

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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REPORT OF COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF APPLES, MARCH 1, 1917.

Reports from 512 storages show that their rooms contain 1,363,103 barrels and 2,460,274 boxes of apples on March 1, 1917. The information received indicates that there were 36.3 per cent less apples in storage than on March 1, 1916, while the amount held March 1, 1916 was 19.9 per cent more than on March 1, 1915. The barreled apple holdings of March 1, 1917 show a decrease of 49.6 per cent from those of March 1, 1916, while the boxed apple holdings show an increase of 12.4 per cent over those of March 1, 1916. On March 1, 1916, there were 40.5 per cent more barrels and 25.7 per cent less boxes in storage than on March 1, 1915. A summary of this report was released by wire on March 8. As a number of firms have not responded to our inquiries, this report does not include all holdings. Upon request any or all of the information contained in these reports will be telegraphed, charges collect, immediately upon release each month, from October to June.

	No. of Firms Reporting	Barrels	Boxes	Combined Holdings in Barrels*	Comparison on percentage basis
Holdings Reported on March 1, 1917	512	1,363,103	2,460,274	2,183,194	
Comparison of Holdings on December 1, 1916 and March 1, 1917	484	2,732,006	3,894,308	4,030,108	100.0
	484	1,303,234	2,364,235	2,091,312	51.9
Comparison of Holdings on December 1, 1915 and March 1, 1916	437	4,792,855	3,900,335	6,092,967	100.0
	437	2,575,653	1,993,967	3,240,309	53.2
Comparison of Holdings on March 1, 1916 and March 1, 1917	447	2,543,034	2,096,432	3,241,845	100.0
	447	1,280,473	2,355,542	2,065,654	63.7

*Three Boxes to the Barrel.

COMPARISON OF HOLDINGS BY SECTIONS.

SECTIONS	No. of Storages Reporting	December 1, 1916		March 1, 1917		Per cent of Dec. 1 Holdings in Storage Mar. 1.
		Barrels	Boxes	Barrels	Boxes	
No. Atl. (New E.)	15	117,425	117,159	69,471	87,259	63.0
No. Atl. (Others)	108	1,024,239	546,681	562,361	523,112	61.1
South Atlantic	50	373,997	42,852	128,994	38,532	36.5
North Central (E)	102	647,734	332,388	312,405	221,191	50.9
North Central (W)	88	417,824	647,572	187,786	405,094	50.9
South Central	58	150,775	245,326	42,217	209,166	48.1
Western (N)	26	0	1,032,383	0	459,190	44.5
Western (S)	37	12	929,947	0	420,671	45.2
TOTAL	484	2,732,006	3,894,308	1,303,234	2,364,235	51.9

PERCENTAGE OF DECEMBER 1 HOLDINGS MOVED FROM STORAGE.

MONTH	SEASON 1914-15			SEASON 1915-16			SEASON 1916-17		
	Barrels	Boxes	Combined	Barrels	Boxes	Combined	Barrels	Boxes	Combined
Dec.	12.1	6.7	10.7	12.2	11.5	12.0	15.1	0.1	10.4
Jan.	19.2	11.3	17.1	14.2	16.5	14.7	18.6	8.3	15.3
Feb.	21.1	24.3	21.9	19.9	20.9	20.1	18.6	30.9	22.4
Mar.	23.5	25.7	24.1	20.4	18.1	20.0			
Apr.	14.5	15.6	14.8	17.3	14.6	16.7			
May	8.4	11.0	9.1	12.2	11.5	11.9			

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REPORT OF COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF AMERICAN CHEESE MARCH 1, 1917.

