Meat .....	24,547	27,846	24,719	101	89	
Wings .....	58,720	84,073	78,564	134	93	
Paws and feet .....	29,346	20,209	21,650	74	107	
Other .....	242,512	327,693	328,362	135	100	
Total chicken .....	712,506	881,895	862,125	121	98	
Turkey						
Whole turkeys						
Toms .....	30,715	24,341	22,379	73	92	
Hens .....	28,841	34,334	31,218	108	91	
Total whole turkeys .....	59,556	58,675	53,597	90	91	
Breasts .....	29,860	30,415	35,806	120	118	
Legs .....	9,964	11,200	13,649	137	122	
Mechanically deboned meat .....	6,582	7,189	8,118	123	113	
Other .....	28,465	22,658	26,025	91	115	
Unclassified .....	59,002	60,131	62,867	107	105	
Total turkey .....	193,429	190,268	200,062	103	105	
Ducks .....	2,231	6,488	6,581	295	101	
Total frozen poultry .....	908,166	1,078,651	1,068,768	118	99	996,120

## Frozen Fruit and Frozen Juice in Cold Storage – United States: December 31, 2015 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks in all warehouses			December 31, 2015 as a percent of		Public warehouse stocks
	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015	December 31, 2015
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)
<b>Frozen fruit</b>						
Apples .....	55,400	38,917	37,331	67	96	
Apricots .....	5,941	5,640	4,971	84	88	
Blackberries						
Individual quality frozen .....	20,281	22,634	21,344	105	94	
Pails and tubs .....	1,550	1,618	1,368	88	85	
Barrels, 400 lbs net .....	8,396	3,251	3,205	38	99	
Concentrate .....	698	863	827	118	96	
Total blackberries .....	30,925	28,366	26,744	86	94	
Blueberries .....	208,324	245,754	239,362	115	97	
Boysenberries .....	1,441	955	959	67	100	
Cherries, tart (ripe tart pitted) .....	134,908	132,880	123,541	92	93	
Cherries, tart (juice stock) .....	2,898	2,263	1,428	49	63	
Cherries, tart (juice concentrate) .....	1,430	1,895	1,654	116	87	
Cherries, sweet .....	22,226	19,929	18,136	82	91	
Grapes .....	3,404	2,806	2,469	73	88	
Peaches .....	47,465	75,253	74,296	157	99	
Raspberries, black .....	1,145	1,444	1,356	118	94	
Raspberries, red						
Individual quality frozen .....	29,517	33,319	31,962	108	96	
Pails and tubs .....	6,027	7,829	7,035	117	90	
Barrels, 400 lbs net .....	19,996	18,055	16,698	84	92	
Concentrate .....	1,758	1,923	1,646	94	86	
Total red raspberries .....	57,298	61,126	57,341	100	94	
Strawberries						
Individual quality frozen and poly .....	92,172	102,516	98,159	106	96	
Pails and tubs .....	49,966	83,864	79,204	159	94	
Barrels and drums .....	55,264	59,068	51,358	93	87	
Juice stock .....	9,439	7,698	7,584	80	99	
Total strawberries .....	206,841	253,146	236,305	114	93	
Other .....	535,775	665,020	587,360	110	88	
Total frozen fruit .....	1,315,421	1,535,394	1,413,253	107	92	1,279,384
<b>Frozen juice concentrate</b>						
Orange .....	734,784	641,710	641,784	87	100	
(Gallon equivalent) .....	74,251	64,845	64,853			
Other .....	285,349	246,925	246,473	86	100	
Total frozen juice concentrate .....	1,020,133	888,635	888,257	87	100	174,136

**Frozen Vegetables and Potatoes in Cold Storage – United States: December 31, 2015  
with Comparisons**

Commodity	Stocks in all warehouses			December 31, 2015 as a percent of		Public warehouse stocks
	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015	December 31, 2015
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)
<b>Frozen vegetables</b>						
Asparagus .....	13,603	12,883	11,874	87	92	
Lima beans .....	64,530	59,313	57,845	90	98	
Green beans, regular cut .....	182,136	225,001	199,785	110	89	
Green beans, french style .....	14,754	16,305	15,306	104	94	
Broccoli, spears .....	27,108	27,317	24,970	92	91	
Broccoli, chopped and cut .....	36,143	41,373	39,396	109	95	
Brussels sprouts .....	15,960	16,636	19,901	125	120	
Carrots, diced .....	168,289	172,525	162,619	97	94	
Carrots, other .....	180,493	173,385	166,915	92	96	
Cauliflower .....	20,567	24,833	26,286	128	106	
Corn, cut .....	529,586	582,672	521,108	98	89	
Corn, cob .....	223,053	229,113	220,296	99	96	
Mixed vegetables .....	53,082	55,274	52,758	99	95	
Okra .....	39,375	63,695	56,621	144	89	
Onion rings .....	9,057	11,784	12,006	133	102	
Onions, other .....	35,944	35,137	33,098	92	94	
Blackeye peas .....	1,565	2,493	2,469	158	99	
Green peas .....	243,251	308,934	276,875	114	90	
Peas and carrots mixed .....	7,671	7,751	7,052	92	91	
Spinach .....	38,024	40,500	41,515	109	103	
Squash, summer/zucchini .....	62,828	65,214	65,818	105	101	
Southern greens .....	11,253	16,227	16,444	146	101	
Other .....	381,070	391,876	391,814	103	100	
Total frozen vegetables .....	2,359,342	2,580,241	2,422,771	103	94	1,653,075
<b>Frozen potatoes</b>						
French fries .....	842,464	850,663	808,097	96	95	
Other .....	187,967	204,894	197,271	105	96	
Total frozen potatoes .....	1,030,431	1,055,557	1,005,368	98	95	832,360

