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General Refrigerated Warehouse Capacity Up 4 Percent

General refrigerated storage capacity in the United States totaled 3.16 billion gross cubic feet on October 1, 2003, an increase of 4 percent since the previous survey was conducted two years ago. This was the 43rd biennial survey of refrigerated warehouses. The five States with the largest gross general warehouse capacity (million cubic feet) were: California with 449; Florida, 253; Washington, 189; Wisconsin, 167 and Texas with 159.

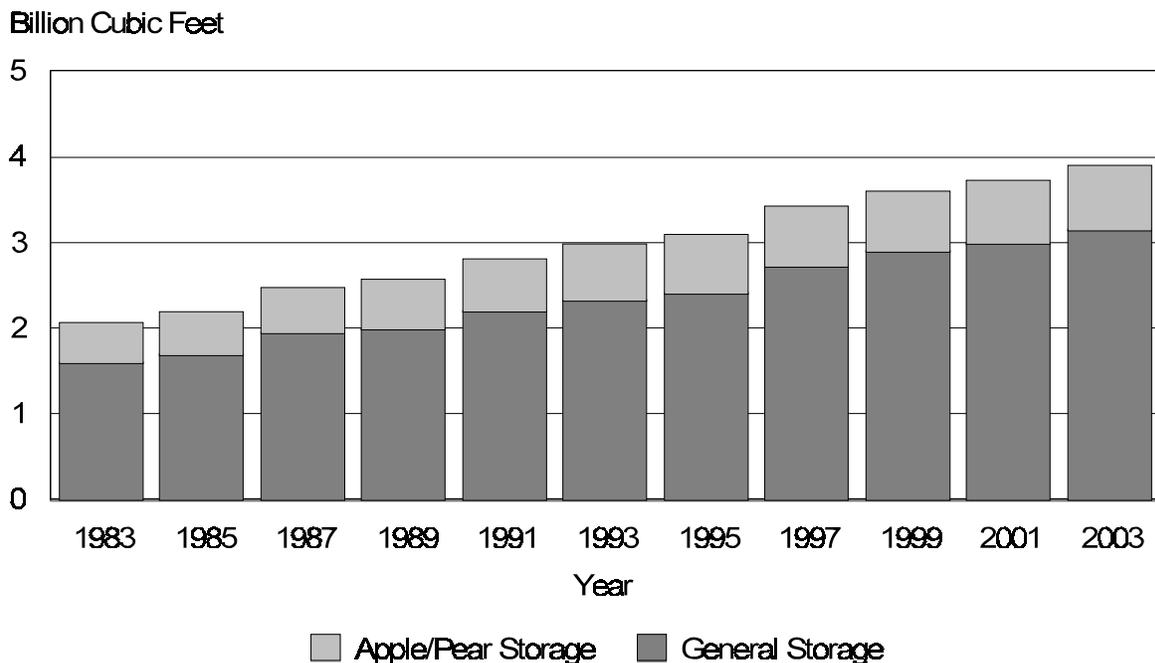
Usable refrigerated space in general storages was 2.51 billion cubic feet, or 79 percent of the gross space. Freezer space was 78 percent of the usable refrigerated space with the remaining 22 percent used as cooler space. Convertible refrigerated space was classified as usable freezer space.

Public general warehouse capacity totaled 2.36 billion gross cubic feet in 2003, accounting for 75 percent of the general storage. Public general storage capacity increased 5 percent since 2001 and is 40 percent above the capacity of ten years ago.

Private and semiprivate general warehouse capacity totaled 802 million gross cubic feet, or 25 percent of the general gross refrigerated space.

Apple and pear storage totaled 736 million gross cubic feet, up 1 percent from October 1, 2001. Controlled atmosphere (CA) capacity totaled 169 million bushels, up 3 percent from 2001. The State of Washington had 80 percent of the Nation's CA capacity.

