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STOCKS OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

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Apples. — Canadian apples held in cold and common storage were 9,822,000 bushels compared with 10,892,000 bushels last year.

Pears. — There were 191,000 bushels of pears on hand at December 1, 1968.

Fruit, frozen and preservatives. — There were 8,266,000 lb. of fruit in "Containers 1 lb and Under", as against 29,535,000 lb. in "Containers over 1 lb."

The stocks of fruit in sulphur dioxide, etc. totalled 6,774,000 lb. A year ago they amounted to 9,404,000 lb. and last month 6,116,000 lb. The total of all fruit frozen and in preservatives was 44,575,000 lb. as compared with 53,079,000 lb. last year and 46,570,000 lb. last month.

Vegetables. — Stocks of potatoes were 27,581,000 hundredweight, as compared with 25,377,000 hundredweight last year. Stocks of onions were reported as 2,646,000 bushels as compared with 1,673,000 bushels last year. Stocks of carrots amounted to 2,527,000 bushels as compared with 1,077,000 bushels last year. Stocks of cabbage increased to 210,000 bushels from 119,000 bushels last year.

Vegetables, frozen and in brine. — The total stocks of frozen vegetables amounted to 81,830,000 lb. as compared with 81,283,000 lb. last year. Current holdings of frozen vegetables intended for re-manufacture amounted to 9,653,000 lb. There were 11,118,000 lb. of vegetables held in brine as against 14,167,000 lb. last year.

NOTE AS TO SOURCE AND CONTENT

The data contained in this report represents stocks of fruit and vegetables (fresh, frozen and in preservatives) held by food processors, cold storages, fruit warehouses, wholesalers and in storages of growers in certain areas of commercial production. Inventories of fresh fruit and vegetables are obtained through the inspection services of the Canadian Department of Agriculture.

Note: See footnotes on page five for information as to specific cities and areas included on stocks of potatoes and other vegetables.

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TABLE 1. Frozen Fruit in Storages and Factories in Canada

	Dec. 1, 1968 preliminary	Nov. 1, 1968 revised	Dec. 1, 1967
thousand pounds			
<u>Containers 1 lb. and under</u>			
Apples	(1)	(1)	22
Blueberries	346	410	971
Cherries	-	-	(1)
Citrus fruit	(1)	(1)	120
Plums	(1)	(1)	-
Raspberries	2,040	2,181	2,473
Strawberries	5,557	7,039	4,687
Other fruit	323	333	255
Totals	8,266	9,963	8,528
<u>Containers over 1 lb. up to 30 lb.</u>			
Apples	2,612	1,765	1,513
Blueberries	2,137	2,351	6,820
Cherries	6,769	7,582	6,360
Citrus fruit	62	76	92
Plums	350	347	184
Raspberries	1,660	1,663	2,207
Strawberries	3,582	3,896	5,585
Other fruit	913	1,114	1,312
Totals	18,085	18,794	24,073
<u>Containers over 30 lb.</u>			
Apples	458	470	162
Blueberries	2,355	2,220	2,924
Cherries	443	462	325
Citrus fruit	120	123	206
Plums	335	368	223
Raspberries	1,815	1,723	2,591
Strawberries	4,848	4,673	3,656
Other fruit	1,076	1,658	987
Totals	11,450	11,697	11,074

TABLE 2. Fruit, Frozen and in Preservatives in Storages and Factories in Canada

	Dec. 1, 1968 preliminary	Nov. 1, 1968 revised	Dec. 1, 1967
thousand pounds			
<u>Frozen fruit (all containers)</u>			
Apples	3,070	2,235	1,697
Blueberries	4,838	4,981	10,715
Cherries	7,212	8,044	6,685
Citrus fruit	182	199	418
Plums	685	715	407
Raspberries	5,515	5,567	7,271
Strawberries	13,987	15,608	13,928
Other fruit	2,312	3,105	2,554
Totals	37,801	40,454	43,675
<u>Fruit in SO₂, etc.</u>			
Apples	1,172	1,104	2,128
Blueberries	(1)	(1)	(1)
Cherries	853	391	1,680
Citrus fruit	1,413	1,483	1,626
Plums	409	410	576
Raspberries	795	751	771
Strawberries	947	636	1,507
Other fruit	1,185	1,341	1,116
Totals	6,774	6,116	9,404
<u>Summary of fruit</u>			
Frozen:			
Containers 1 lb. and under	8,266	9,963	8,528
Containers over 1 lb.	29,535	30,491	35,147
Totals	37,801	40,454	43,675
In preservatives:			
Totals	6,774	6,116	9,404
Grand totals	44,575	46,570	53,079

(1) Less than three firms reporting this item. The figures therefore cannot be shown separately but are included in "Other fruit".