## Red Meat and Commodities in Cold Storage – United States: December 31, 2015 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks in all warehouses			December 31, 2015 as a percent of		Public warehouse stocks
	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015	December 31, 2015
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)	(1,000 pounds)
<b>Frozen red meat</b>						
<b>Beef</b>						
Boneless .....	406,484	472,272	475,270	117	101	
Beef cuts .....	37,892	38,364	38,622	102	101	
Total beef .....	444,376	510,636	513,892	116	101	511,533
<b>Pork</b>						
Picnics, bone-in .....	8,827	10,972	10,659	121	97	
Hams						
Bone-in .....	26,898	54,527	26,780	100	49	
Boneless .....	39,451	54,515	41,043	104	75	
Total hams .....	66,349	109,042	67,823	102	62	
Bellies .....	47,455	41,160	53,392	113	130	
Loins						
Bone-in .....	16,543	18,477	17,432	105	94	
Boneless .....	21,256	25,556	28,804	136	113	
Total loins .....	37,799	44,033	46,236	122	105	
Ribs .....	87,020	117,148	134,756	155	115	
Butts .....	19,567	18,897	14,909	76	79	
Trimming .....	50,943	36,932	42,652	84	115	
Other .....	100,625	91,917	89,422	89	97	
Variety meats .....	39,177	41,313	43,171	110	104	
Unclassified .....	46,030	49,501	42,580	93	86	
Total pork .....	503,792	560,915	545,600	108	97	484,297
<b>Other red meat</b>						
Veal .....	6,435	6,576	6,235	97	95	
Lamb and mutton .....	33,942	44,693	41,462	122	93	
Total other red meat .....	40,377	51,269	47,697	118	93	47,692
<b>Total frozen red meat .....</b>	<b>988,545</b>	<b>1,122,820</b>	<b>1,107,189</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>99</b>	<b>1,043,522</b>
<b>Commodities</b>						
Stored in coolers .....	1,252,471	1,353,842	1,439,925	115	106	891,274
Stored in freezers .....	7,652,756	8,297,311	7,946,509	104	96	6,019,084
<b>Total Commodities .....</b>	<b>8,905,227</b>	<b>9,651,153</b>	<b>9,386,434</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>97</b>	<b>6,910,358</b>

## Nuts and Dairy Products in Cold Storage – Regions: December 31, 2015 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks in all warehouses			December 31, 2015 as a percent of	
	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Nuts <sup>1</sup></b>					
Shelled					
Pecans					
South Atlantic .....	12,180	5,979	6,675	55	112
East South Central .....	666	426	490	74	115
West South Central .....	32,221	25,652	27,056	84	105
In-shell					
Pecans					
South Atlantic .....	20,048	18,991	47,956	239	253
East South Central .....	2,526	999	1,365	54	137
West South Central .....	62,166	22,476	57,677	93	257
<b>Dairy products</b>					
Natural cheese					
American, total					
New England .....	61,196	62,198	61,581	101	99
Middle Atlantic .....	67,534	72,797	73,797	109	101
East North Central .....	228,190	276,288	281,101	123	102
West North Central .....	100,107	111,410	107,446	107	96
South Atlantic .....	761	786	689	91	88
East South Central .....	4,474	4,377	6,080	136	139
West South Central .....	15,054	11,047	11,681	78	106
Mountain .....	52,032	60,688	58,315	112	96
Pacific .....	98,421	98,722	99,998	102	101
Other					
New England .....	879	1,135	1,111	126	98
Middle Atlantic .....	21,513	23,989	22,246	103	93
East North Central .....	232,725	271,134	267,307	115	99
West North Central .....	46,730	47,881	47,867	102	100
South Atlantic .....	17,892	22,621	22,031	123	97
East South Central .....	13,338	12,927	14,556	109	113
West South Central .....	551	969	1,008	183	104
Mountain .....	2,256	4,296	3,249	144	76
Pacific .....	33,001	40,649	41,166	125	101

<sup>1</sup> New England and Middle Atlantic combined with South Atlantic. East North Central combined with East South Central. Pacific, Mountain, and West North Central combined with West South Central.

## Frozen Poultry in Cold Storage – Regions: December 31, 2015 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks in all warehouses			December 31, 2015 as a percent of	
	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Frozen poultry</b>					
Chicken <sup>1</sup>					
Broilers, fryers, and roasters					
South Atlantic .....	6,315	4,864	4,913	78	101
East South Central .....	630	1,880	3,202	508	170
West South Central .....	3,872	1,893	2,791	72	147
Pacific .....	608	2,318	4,135	680	178
Hens, mature chickens					
South Atlantic .....	991	6,325	4,355	439	69
East South Central .....	41	1,316	751	1,832	57
West South Central .....	1,976	2,599	2,301	116	89
Pacific .....	22	142	250	1,136	176
Breasts and breast meat					
South Atlantic .....	43,873	41,559	39,138	89	94
East South Central .....	36,826	39,091	34,775	94	89
West South Central .....	70,180	78,680	84,877	121	108
Pacific .....	8,242	12,073	12,642	153	105
Drumsticks					
South Atlantic .....	16,937	12,790	16,757	99	131
East South Central .....	4,539	7,465	7,747	171	104
West South Central .....	4,220	8,359	9,535	226	114
Pacific .....	635	2,763	3,261	514	118
Leg quarters					
South Atlantic .....	67,430	80,988	68,967	102	85
East South Central .....	28,233	29,090	25,381	90	87
West South Central .....	32,139	45,152	43,912	137	97
Pacific .....	836	1,721	1,618	194	94
Legs					
South Atlantic .....	10,046	9,182	8,859	88	96
East South Central .....	1,472	5,289	1,699	115	32
West South Central .....	3,911	8,213	7,453	191	91
Pacific .....	319	915	1,188	372	130
Thigh and thigh quarters					
South Atlantic .....	4,762	9,320	9,781	205	105
East South Central .....	2,430	1,153	1,318	54	114
West South Central .....	5,610	2,949	2,497	45	85
Pacific .....	286	3,985	4,727	1,653	119
Thigh meat					
South Atlantic .....	18,025	17,342	14,902	83	86
East South Central .....	1,802	2,300	1,305	72	57
West South Central .....	3,264	5,384	5,571	171	103
Pacific .....	1,456	2,820	2,941	202	104
Wings					
South Atlantic .....	28,434	34,560	30,134	106	87
East South Central .....	6,690	9,324	7,360	110	79
West South Central .....	19,472	36,379	37,132	191	102
Pacific .....	4,124	3,810	3,938	95	103
Paws and feet					
South Atlantic .....	17,183	12,720	12,180	71	96
East South Central .....	5,854	3,685	6,333	108	172
West South Central .....	5,523	3,597	2,950	53	82
Pacific .....	786	207	187	24	90
Other					
South Atlantic .....	109,110	142,281	137,934	126	97
East South Central .....	38,154	55,562	56,557	148	102
West South Central .....	70,462	81,719	86,901	123	106
Pacific .....	24,786	48,131	46,970	190	98
Total chicken					
South Atlantic .....	323,106	371,931	347,920	108	94
East South Central .....	126,671	156,155	146,428	116	94
West South Central .....	220,629	274,924	285,920	130	104
Pacific .....	42,100	78,885	81,857	194	104

