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STOCKS OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

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Apples. - Canadian apples held in cold and common storage were 2,613,000 bushels compared with 2,613,000 bushels last year.

Pears. - There were 37,000 bushels of pears on hand at April 1, 1968.

Fruit, frozen and in preservatives. - There were 5,160,000 lb. of fruit in "Containers 1 lb. and Under", as against 25,758,000 lb. in "Containers Over 1 lb.".

The stocks of fruit in sulphur dioxide, etc. totalled 8,096,000 lb. A year ago they amounted to 10,654,000 lb. and last month 9,132,000 lb. The total of all fruit frozen and in preservatives was 39,014,000 lb. as compared with 46,036,000 lb. last year and 45,671,000 lb. last month.

Vegetables. - Stocks of potatoes were 9,278,000 hundredweight, as compared with 16,078,000 hundredweight last year. Stocks of onions were reported as 173,000 bushels as compared with 176,000 bushels last year. Stocks of carrots amounted to 62,000 bushels as compared with 170,000 bushels last year. Stocks of cabbage decreased to 33,000 bushels from 43,000 bushels last year. The inspection services of the Canada Department of Agriculture ceased to collect monthly inventories of celery as of November 1, 1967.

Vegetables, frozen and in brine. - The total stocks of frozen vegetables amounted to 53,252,000 lb. as compared with 47,513,000 lb. last year. Current holdings of frozen vegetables intended for re-manufacture amounted to 5,571,000 lb. There were 12,234,000 lb. of vegetables held in brine as against 11,401,000 lb. last year.

NOTE AS TO SOURCE AND CONTENT

The data contained in this report represent 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.

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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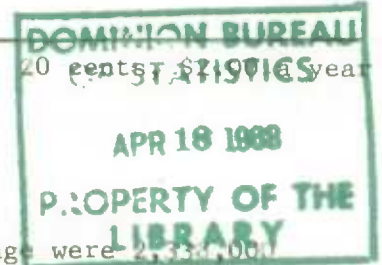


TABLE 1. Frozen Fruit in Storages and Factories in Canada

	April 1, 1968 preliminary	March 1, 1968 revised	April 1, 1967
thousand pounds			
<u>Containers 1 lb. and under</u>			
Apples	29	(1)	47
Blueberries	289	433	54
Cherries	—	—	(1)
Citrus fruit	129	199	17
Plums	(1)	(1)	—
Raspberries	1,695	1,770	2,349
Strawberries	2,792	3,269	3,627
Other fruit	226	239	238
Totals	5,160	5,910	6,332
<u>Containers over 1 lb. up to 30 lb.</u>			
Apples	4,679	3,967	4,276
Blueberries	4,140	5,491	5,673
Cherries	2,997	4,245	3,165
Citrus fruit	133	89	90
Plums	85	121	173
Raspberries	1,371	1,490	1,637
Strawberries	3,405	4,419	3,489
Other fruit	905	1,181	1,376
Totals	17,715	21,003	19,879
<u>Containers over 30 lb.</u>			
Apples	690	364	404
Blueberries	2,229	2,518	1,366
Cherries	217	200	135
Citrus fruit	244	293	84
Plums	109	165	165
Raspberries	1,517	1,762	1,841
Strawberries	2,180	3,440	3,768
Other fruit	857	884	1,408
Totals	8,043	9,626	9,171

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

	April 1, 1968 preliminary	March 1, 1968 revised	April 1, 1967
thousand pounds			
<u>Frozen fruit (all containers)</u>			
Apples	5,398	4,331	4,727
Blueberries	6,658	8,442	7,093
Cherries	3,214	4,445	3,300
Citrus fruit	506	581	191
Plums	194	286	338
Raspberries	4,583	5,022	5,827
Strawberries	8,377	11,128	10,884
Other fruit	1,988	2,304	3,022
Totals	30,918	36,539	35,382
<u>Fruit in SO₂, etc.</u>			
Apples	1,635	1,726	2,420
Blueberries	(1)	(1)	(1)
Cherries	941	1,182	1,080
Citrus fruit	2,063	2,108	1,996
Plums	434	472	578
Raspberries	752	818	1,072
Strawberries	1,527	1,771	2,452
Other fruit	744	1,055	1,056
Totals	8,096	9,132	10,654
<u>Summary of fruit</u>			
Frozen:			
Containers 1 lb. and under	5,160	5,910	6,332
Containers over 1 lb.	25,758	30,629	29,050
Totals	30,918	36,539	35,382
In preservatives:			
Totals	8,096	9,132	10,654
Grand totals	39,014	45,671	46,036

(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)

	April 1, 1968 preliminary			March 1, 1968 revised	April 1, 1967
	Cold	Common	Total		
	thousand bushels				
Canada	2,215	123	2,338	3,814	2,613
Maritimes	128	13	141	295	70
Quebec	781	12	793	1,142	611
Ontario	815	1	816	1,222	932
Manitoba	5	20	25	19	17
Saskatchewan	6	5	11	14	15
Alberta	—	24	24	22	22
British Columbia	480	48	528	1,100	946
Cities:					
Quebec	4	1	5	10	5
Montreal	12	11	23	33	42
Toronto	7	1	8	9	14
Winnipeg	5	20	25	19	17
Regina	—	5	5	6	7
Saskatoon	6	—	6	7	7
Calgary	—	7	7	8	8
Edmonton	—	17	17	14	14
Vancouver(1)	—	27	27	19	24

