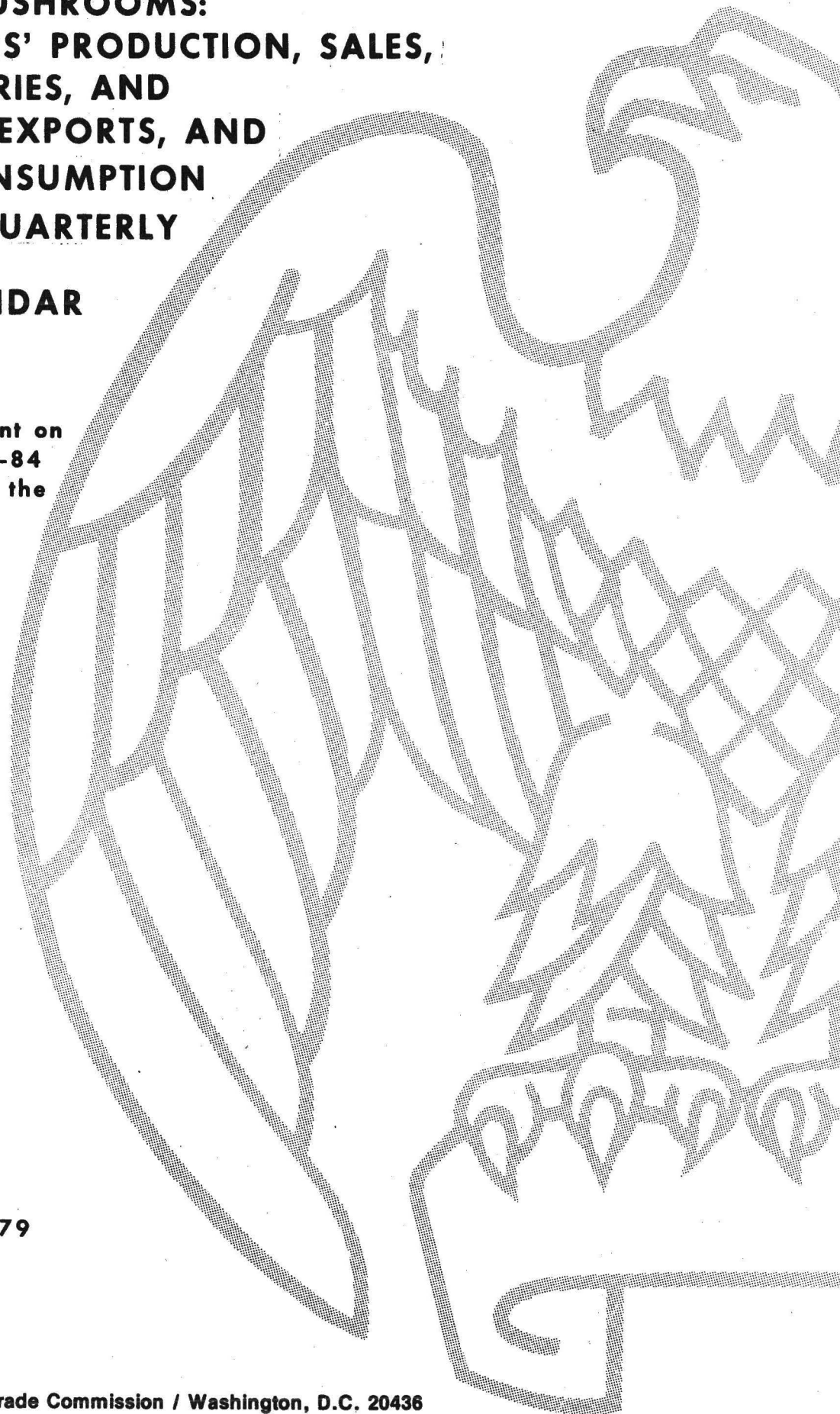


**PROCESSED MUSHROOMS:  
U.S. PRODUCERS' PRODUCTION, SALES,  
AND INVENTORIES, AND  
U.S. IMPORTS, EXPORTS, AND  
APPARENT CONSUMPTION  
FOURTEENTH QUARTERLY  
REPORT:  
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#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FOURTEENTH QUARTERLY REPORT ON PROCESSED MUSHROOMS

For the second quarter of 1981, domestic production of canned mushrooms, sales by domestic producers, and imports all decreased compared with the same quarter a year earlier. During the second quarter of 1981 domestic production totaled 30.0 million pounds; sales by producers, 21.4 million pounds; and imports, 25.3 million pounds. On a percentage basis, the changes between second quarter periods of 1980 and 1981 for these categories amounted to decreases of 14 percent, 19 percent and 31 percent in output, sales, and imports, respectively. The decline in sales of domestic canned mushrooms reflects, in part, a significant increase in the producer price index of such mushrooms and an uptrend in demand for fresh mushrooms. The reduction in imports reflects the temporary rate of duty increase imposed on prepared or preserved mushrooms which became effective on November 1, 1980, pursuant to Presidential action. This action was taken under provisions of the Trade Act of 1974 following a U.S. International Trade Commission determination that imports of prepared or preserved mushrooms are a substantial cause of serious injury, or the threat thereof, to the domestic industry. The decline in sales of domestic producers and imports was followed by a 22 percent drop in apparent consumption to 52.2 million pounds in April-June 1981, compared with the same months in 1980. Second quarter 1981 imports were equivalent to 48 percent of consumption, compared with 55 percent in the same quarter a year earlier. Sales of frozen mushrooms, at 5.6 million pounds in the second quarter of 1981, were 42 percent more than in the corresponding period of 1980.