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**Frozen Poultry in Cold Storage – Regions: December 31, 2015 with Comparisons (continued)**

Commodity	Stocks in all warehouses			December 31, 2015 as a percent of	
	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Turkeys</b>					
Whole turkeys					
New England .....	1,006	1,420	1,491	148	105
Middle Atlantic .....	1,408	3,280	2,366	168	72
East North Central .....	2,042	2,055	1,554	76	76
West North Central .....	13,427	5,313	10,931	81	206
South Atlantic .....	5,637	25,174	8,173	145	32
East South Central .....	1,156	2,492	752	65	30
West South Central .....	29,649	15,442	23,403	79	152
Mountain .....	4,414	2,613	4,082	92	156
Pacific .....	817	886	845	103	95
Breasts					
New England .....	47	625	680	1,447	109
Middle Atlantic .....	684	1,160	1,080	158	93
East North Central .....	5,528	5,267	6,384	115	121
West North Central .....	14,036	10,274	12,989	93	126
South Atlantic .....	2,350	5,144	5,216	222	101
East South Central .....	390	374	262	67	70
West South Central .....	3,591	4,822	4,524	126	94
Mountain .....	922	310	832	90	268
Pacific .....	2,312	2,439	3,839	166	157
Legs					
New England .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Middle Atlantic .....	586	788	646	110	82
East North Central .....	1,575	1,179	2,109	134	179
West North Central .....	4,758	4,504	5,286	111	117
South Atlantic .....	1,063	1,391	1,700	160	122
East South Central .....	33	332	387	1,173	117
West South Central .....	1,186	2,385	2,497	211	105
Mountain .....	366	172	408	111	237
Pacific .....	397	449	616	155	137
Mechanically deboned meat					
New England .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Middle Atlantic .....	284	543	418	147	77
East North Central .....	953	1,597	1,867	196	117
West North Central .....	1,457	1,878	1,907	131	102
South Atlantic .....	1,565	1,739	2,030	130	117
East South Central .....	679	316	321	47	102
West South Central .....	599	225	302	50	134
Mountain .....	578	277	409	71	148
Pacific .....	467	614	864	185	141

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**Frozen Poultry in Cold Storage – Regions: December 31, 2015 with Comparisons (continued)**

Commodity	Stocks in all warehouses			December 31, 2015 as a percent of	
	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Other</b>					
New England .....	-	1	1	(X)	100
Middle Atlantic .....	1,408	796	720	51	90
East North Central .....	5,837	3,932	3,641	62	93
West North Central .....	7,310	4,088	4,717	65	115
South Atlantic .....	6,480	7,706	9,417	145	122
East South Central .....	2,832	814	588	21	72
West South Central .....	3,418	4,034	5,229	153	130
Mountain .....	319	295	483	151	164
Pacific .....	861	992	1,229	143	124
<b>Unclassified</b>					
New England .....	3	5	3	100	60
Middle Atlantic .....	419	564	937	224	166
East North Central .....	8,228	11,263	12,460	151	111
West North Central .....	18,863	9,020	11,639	62	129
South Atlantic .....	23,643	30,958	29,670	125	96
East South Central .....	190	159	148	78	93
West South Central .....	4,571	1,660	2,062	45	124
Mountain .....	480	719	755	157	105
Pacific .....	2,605	5,783	5,193	199	90
<b>Total turkey</b>					
New England .....	1,056	2,051	2,175	206	106
Middle Atlantic .....	4,789	7,131	6,167	129	86
East North Central .....	24,163	25,293	28,015	116	111
West North Central .....	59,851	35,077	47,469	79	135
South Atlantic .....	40,738	72,112	56,206	138	78
East South Central .....	5,280	4,487	2,458	47	55
West South Central .....	43,014	28,568	38,017	88	133
Mountain .....	7,079	4,386	6,969	98	159
Pacific .....	7,459	11,163	12,586	169	113
<b>Ducks</b>					
New England .....	40	78	67	168	86
Middle Atlantic .....	654	1,597	1,933	296	121
East North Central .....	250	2,252	2,348	939	104
West North Central .....	227	194	98	43	51
South Atlantic .....	19	5	5	26	100
East South Central .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
West South Central .....	-	3	-	(X)	(X)
Mountain .....	24	10	9	38	90
Pacific .....	1,017	2,349	2,121	209	90

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> New England and Middle Atlantic combined with South Atlantic. East North Central combined with East South Central. West North Central combined with West South Central. Mountain combined with Pacific.