Gross Refrigerated Storage Capacity by Principal Storage Activity, United States, 1983-2003



**Refrigerated Warehouses: Number by Type, State,
and United States, October 1, 2003**

State	General Storages			Apple & Pear Storages			Total
	Public	Private & Semiprvt	Total	Regular	CA	All ¹	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
AL	14	9	23				23
AK	2	24	26				26
AZ	7	3	10	1	2	2	12
AR	14	8	22				22
CA	121	96	217	27	7	29	246
CO	8	4	12	6	1	6	18
CT	2	2	4	25	7	27	31
DE	4	6	10	2		2	12
FL	38	34	72				72
GA	36	33	69				69
HI	3	1	4				4
ID	6	14	20	9	6	9	29
IL	26	13	39	15		15	54
IN	15	6	21	29	4	31	52
IA	29	7	36				36
KS	10	2	12	1		1	13
KY	5	1	6	3		3	9
LA	12	8	20				20
ME	1	15	16	20	15	21	37
MD	8	4	12	5	3	6	18
MA	24	16	40	51	27	55	95
MI	25	20	45	149	99	179	224
MN	23	23	46	12	1	12	58
MS	9	4	13				13
MO	21	8	29	4		4	33
MT	4	1	5				5
NE	13	8	21	1		1	22
NV	3	2	5				5
NH	1	2	3	21	12	21	24
NJ	29	9	38	20	4	22	60
NM	1	5	6	2		2	8
NY	31	50	81	135	92	147	228
NC	18	4	22	17	3	19	41
ND	3	1	4				4
OH	20	6	26	53	13	53	79
OK	6	5	11				11
OR	15	23	38	57	18	61	99
PA	38	9	47	106	17	108	155
RI		3	3	4	2	6	9
SC	10	4	14	3		3	17
SD	2	4	6				6
TN	9	6	15				15
TX	36	27	63				63
UT	13	7	20	17	5	18	38
VT		2	2	11	5	11	13
VA	21	12	33	30	11	31	64
WA	39	34	73	217	208	263	336
WV	2	2	4	12	5	15	19
WI	49	68	117	17	3	17	134
WY	1		1				1
US	827	655	1,482	1,082	570	1,200	2,682

¹ Firms with both regular and CA storage are counted once.

**General Refrigerated Warehouses: Number by Size Group,
United States, October 1, 2003**

Size (Cubic Feet)	Public	Private	All
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
0-499,999	115	320	435
500,000-999,999	124	116	240
1,000,000-2,499,999	243	121	364
2,500,000-4,999,999	216	70	286
5,000,000 and Over	129	28	157

**Apple and Pear Refrigerated Warehouses: Number by Size Group,
United States, October 1, 2003**

Size (Bushels)	Regular ¹	CA ¹	All
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
0-49,999	711	191	634
50,000-99,999	133	106	172
100,000-499,999	193	180	253
500,000-999,999	33	46	72
1,000,000 and Over	12	47	69

¹ Number of operations with regular or CA storage. Many operators have both types in the same building, thus the count of regular plus CA does not equal "All".

**Refrigerated Storage: Gross Capacity by Type of Warehouse,
United States, October 1, 1985-03**

Year	Public	Private and Semi-private	Total ¹
	<i>Million Cubic Feet</i>	<i>Million Cubic Feet</i>	<i>Million Cubic Feet</i>
1985	1,130	1,056	2,186
1987	1,306	1,171	2,476
1989	1,414	1,158	2,571
1991	1,600	1,208	2,808
1993	1,700	1,272	2,972
1995	1,765	1,323	3,088
1997	2,068	1,359	3,427
1999	2,168	1,437	3,606
2001	2,266	1,501	3,767
2003	2,370	1,526	3,896

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

Refrigerated Space: By Type of Warehouse, United States, October 1, 2003¹

Type	Number	Gross Space			Usable Space		
		Cooler	Freezer	Total	Cooler	Freezer	Total
		<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>					
General							
Public	827	384,779	1,972,301	2,357,080	301,630	1,586,106	1,887,735
Private & Semiprvt	655	311,464	490,990	802,454	239,982	382,169	622,151
Total	1,482	696,243	2,463,291	3,159,535	541,612	1,968,275	2,509,886
Apple							
Apple							
Public	13	12,092	426	12,517	9,841	301	10,141
Private & Semiprvt	1,187	718,287	5,212	723,499	579,324	3,724	583,048
Total	1,200	730,378	5,638	736,016	589,164	4,025	593,189
Total	2,682	1,426,622	2,468,929	3,895,551	1,130,776	1,972,299	3,103,075