Taiwan had been the principal supplier of imported mushrooms in recent years, but during the second quarter of 1981 its position fell behind that of the People's Republic of China (China) and Hong Kong; the other major supplier is the Republic of Korea (Korea). Between April-June of 1980 and 1981 Taiwan's share of the imports dropped from 48 to 24 percent while China's

jumped from 8 to 27 percent and Hong Kong's rose from 20 to 27 percent. The share of total imports from Korea dropped from 19 to 16 percent. China, which was granted most-favored-nation status on February 1, 1980, was the only major supplier of imported mushrooms to register a gain (they more than doubled) during April-June 1981 compared with the corresponding period of 1980.

The performance of the processed mushroom industry in the second quarter is indicative of the industry's performance for the most recent marketing year (July 1980-June 1981). Production, imports, and apparent consumption all declined compared with the preceding marketing year (1979/80), with the ratio of imports to consumption declining from 52 to 45 percent. In the most recent year, domestic production totaled 100.4 million pounds and imports, 96.5 million pounds. On a percentage basis, these figures indicate decreases from the preceding year of 3 percent for domestic production and 15 percent for imports. Apparent consumption correspondingly fell 3 percent to 213.1 million pounds. Sales of canned mushrooms increased 4 percent to 99.5 million pounds in 1980/81. In regard to frozen mushrooms, sales in 1980/81 reached 17.5 million pounds, an increase of 59 percent from 1979/80. In 1980/81, sales of frozen mushrooms were equivalent to 18 percent of canned mushroom sales, up from 12 percent in 1980/81.

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

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(In thousands of pounds, drained-weight basis)						
Item	April-June		Marketing year			
	1980	1981	July 1, 1978- June 30, 1979	July 1, 1979- June 30, 1980	July 1, 1980- June 30, 1981	
Carry-in stocks of canned mushrooms-----	20,016	18,636	21,389	20,044	28,140	
Carry-out stocks of canned mushrooms:						
9 ounces or less:						
Whole-----	1,755	417	765	1,755	417	
Sliced-----	2,679	1,293	1,714	2,679	1,293	
Other-----	16,831	21,146	13,251	16,831	21,146	
Total-----	21,265	22,856	15,730	21,265	22,856	
Over 9 ounces:						
Whole-----	157	64	129	157	64	
Sliced-----	2,457	1,801	828	2,457	1,801	
Other-----	4,261	4,030	3,357	4,261	4,030	
Total-----	6,875	5,895	4,314	6,875	5,895	
Total carry-out stocks-----	28,140	28,751	20,044	28,140	28,751	
Production of canned mushrooms:						
9 ounces or less:						
Whole-----	1,666	637	4,334	4,891	2,741	
Sliced-----	2,769	1,563	9,269	9,616	6,773	
Other-----	17,065	16,180	45,010	45,846	54,935	
Total-----	21,500	18,380	58,613	60,353	64,449	
Over 9 ounces:						
Whole-----	85	57	606	1,019	291	
Sliced-----	6,104	4,706	7,147	13,325	16,769	
Other-----	7,051	6,883	23,908	28,809	18,852	
Total-----	13,240	11,646	31,661	43,153	35,912	
Total production-----	34,740	30,026	90,274	103,506	100,361	

See footnotes at end of table.

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(In thousands of pounds, drained-weight basis)						
Item	April-June		Marketing year			
	1980	1981	July 1, 1978- June 30, 1979	July 1, 1979- June 30, 1980	July 1, 1980- June 30, 1981	
Sales:						
Canned mushrooms:						
9 ounces or less:						
Whole-----	930	1,048	4,327	3,919	4,080	
Sliced-----	2,045	2,088	9,369	8,197	8,169	
Other-----	12,815	8,198	45,250	45,762	48,576	
Total-----	15,790	11,334	58,946	57,878	60,825	
Over 9 ounces:						
Whole-----	82	116	670	386	369	
Sliced-----	5,799	5,737	7,434	11,349	19,135	
Other-----	4,913	4,239	23,697	25,908	19,164	
Total-----	10,794	10,092	31,801	37,643	38,668	
Total sales, canned-----	26,584	21,426	90,747	95,521	99,493	
Frozen mushrooms <sup>1/</sup> -----	3,923	5,568	7,752	11,016	17,464	
Exports-----	187	85	577	662	339	
Imports from--						
Taiwan-----	17,464	6,085	42,128	61,287	39,448	
Hong Kong-----	7,507	6,748	12,613	17,552	21,398	
People's Republic of China-----	2,978	6,822	50	4,275	20,214	
Republic of Korea-----	7,033	4,147	27,002	25,925	11,258	
All other-----	1,665	1,526	4,414	4,570	4,185	
Total-----	36,647	25,328	86,207	113,609	96,503	
Apparent consumption <sup>2/</sup> -----	66,967	52,237	184,129	219,484	213,121	
Ratio of imports to consump-						
tion-----percent--	55	48	47	52	45	

<sup>1/</sup> Data on frozen mushrooms converted to drained-weight equivalents.

<sup>2/</sup> 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; exports and imports were compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

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



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