

March 12, 1918.

REPORT OF COLD STORAGE APPLE HOLDINGS, MARCH 1, 1918.

Reports from 568 storages show that their rooms contain 1,547,561 barrels and 3,726,824 boxes of apples. The 518 storages that reported for March 1 of this year and last show a present stock of 1,488,437 barrels and 3,657,063 boxes, as compared with 1,560,042 barrels and 2,646,027 boxes last year, a decrease of 4.6 per cent in the barreled apples and an increase of 38.2 per cent in the boxed apples, which is the equivalent of the total increase of 265,407 barrels or 10.9 per cent. For the purposes of this comparison, it is considered that three boxes are equivalent to one barrel. The 530 storages that reported for both December 1, 1917 and March 1, 1918, showed a decrease of 22.8 per cent in the barreled apples and 31.0 per cent in the boxed apples, or a total decrease of 25.5 per cent during the month of February, while the 484 storages reporting their holdings for both December 1, 1916 and March 1, 1917 showed a decrease of 18.6 per cent in the barreled apple holdings and 30.9 per cent in the boxed apple holdings, or a total decrease of 22.4 per cent during February 1917. As a few storages have not responded to our inquiries, this report does not include all holdings. Upon request any or all of the information contained in cold storage reports will be telegraphed immediately upon its release. These reports are free except for the telegrams, which are sent charges collect.

	No. of Storages Reporting	Barrels	Boxes	Combined Holdings Expressed in Barrels*	Comparison of Holdings on a Percentage Basis
Holdings Reported on March 1, 1918	568	1,547,561	3,726,824	2,789,836	
Comparison of Holdings on March 1, 1917 and March 1, 1918	518	1,560,042	2,646,027	2,442,051	100.0
	518	1,488,437	3,657,063	2,707,458	110.9
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

*(Three boxes to the Barrel)

COMPARISON OF HOLDINGS BY SECTIONS

	No. of Storages Reporting	December 1, 1917		March 1, 1918		Increase or Decrease (per cent)
		Barrels	Boxes	Barrels	Boxes	
New England	25	161,452	38,117	86,076	19,921	- 46.8
Middle Atlantic	112	824,482	507,804	347,481	633,984	- 43.8
South Atlantic	54	640,509	92,669	274,425	53,659	- 56.5
North Central (E)	103	835,293	601,663	481,658	574,314	- 35.0
North Central (W)	90	449,421	535,837	218,466	385,670	- 44.7
South Central	73	240,970	380,394	79,722	354,730	- 46.2
Western (N)	38	0	1,475,028	0	839,037	- 43.1
Western (S)	35	0	968,760	0	647,792	- 33.1
TOTAL	530	3,152,127	4,600,272	1,487,828	3,509,107	- 43.3

PERCENTAGE OF DECEMBER 1 HOLDINGS MOVED FROM STORAGE

MONTH	SEASON 1915 - 1916			SEASON 1916 - 1917			SEASON 1917 - 1918		
	Barrels	Boxes	Combined	Barrels	Boxes	Combined	Barrels	Boxes	Combined
Dec.	12.2	11.5	12.0	15.1	0.1	10.4	13.1	19.6	2.2
Jan.	14.2	16.5	14.7	18.6	8.3	15.3	16.9	12.3	15.6
Feb.	19.9	20.9	20.1	18.6	30.9	22.4	22.8	31.0	25.5
Mar.	20.4	18.1	20.0	19.4	28.1	22.2			
Apr.	17.3	14.6	16.7	12.0	12.3	12.2			
May	12.2	11.5	11.9	11.3	15.1	12.4			

NEW ENGLAND: Me., N.H., Vt., 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., Texas, Okla., Ark. WESTERN: (North) Mont., Wyo., Idaho, Wash., Ore. (South), Colo., N. Mex., Ariz., Utah, Nev., Calif.

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