Reports from 321 cold storages show that their rooms contain 13,069,756 pounds of AMERICAN CHEESE while on February 1, 318 storages reported 20,415,436 pounds. The 214 storages that reported holdings on March 1 of this year and last show a present stock of 9,449,466 pounds as compared with 13,373,424 pounds last year, a decrease of 3,923,958 pounds or 29.3 per cent. The reports show that during February the February 1 holdings decreased 35.3 per cent, while our last report showed that during January the January 1 holdings decreased 33.9 per cent. Last year the decrease during February was 26.4 per cent, and in January 26.2 per cent. A summary of this report was released by wire on March 9. As a number of firms have not responded to our inquiries, this report does not include all holdings. Upon request any or all of the information contained in the cold storage reports will be telegraphed immediately upon its release. These reports are free, except for the telegrams, which are sent charges collect.

SECTION	Total Holdings March 1, 1917.		COMPARISON OF HOLDINGS.			
	No. of Firms Reporting	Pounds	No. of Firms Reporting	March 1, 1916 Pounds	March 1, 1917 Pounds	Percentage increase or decrease
N.Atl.(New E.)	18	1,382,802	10	1,667,756	1,300,287	- 22.0
N.Atl.(Others)	79	4,876,086	45	5,161,658	2,704,333	- 47.6
South Atlantic	23	185,602	14	359,081	120,381	- 66.5
N.Central(E)	67	3,369,187	47	3,771,030	2,302,330	- 38.9
N.Central(W)	47	851,539	38	496,000	760,721	+ 53.4
S.Central	35	260,425	20	160,376	172,066	+ 7.3
Western(N)	20	347,906	16	31,405	305,720	+275.6
Western(S)	32	1,796,209	24	1,676,118	1,783,628	+ 6.4
TOTAL	321	13,069,756	214	13,373,424	9,449,466	- 29.3

	No. of Firms Reporting	Pounds	Comparison on percent- age basis	Pounds less in Storage
Comparison of Holdings on February 1, 1917 and March 1, 1917	289	19,185,047	100.0	
	289	12,422,176	64.7	6,762,871
Comparison of Holdings on January 1, 1917 and February 1, 1917	282	29,934,336	100.0	
	282	19,789,865	66.1	10,144,471
Comparison of Holdings on February 1, 1916 and March 1, 1916	183	17,705,411	100.0	
	183	13,023,782	73.6	4,681,629
Comparison of Holdings on January 1, 1916 and February 1, 1916	186	25,547,107	100.0	
	186	18,852,821	73.8	6,694,286

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REPORT OF COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF EGGS, MARCH 1, 1917.

Reports from 301 cold storages show that their rooms contain 5,381 cases of EGGS while on February 1, 302 storages reported 148,943 cases. The 233 storages that reported holdings on March 1 of this year and last show a present stock of 4,759 cases as compared with 34,761 cases last year a decrease of 30,002 cases or 86.3 per cent. The reports show that during February the February 1 holdings decreased 97.2 per cent, while our last report showed that during January the January 1 holdings decreased 83.7 per cent. Last year the decrease during February was 91.9 per cent, and during January 66.7 per cent. A summary of this report was released by wire on March 9. As a number of firms have not responded to our inquiries, this report does not include all holdings. Upon request any or all of the information contained in the cold storage reports will be telegraphed immediately upon its release. These reports are free, except for the telegrams, which are sent charges collect.

SECTION	Total Holdings March 1, 1917		COMPARISON OF HOLDINGS.			
	No. of Firms Reporting	Cases	No. of Firms Reporting	March 1, 1916 Cases	March 1, 1917 Cases	Percentage increase or decrease
N.Atl.(New E.)	16	531	9	10,923	359	- 96.7
N.Atl.(Others)	60	1,550	41	6,283	1,418	- 77.4
South Atlantic	19	220	14	880	205	- 76.7
N.Central(E)	53	986	40	7,098	907	- 87.2
N.Central(W)	55	544	50	3,207	442	- 86.2
S.Central	33	577	29	1,550	560	- 63.9
Western (N)	26	423	22	1,548	423	- 72.9
Western (S)	37	550	28	3,272	445	- 86.4
TOTAL	301	5,381	233	34,761	4,759	- 86.3

