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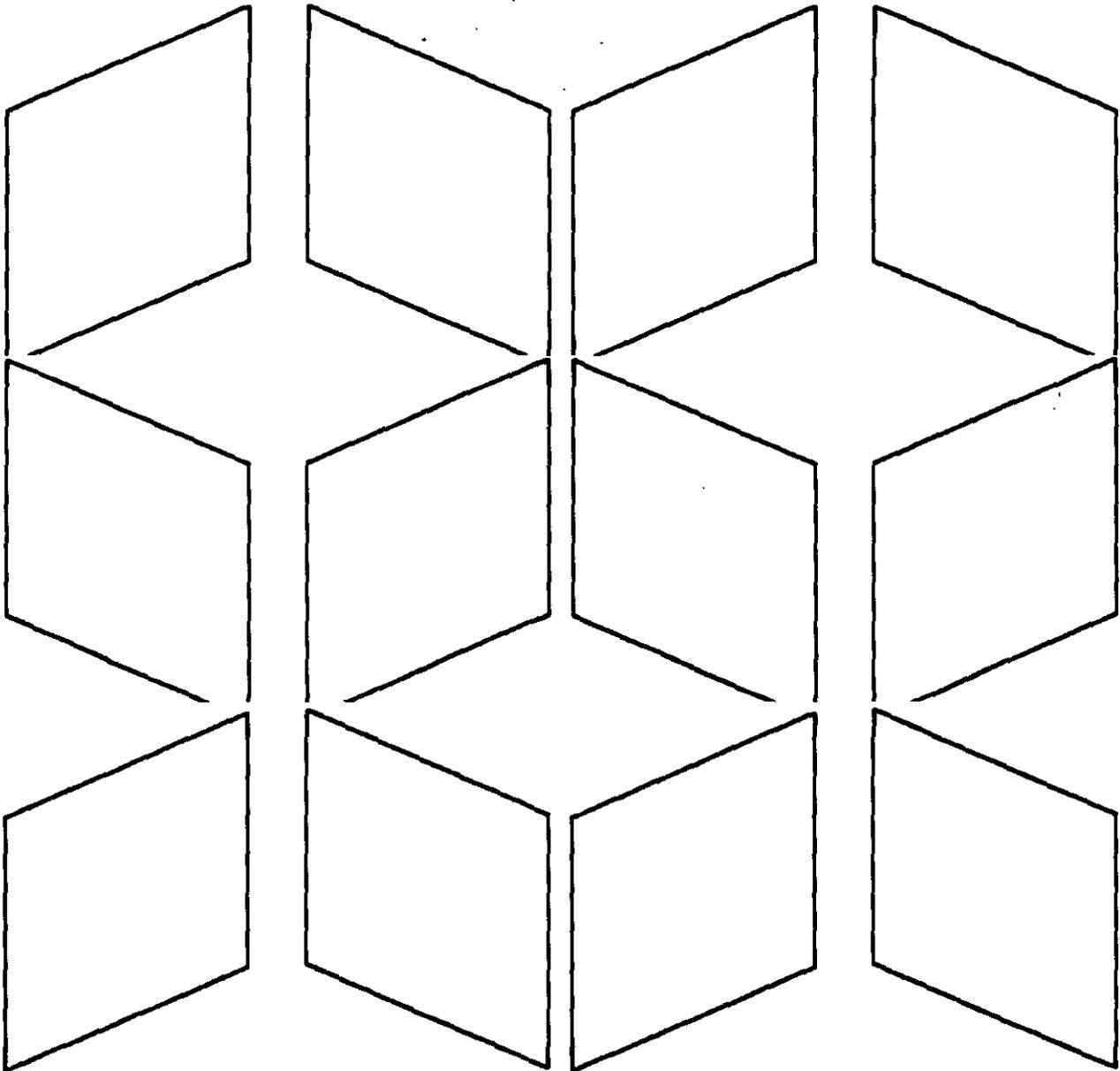
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Capacity of Refrigerated Warehouses 1995 Summary

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General Refrigerated Warehouse Capacity up 3 Percent

General refrigerated storage capacity in the United States totaled 2.42 billion gross cubic feet on October 1, 1995, an increase of 3 percent since the previous survey was conducted two years ago. This was the 38th biennial survey of refrigerated warehouses. The five States with the largest gross general warehouse capacity (million cubic feet) were: California with 312; Florida, 174; Washington, 170; Texas, 133; and Wisconsin with 122.