## Frozen Fruit and Frozen Juice in Cold Storage – Regions: December 31, 2015 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks in all warehouses			December 31, 2015 as a percent of	
	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Frozen fruit</b>					
<b>Apples</b>					
New England .....	48	159	156	325	98
Middle Atlantic .....	946	1,027	1,106	117	108
East North Central .....	45,205	29,144	28,575	63	98
West North Central .....	215	501	681	317	136
South Atlantic .....	334	252	231	69	92
East South Central .....	33	40	67	203	168
West South Central .....	515	1,223	1,020	198	83
Mountain .....	42	52	52	124	100
Pacific .....	8,062	6,519	5,443	68	83
<b>Blueberries</b>					
New England .....	25,709	34,980	34,232	133	98
Middle Atlantic .....	10,150	13,753	11,014	109	80
East North Central .....	61,701	54,102	50,057	81	93
West North Central .....	3,283	4,364	3,745	114	86
South Atlantic .....	8,161	7,311	21,250	260	291
East South Central .....	1,376	1,300	1,481	108	114
West South Central .....	1,407	1,576	1,507	107	96
Mountain .....	50	118	166	332	141
Pacific .....	96,487	128,250	115,910	120	90
<b>Cherries, tart (ripe tart pitted)</b>					
New England .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Middle Atlantic .....	6,179	5,121	4,992	81	97
East North Central .....	97,601	95,729	89,380	92	93
West North Central .....	280	318	291	104	92
South Atlantic .....	16	49	48	300	98
East South Central .....	9	8	8	89	100
West South Central .....	113	285	251	222	88
Mountain .....	23,994	20,498	17,435	73	85
Pacific .....	6,716	10,872	11,136	166	102
<b>Cherries, sweet</b>					
New England .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Middle Atlantic .....	541	1,242	1,285	238	103
East North Central .....	15,434	13,686	12,874	83	94
West North Central .....	140	110	109	78	99
South Atlantic .....	7	93	122	1,743	131
East South Central .....	150	30	28	19	93
West South Central .....	184	545	478	260	88
Mountain .....	-	-	5	(X)	(X)
Pacific .....	5,770	4,223	3,235	56	77
<b>Peaches</b>					
New England .....	14	39	16	114	41
Middle Atlantic .....	2,823	2,620	2,644	94	101
East North Central .....	9,081	8,687	8,230	91	95
West North Central .....	838	1,470	1,452	173	99
South Atlantic .....	1,346	3,342	3,226	240	97
East South Central .....	165	247	249	151	101
West South Central .....	512	590	703	137	119
Mountain .....	18	62	42	233	68
Pacific .....	32,668	58,196	57,734	177	99
<b>Raspberries, red</b>					
New England .....	340	249	255	75	102
Middle Atlantic .....	3,018	4,426	4,571	151	103
East North Central .....	1,203	2,076	1,680	140	81
West North Central .....	1,765	1,991	1,874	106	94
South Atlantic .....	896	1,283	1,237	138	96
East South Central .....	103	689	709	688	103
West South Central .....	948	739	719	76	97
Mountain .....	56	90	108	193	120
Pacific .....	48,969	49,583	46,188	94	93

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**Frozen Fruit and Frozen Juice in Cold Storage – Regions: December 31, 2015 with Comparisons (continued)**

Commodity	Stocks in all warehouses			December 31, 2015 as a percent of	
	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Strawberries, total</b>					
New England .....	181	220	107	59	49
Middle Atlantic .....	7,371	9,511	9,734	132	102
East North Central .....	10,016	12,002	10,756	107	90
West North Central .....	5,010	5,027	4,698	94	93
South Atlantic .....	802	2,954	4,048	505	137
East South Central .....	2,877	4,740	4,432	154	94
West South Central .....	10,551	13,309	12,021	114	90
Mountain .....	57	124	132	232	106
Pacific .....	169,976	205,259	190,377	112	93
<b>Other</b>					
New England .....	27,761	102,430	91,680	330	90
Middle Atlantic .....	11,322	11,031	11,332	100	103
East North Central .....	342,677	367,793	330,291	96	90
West North Central .....	6,648	7,389	6,587	99	89
South Atlantic .....	2,956	5,323	6,202	210	117
East South Central .....	503	776	839	167	108
West South Central .....	8,412	13,845	15,499	184	112
Mountain .....	1,629	2,235	1,981	122	89
Pacific .....	133,867	154,198	122,949	92	80
<b>Frozen juice concentrate</b>					
<b>Orange <sup>1</sup></b>					
New England .....	41	407	393	959	97
East North Central .....	2,498	2,337	2,608	104	112
West North Central .....	425	514	488	115	95
South Atlantic .....	718,686	629,009	629,715	88	100
East South Central .....	9	23	23	256	100
West South Central .....	3,999	5,402	4,736	118	88
Mountain .....	1,241	1,182	1,310	106	111
Pacific .....	7,885	2,836	2,511	32	89
<b>Other</b>					
New England .....	3,217	1,345	1,288	40	96
Middle Atlantic .....	48,602	36,269	35,234	72	97
East North Central .....	21,477	16,060	16,638	77	104
West North Central .....	8,373	7,950	7,409	88	93
South Atlantic .....	57,112	52,706	52,940	93	100
East South Central .....	1,201	1,157	1,298	108	112
West South Central .....	26,120	17,454	16,544	63	95
Mountain .....	1,698	1,467	1,522	90	104
Pacific .....	117,549	112,517	113,600	97	101
<b>Total frozen juice concentrate <sup>2</sup></b>					
New England .....	3,258	1,752	1,681	52	96
Middle Atlantic .....	48,602	36,269	35,234	72	97
East North Central .....	23,975	18,397	19,246	80	105
West North Central .....	8,798	8,464	7,897	90	93
South Atlantic .....	775,798	681,715	682,655	88	100
East South Central .....	1,210	1,180	1,321	109	112
West South Central .....	30,119	22,856	21,280	71	93
Mountain .....	2,939	2,649	2,832	96	107
Pacific .....	125,434	115,353	116,111	93	101

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> Middle Atlantic combined with South Atlantic.

<sup>2</sup> Middle Atlantic orange juice combined with South Atlantic.