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

Gross Refrigerated Space: By Type of Warehouse, United States, October 1, 1985-03¹

Type	1985	1987	1989	1991	1993
	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>				
General					
Public	1,110,394	1,285,860	1,391,901	1,572,879	1,678,461
Private and Semiprivate	589,132	676,369	603,402	624,005	658,893
Total	1,699,526	1,962,229	1,995,303	2,196,884	2,337,354
Apple					
Apple					
Public	19,383	19,750	21,945	27,227	21,645
Private and Semiprivate	466,768	494,404	554,150	584,296	613,093
Total	486,151	514,154	576,095	611,523	634,737
Total, All	2,185,677	2,476,384	2,571,397	2,808,407	2,972,092
	1995	1997	1999	2001	2003
	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>				
General					
Public	1,741,585	2,043,908	2,146,643	2,251,943	2,357,080
Private and Semiprivate	674,649	683,372	756,505	788,853	802,454
Total	2,416,234	2,727,280	2,903,152	3,040,796	3,159,535
Apple					
Apple					
Public	23,419	23,907	21,690	14,183	12,517
Private and Semiprivate	647,993	675,838	680,736	712,412	723,499
Total	671,412	699,745	702,426	726,595	736,016
Total, All	3,087,646	3,427,025	3,605,578	3,767,394	3,895,551

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

**General Storages: Gross and Usable Refrigerated Space
by State and United States, October 1, 2003^{1 2}**

State	Gross Space			Usable Space		
	Public	Private & Semiprvt	Total	Public	Private & Semiprvt	Total
	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>					
AL	27,532	1,893	29,425	23,526	1,611	25,137
AK	*	*	4,067	*	*	3,426
AZ	14,344	2,310	16,654	11,436	1,943	13,379
AR	55,044	32,408	87,453	45,250	26,305	71,555
CA	309,960	139,311	449,271	247,679	112,125	359,804
CO	15,276	2,516	17,792	12,091	1,611	13,702
CT	*	*	4,876	*	*	3,925
DE	12,156	13,983	26,139	7,537	10,569	18,106
FL	108,730	144,410	253,140	89,033	117,198	206,231
GA	123,623	19,988	143,611	99,108	16,941	116,050
HI	*	*	*	*	*	*
ID	33,737	24,850	58,587	29,741	20,018	49,758
IL	92,732	12,661	105,393	69,256	8,602	77,858
IN	*	*	55,478	*	*	45,151
IA	68,865	5,683	74,547	57,614	3,775	61,389
KS	*	*	44,490	*	*	32,211
KY	*	*	22,337	*	*	19,487
LA	*	*	13,590	*	*	11,504
ME	*	*	12,318	*	*	8,139
MD	21,680	7,536	29,216	16,380	5,783	22,163
MA	64,578	15,149	79,727	56,071	10,523	66,594
MI	66,888	21,322	88,211	51,485	17,847	69,332
MN	48,850	23,002	71,852	37,297	16,593	53,890
MS	*	*	21,814	*	*	17,632
MO	100,511	6,053	106,564	82,137	5,172	87,309
MT	*	*	976	*	*	753
NE	*	*	40,723	*	*	32,339
NV	*	*	7,370	*	*	6,536
NH	*	*	*	*	*	*
NJ	73,258	8,280	81,538	58,545	6,413	64,959
NM	*	*	2,529	*	*	2,071
NY	59,599	39,679	99,278	49,088	33,075	82,164
NC	53,096	10,495	63,591	45,710	7,663	53,373
ND	*	*	8,926	*	*	6,862
OH	61,789	15,582	77,371	49,787	10,482	60,269
OK	10,925	4,433	15,359	8,485	3,993	12,477
OR	69,001	34,966	103,967	57,495	26,140	83,635
PA	133,637	11,955	145,592	108,756	8,872	117,628
RI	*	*	*	*	*	*
SC	22,848	1,879	24,727	18,888	1,540	20,428
SD	*	*	12,352	*	*	6,524
TN	24,803	11,502	36,305	19,955	7,989	27,944
TX	139,625	19,904	159,529	94,872	14,343	109,216
UT	25,792	4,239	30,031	21,603	3,440	25,043
VT	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	43,446	18,729	62,175	37,426	16,215	53,641
WA	145,221	43,740	188,961	112,427	33,705	146,131
WV	*	*	2,420	*	*	1,096
WI	127,399	39,906	167,305	107,464	26,876	134,340
WY	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	202,135	64,089	11,960	161,595	44,788	8,728
US	2,357,080	802,454	3,159,535	1,887,735	622,151	2,509,886