Usable refrigerated space in general storages was 1.89 billion cubic feet, or 78 percent of the gross space. Usable 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.

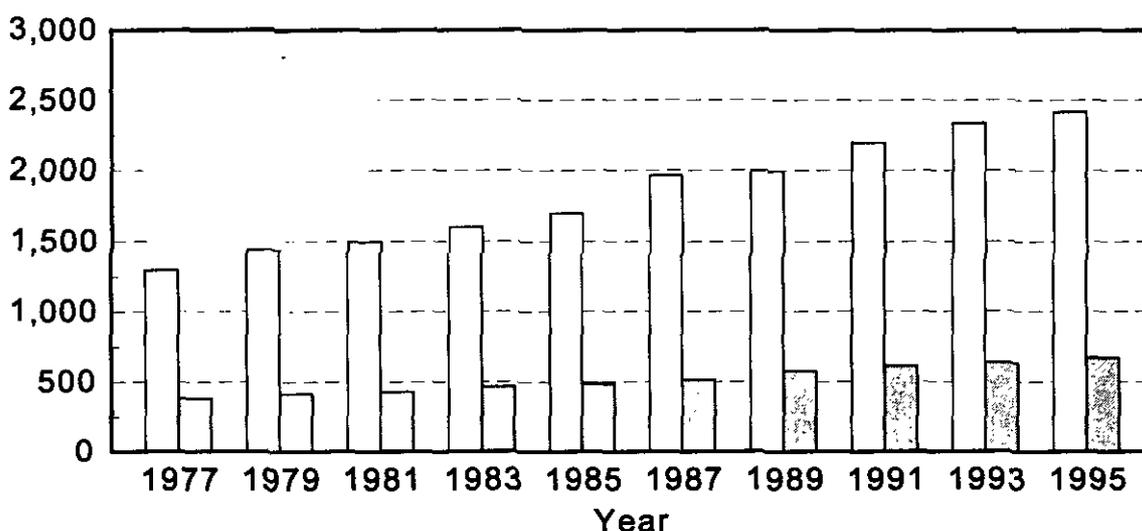
Public general warehouse capacity totaled 1.74 billion gross cubic feet in 1995, accounting for 72 percent of the general storage. Public general storage capacity has increased 57 percent in the last ten years.

Private and semiprivate general warehouse capacity totaled 675 million gross cubic feet, or 28 percent of the general gross refrigerated space. Private and semiprivate general storage capacity has increased 15 percent since 10 years ago.

Apple and pear storage totaled 671 million gross cubic feet, up 6 percent since October 1, 1993. Controlled atmosphere (CA) capacity totaled 144.1 million bushels, up 10 percent from 1993. The State of Washington had 79 percent of the CA total capacity.

Gross Refrigerated Storage Capacity by Principal Storage Activity, U.S., 1977-95

Million Cubic Feet



□ General Storage □ Apple/Pear Storage

Number of Refrigerated Warehouses by Type, by State
and United States, October 1, 1995