## Frozen Vegetables in Cold Storage – Regions: December 31, 2015 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks in all warehouses			December 31, 2015 as a percent of	
	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Frozen vegetables<sup>1</sup></b>					
<b>Asparagus</b>					
Middle Atlantic .....	520	614	536	103	87
East North Central .....	7,434	7,576	6,931	93	91
West North Central .....	311	133	153	49	115
South Atlantic .....	634	310	414	65	134
West South Central .....	1,268	797	712	56	89
Mountain .....	17	48	73	429	152
Pacific .....	3,419	3,405	3,055	89	90
<b>Lima beans</b>					
Middle Atlantic .....	8,086	8,383	7,697	95	92
East North Central .....	3,376	3,621	3,278	97	91
West North Central .....	3,018	2,277	2,266	75	100
South Atlantic .....	31,831	23,555	22,436	70	95
West South Central .....	1,070	569	671	63	118
Mountain .....	5	5	4	80	80
Pacific .....	17,144	20,903	21,493	125	103
<b>Green beans, regular cut</b>					
Middle Atlantic .....	25,394	28,268	25,736	101	91
East North Central .....	54,405	82,258	71,925	132	87
West North Central .....	9,518	10,242	8,597	90	84
South Atlantic .....	10,678	16,170	15,300	143	95
West South Central .....	2,632	3,198	3,311	126	104
Mountain .....	13	1,179	1,114	8,569	94
Pacific .....	79,496	83,686	73,802	93	88
<b>Green beans, french style</b>					
Middle Atlantic .....	3,036	1,577	1,970	65	125
East North Central .....	6,936	8,500	7,588	109	89
West North Central .....	224	448	388	173	87
South Atlantic .....	176	135	116	66	86
West South Central .....	90	28	16	18	57
Mountain .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pacific .....	4,292	5,617	5,228	122	93
<b>Broccoli, spears</b>					
Middle Atlantic .....	4,765	6,043	5,558	117	92
East North Central .....	4,663	7,122	7,033	151	99
West North Central .....	1,025	899	1,021	100	114
South Atlantic .....	2,406	1,632	1,217	51	75
West South Central .....	11,605	8,199	7,239	62	88
Mountain .....	4	5	4	100	80
Pacific .....	2,640	3,417	2,898	110	85
<b>Broccoli, chopped and cut</b>					
Middle Atlantic .....	4,241	3,536	2,927	69	83
East North Central .....	7,260	12,122	11,344	156	94
West North Central .....	64	886	766	1,197	86
South Atlantic .....	1,908	2,413	2,132	112	88
West South Central .....	9,519	8,569	8,770	92	102
Mountain .....	62	107	115	185	107
Pacific .....	13,089	13,740	13,342	102	97

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**Frozen Vegetables in Cold Storage – Regions: December 31, 2015 with Comparisons (continued)**

Commodity	Stocks in all warehouses			December 31, 2015 as a percent of	
	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Brussels sprouts</b>					
Middle Atlantic .....	2,453	2,239	2,270	93	101
East North Central .....	2,363	4,647	5,336	226	115
West North Central .....	29	250	178	614	71
South Atlantic .....	2,313	2,881	4,181	181	145
West South Central .....	1,290	1,202	1,223	95	102
Mountain .....	-	29	32	(X)	110
Pacific .....	7,512	5,388	6,681	89	124
<b>Carrots, diced</b>					
Middle Atlantic .....	17,868	13,059	14,246	80	109
East North Central .....	61,105	47,881	47,727	78	100
West North Central .....	5,995	6,328	7,061	118	112
South Atlantic .....	298	299	290	97	97
West South Central .....	332	385	1,362	410	354
Mountain .....	4	7	7	175	100
Pacific .....	82,687	104,566	91,926	111	88
<b>Carrots, other</b>					
Middle Atlantic .....	18,003	16,818	18,148	101	108
East North Central .....	50,233	43,703	40,372	80	92
West North Central .....	4,114	7,841	7,360	179	94
South Atlantic .....	1,550	1,259	1,374	89	109
West South Central .....	4,562	5,022	5,224	115	104
Mountain .....	32	70	87	272	124
Pacific .....	101,999	98,672	94,350	93	96
<b>Cauliflower</b>					
Middle Atlantic .....	2,488	3,196	3,553	143	111
East North Central .....	2,211	1,821	3,208	145	176
West North Central .....	145	188	276	190	147
South Atlantic .....	454	352	425	94	121
West South Central .....	2,435	6,447	7,130	293	111
Mountain .....	1	40	42	4,200	105
Pacific .....	12,833	12,789	11,652	91	91
<b>Corn, cut</b>					
Middle Atlantic .....	25,322	66,623	58,917	233	88
East North Central .....	75,099	73,158	64,617	86	88
West North Central .....	75,492	86,636	79,565	105	92
South Atlantic .....	18,623	22,518	20,983	113	93
West South Central .....	3,049	3,988	2,903	95	73
Mountain .....	369	4,436	3,836	1,040	86
Pacific .....	331,632	325,313	290,287	88	89
<b>Corn, cob</b>					
Middle Atlantic .....	6,771	6,456	5,812	86	90
East North Central .....	11,171	14,660	16,058	144	110
West North Central .....	53,470	64,347	62,149	116	97
South Atlantic .....	2,826	3,089	3,081	109	100
West South Central .....	3,562	7,254	7,074	199	98
Mountain .....	57	60	70	123	117
Pacific .....	145,196	133,247	126,052	87	95

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**Frozen Vegetables in Cold Storage – Regions: December 31, 2015 with Comparisons (continued)**

Commodity	Stocks in all warehouses			December 31, 2015 as a percent of	
	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Mixed vegetables</b>					
Middle Atlantic .....	4,387	5,429	4,274	97	79
East North Central .....	20,275	18,540	17,082	84	92
West North Central .....	335	874	685	204	78
South Atlantic .....	1,698	1,292	1,414	83	109
West South Central .....	5,831	5,100	5,650	97	111
Mountain .....	914	932	857	94	92
Pacific .....	19,642	23,107	22,796	116	99
<b>Okra</b>					
Middle Atlantic .....	2,574	2,072	2,090	81	101
East North Central .....	682	1,127	986	145	87
West North Central .....	25	57	71	284	125
South Atlantic .....	5,013	8,167	6,812	136	83
West South Central .....	29,777	50,841	45,359	152	89
Mountain .....	-	1	2	(X)	200
Pacific .....	1,304	1,430	1,301	100	91
<b>Onion rings</b>					
Middle Atlantic .....	513	1,537	1,359	265	88
East North Central .....	507	681	1,300	256	191
West North Central .....	423	488	472	112	97
South Atlantic .....	4,086	3,904	3,810	93	98
West South Central .....	1,242	2,327	2,533	204	109
Mountain .....	1,887	1,793	1,499	79	84
Pacific .....	399	1,054	1,033	259	98
<b>Onions, other</b>					
Middle Atlantic .....	2,764	3,684	4,095	148	111
East North Central .....	2,812	3,188	3,063	109	96
West North Central .....	584	888	857	147	97
South Atlantic .....	2,888	1,435	1,402	49	98
West South Central .....	1,455	3,094	2,792	192	90
Mountain .....	7,297	8,239	7,674	105	93
Pacific .....	18,144	14,609	13,215	73	90
<b>Blackeye peas</b>					
Middle Atlantic .....	541	601	783	145	130
East North Central .....	69	122	129	187	106
West North Central .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
South Atlantic .....	671	963	956	142	99
West South Central .....	170	578	460	271	80
Mountain .....	-	2	2	(X)	100
Pacific .....	114	227	139	122	61
<b>Green peas</b>					
Middle Atlantic .....	23,662	24,609	23,861	101	97
East North Central .....	30,149	56,899	51,678	171	91
West North Central .....	23,395	41,481	33,587	144	81
South Atlantic .....	16,922	16,807	14,668	87	87
West South Central .....	3,715	1,829	1,700	46	93
Mountain .....	5	69	49	980	71
Pacific .....	145,403	167,240	151,332	104	90

