

# Cold Storage

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# Cold Storage Overview

- Conducted since 1914, after allegations that food speculators were “cornering the market” to drive up prices
- Provides information on national supplies of food in refrigerated storage facilities that normally store food products for 30+ days
- Information is used by warehouse operators, food processors, people servicing the warehouse and processing industries, and government agencies.



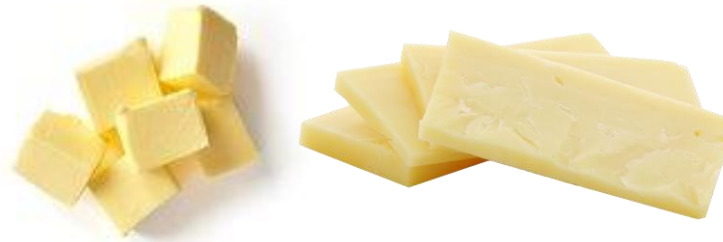
# Cold Storage Survey

- Monthly
  - Reference Date: Last day of the month
  - Data Collection Dates: End of previous month – approx. the 14<sup>th</sup> of the current month
  - Same questionnaire each month
  - Release Date: 3<sup>rd</sup> week of the month
- Biennial
  - Refrigerated Warehouse Capacity
  - Every 2 years in the fall
  - Screens operations for the monthly survey



# Monthly Cold Storage Survey

- Split into 7 Sections
  - Dairy Products
  - Pecans
  - Frozen Fruit & Concentrated Juice
  - Frozen Vegetables
  - Frozen Eggs
  - Frozen Poultry
  - Frozen Meat & Meat Products





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- Each commodity is reported in pounds.
  - If other unit reported, leave a detailed comment.



- Leave comments for “other” or “unclassified” products.



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- Reference page 4 of the questionnaire for instructions.



## INSTRUCTIONS

1.REFRIGERATED STORAGE: Reports are needed for all storages, public or private, which are cooled artificially to 50 degrees F. or lower, where food commodities are normally stored for 30 days or more.

2.STOCKS ON HAND: Report total stocks held under refrigeration in this storage at the end of the month, regardless of ownership or length of time held. Do not include stocks held elsewhere. Do not include stocks in space leased to others.

3.NATURAL CHEESE: Report under "Natural Cheese" blocks, barrels and other forms whether or not it may be subsequently converted to pasteurized processed cheese. Exclude processed cheese.

4.GOVERNMENT OWNED STOCKS: Include quantities stored for the Commodity Credit Corporation, Armed Forces and other Government agencies, including State and local governments.

5.FROZEN CONCENTRATED JUICES: Do not include single strength juices or frozen synthetic juices.

6.BEANS, BABY LIMA: Include butter beans except speckled butter beans which should be reported as other frozen vegetables.

7.BROCCOLI SPEARS: Include broccolettes, florets, small spears, etc.

8.GREEN BEANS: Do not include whole green beans, Italian green beans or wax beans. These should be reported as other frozen vegetables.

9.PEAS, BLACK EYE: Do not include crowder peas, cream peas, or other southern types of peas. These should be reported as other frozen vegetables.

10.SOUTHERN GREENS: Include collards, kale, mustard, turnip and turnip with roots.

11.FROZEN BONELESS BEEF: Include all boxed boneless beef (i.e., ground beef, roasts, steaks, loins, strips, rounds, trimmings,...) Do not include variety meats. See instruction 14.

12.FROZEN BEEF CUTS: All boxed primal beef cuts, bone-in.

13.PORK BELLIES: Include both skin-on and skinless bellies.

14.VARIETY MEATS (edible offal): Do not report tongues, livers, hearts, kidneys, and other organs removed from slaughtered beef, veal, lamb, and mutton.

15.FROZEN PORK: Trimmings: Include 42% regular trimmings, 72% special trimmings, boneless picnic meat, jowls, neckbone trimmings, and blade, cheek, head, and ham shank meat, etc. Do not include packaged bacon and sausage and processed items such as hot dogs and luncheon meat.

# Monthly Cold Storage Survey Specifics

- Facilities can be specialized or generalized.
- Most operations have a reporting arrangement.
- Call to complete the survey or remind the operator later in the survey period.
- Incomplete records do not need to be submitted in CAPI.
- Operation updates will need to be submitted in CAPI even if the operation is inaccessible.





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