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¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² Includes frozen juice tank storage capacity.

**General Storages: Gross and Usable Cooler Space
by State and United States, October 1, 2003^{1 2}**

State	Gross Space			Usable Space		
	Public	Private & Semiprvt	Total	Public	Private & Semiprvt	Total
	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>					
AL	*	*	5,599	*	*	5,052
AK		163	163		147	147
AZ	*	*	*	*	*	*
AR	*	*	*	*	*	*
CA	75,320	94,339	169,659	59,790	75,609	135,399
CO	*	*	5,216	*	*	3,783
CT	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE		*	*		*	*
FL	21,462	53,245	74,707	17,359	42,963	60,323
GA	34,185	11,172	45,358	26,528	9,771	36,299
HI	*	*	*	*	*	*
ID	*	*	2,293	*	*	1,798
IL	11,246	6,587	17,833	8,103	4,470	12,573
IN	5,754	517	6,271	4,896	320	5,216
IA	*	*	11,811	*	*	8,186
KS	*	*	8,362	*	*	5,408
KY	*	*	5,700	*	*	4,480
LA	*	*	1,579	*	*	1,376
ME	*	*	278	*	*	241
MD	*	*	2,295	*	*	1,842
MA	*	*	9,532	*	*	7,874
MI	7,408	6,654	14,061	5,745	5,720	11,465
MN	7,041	8,245	15,286	5,742	5,285	11,027
MS	*	*	*	*	*	*
MO	*	*	30,485	*	*	25,182
MT	*	*	*	*	*	*
NE	*	*	9,638	*	*	7,406
NV	*	*	1,491	*	*	1,340
NH	*	*	*	*	*	*
NJ	*	*	24,705	*	*	19,370
NM	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	10,384	20,343	30,727	7,167	17,346	24,513
NC	*	*	3,938	*	*	3,373
ND	*	*	*	*	*	*
OH	8,199	1,112	9,311	6,574	911	7,485
OK	422	4,433	4,855	346	3,993	4,339
OR	2,459	2,715	5,174	2,062	1,835	3,896
PA	*	*	19,924	*	*	14,292
RI	*	*	*	*	*	*
SC	378	392	769	312	270	581
SD	*	*	*	*	*	*
TN	*	*	459	*	*	346
TX	23,148	10,584	33,733	15,829	8,085	23,914
UT	*	*	1,759	*	*	1,381
VT	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	10,838	8,178	19,016	8,943	7,125	16,068
WA	6,056	4,159	10,215	5,054	2,390	7,444
WV	*	*	*	*	*	*
WI	39,722	29,989	69,711	32,657	19,078	51,735
WY	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	120,757	48,639	24,328	94,523	34,663	16,455
US	384,779	311,464	696,243	301,630	239,982	541,612

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² Includes frozen juice tank storage capacity.

