

**PROCESSED MUSHROOMS:
U.S. PRODUCERS' PRODUCTION,
SALES, AND INVENTORIES, AND
U.S. IMPORTS, EXPORTS, AND
APPARENT CONSUMPTION
EIGHTEENTH QUARTERLY
REPORT: FOURTH
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THE EIGHTEENTH QUARTERLY REPORT ON PROCESSED MUSHROOMS

HIGHLIGHTS

During the fourth quarter (October-December) 1983, compared with the same quarter 1982:

- APPARENT CONSUMPTION of canned mushrooms decreased 18 percent to 47.2 million pounds;
- DOMESTIC PRODUCTION rose 8 percent to 23.6 million pounds;
- SALES of domestic canned mushrooms declined 15 percent to 21.9 million pounds;
- PRODUCER ENDING INVENTORIES of canned mushrooms declined 25 percent to 12.0 million pounds;
- IMPORTS declined 32 percent to 17.8 million pounds, constituting 38 percent of consumption compared with 45 percent last year; and
- EXPORTS declined 66 percent to 35,000 pounds.

QUARTERLY STATISTICS

For the fourth quarter of 1983, compared with the same quarter a year earlier, apparent consumption, sales, ending inventories, imports, and exports of canned mushrooms all declined while production by domestic producers increased (see table 1). Ending inventories by producers totaled 12.0 million pounds (down 25 percent); sales by producers, 21.9 million pounds (down 15 percent); exports, 35,000 pounds (down 66 percent); imports, 17.8 million pounds (down 32 percent); and apparent consumption, 47.2 million pounds (down 18 percent). Domestic production totaled 23.6 million pounds (up 8 percent). Data were also collected for the second and third quarters of 1983 and are presented in table 2. For the second and third quarters of 1983, compared with the same quarters a year earlier, production, imports, and consumption rose steadily, sales rose during the second quarter before declining during the third, and stocks declined throughout both periods.

Sales

The decrease in sales of domestic canned mushrooms (15 percent) in the fourth quarter of 1983, compared with the same quarter of 1982, primarily reflected decreases in sales of retail-size containers of canned mushrooms; these decreases were accompanied by a smaller decline in sales of institutional-size containers. Sales of frozen mushrooms (7.5 million pounds) were 24 percent more than in the corresponding period of 1982. Sales of frozen mushrooms were equivalent to 34 percent of canned mushroom sales, up considerably from 24 percent in the same quarter of 1982. Exports continued to be negligible with respect to U.S. production and apparent consumption.

Imports

The 32-percent decrease in imports of processed mushrooms in the fourth quarter of 1983, compared with the same quarter of 1982, reflects, in part, a decline in the domestic demand for canned mushrooms and an increase in the use of fresh and frozen mushrooms. Fourth quarter 1983 imports were equivalent to 38 percent of consumption, compared with 45 percent in the same quarter a year earlier.

Taiwan was the principal supplier of imported processed mushrooms in the fourth quarter of 1983. Other major suppliers of imported mushrooms were the People's Republic of China (China), Hong Kong, and the Republic of Korea (Korea). Between October-December 1982 and 1983, Taiwan's share of imports remained the same at 43 percent while China's decreased from 44 to 34 percent and Hong Kong's share rose slightly from 9 to 10 percent; Korea's share declined from 1 percent to less than 0.5 percent in the two quarters.

MARKET YEAR DATA

Production, ending inventories, and exports of processed mushrooms all declined for the most recent marketing year (July 1982-June 1983) compared with the preceding marketing year (1981/82), while sales, consumption, and imports rose. The ratio of imports to consumption was 49 percent in 1982/83, compared with 46 percent a year earlier. In 1982/83, China was the principal supplier of imported mushrooms, the position it also held in 1981/82.

**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 items 144.20 and 922.56 of the Tariff Schedules of the United States, exports, and apparent consumption.)

Table 1.--Processed mushrooms: U.S. producers' carry-in and carry-out stocks, production, sales, exports of domestic merchandise, imports for consumption, and apparent consumption, October-December 1982 and 1983 and marketing years July 1, 1981-June 30, 1982, and July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983

(In thousands of pounds, drained-weight basis)

Item	October-December		Marketing year	
	1982	1983	July 1, 1981- June 30, 1982	July 1, 1982- June 30, 1983
Carry-in stocks of				
canned mushrooms----	19,900	10,337	28,751	27,253
Carry-out stocks of				
canned mushrooms:				
9 ounces or less:				
Whole-----	442	229	847	342
Sliced-----	1,353	804	1,662	1,104
Other-----	9,767	6,737	18,158	9,910
Total-----	11,562	7,770	20,667	11,356
Over 9 ounces:				
Whole-----	49	36	73	18
Sliced-----	475	1,214	596	1,022
Other-----	3,962	2,990	5,917	2,584
Total-----	4,486	4,240	6,586	3,624
Total carry-out stocks----	16,048	12,010	27,253	14,980
Production of canned				
mushrooms:				
9 ounces or less:				
Whole-----	620	488	3,153	1,791
Sliced-----	1,613	1,371	5,768	6,175
Other-----	11,146	11,380	54,499	39,806
Total-----	13,379	13,239	63,420	47,772
Over 9 ounces:				
Whole-----	69	98	409	438
Sliced-----	3,309	4,817	16,598	16,351
Other-----	5,114	5,438	17,914	18,580
Total-----	8,492	10,353	34,921	35,369
Total production-----	21,871	23,592	98,341	83,141