	No. of Firms Reporting	Cases	Comparison on percent- age basis	Cases less in Storage
Comparison of Holdings on February 1, 1917 and March 1, 1917	260 260	144,257 4,100	100.0 2.8	140,157
Comparison of Holdings on January 1, 1917 and February 1, 1917	264 264	897,642 146,141	100.0 16.3	751,501
Comparison of Holdings on February 1, 1916 and March 1, 1916	192 192	415,804 33,639	100.0 8.1	382,165
Comparison of Holdings on January 1, 1916 and February 1, 1916	196 196	1,356,441 451,798	100.0 33.3	904,643

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

FROZEN BEEF

The total stocks of FROZEN BEEF reported by 246 firms on March 1, 1917, amounted to 157,701,821 pounds, while the total stocks reported by 213 firms on February 1, 1917, amounted to 209,040,766 pounds. The reports of 187 firms show stocks of 146,365,777 pounds on March 1, 1917, as compared with 124,953,822 pounds on March 1, 1916, an increase of 17.1 per cent. The reports of 220 firms show that the stocks decreased 16.6 per cent in February 1917, while the reports of 161 firms show stocks decreased 16.6 per cent in February 1916.

CURED BEEF

The total stocks of CURED BEEF reported by 259 firms on March 1, 1917, amounted to 37,948,483 pounds, while the total stocks reported by 265 firms on February 1, 1917, amounted to 39,527,827 pounds. The reports of 215 firms show stocks of 36,265,660 pounds on March 1, 1917, as compared with 26,958,554 pounds on March 1, 1916, an increase of 34.5 per cent. The reports of 233 firms show that the stocks decreased 6.0 per cent in February 1917, while the reports of 184 firms show stocks decreased 21.9 per cent in February 1916.

FROZEN PORK

The total stocks of FROZEN PORK reported by 221 firms on March 1, 1917, amounted to 59,757,807 pounds, while the total stocks reported by 217 firms on February 1, 1917, amounted to 69,084,431 pounds. The reports of 176 firms show stocks of 55,926,367 pounds on March 1, 1917, as compared with 88,603,621 pounds on March 1, 1916, a decrease of 36.9 per cent. The reports of 194 firms show that the stocks decreased 9.7 per cent in February 1917, while the reports of 149 firms show stocks increased 13.6 per cent in February 1916.

DRY SALT PORK

The total stocks of DRY SALT PORK reported by 322 firms on March 1, 1917, amounted to 246,191,182 pounds, while the total stocks reported by 333 firms on February 1, 1917, amounted to 220,350,327 pounds. The reports of 259 firms show stocks of 238,939,783 pounds on March 1, 1917, as compared with 226,909,778 pounds on March 1, 1916, an increase of 5.3 per cent. The reports of 303 firms show that the stocks increased 11.6 per cent in February 1917, while the reports of 238 firms show stocks increased 15.9 per cent in February 1916.

SWEET PICKLED PORK

The total stocks of SWEET PICKLED PORK reported by 398 firms on March 1, 1917, amounted to 349,810,551 pounds, while the total stocks reported by 407 firms on February 1, 1917, amounted to 328,846,538 pounds. The reports of 312 firms show stocks of 333,896,194 pounds on March 1, 1917, as compared with 350,749,846 pounds on March 1, 1916, a decrease of 4.8 per cent. The reports of 355 firms show that the stocks increased 6.1 per cent in February 1917, while the reports of 283 firms show stocks increased 16.1 per cent in February 1916.

LARD

The total stocks of LARD reported by 369 firms on March 1, 1917, amounted to 80,585,003 pounds, while the total stocks reported by 372 firms on February 1, 1917, amounted to 90,073,593 pounds. The reports of 289 firms show stocks of 76,389,599 pounds on March 1, 1917, as compared with 111,897,182 pounds on March 1, 1916, a decrease of 31.7 per cent. The reports of 343 firms show that the stocks decreased 11.2 per cent in February 1917, while the reports of 263 firms show stocks increased 18.5 per cent in February 1916.