**General Storages: Gross and Usable Freezer Space
by State and United States, October 1, 2003^{1,2}**

State	Gross Space			Usable Space		
	Public	Private & Semiprvt	Total	Public	Private & Semiprvt	Total
	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>					
AL	*	*	23,826	*	*	20,086
AK	*	*	3,904	*	*	3,279
AZ	*	*	*	*	*	*
AR	*	*	*	*	*	*
CA	234,640	44,972	279,612	187,889	36,516	224,405
CO	*	*	12,576	*	*	9,919
CT	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	*	*	*	*	*	*
FL	87,268	91,165	178,433	71,673	74,235	145,908
GA	89,438	8,815	98,253	72,580	7,170	79,750
HI	*	*	*	*	*	*
ID	*	*	56,294	*	*	47,960
IL	81,486	6,074	87,559	61,153	4,132	65,285
IN	*	*	49,206	*	*	39,935
IA	*	*	62,736	*	*	53,202
KS	*	*	36,128	*	*	26,803
KY	16,637	*	16,637	15,007	*	15,007
LA	*	*	12,011	*	*	10,128
ME	*	*	12,039	*	*	7,898
MD	*	*	26,921	*	*	20,322
MA	*	*	70,194	*	*	58,720
MI	59,481	14,669	74,149	45,740	12,127	57,867
MN	41,809	14,757	56,566	31,555	11,308	42,863
MS	*	*	*	*	*	*
MO	*	*	76,079	*	*	62,127
MT	*	*	*	*	*	*
NE	24,710	6,375	31,085	20,156	4,777	24,933
NV	*	*	5,879	*	*	5,197
NH	*	*	*	*	*	*
NJ	*	*	56,833	*	*	45,588
NM	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	49,215	19,336	68,551	41,921	15,729	57,650
NC	*	*	59,653	*	*	50,000
ND	*	*	8,659	*	*	6,651
OH	53,590	14,470	68,059	43,213	9,571	52,784
OK	10,503	*	10,503	8,138	*	8,138
OR	66,542	32,251	98,793	55,433	24,305	79,738
PA	*	*	125,668	*	*	103,337
RI	*	*	*	*	*	*
SC	22,470	1,487	23,957	18,576	1,270	19,846
SD	*	*	*	*	*	*
TN	*	*	35,846	*	*	27,598
TX	116,476	9,320	125,796	79,043	6,258	85,302
UT	*	*	28,272	*	*	23,662
VT	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	32,608	10,551	43,160	28,482	9,090	37,572
WA	139,165	39,581	178,746	107,373	31,315	138,688
WV	*	*	*	*	*	*
WI	87,677	9,917	97,594	74,807	7,798	82,605
WY	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	758,587	167,249	163,112	623,366	126,571	127,523
US	1,972,301	490,990	2,463,291	1,586,106	382,169	1,968,275

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**Apple and Pear Storages: Gross and Usable Refrigerated Space, Regular
and CA Capacity by State and United States, October 1, 2003^{1 2}**

