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STOCKS OF FRUIT AND VEGETABLES

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Apples. - Canadian apples held in cold and common storage were 4,304,000 bushels compared with 3,814,000 bushels last year.

Pears. - There were 33,000 bushels of pears on hand at March 1, 1969.

Fruit, frozen and preservatives. - There were 5,961,000 lb. of fruit in "Containers 1 lb. and Under", as against 24,882,000 lb. in "Containers over 1 lb."

The stocks of fruit in sulphur dioxide, etc. totalled 7,387,000 lb. A year ago they amounted to 9,326,000 lb. and last month 8,206,000 lb. The total of all fruit frozen and in preservatives was 38,230,000 lb. as compared with 45,816,000 lb. last year and 44,275,000 lb. last month.

Vegetables. - Stocks of potatoes were 16,137,000 hundredweight, as compared with 14,767,000 hundredweight last year. Stocks of onions were reported as 912,000 bushels as compared with 564,000 bushels last year. Stocks of carrots amounted to 837,000 bushels as compared with 106,000 bushels last year. Stocks of cabbage decreased to 35,000 bushels from 37,000 bushels last year.

Vegetables, frozen and in brine. - The total stocks of frozen vegetables amounted to 75,982,000 lb. as compared with 62,219,000 lb. last year. Current holdings of frozen vegetables intended for re-manufacture amounted to 15,789,000 lb. There were 8,246,000 lb. of vegetables held in brine as against 13,681,000 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

	March 1, 1969 preliminary	Feb. 1, 1969 revised	March 1, 1968
	thousand pounds		
<u>Containers 1 lb. and under</u>			
Apples	8	15	(1)
Blueberries	257	350	432
Cherries	(1)	-	-
Citrus fruit	(1)	(1)	(1)
Plums	-	-	-
Raspberries	1,085	1,530	1,771
Strawberries	4,230	5,316	3,267
Other fruit	381	352	294
Totals	5,961	7,563	5,764
<u>Containers over 1 lb. up to 30 lb.</u>			
Apples	5,644	5,563	3,956
Blueberries	2,001	2,246	5,559
Cherries	4,493	5,217	4,241
Citrus fruit	164	239	66
Plums	262	352	121
Raspberries	1,324	1,588	1,489
Strawberries	3,380	3,348	4,417
Other fruit	912	857	1,191
Totals	18,180	19,410	21,040
<u>Containers over 30 lb.</u>			
Apples	719	799	355
Blueberries	1,302	1,600	2,583
Cherries	416	386	200
Citrus fruit	75	243	293
Plums	230	305	201
Raspberries	794	1,224	1,762
Strawberries	2,571	3,820	3,432
Other fruit	595	719	860
Totals	6,702	9,096	9,686

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

	March 1, 1969 preliminary	Feb. 1, 1969 revised	March 1, 1968
thousand pounds			
<u>Frozen fruit (all containers)</u>			
Apples	6,371	6,377	4,311
Blueberries	3,560	4,196	8,574
Cherries	4,909	5,603	4,441
Citrus fruit	239	482	359
Plums	492	657	322
Raspberries	3,203	4,342	5,022
Strawberries	10,181	12,484	11,116
Other fruit	1,888	1,928	2,345
Totals	30,843	36,069	36,490
<u>Fruit in SO₂, etc.</u>			
Apples	974	1,053	1,803
Blueberries	(1)	(1)	(1)
Cherries	1,379	1,327	1,232
Citrus fruit	1,495	1,558	2,108
Plums	284	316	472
Raspberries	953	1,023	818
Strawberries	1,112	1,673	1,771
Other fruit	1,190	1,256	1,122
Totals	7,387	8,206	9,326
<u>Summary of fruit</u>			
Frozen:			
Containers 1 lb. and under	5,961	7,563	5,764
Containers over 1 lb.	24,882	28,506	30,726
Totals	30,843	36,069	36,490
In preservatives:			
Totals	7,387	8,206	9,326
Grand totals	38,230	44,275	45,816

(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)

	March 1, 1969 preliminary			Feb. 1, 1969 revised	March 1, 1968
	Cold	Common	Total		
	thousand bushels				
Canada	4,168	136	4,304	5,962	3,814
Maritimes	231	11	242	391	295
Quebec	1,251	5	1,256	1,612	1,142
Ontario	1,290	13	1,303	1,867	1,222
Manitoba	5	12	17	20	19
Saskatchewan ..	4	5	9	7	14
Alberta	—	22	22	18	22
British Columbia	1,387	68	1,455	2,047	1,100

TABLE 4. Pears in Cold and Common Storage

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

	March 1, 1969 preliminary	Feb. 1, 1969 revised	March 1, 1968
		thousand bushels	
Canada	33	45	24
Maritimes	—	—	—
Quebec	12	13	14
Ontario	14	23	7
Manitoba	1	2	1
Saskatchewan ..	—	—	—
Alberta	2	2	1
British Columbia	4	5	1

TABLE 5. Vegetables in Cold and Common Storage

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

	March 1, 1969	March 1,	March 1, 1969	March 1,
	preliminary	1968	preliminary	1968
	Potatoes		Onions	
	'000 cwt.		'000 bu.	
Canada	16,137	14,767	912	564
Maritimes ...	10,971	11,298	6	8
Quebec	1,299	1,193	77	75
Ontario	2,006	1,168	772	446
Manitoba	9	16	5	10
Saskatchewan	33	29	3	4
Alberta	1,499	877	14	7
British Columbia ..	320	186	35	14
	Carrots		Cabbage	
	'000 bu.		'000 bu.	
Canada	837	106	35	37
Maritimes ...	25	5	8	8
Quebec	84	24	10	7
Ontario	701	60	6	10
Manitoba	5	1	1	2
Saskatchewan	—	—	3	2
Alberta	11	5	3	2
British Columbia ..	11	11	4	6
(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

	March 1, 1969 preliminary	Feb. 1, 1969 revised	March 1, 1968
thousand pounds			
<u>Frozen</u>			
Asparagus	356	396	413
Beans - Green	10,136	12,312	9,133
Wax	2,411	2,535	2,053
Lima	2,434	2,557	1,616
Broccoli	2,453	2,652	1,501
Brussel sprouts	1,848	2,178	1,420
Carrots	7,798	8,635	6,958
Cauliflower	1,596	1,826	719
Corn	9,974	10,863	14,432
Peas	31,243	34,359	16,575
Spinach	471	697	742
Squash	1,453	1,644	1,629
Other vegetables	3,809	3,840	5,028
 Total frozen	 75,982	 84,494	 62,219
In brine	8,246	9,122	13,681
 Grand totals	 84,228	 93,616	 75,900

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

	March 1, 1969 preliminary	Feb. 1, 1969 revised	March 1, 1968
thousand pounds			
<u>Frozen</u>			
Asparagus	-	-	-
Beans - Green	1,515	1,580	1,023
Wax	(2)	129	(2)
Lima	276	277	567
Broccoli	(2)	(2)	-
Brussels sprouts	(2)	(2)	235
Carrots	2,676	2,952	2,495
Corn	1,618	1,798	1,850
Cauliflower	(2)	(2)	(2)
Peas	9,492	9,934	4,388
Spinach	(2)	(2)	-
Squash	(2)	(2)	(2)
 Total reported	 15,789	 17,102	 10,805

(1) At time of publication reports had not been received from 4 of 26 plants contacted.

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



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