FROZEN LAMB AND MUTTON

The total stocks of FROZEN LAMB AND MUTTON reported by 127 firms on March 1, 1917, amounted to 4,992,035 pounds, while the total stocks reported by 122 firms on February 1, 1917, amounted to 6,116,835 pounds. The reports of 101 firms show stocks of 4,007,465 pounds on March 1, 1917, as compared with 5,812,144 pounds on March 1, 1916, a decrease of 31.1 per cent. The reports of 112 firms show that the stocks decreased 20.9 per cent in February 1917, while the reports of 86 firms show stocks decreased 5.3 per cent in February 1916.

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

FROZEN BEEF

	Total Stocks March 1, 1917.		COMPARISON OF STOCKS.			
	No. of Firms Reporting	Pounds	No. of Firms Reporting	March 1, 1916 Pounds	March 1, 1917 Pounds	Percentage increase or decrease.
New England	21	5,004,778	14	1,398,732	1,795,655	+ 28.4
M. Atlantic	65	33,570,018	47	29,859,278	29,982,723	+ 00.4
S. Atlantic	14	59,096	8	10,948	48,746	+345.3
N. Central (E)	47	77,393,121	34	69,011,343	74,479,342	+ 7.9
N. Central (W)	42	33,117,786	37	20,366,847	31,709,378	+ 55.7
S. Central	18	4,937,437	10	2,483,642	4,865,348	+ 95.9
Western (N)	14	1,837,158	13	457,390	1,722,158	+276.5
Western (S)	25	1,762,427	24	1,365,642	1,762,427	+ 29.1
TOTAL	246	157,701,821	187	124,953,822	146,365,777	+ 17.1

CURED BEEF

New England	22	2,064,048	13	6,474,579	1,954,148	- 69.8
M. Atlantic	71	5,728,972	56	3,908,796	4,527,439	+ 15.8
S. Atlantic	11	221,180	11	174,508	221,180	+ 25.7
N. Central (E)	73	18,534,375	58	11,616,665	18,183,612	+ 56.5
N. Central (W)	47	10,228,304	45	4,305,605	10,208,304	+137.1
S. Central	7	280,897	7	99,077	280,897	+183.5
Western (N)	15	426,395	13	108,065	426,055	+294.3
Western (S)	13	464,312	12	271,259	464,025	+ 71.1
TOTAL	259	37,948,483	215	26,958,554	36,265,660	+ 34.5

FROZEN PORK

New England	20	5,131,945	11	3,727,377	4,364,597	+ 17.1
M. Atlantic	54	5,330,612	39	4,290,759	3,453,371	- 19.5
S. Atlantic	12	98,492	7	27,058	57,017	+110.7
N. Central (E)	44	21,348,082	35	31,028,743	20,599,382	- 33.6
N. Central (W)	43	20,967,547	41	35,313,811	20,584,276	- 41.7
S. Central	14	1,870,356	10	4,453,223	1,857,451	- 58.3
Western (N)	13	3,038,952	12	7,334,217	3,038,452	- 58.6
Western (S)	21	1,971,821	21	2,428,433	1,971,821	- 18.8
TOTAL	221	59,757,807	176	88,603,621	55,926,337	- 36.9

DRY SALT PORK

New England	17	8,694,867	9	7,577,496	7,487,092	- 1.2
M. Atlantic	50	7,830,407	38	5,020,292	6,611,520	+ 31.7
S. Atlantic	27	3,631,022	20	3,220,101	3,203,254	- .5
N. Central (E)	95	120,156,384	75	107,449,792	117,256,613	+ 9.1
N. Central (W)	67	92,345,743	61	88,086,420	92,136,180	+ 4.6
S. Central	25	10,257,985	18	10,545,524	8,971,482	- 14.9
Western (N)	21	1,216,750	19	2,306,014	1,216,078	- 47.3
Western (S)	20	2,058,024	19	2,704,139	2,057,564	- 23.9
TOTAL	322	246,191,182	259	226,909,778	238,939,783	+ 5.3