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## Frozen Vegetables in Cold Storage – Regions: December 31, 2015 with Comparisons (continued)

Commodity	Stocks in all warehouses			December 31, 2015 as a percent of	
	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
Peas and carrots mixed					
Middle Atlantic .....	774	753	916	118	122
East North Central .....	1,059	1,075	1,019	96	95
West North Central .....	102	95	44	43	46
South Atlantic .....	470	639	554	118	87
West South Central .....	277	408	360	130	88
Mountain .....	-	-	-	(X)	(X)
Pacific .....	4,989	4,781	4,159	83	87
Spinach					
Middle Atlantic .....	8,040	13,102	11,936	148	91
East North Central .....	3,657	3,615	3,423	94	95
West North Central .....	608	638	603	99	95
South Atlantic .....	7,289	7,003	8,512	117	122
West South Central .....	7,025	5,638	6,580	94	117
Mountain .....	-	2	6	(X)	300
Pacific .....	11,405	10,502	10,455	92	100
Squash, summer/zucchini					
Middle Atlantic .....	5,407	5,814	5,652	105	97
East North Central .....	20,669	22,465	19,720	95	88
West North Central .....	103	70	98	95	140
South Atlantic .....	3,787	3,584	3,425	90	96
West South Central .....	5,815	5,787	5,601	96	97
Mountain .....	44	31	21	48	68
Pacific .....	27,003	27,463	31,301	116	114
Southern greens					
Middle Atlantic .....	3,839	3,864	3,641	95	94
East North Central .....	1,199	413	397	33	96
West North Central .....	-	2	1	(X)	50
South Atlantic .....	1,963	2,462	1,752	89	71
West South Central .....	3,903	8,947	10,106	259	113
Mountain .....	-	9	10	(X)	111
Pacific .....	349	530	537	154	101
Other					
Middle Atlantic .....	53,743	61,376	59,661	111	97
East North Central .....	75,913	77,388	79,126	104	102
West North Central .....	19,431	20,506	19,425	100	95
South Atlantic .....	20,301	21,903	20,702	102	95
West South Central .....	48,177	41,430	38,623	80	93
Mountain .....	10,555	23,092	22,365	212	97
Pacific .....	152,950	146,181	151,912	99	104
Total frozen vegetables					
Middle Atlantic .....	225,191	279,653	265,638	118	95
East North Central .....	443,247	492,582	463,340	105	94
West North Central .....	198,411	245,574	225,623	114	92
South Atlantic .....	138,785	142,772	135,956	98	95
West South Central .....	148,801	171,637	165,399	111	96
Mountain .....	21,266	40,156	37,869	178	94
Pacific .....	1,183,641	1,207,867	1,128,946	95	93

- Represents zero.

(X) Not applicable.

<sup>1</sup> New England combined with Middle Atlantic. East South Central combined with South Atlantic.

## Frozen Potatoes in Cold Storage – Regions: December 31, 2015 with Comparisons

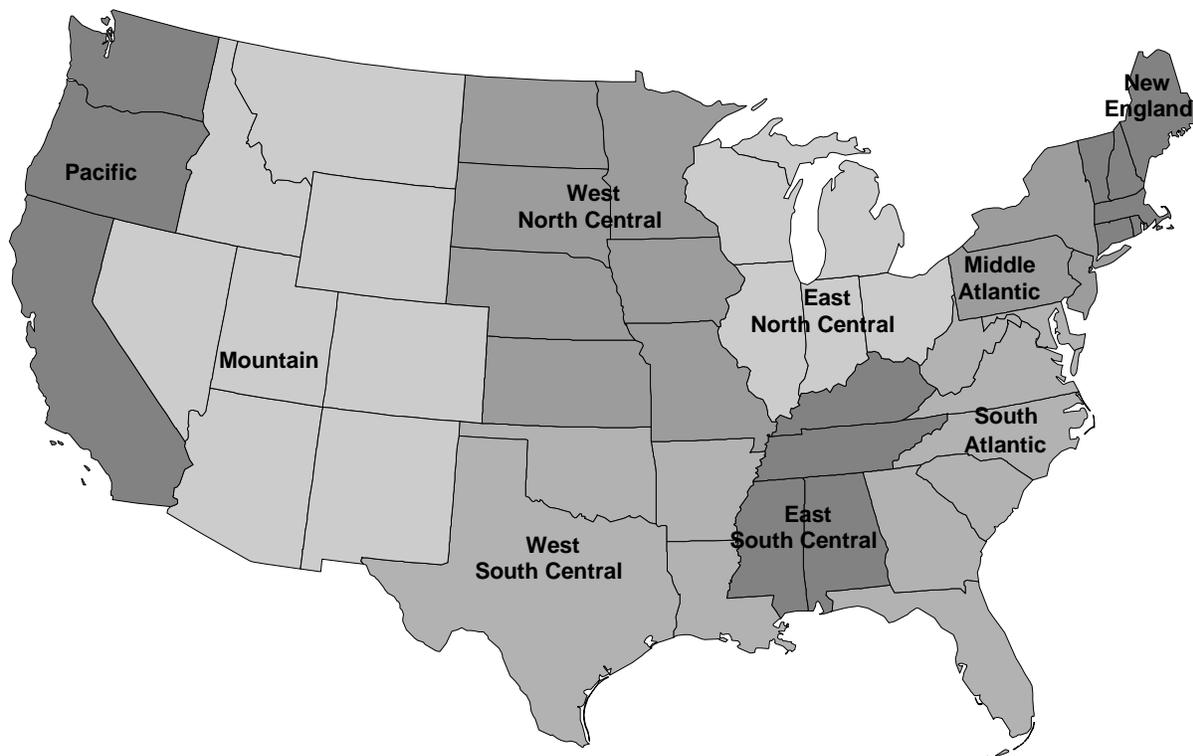
Commodity	Stocks in all warehouses			December 31, 2015 as a percent of	
	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Frozen potatoes</b>					
French fries					
New England .....	19,363	28,778	30,689	158	107
Middle Atlantic .....	22,181	28,433	25,761	116	91
East North Central .....	38,728	38,929	71,105	184	183
West North Central .....	100,797	92,687	90,882	90	98
South Atlantic .....	44,151	56,694	55,838	126	98
East South Central .....	578	1,102	1,144	198	104
West South Central .....	29,670	18,647	16,298	55	87
Mountain .....	165,964	222,058	186,500	112	84
Pacific .....	421,032	363,335	329,880	78	91
Other					
New England .....	4,023	1,536	1,689	42	110
Middle Atlantic .....	14,564	14,664	12,873	88	88
East North Central .....	20,938	18,387	30,476	146	166
West North Central .....	11,795	15,943	14,925	127	94
South Atlantic .....	13,982	17,107	13,833	99	81
East South Central .....	287	482	457	159	95
West South Central .....	16,400	16,015	16,359	100	102
Mountain .....	58,054	81,301	70,691	122	87
Pacific .....	47,924	39,459	35,968	75	91
Total frozen potatoes					
New England .....	23,386	30,314	32,378	138	107
Middle Atlantic .....	36,745	43,097	38,634	105	90
East North Central .....	59,666	57,316	101,581	170	177
West North Central .....	112,592	108,630	105,807	94	97
South Atlantic .....	58,133	73,801	69,671	120	94
East South Central .....	865	1,584	1,601	185	101
West South Central .....	46,070	34,662	32,657	71	94
Mountain .....	224,018	303,359	257,191	115	85
Pacific .....	468,956	402,794	365,848	78	91