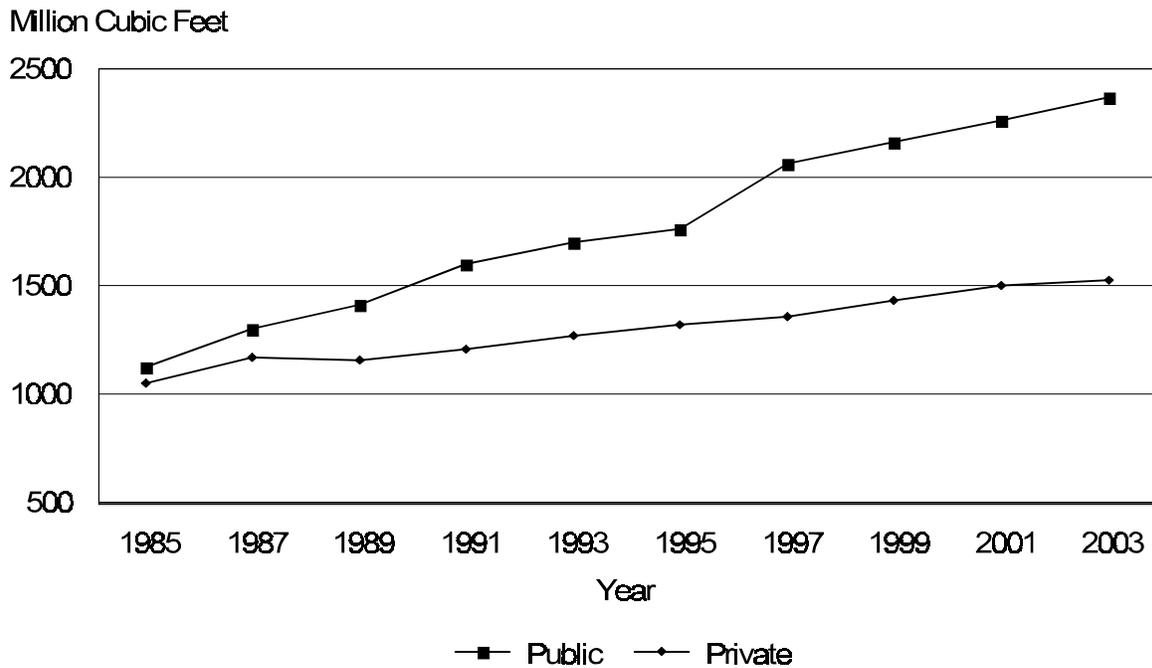
State	Refrigerated Space		Apple Storage Capacity		
	Gross	Usable	Regular	Controlled Atmosphere	Total
	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>
CA	28,502	21,415	5,933	1,757	7,690
CO	2,555	2,094	681	163	844
CT	1,490	1,195	288	174	461
ID	5,840	5,023	1,271	1,049	2,320
IL	1,326	1,141	345		345
IN	2,317	1,813	388	206	594
KY	117	97	33		33
ME	2,750	2,405	337	729	1,066
MD	1,390	1,115	173	354	527
MA	4,136	3,366	802	600	1,402
MI	35,196	30,806	4,947	7,795	12,742
MN	738	643	242	33	275
NH	1,901	1,657	311	449	760
NJ	2,312	1,925	545	173	717
NY	37,307	32,887	5,125	8,614	13,739
NC	4,413	3,972	1,106	480	1,586
OH	3,442	2,804	787	332	1,119
OR	51,642	39,016	7,965	3,926	11,891
PA	27,565	21,541	4,787	2,925	7,712
RI	151	142	38	8	46
UT	2,406	2,125	454	467	921
VT	2,275	1,928	318	507	825
VA	12,457	10,787	1,947	2,122	4,069
WA	492,326	393,968	61,177	135,792	196,969
WV	7,135	5,859	1,872	418	2,290
WI	1,084	901	297	98	395
Oth Sts	3,242	2,567	524	234	758
US	736,016	593,189	102,692	169,402	272,095

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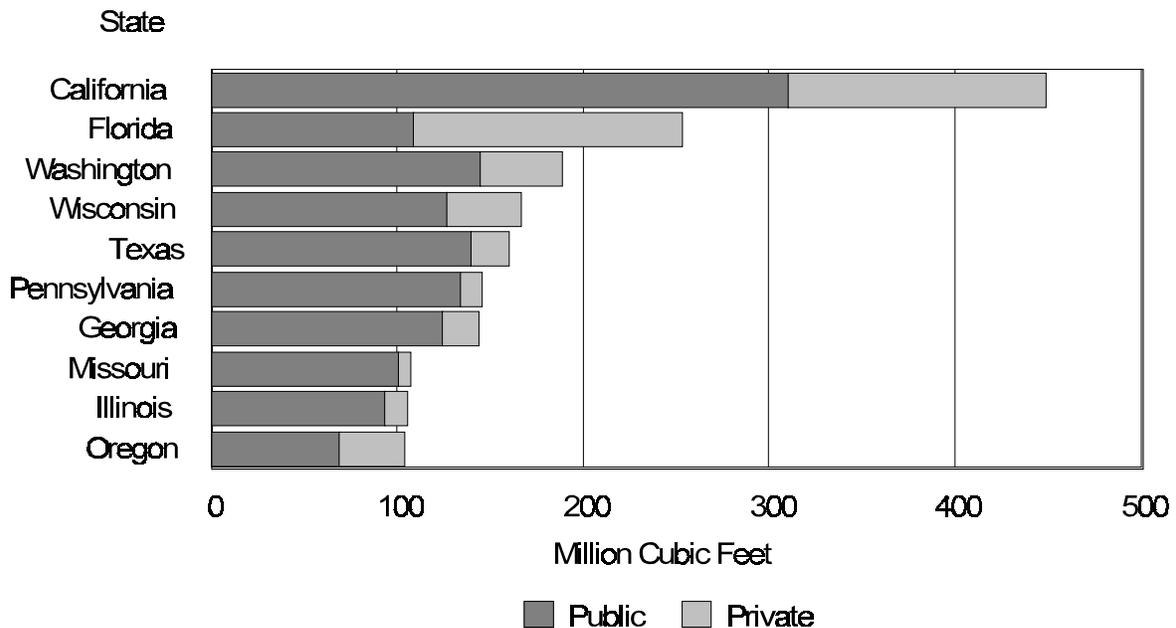
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² Firms in this table store only apples or pears. Nearly all the storages are private and nearly all the space is cooler, thus public use and freezer space breakouts are not presented at the State level. See page 4 for U.S. totals.