SWEET PICKLED PORK

New England	26	26,297,594	16	22,292,608	25,112,055	+ 12.6
M. Atlantic	92	30,601,865	66	25,216,615	25,512,261	+ 1.2
S. Atlantic	24	5,969,837	18	6,033,251	5,470,445	- 9.3
N. Central (E)	112	131,705,047	89	132,217,791	125,400,340	- 5.2
N. Central (W)	74	126,899,234	64	135,707,305	125,383,704	- 7.5
S. Central	21	15,367,015	17	11,607,534	14,130,665	+ 21.7
Western (N)	26	5,516,083	23	10,617,364	5,458,083	- 48.6
Western (S)	23	7,453,876	19	7,037,378	7,428,641	+ 3.3
TOTAL	398	349,810,551	312	350,749,846	333,896,194	- 4.6

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STOCKS OF FROZEN AND CURED MEATS ON MARCH 1, 1917, WITH COMPARISONS OF THE STOCKS OF MARCH 1, 1916, AND MARCH 1, 1917, BY SECTIONS (Cont'd)

LARD

	Total Stocks March 1, 1917		COMPARISON OF STOCKS.			
	No. of Firms Reporting	Pounds	No. of Firms Reporting	March 1, 1916 Pounds	March 1, 1917 Pounds	Percentage increase or decrease
New England	23	8,149,998	11	8,677,892	7,583,526	- 12.6
M. Atlantic	77	5,384,398	59	4,030,469	4,323,933	+ 7.3
S. Atlantic	22	1,196,604	18	1,372,680	1,149,523	- 16.3
N. Central (E)	105	41,154,180	82	68,386,798	39,653,150	- 42.2
N. Central (W)	69	18,681,773	62	20,230,109	17,938,667	- 11.3
S. Central	24	2,339,863	16	2,387,203	2,104,883	- 11.8
Western (N)	23	1,690,894	18	3,958,634	1,654,654	- 58.2
Western (S)	26	1,987,293	23	2,653,397	1,981,263	- 25.3
TOTAL	369	80,585,003	289	111,897,182	76,389,599	- 31.7

FROZEN LAMB AND MUTTON

New England	12	703,622	7	149,113	286,782	+ 92.3
M. Atlantic	39	1,841,597	26	4,164,444	1,385,852	- 65.7
S. Atlantic	1	200	0	0	0	0
N. Central (E)	26	1,184,757	23	982,593	1,076,157	+ 9.5
N. Central (W)	22	1,002,924	21	318,861	1,000,259	+213.7
S. Central	5	48,638	5	49,211	48,638	- 1.2
Western (N)	12	134,119	9	91,244	133,599	+ 46.4
Western (S)	10	76,178	10	56,678	76,178	+ 34.4
TOTAL	127	4,992,035	101	5,812,144	4,007,465	- 31.1

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

PRODUCT.	No. of Firms Reporting	February 1, 1917 Pounds	March 1, 1917 Pounds	Percentage increase or decrease
FROZEN BEEF	220	188,482,010	157,201,985	- 16.6
CURED BEEF	233	39,062,781	36,728,363	- 6.0
FROZEN PORK	194	63,336,133	57,210,228	- 9.7
DRY SALT PORK	303	218,534,515	243,788,560	+ 11.6
SWEET PICKLED PORK	365	326,884,602	346,799,810	+ 6.1
LARD	343	89,448,583	79,394,281	- 11.2
FROZEN LAMB AND MUTTON	112	5,926,100	4,685,029	- 20.9

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PRODUCT.	No. of Firms Reporting	February 1, 1916 Pounds	March 1, 1916 Pounds	Percentage increase or decrease.
FROZEN BEEF	161	147,498,027	123,075,443	- 16.6
CURED BEEF	184	27,431,956	21,428,466	- 21.9
FROZEN PORK	149	74,004,391	84,103,502	+ 13.6
DRY SALT PORK	238	193,590,888	224,381,342	+ 15.9
SWEET PICKLED PORK	283	299,322,308	347,473,319	+ 16.1
LARD	263	94,194,294	111,595,203	+ 18.5
FROZEN LAMB AND MUTTON	86	3,793,757	3,594,345	- 5.3

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