State	General Storages			Apple & Pear Storages			Total
	Public	Private & Semiprvt	Total	Regular	CA	All 1/	
	Number						
AL	15	8	23				23
AK	2	22	24				24
AZ	4	3	7	1	2	2	9
AR	16	3	19				19
CA	101	102	203	26	12	30	233
CO	12	6	18	9		9	27
CT		3	3	39	9	41	44
DE	4	7	11	2		2	13
FL	32	34	66				66
GA	26	40	66				66
HI	2	1	3				3
ID	4	14	18	6	7	7	25
IL	23	14	37	20	2	20	57
IN	15	6	21	37	3	38	59
IA	28	6	34				34
KS	11		11	2		2	13
KY	3	2	5	5		5	10
LA	11	11	22				22
ME	1	19	20	33	24	36	56
MD	9	3	12	8	3	9	21
MA	19	11	30	68	29	70	100
MI	22	26	48	178	111	208	256
MN	28	25	53	14	1	14	67
MS	4	2	6				6
MO	17	13	30	6		6	36
MT	3	1	4				4
NE	13	5	18	3		3	21
NV	4	1	5				5
NH		1	1	26	14	26	27
NJ	30	8	38	24	6	28	66
NM	1	3	4		2	2	6
NY	34	56	90	162	100	172	262
NC	13	7	20	18	5	22	42
ND	2	1	3				3
OH	21	5	26	61	11	61	87
OK	5	3	8	1		1	9
OR	14	29	43	45	15	49	92
PA	28	8	36	152	14	153	189
RI		2	2	4	3	7	9
SC	8	6	14	4	1	5	19
SD	2	4	6				6
TN	12	4	16				16
TX	40	25	65				65
UT	8	8	16	19	8	20	36
VT		2	2	14	7	15	17
VA	20	17	37	52	9	52	89
WA	36	34	70	249	203	281	351
WV	1	2	3	14	6	19	22
WI	40	75	115	8	1	9	124
WY	1		1				1
US	745	688	1,433	1,310	608	1,424	2,857

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

Number of Refrigerated Warehouses by Size Group,
United States, October 1, 1995

Type of Storage	Size	Number		
		Public	Private	All
	1,000 cubic feet			
General	0 - 499,999	138	374	512
	500,000 - 999,999	138	127	265
	1,000,000 - 2,499,999	229	118	347
	2,500,000 - 4,999,999	163	46	209
	5,000,000+	77	23	100
	bushels			
Apple and Pear	0 - 49,999	911	238	824
	50,000 - 99,999	140	105	203
	100,000 - 499,999	218	186	270
	500,000 - 999,999	34	43	66
	1,000,000+	7	36	61

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".

Gross Refrigerated Storage Capacity by Type of Warehouse,
United States, October 1, 1977-95

Year	Public	Private and Semi-private	Total 1/
	Million Cubic Feet		
1977	894	785	1,679
1979	940	912	1,852
1981	983	942	1,925
1983	1,047	1,019	2,067
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

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

Refrigerated Space by Type of Warehouse, United States, October 1, 1995 1/

Type	Number	Gross Space			Usable space		
		Cooler	Freezer	Total	Cooler	Freezer	Total
1,000 Cubic Feet							
General							
Public	745	297,562	1,444,023	1,741,585	230,651	1,138,054	1,368,704
Private & Semipvt	688	252,927	421,722	674,649	192,534	329,506	522,040
Total	1,433	550,488	1,865,746	2,416,234	423,184	1,467,560	1,890,745
Apple							
Public	25	23,419		23,419	18,566		18,566
Private & Semipvt	1,399	642,941	5,052	647,993	518,794	3,856	522,650
Total	1,424	666,360	5,052	671,412	537,359	3,856	541,215
Total	2,857	1,216,849	1,870,797	3,087,646	960,544	1,471,416	2,431,960

Gross Refrigerated Space by Type of Warehouse, United States, October 1, 1977-95 1/