## Frozen Red Meat in Cold Storage – Regions: December 31, 2015 with Comparisons

Commodity	Stocks in all warehouses			December 31, 2015 as a percent of	
	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015	December 31, 2015	December 31, 2014	November 30, 2015
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(percent)	(percent)
<b>Frozen red meat</b>					
<b>Beef</b>					
Boneless					
New England .....	798	632	752	94	119
Middle Atlantic .....	89,865	117,402	115,623	129	98
East North Central .....	55,945	71,922	71,724	128	100
West North Central .....	144,032	129,119	137,052	95	106
South Atlantic .....	7,987	19,689	19,502	244	99
East South Central .....	3,163	5,539	5,009	158	90
West South Central .....	29,281	35,579	33,564	115	94
Mountain .....	19,309	23,009	22,692	118	99
Pacific .....	56,104	69,381	69,352	124	100
Beef cuts					
New England .....	89	286	333	374	116
Middle Atlantic .....	6,430	5,171	2,586	40	50
East North Central .....	5,108	4,417	5,304	104	120
West North Central .....	6,540	7,281	8,790	134	121
South Atlantic .....	3,140	2,694	2,975	95	110
East South Central .....	577	1,183	1,565	271	132
West South Central .....	3,345	4,333	4,316	129	100
Mountain .....	875	982	1,331	152	136
Pacific .....	11,788	12,017	11,422	97	95
Total beef					
New England .....	887	918	1,085	122	118
Middle Atlantic .....	96,295	122,573	118,209	123	96
East North Central .....	61,053	76,339	77,028	126	101
West North Central .....	150,572	136,400	145,842	97	107
South Atlantic .....	11,127	22,383	22,477	202	100
East South Central .....	3,740	6,722	6,574	176	98
West South Central .....	32,626	39,912	37,880	116	95
Mountain .....	20,184	23,991	24,023	119	100
Pacific .....	67,892	81,398	80,774	119	99
<b>Other meat <sup>1</sup></b>					
Veal					
Middle Atlantic .....	3,275	3,685	3,474	106	94
East North Central .....	1,413	1,253	1,159	82	92
West South Central .....	1,218	1,250	1,198	98	96
Pacific .....	529	388	404	76	104
Lamb and mutton					
Middle Atlantic .....	11,353	18,876	17,016	150	90
East North Central .....	1,683	6,229	5,878	349	94
West South Central .....	3,376	3,754	3,641	108	97
Pacific .....	17,530	15,834	14,927	85	94
Total other meat					
Middle Atlantic .....	14,628	22,561	20,490	140	91
East North Central .....	3,096	7,482	7,037	227	94
West South Central .....	4,594	5,004	4,839	105	97
Pacific .....	18,059	16,222	15,331	85	95

<sup>1</sup> New England and South Atlantic combined with Middle Atlantic. East South Central combined with East North Central. West North Central combined with West South Central. Mountain combined with Pacific.

# Cold Storage Regions



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## Definitions

**Beef, boneless:** Includes all boxed boneless beef, such as ground beef, roasts, steaks, loins, strips, rounds, trimmings, etc. Excludes variety meats (edible offal), such as tongues, livers, hearts, kidneys, and other organs removed from slaughtered beef.

**Beef cuts:** Includes all boxed primal beef cuts, bone-in.

**Orange juice concentrate:** Adjusted to 42.0 degrees Brix equivalent (9.896 pounds per gallon).

**Pork, boneless hams:** Includes full ham, bone removed and individual muscles separated.

**Pork, boneless loins:** Includes pork tenderloins.

**Pork, ribs:** Includes spareribs and backribs.

**Pork, trimmings:** Includes 42% regular trimmings, 72% special trimmings, boneless picnic meat, jowls, neckbone trimmings, blade, cheek, head, and shank meat, etc. Packaged bacon, sausage, and processed items, such as hot dogs and luncheon meats, are not included.