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(In thousands of pounds, drained-weight basis)

Item	October-December		Marketing year	
	1982	1983	July 1, 1981- June 30, 1982	July 1, 1982- June 30, 1983
Sales:				
Canned mushrooms:				
9 ounces or less:				
Whole-----	710	430	2,489	2,330
Sliced-----	1,862	1,386	5,491	6,777
Other-----	14,102	11,626	51,095	47,229
Total-----	16,674	13,442	59,075	56,336
Over 9 ounces:				
Whole-----	200	77	279	473
Sliced-----	3,369	3,912	15,781	16,213
Other-----	5,386	4,459	17,114	21,132
Total-----	8,955	8,448	33,174	37,818
Total sales, canned-----	25,629	21,890	92,249	94,154
Frozen mushrooms <u>1</u> /-----	6,087	7,527	21,566	24,696
Exports-----	104	35	440	290
Imports from--				
People's Republic of				
China-----	11,480	6,015	32,239	42,895
Taiwan-----	11,292	7,743	30,238	41,590
Hong Kong-----	2,264	1,722	21,408	16,755
Republic of Korea-----	312	69	6,531	7,478
All other-----	852	2,281	5,266	5,733
Total-----	26,200	17,830	95,682	114,451
Apparent consumption <u>2</u> /-----	57,812	47,212	209,057	233,011
Ratio of imports to con- sumption-----percent--	45	38	46	49

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

2/ 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.

Table 2.--Processed mushrooms: U.S. producers' carry-in and carry-out stocks, production, sales, exports of domestic merchandise, imports for consumption, and apparent consumption, April-June 1982 and 1983, and July-September 1982 and 1983

(In thousands of pounds, drained-weight basis)

Item	April-June		July-September	
	1982	1983	1982	1983
Carry-in stocks of canned mushrooms	26,008	14,333	27,253	14,980
Carry-out stocks of canned mushrooms:				
9 ounces or less:				
Whole	847	342	532	171
Sliced	1,662	1,104	1,591	819
Other	18,158	9,910	12,675	6,984
Total	20,667	11,356	14,798	7,974
Over 9 ounces:				
Whole	73	18	180	15
Sliced	596	1,022	675	337
Other	5,917	2,584	4,247	2,011
Total	6,586	3,624	5,102	2,363
Total carry-out stocks	27,253	14,980	19,900	10,337
Production of canned mushrooms:				
9 ounces or less:				
Whole	497	363	181	140
Sliced	1,618	1,644	1,184	902
Other	12,399	12,199	4,570	5,314
Total	14,514	14,206	5,935	6,356
Over 9 ounces:				
Whole	149	108	160	67
Sliced	3,307	5,599	3,116	3,435
Other	5,698	5,005	4,481	4,180
Total	9,154	10,712	7,757	7,682
Total production	23,668	24,918	13,692	14,038

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(In thousands of pounds, drained-weight basis)

Item	April-June		July-September	
	1982	1983	1982	1983
Sales:				
Canned mushrooms:				
9 ounces or less:				
Whole-----	431	509	502	312
Sliced-----	1,280	1,760	1,340	1,185
Other-----	11,353	10,798	9,165	8,241
Total-----	13,064	13,067	11,007	9,738
Over 9 ounces:				
Whole-----	59	102	53	70
Sliced-----	3,535	5,610	2,984	4,084
Other-----	5,914	5,303	6,125	4,754
Total-----	9,508	11,015	9,162	8,908
Total sales,				
canned-----	22,572	24,082	20,169	18,646
Frozen mushrooms ^{1/} -----	6,038	7,332	5,735	7,651
Exports-----	63	86	46	119
Imports from--				
People's Republic of				
China-----	7,177	10,016	9,651	8,902
Taiwan-----	8,929	11,948	10,929	15,657
Hong Kong-----	4,298	5,403	3,622	4,514
Republic of Korea-----	1,158	2,101	1,570	2,509
All other-----	2,610	2,089	1,267	2,204
Total-----	24,172	31,557	27,039	33,786
Apparent consumption ^{2/} -----	52,719	62,885	52,897	59,964
Ratio of imports to con-				
sumption-----percent--	46	50	51	56

^{1/} Data on frozen mushrooms converted to drained-weight equivalents.

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