TABLE 3. Apples in Cold and Common Storage

(Including holdings by commercial growers with comparative figures for last year and last month)

	Dec. 1, 1968 preliminary			Nov. 1, 1968 revised	Dec. 1, 1967
	Cold	Common	Total		
	thousand bushels				
Canada	9,138	684	9,822	10,980	10,892
Maritimes	861	362	1,223	1,415	2,089
Quebec	2,481	11	2,492	2,799	2,346
Ontario	2,741	166	2,907	3,148	2,656
Manitoba	2	23	25	19	14
Saskatchewan	9	11	20	22	14
Alberta	-	29	29	24	21
British Columbia	3,044	82	3,126	3,553	3,752
Cities:					
Quebec	24	2	26	31	40
Montreal	47	9	56	48	53
Toronto	32	2	34	35	30
Winnipeg	2	23	25	19	14
Regina	2	8	10	9	6
Saskatoon	7	1	8	12	7
Calgary	-	10	10	10	11
Edmonton	-	19	19	14	10
Vancouver(1)	-	43	43	33	27

(1) Including New Westminster.

TABLE 4. Pears in Cold and Common Storage

(Including holdings by commercial growers with comparative figures for last year and last month)

	Dec. 1, 1968 preliminary		Nov. 1, 1968 revised	Dec. 1, 1967
	thousand bushels			
Canada	191		467	142
Maritimes	-		2	-
Quebec	23		16	16
Ontario	88		262	54
Manitoba	4		4	5
Saskatchewan	2		2	1
Alberta	2		4	3
British Columbia	72		177	63

TABLE 5. Vegetables in Cold and Common Storage

(Including holdings by commercial growers in specified areas(1) with comparative figures for last year)

	Dec. 1, 1968 preliminary	Dec. 1, 1967	Dec. 1, 1968 preliminary	Dec. 1, 1967
	Potatoes		Onions	
	'000 cwt.		'000 bu.	
Canada	27,581	25,377	2,646	1,673
Maritimes ...	17,843	17,805	8	7
Quebec	2,738	2,751	286	227
Ontario	3,788	2,449	2,126	1,361
Manitoba	7	11	5	7
Saskatchewan	73	74	6	5
Alberta	2,446	1,811	90	10
British Columbia ..	686	476	125	56

	Dec. 1, 1968 preliminary	Dec. 1, 1967	Dec. 1, 1968 preliminary	Dec. 1, 1967
	Carrots		Cabbage	
	'000 bu.		'000 bu.	
Canada	2,527	1,077	210	119
Maritimes ...	93	79	30	28
Quebec	451	409	48	25
Ontario	1,804	535	38	41
Manitoba	2	4	3	5
Saskatchewan	2	2	6	3
Alberta	73	13	54	8
British Columbia ..	102	35	31	9

- (1) Maritimes Includes holdings of commercial growers in recognized areas of commercial production.
- Quebec Montreal, Quebec, Sherbrooke and producer stocks in these areas.
- Ontario All major cities and producer stocks in areas of commercial production.
- Manitoba Winnipeg stocks only.
- Saskatchewan Regina and Craven-Lumsden area, and Saskatoon.
- Alberta Edmonton, Calgary and farm storage in commercial production areas of Lethbridge and Brooks.
- British Columbia Vancouver District, Victoria and farm storage in commercial production areas of Vancouver Island, Lower Mainland and Inland, B.C.

TABLE 6. Frozen Vegetables in Storages and Factories in Canada

	Dec. 1, 1968 preliminary	Nov. 1, 1968 revised	Dec. 1, 1967
thousand pounds			
<u>Frozen</u>			
Asparagus	529	532	591
Beans - Green	1,426	14,814	12,047
Wax	2,861	2,955	2,485
Lima	3,043	3,552	2,181
Broccoli	2,868	3,002	2,385
Brussel sprouts	2,038	1,433	2,119
Carrots	6,264	3,533	7,969
Cauliflower	1,917	1,876	1,103
Corn	13,737	15,068	17,733
Peas	40,495	44,272	24,821
Spinach	1,037	1,102	946
Squash	1,577	1,645	1,780
Other vegetables	4,038	3,661	5,123
 Total frozen	 81,830	 97,445	 81,283
 In brine	 11,118	 11,626	 14,167
 Grand totals	 92,948	 109,071	 95,450

TABLE 7. Frozen Vegetables Intended for Re-Manufacture
Held in Storages and Factories in Canada(1)

	Dec. 1, 1968 preliminary	Nov. 1, 1968 revised	Dec. 1, 1967
thousand pounds			
<u>Frozen</u>			
Asparagus	-	-	-
Beans - Green	(2)	1,932	1,584
Wax	(2)	156	(2)
Lima	(2)	907	907
Broccoli	-	-	-
Brussels sprouts	-	(2)	360
Carrots	2,900	463	2,291
Corn	1,148	2,699	3,489
Cauliflower	-	(2)	(2)
Peas	(2)	12,130	7,850
Spinach	-	-	-
Squash	-	(2)	(2)
 Total reported	 9,653	 18,484	 16,881

(1) At time of publication reports had not been received from 7 of 29 plants contacted.

(2) Omitted to avoid disclosing individual company operations, included in totals.

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