(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)

	April 1, 1968 preliminary	March 1, 1968 revised	April 1, 1967
	thousand bushels		
Canada	37	24	50
Maritimes	—	—	—
Quebec	27	14	31
Ontario	7	7	13
Manitoba	1	1	1
Saskatchewan	—	—	—
Alberta	1	1	2
British Columbia	1	1	3

TABLE 5. Vegetables in Cold and Common Storage

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

	April 1, 1968 preliminary	April 1, 1967	April 1, 1968 preliminary	April 1, 1967	April 1, 1968 preliminary	April 1, 1967
	Potatoes		Onions		Carrots	
	'000 cwt.		'000 bu.		'000 bu.	
Canada	9,278	16,078	173	176	62	170
Maritimes ...	6,630	11,772	8	4	7	10
Quebec	1,077	1,283	31	23	20	53
Ontario	835	1,422	99	108	20	89
Manitoba	13	19	12	5	2	2
Saskatchewan	21	61	4	3	2	2
Alberta	580	1,296	7	7	3	3
British Columbia ..	122	225	12	26	8	11
	April 1, 1968 preliminary	April 1, 1967	April 1, 1968 preliminary	April 1, 1967		
	Cabbage		Celery			
	'000 bu.		'000 crates			
Canada	33	43	NOT		21	
Maritimes ...	6	4	A		1	
Quebec	8	8	V		12	
Ontario	6	17	A		3	
Manitoba	3	5	I		1	
Saskatchewan	1	2	L		2	
Alberta	3	3	A		2	
British Columbia ..	6	4	B L E		—	

- (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 Vancouver District, Victoria and farm storage in commercial production areas of Vancouver Island, Lower Mainland and Inland, B.C.
- Columbia

TABLE 6. Frozen Vegetables in Storages and Factories in Canada

	April 1, 1968 preliminary	March 1, 1968 revised	April 1, 1967
	thousand pounds		
<u>Frozen</u>			
Asparagus	380	413	212
Beans - Green	7,916	8,927	7,087
Wax	1,830	2,063	1,058
Lima	1,376	1,579	2,136
Broccoli	1,328	1,572	1,179
Brussel sprouts	1,048	1,356	1,532
Carrots	5,855	6,981	5,933
Cauliflower	679	793	801
Corn	13,042	13,994	6,876
Peas	13,017	15,887	13,603
Spinach	612	697	760
Squash	1,518	1,639	1,873
Other vegetables	4,651	5,010	4,463
 Total frozen	 53,252	 60,911	 47,513
In brine	12,234	13,680	11,401
 Grand totals	 65,486	 74,591	 58,914

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

	April 1, 1968 preliminary	March 1, 1968 revised	April 1, 1967
	thousand pounds		
<u>Frozen</u>			
Asparagus	—	—	—
Beans - Green	387	896	378
Wax	—	(2)	—
Lima	407	522	1,015
Broccoli	—	—	(2)
Brussels sprouts	—	(2)	(2)
Carrots	1,327	1,918	2,329
Corn	1,365	1,461	1,569
Cauliflower	—	(2)	(2)
Peas	2,049	3,813	3,989
Spinach	—	—	—
Squash	(2)	(2)	(2)
 Total reported	 5,571	 8,845	 9,423

(1) At time of publication reports had not been received from 5 of 30 plants contacted.

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

The first part of the report deals with the general situation in the country. It is noted that the economy is showing signs of recovery, but that there are still many difficulties. The government is working to improve the situation, and it is hoped that the next few years will be more successful.

In the second part, the author discusses the social conditions. It is pointed out that there is a wide gap between the rich and the poor, and that the government should do more to help the poor. The author also mentions the importance of education and the need for more schools and teachers.

The third part of the report is about the political situation. It is noted that the government is still in a weak position, and that there are many people who are dissatisfied with the current leadership. The author suggests that there should be more democratic reforms and that the government should be more open to criticism.

Finally, the author concludes that the country is at a crossroads. It is up to the government and the people to decide whether they want to continue on the current path or whether they want to make significant changes. The author expresses hope that the country will find a way forward that is better for everyone.

The following table shows the results of the survey conducted in the various districts. The data indicates that the majority of the population is in favor of the proposed reforms, but that there are still some concerns about the implementation.

District	Number of Respondents	Percentage in Favor	Percentage Opposed
District A	120	75%	25%
District B	150	65%	35%
District C	180	80%	20%
District D	100	70%	30%
District E	130	60%	40%

The survey also revealed that the most common concerns among the population are related to the economy and the social services. Many people are worried about the impact of the reforms on their daily lives, and they are concerned that the government is not doing enough to address these issues.

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