Type	1977	1979	1981	1983	1985
1,000 Cubic Feet					
General					
Public	860,542	908,394	956,153	1,028,300	1,110,394
Private and Semiprivate	438,110	529,483	539,992	573,463	589,132
Total	1,298,652	1,437,877	1,496,145	1,601,763	1,699,526
Apple					
Public	33,047	31,611	26,940	18,871	19,383
Private and Semiprivate	346,833	382,977	401,889	445,996	466,768
Total	379,880	414,588	428,829	464,867	486,151
Total, All	1,678,532	1,852,464	1,924,973	2,066,631	2,185,677
1,000 Cubic Feet					
General					
Public	1,285,860	1,391,901	1,572,879	1,678,461	1,741,585
Private and Semiprivate	676,369	603,402	624,005	658,893	674,649
Total	1,962,229	1,995,303	2,196,884	2,337,354	2,416,234
Apple					
Public	19,750	21,945	27,227	21,645	23,419
Private and Semiprivate	494,404	554,150	584,296	613,093	647,993
Total	514,154	576,095	611,523	634,737	671,412
Total, All	2,476,384	2,571,397	2,808,407	2,972,092	3,087,646

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

General Storages: Gross and Usable Refrigerated Space,
by State and United States, October 1, 1995 1/ 2/

State	Gross Space			Usable Space		
	Public	Private & Semiprvt	Total	Public	Private & Semiprvt	Total
	1,000 Cubic Feet					
AL	23,734	775	24,509	20,111	600	20,711
AK	*	*	1,615	*	*	1,509
AZ	2,501	1,364	3,866	2,006	1,173	3,179
AR	61,809	1,434	63,243	52,286	1,149	53,435
CA	200,331	111,219	311,550	155,619	88,847	244,466
CO	13,297	1,821	15,118	9,672	1,555	11,227
CT	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	13,699	14,866	28,565	9,467	11,155	20,622
FL	66,967	106,635	173,602	55,405	86,447	141,852
GA	62,446	15,956	78,402	49,262	13,473	62,734
HI	*	*	*	*	*	*
ID	23,931	22,272	46,202	17,419	18,352	35,771
IL	83,467	24,053	107,520	63,650	16,055	79,704
IN	33,716	5,026	38,742	26,920	3,712	30,633
IA	49,733	4,579	54,312	41,881	3,374	45,256
KS	77,037		77,037	61,701		61,701
KY	*	*	9,384	*	*	6,573
LA	6,675	2,803	9,477	5,163	1,897	7,060
ME	*	*	16,486	*	*	11,728
MD	21,104	3,718	24,822	16,039	2,445	18,484
MA	34,256	5,397	39,652	26,819	4,181	31,000
MI	49,922	19,248	69,170	37,489	15,974	53,463
MN	36,097	18,450	54,547	27,634	12,793	40,427
MS	*	*	16,082	*	*	13,091
MO	78,686	17,358	96,044	63,154	14,442	77,596
MT	*	*	*	*	*	*
NE	29,029	3,215	32,244	23,614	2,374	25,988
NV	*	*	2,815	*	*	2,551
NH	*	*	*	*	*	*
NJ	58,514	12,858	71,371	47,149	11,559	58,708
NM	*	*	939	*	*	853
NY	50,364	34,693	85,057	33,990	27,014	61,005
NC	37,368	8,320	45,688	30,114	5,960	36,074
ND	*	*	*	*	*	*
OH	44,319	9,910	54,228	35,898	7,055	42,953
OK	8,514	4,026	12,540	5,859	3,122	8,982
OR	61,815	39,552	101,367	52,320	30,400	82,720
PA	71,964	8,317	80,281	54,802	5,879	60,681
RI	*	*	*	*	*	*
SC	9,889	4,032	13,922	8,370	3,092	11,462
SD	*	*	5,410	*	*	4,064
TN	27,170	8,609	35,779	20,940	4,595	25,535
TX	112,592	20,731	133,323	75,120	17,346	92,466
UT	19,817	5,749	25,566	16,065	4,638	20,703
VT	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	28,041	17,579	45,620	21,733	14,409	36,142
WA	124,503	45,486	169,990	103,308	34,549	137,857
WV	*	*	*	*	*	*
WI	86,131	35,776	121,907	72,213	25,190	97,403
WY	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	32,148	38,823	18,240	25,511	27,235	12,377
US	1,741,585	674,649	2,416,234	1,368,704	522,040	1,890,745

* Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. Included in "Other States" and U.S. totals.