**Pork, other:** Includes ears, tails, feet, neckbones and snouts.

**Pork, variety meats:** Includes tongues, kidneys, livers, stomachs, hearts, chitterlings, salivary glands, and other organs removed from slaughtered hogs.

**Pork, unclassified:** Includes product unable to be classified elsewhere in this report.

## Publication Notes

**Published February 20, 2015:** The 2014 revisions of Butter, Carrots Other, and Carrot Diced are the result of updated facility information. There was also an increase in reported data for Chicken, Beef and Pork Products due to increased coverage and participation of facilities in the survey. Please refer to the *Cold Storage 2014 Summary*, published February 20, 2015, for all 2014 cold storage commodity estimates. All updated data is also available on our Quick Stats website.

**Published February 21, 2014:** The 2013 revisions of chicken leg quarters are the result of updated facility information. Please refer to the *Cold Storage 2013 Summary*, published February 21, 2014, for all 2013 cold storage commodity estimates. All updated data is also available on our Quick Stats website.

**Published February 22, 2013:** The 2012 revisions of American and other natural cheese are the result of increased coverage of cold storage facilities. Please refer to the *Cold Storage 2012 Summary*, published February 22, 2013, for all 2012 cold storage commodity estimates. All updated data is also available on our Quick Stats website.

**Published December 22, 2012:** Beginning with the February 22, 2013 release, estimates for shelled and in-shell peanuts are scheduled to be discontinued.

**Published March 22, 2011:** Beginning with the January 31, 2011 data, an increase in survey response and a change in classification of reported data resulted in an increase of breasts & breast meat, drumsticks, legs, and wings along with a corresponding decrease in other chicken. Updated historic reported data prior to 2011 was unavailable. Year to year relationships was impacted by this change.

**Published February 22, 2011:** The 2010 revisions of American and other natural cheese was the result of increased coverage of cold storage facilities. Please refer to the *Cold Storage 2010 Summary*, published February 22, 2011, for all 2010 cold storage commodity estimates. Beginning with the January 31, 2010 data, cherries, tart (juice) was published under two categories: cherries, tart (juice stock) and cherries, tart (juice concentrate). The 2010 monthly data for these categories was published in the *Cold Storage 2010 Summary*, released on February 22, 2010. All updated data is also available on our Quick Stats website.

**Published June 22, 2010:** A change in classification of reported data beginning with May 31, 2010 in the Other Chicken category resulted in an increase of Leg Quarters, Legs, and Paws and Feet along with a corresponding decrease in Other Chicken. There was also an increase in reported data for Drumsticks, Leg Quarters, Paws and Feet, and Other Chicken due to increased coverage and participation of facilities in the survey. Updated historic data prior to May 31, 2010 for these facilities were unavailable. All updated data is also available on our Quick Stats website.

**Published February 22, 2010:** A change in classification of reported data beginning with January 31, 2009 in the Other Chicken category resulted in an increase of Leg Quarters along with a corresponding decrease in Other Chicken. The updated 2009 data for these categories was published in the 2009 Annual Summary, released on February 22, 2010. The Total Chicken category was unaffected by this change in reporting. All updated data is also available on our Quick Stats website.

**Published December 22, 2009:** The increase in Orange Juice Concentrate from October to November 2009 reflected previously unreported stocks included in the November estimate. Revisions for October and previous months were not available at this time. All updated data is also available on our Quick Stats website.

**Published November 20, 2009:** Due to updated facility information, the January 2009 - September 2009 cheese data was revised. Please note the revision tables on pages 13 and 14. Updated data for 2008 was not available. All updated data is also available on our Quick Stats website.

**Published October 22, 2009:** Beginning with the February 22, 2010 *Cold Storage report*, Other Turkey was separated into the following five categories: breast meat, legs, mechanically deboned meat, other, and unclassified. The 2009 data for these categories was published in the 2009 Annual Summary, released on February 22, 2010. Data for the five categories prior to 2009 was not available. All updated data is also available on our Quick Stats website.

**Published June 22, 2009:** Beginning with April 30, 2009 revised estimates, an increase in strawberry inventory was the result of increased coverage of cold storage facilities as well as updated plant information. The April 2009 revisions of frozen strawberries covered the following categories: Total, IQF and Poly, Pails and Tubs, Barrels and Drums, and Juice Stock. Updated historic reported strawberry data prior to April 2009 was unavailable. Year to year relationships for strawberry and the total fruit categories were impacted by this change.

## Statistical Methodology

**Survey Procedures:** Questionnaires are mailed about the 24th of each month to all operators on the list of approximately 800 public and private cold storage warehouses. In addition, data are obtained from special surveys and other sources. All survey data represent stocks as of the end of the month.

Data are collected from warehouses artificially cooled to a temperature of 50 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, and whose food products are normally stored for 30 days or more. All food items in these facilities are reported regardless of the number of days stored at the time of the report. Also included are specialized storage facilities meeting the 30 day requirement, such as fruit houses, dairy manufacturing plants, frozen fruit, fruit juice, vegetable processors, and poultry and meat packing plants. Excluded are stocks in space maintained by wholesalers, jobbers, distributors, chain stores, locker plants containing individual lockers, meat packer branch houses, and frozen food processors whose entire inventories are turned over more than once a month.

All commodities reported on the cold storage report are regardless of ownership or origin. NASS does not differentiate between commodities owned by manufacturer, producer, wholesaler, retailer, government owned, or domestically produced vs. imported.

**Estimating Procedures:** Data for reporting firms are added to estimates for non-reporting firms to obtain regional and National totals. Estimates for non-reporting firms are obtained by multiplying the previous month's figure by a percent change from the previous month. The percent change is calculated for each item from totals of the current and previous month summed from firms that reported both months.

**Revision Policy:** Data are revised the following month based on late reports or corrected data. Final figures are published in the annual summary in February of the following year.

**Reliability:** Reports are received from 600 firms each month which represent about 75 percent of the total capacity. Firms that are not on the list or firms who have never reported are not represented in the data. Plants storing butter or cheese are required under Federal law as defined in Public Laws 106-532 and 107-171 to complete the monthly *Cold Storage* report. Monthly data can vary due to different firms reporting month to month. Survey data are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions and mistakes in reporting and in processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized by carefully reviewing all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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