General and Apple Storages: Gross Refrigerated Space by Type, October 1, 1985-2003

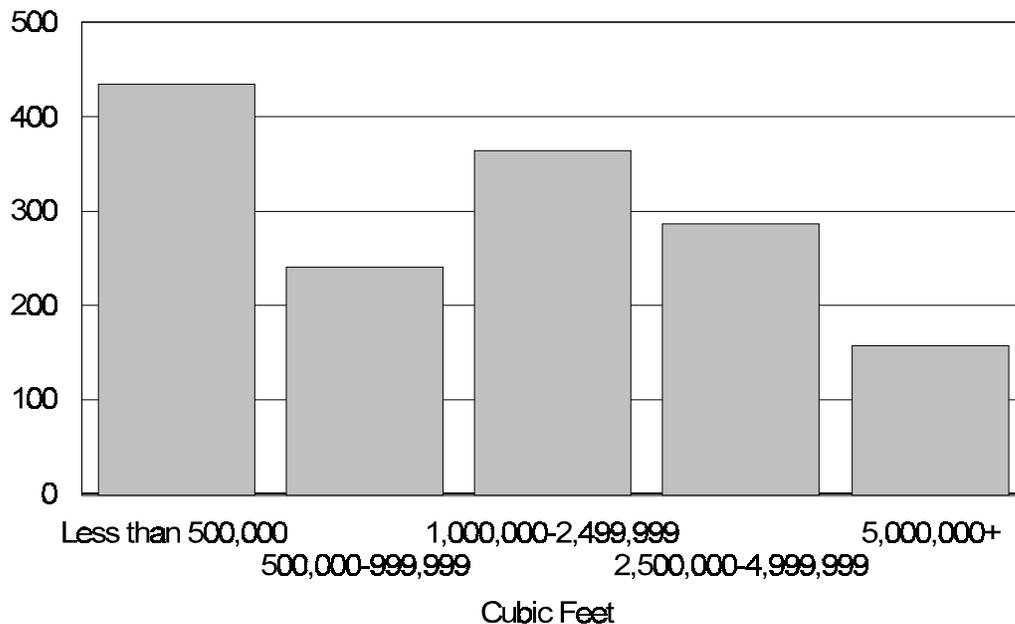


General Storages: Gross Refrigerated Space, 10 Largest States, October 1, 2003



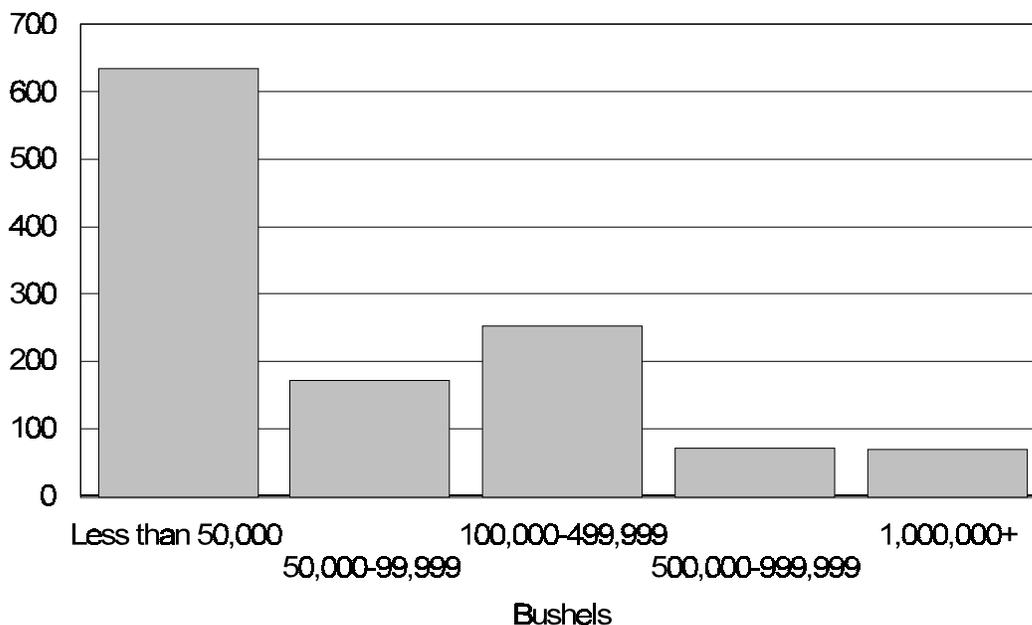
General Refrigerated Warehouses: Number of Facilities by Size Group, United States, October 1, 2003

Number of Facilities



Apple and Pear Refrigerated Warehouses: Number of Facilities by Size Group, United States, October 1, 2003

Number of Facilities



Definitions

General storages: Includes refrigerated facilities classified as general storages, plus facilities classified as storing only cheese, meat, or citrus concentrates.

Public general storages: Refrigerated facilities maintained for storing food for others at specified rates per unit.

Private and semiprivate general storages: Refrigerated facilities maintained by an operator to facilitate his principal function as a producer, processor, or manufacturer of food products. The space is used to store the owner's products, although some space may be used by others at specified rates per unit stored. Working space, chill rooms, and curing rooms in meat storages are not included in the storage statistics.

Apple and pear storages: Refrigerated facilities maintained exclusively for storing apples or pears. Storages operated by cooperatives for use by members are included as private storages.

Cooler space: Space that maintains temperatures between 0 and 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

Freezer space: Space that maintains temperatures at 0 degrees Fahrenheit or lower.

Controlled atmosphere (CA) space: Sealed cooler space in which the oxygen and carbon dioxide content is controlled to extend the storage life of apples or pears.

Gross space: Total area under refrigeration, measured from wall to wall and from floor to ceiling.

Usable space: Actual area used for storing commodities. Gross space less an allowance for aisles, posts, coils, blowers, etc.