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, 1995 1/ 2/

State	Gross Space			Usable Space		
	Public	Private & Semiprvt	Total	Public	Private & Semiprvt	Total
	1,000 Cubic Feet					
AL	*	*	6,108	*	*	5,276
AK	*	*	204	*	*	197
AZ	*	*	382	*	*	338
AR	*	*	2,562	*	*	1,911
CA	52,661	58,451	111,111	40,470	46,424	86,895
CO	1,414	906	2,320	1,168	748	1,916
CT	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	*	*	6,439	*	*	5,474
FL	8,339	35,145	43,484	6,935	27,775	34,711
GA	21,834	6,630	28,464	16,782	5,516	22,298
HI	*	*	*	*	*	*
ID	*	*	924	*	*	659
IL	11,239	13,348	24,588	9,069	8,748	17,817
IN	*	*	3,026	*	*	2,311
IA	5,242	1,877	7,119	4,342	1,118	5,459
KS	19,641	*	19,641	14,428	*	14,428
KY	*	*	2,679	*	*	1,842
LA	1,267	677	1,944	937	467	1,404
ME	*	*	339	*	*	262
MD	1,290	*	1,290	1,002	*	1,002
MA	3,205	438	3,643	2,680	336	3,017
MI	4,883	7,492	12,374	3,781	6,482	10,263
MN	6,469	8,207	14,676	4,868	5,272	10,139
MS	*	*	2,571	*	*	2,024
MO	21,234	5,401	26,636	17,185	4,796	21,981
MT	*	*	*	*	*	*
NE	*	*	10,047	*	*	8,317
NV	*	*	663	*	*	659
NH	*	*	*	*	*	*
NJ	15,823	2,576	18,399	13,121	1,976	15,097
NM	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	10,716	15,646	26,362	7,419	12,494	19,912
NC	4,330	4,654	8,984	3,385	3,329	6,714
ND	*	*	*	*	*	*
OH	8,063	1,035	9,098	6,270	840	7,110
OK	*	*	3,700	*	*	2,976
OR	2,081	2,871	4,953	1,687	2,016	3,703
PA	5,400	4,715	10,115	3,675	3,063	6,738
RI	*	*	*	*	*	*
SC	*	*	920	*	*	667
SD	*	*	*	*	*	*
TN	*	*	3,423	*	*	1,775
TX	23,811	14,528	38,339	15,580	12,345	27,924
UT	*	*	3,561	*	*	2,695
VT	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	10,282	10,606	20,888	8,573	8,628	17,201
WA	3,735	7,677	11,413	2,995	5,097	8,092
WV	*	*	*	*	*	*
WI	22,611	29,213	51,823	18,157	20,472	38,629
WY	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts:	31,991	20,832	5,274	26,141	14,592	3,350
US	297,562	252,927	550,488	230,651	192,534	423,184

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1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Includes frozen juice tank storage capacity.

General Storages: Gross and Usable Freezer Space,
by State and United States, October 1, 1995 1/ 2/

