

**PROCESSED MUSHROOMS:
U.S. PRODUCERS' PRODUCTION, SALES,
AND INVENTORIES, AND U.S. IMPORTS,
EXPORTS, AND APPARENT
CONSUMPTION
TWELTH QUARTERLY
REPORT:
FOURTH CALENDAR
QUARTER 1979**

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HIGHLIGHTS OF THE TWELFTH QUARTERLY REPORT ON PROCESSED MUSHROOMS

For the fourth quarter of 1979, domestic production of canned mushrooms and imports both increased compared with the same quarter a year earlier. Meanwhile, sales by domestic producers declined in the 1979 period. During the fourth quarter of 1979, domestic production totaled 26.6 million pounds; imports, 21.4 million pounds; and sales by producers, 24.1 million pounds. On a percentage basis, the changes between the two fourth-quarter periods for these categories amounted to increases of 3 percent and 36 percent in output and imports, respectively, and a decrease of 10 percent in sales. Apparent consumption of canned mushrooms totaled 47.1 million pounds, up 7 percent, as imports more than offset the decline in domestic sales. U.S. producers' inventories increased 15 percent during the period October 1-December 31, 1979, compared with a 9 percent decline during October 1-December 31, 1978. Sales of frozen mushrooms, at 1.8 million pounds in the fourth quarter of 1979, were 15 percent more than in the corresponding period of 1978.

The performance of the industry in July-December 1979, compared with that in the corresponding period in 1978, was similar to that exhibited on a quarterly basis but for one exception: Production was 10 percent lower in the last half of 1979 whereas in the fourth quarter of 1979 it was 3 percent higher than in the comparable period of 1978.

Imports from all major suppliers, i.e., Taiwan, the Republic of Korea, and Hong Kong, were up substantially. Imports from Taiwan, the principal U.S. supplier, increased 25 percent, from 10.2 million pounds in the fourth quarter of 1978 to 12.7 million pounds in the fourth quarter of 1979, while imports from Korea rose 66 percent (from 2.3 million to 3.8 million pounds) and those from Hong Kong were up 48 percent (from 2.3 million to 3.4 million pounds). Taiwan's share of the U.S. import market declined from 64 percent in 1978 to

59 percent in 1979. The share of the import market held by Korea increased from 15 percent to 18 percent and that held by Hong Kong rose from 15 percent to 16 percent. The rise in imports during the fourth quarters of 1978 and 1979 is also evident during the last six months of those years.

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A REPORT OF CERTAIN QUARTERLY STATISTICS FOR PROCESSED MUSHROOMS
FOR SPECIFIED PERIODS

(The information provided in this report was compiled by the United States International Trade Commission as requested by the President in accordance with section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)), in order to monitor import competition in the domestic market for processed mushrooms. Data included herein cover the stocks, production, and sales of U.S. producers of canned mushrooms, sales of U.S. processors of frozen mushrooms, imports under item 144.20 of the Tariff Schedules of the United States, exports, and apparent consumption)

(In thousands of pounds, drained-weight basis)

Item	October-December		July-December		Marketing Year	
	1978	1979	1978	1979	July 1, 1977- June 30, 1978	July 1, 1978- June 30, 1979
Carry-in stocks of canned mushrooms-----	17,116	1/ 11,233	21,389	20,044	22,744	21,389
Carry-out stocks of canned mushrooms:						
9 ounces or less:						
Whole-----	771	578	1,319	998	815	765
Sliced-----	1,758	1,106	3,067	2,160	1,831	1,714
Other-----	7,115	8,014	16,269	15,580	12,752	13,251
Total-----	9,644	9,698	20,655	18,739	15,398	15,730
Over 9 ounces:						
Whole-----	217	79	359	153	196	129
Sliced-----	603	528	1,326	1,012	742	828
Other-----	5,166	2,638	10,406	4,273	5,053	3,357
Total-----	5,986	3,245	12,091	5,438	5,991	4,134
Total carry-out stocks-----	15,630	12,943	32,746	24,177	21,389	20,044
Production of canned mushrooms:						
9 ounces or less:						
Whole-----	1,529	1,311	2,336	1,711	5,345	4,334
Sliced-----	3,094	2,517	4,619	3,561	9,520	9,269
Other-----	10,301	10,146	15,698	14,165	44,059	45,010
Total-----	14,924	13,974	22,653	19,437	59,014	58,613
Over 9 ounces:						
Whole-----	247	130	334	170	894	606
Sliced-----	1,986	1,739	3,956	2,408	8,277	7,147
Other-----	8,522	10,707	13,393	14,155	26,435	23,908
Total-----	10,755	12,576	17,683	16,733	35,606	31,661
Total production-----	25,679	26,550	40,336	36,170	94,620	90,274

See footnotes at end of table.

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(In thousands of pounds, drained-weight basis)

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	1978	1979	1978	1979	July 1, 1977- June 30, 1978	July 1, 1978- June 30, 1979
Sales:						
Canned mushrooms:						
9 ounces or less:						
Whole-----	1,336	1,147	2,402	1,888	5,606	4,327
Sliced-----	2,828	2,462	4,867	4,154	10,300	9,369
Other-----	12,319	9,689	22,067	19,379	45,471	45,250
Total-----	16,483	13,298	29,336	25,421	61,377	58,946
Over 9 ounces:						
Whole-----	171	124	312	218	734	670
Sliced-----	2,280	855	4,269	1,868	8,665	7,434
Other-----	7,790	9,809	11,746	14,978	24,326	23,697
Total-----	10,241	10,788	16,327	17,066	33,725	31,801
Total sales, canned-----	26,724	24,086	45,663	42,482	95,102	90,747
Frozen mushrooms 2/-----	1,540	1,765	3,080	3,306	4,417	7,752
Exports 3/-----	204	144	362	258	258	577
Imports from--						
Taiwan-----	10,150	12,691	22,011	30,736	57,218	42,128
Republic of Korea-----	2,313	3,840	10,035	11,584	23,656	27,002
Hong Kong-----	2,314	3,425	4,964	6,908	7,372	12,613
All other-----	965	1,398	2,065	2,248	3,650	4,464
Total-----	15,742	21,354	39,075	51,474	91,896	86,207
Apparent consumption 4/-----	43,802	47,061	87,456	97,007	191,157	184,129
Ratio of imports to consumption--percent--	36	45	45	53	48	47

1/ Revised.

2/ Data on frozen mushrooms converted to drained-weight equivalents.

3/ Data on exports of canned mushrooms prior to July 1978 are compiled from official statistics of the Canadian Ministry of Industry, Trade, and Commerce. Beginning with July 1978, export data are compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce and represent shipments to more than 25 countries.

4/ Data do not take into account disappearance from losses or waste of domestic canners or changes in stocks of producers of canned or frozen mushrooms or importers.

Source: Stocks, production, and sales were estimated from data submitted in response to questionnaires of the U.S. International Trade Commission; imports and exports were compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce, except as noted.

Note.--Data on stocks, production, and sales may not add because of losses.

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