Number of storages: Storages at different locations are counted separately even though operated by the same management.

Survey Procedures and Reliability

Survey procedures: Questionnaires were mailed about the 20th of September to operators of over 3,000 public and private cold storage warehouses. Two thousand six hundred eighty-two firms met the qualifications that their warehouses were artificially cooled to a temperature of 50 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, and normally stored food products for 30 days or more. The other firms who received questionnaires either did not qualify or the plants had ceased being cold storage facilities during the past two years. The list included specialized storage facilities meeting the 30 day requirement, such as fruit houses, dairy manufacturing plants, frozen fruit, fruit juice, and vegetable processors, and poultry and meat packing plants. Wholesalers, jobbers, packer branch houses, and frozen food processors whose entire inventories are turned over more than once a month were excluded. Firms that did not respond were mailed a second request and/or phoned or visited.

Estimating procedures: Data for reporting firms were added to estimates for non-reporting firms to obtain State and National totals. Estimates for non-reporting firms were set based on previous reports or administrative data.

Revision policy: These data are considered to be final and will not be revised.

Reliability: Usable reports were received from about 2,189 firms which represent about 82 percent of the total capacity tabulated. The numbers published should be considered to be minimum figures as there are cold storage firms that are not known to NASS. Special care in identifying individual plants minimizes duplication. Survey data are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions and mistakes in reporting and 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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