State	Gross Space			Usable Space		
	Public	Private & Semiprvt	Total	Public	Private & Semiprvt	Total
1,000 Cubic Feet						
AL	*	*	18,401	*	*	15,436
AK	*	*	1,411	*	*	1,312
AZ	*	*	3,483	*	*	2,842
AR	*	*	60,681	*	*	51,524
CA	147,671	52,768	200,439	115,149	42,422	157,571
CO	11,883	915	12,798	8,504	807	9,311
CT	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	*	*	22,126	*	*	15,148
FL	58,628	71,490	130,118	48,469	58,672	107,141
GA	40,613	9,325	49,938	32,480	7,957	40,437
HI	*	*	*	*	*	*
ID	*	*	45,278	*	*	35,112
IL	72,227	10,705	82,932	54,580	7,307	61,887
IN	*	*	35,716	*	*	28,321
IA	44,491	2,702	47,192	37,540	2,257	39,796
KS	57,396	*	57,396	47,273	*	47,273
KY	*	*	6,705	*	*	4,731
LA	5,407	2,126	7,533	4,226	1,430	5,656
ME	*	*	16,147	*	*	11,466
MD	19,815	3,718	23,532	15,037	2,445	17,483
MA	31,050	4,959	36,009	24,138	3,845	27,983
MI	45,040	11,756	56,796	33,708	9,492	43,200
MN	29,629	10,243	39,871	22,767	7,521	30,288
MS	*	*	13,511	*	*	11,067
MO	57,452	11,957	69,408	45,969	9,646	55,615
MT	*	*	*	*	*	*
NE	*	*	22,197	*	*	17,671
NV	*	*	2,152	*	*	1,891
NH	*	*	*	*	*	*
NJ	42,690	10,282	52,972	34,027	9,583	43,610
NM	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	39,648	19,047	58,695	26,571	14,521	41,092
NC	33,038	3,666	36,704	26,729	2,631	29,360
ND	*	*	*	*	*	*
OH	36,255	8,875	45,130	29,628	6,215	35,843
OK	*	*	8,839	*	*	6,005
OR	59,734	36,681	96,414	50,633	28,383	79,017
PA	66,564	3,601	70,165	51,127	2,816	53,943
RI	*	*	*	*	*	*
SC	*	*	13,002	*	*	10,795
SD	*	*	*	*	*	*
TN	*	*	32,356	*	*	23,759
TX	88,781	6,203	94,984	59,540	5,001	64,541
UT	*	*	22,005	*	*	18,008
VT	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	17,758	6,973	24,731	13,160	5,781	18,941
WA	120,768	37,809	158,577	100,313	29,452	129,764
WV	*	*	*	*	*	*
WI	63,520	6,563	70,083	54,056	4,718	58,774
WY	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts:	253,966	89,360	19,315	202,428	66,605	13,944
US	1,444,023	421,722	1,865,746	1,138,054	329,506	1,467,560

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1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

2/ Includes frozen juice tank storage capacity.

Apple and Pear Storages: Gross and Usable Refrigerated Space, Regular and CA Capacity, by State and United States, October 1, 1995 1/ 2/

State	Refrigerated Space		Apple Storage Capacity		
	Gross	Usable	Regular	Controlled Atmosphere	Total
	1,000 Cubic Feet		1,000 Bushels		
CA	31,815	23,611	6,258	3,079	9,336
CO	2,118	1,719	587		587
CT	1,873	1,499	442	179	621
ID	4,728	4,002	1,060	902	1,962
IL	1,550	1,275	*	*	559
IN	2,542	1,991	601	235	836
KY	203	147	51		51
ME	4,211	3,647	754	948	1,702
MD	1,562	1,240	*	*	574
MA	4,369	3,597	959	602	1,561
MI	34,545	30,120	5,441	7,816	13,257
MN	827	708	*	*	289
NH	2,069	1,804	377	465	842
NJ	2,716	2,268	620	192	812
NY	32,113	27,296	5,619	6,429	12,048
NC	4,463	3,832	1,135	503	1,638
OH	3,719	3,056	906	279	1,185
OR	45,186	35,762	7,899	2,316	10,215
PA	26,654	21,173	4,947	1,904	6,851
RI	170	155	*	*	54
SC	742	596	*	*	269
UT	2,507	2,227	502	424	926
VT	2,654	2,258	453	616	1,069
VA	16,543	13,719	4,056	1,550	5,606
WA	429,750	343,754	57,737	114,140	171,877
WV	7,711	6,312	2,006	569	2,575
WI	377	341	*	*	230
Oth Sts	3,697	3,106	2,170	991	1,184
US	671,412	541,215	104,580	144,139	248,719

* Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. Included in "Other States" and U.S. totals.

1/ Totals may not add due to rounding.

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.

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 October to operators of over 3,000 public and private cold storage warehouses that are artificially cooled to a temperature of 50 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, and whose food products are normally stored for 30 days or more. 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: Reports were received from about 2,500 firms which represent about 87 percent of the total capacity. 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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