

**PROCESSED MUSHROOMS:  
U.S. PRODUCERS' PRODUCTION, SALES,  
AND INVENTORIES, AND U.S. IMPORTS,  
EXPORTS, AND APPARENT  
CONSUMPTION  
EIGHTH QUARTERLY  
REPORT:  
FOURTH CALENDAR  
QUARTER 1978**

**Report to the President on  
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## USITC PUBLISHES EIGHTH REPORT OF CERTAIN QUARTERLY STATISTICS FOR PROCESSED MUSHROOMS

The United States International Trade Commission has completed its eighth quarterly report on processed mushrooms. The report is made pursuant to a Presidential request dated March 10, 1977, and covers the marketing years 1976/77 and 1977/78, as well as the quarters October-December 1977 and 1978 and July-September 1978.

This report, which is sent to the Special Representative for Trade Negotiations, provides information for monitoring import competition in the U.S. market for processed mushrooms. It also contains data on the inventories, production, and sales of U.S. canners of mushrooms, by container size and style of pack; U.S. sales of frozen mushrooms; U.S. imports for consumption, by country of origin; U.S. exports; and apparent U.S. consumption.

Apparent U.S. consumption of processed mushrooms in the fourth quarter of 1978 amounted to 43.8 million pounds, down about 4 percent from those in the fourth quarter of 1977. U.S. imports of processed mushrooms during October-December 1978 declined to 15.7 million pounds, a decrease of 17 percent compared to the same quarter of 1977. Imports supplied 36 percent of apparent consumption in the latest quarter, compared with 42 percent during the fourth quarter of 1977. U.S. production in the fourth quarter, a period of seasonally high output, was 75 percent greater than that of July-September 1978, but was 6 percent lower than domestic output in the fourth quarter of 1977.

Copies of the report (USITC Publication 952 ) can be obtained by calling (202) 523-5178, or from the Office of the Secretary, 701 E Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20436.



## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE EIGHTH QUARTERLY REPORT ON PROCESSED MUSHROOMS

The fourth quarter traditionally has been a period of high domestic production because most mushrooms are grown during October through May, when climatic conditions favor growth. In the last quarter of 1978, however, both production and imports were down, compared to the last quarter of 1977, resulting in a drop in consumption even though sales were up slightly. The ratio of imports to consumption decreased from 42 percent to 36 percent for the last quarter in 1978.

Apparent consumption amounted to 43.8 million pounds (drained-weight basis), about a 4 percent drop from the comparable period of 1977. Domestic production decreased to 25.7 million pounds, a 6 percent drop, and imports to 15.7 million pounds, down nearly 17 percent. Sales increased, however, reaching 26.7 million pounds, up 5 percent. Inventories were up about 2 percent between the two fourth quarter periods.

Imports from both major suppliers, Taiwan and the Republic of Korea were off substantially, both in quantity and as to their share of such imports into the United States. Hong Kong more than doubled its shipments to the United States, reaching 2.3 million pounds during the last quarter of 1978 and more than doubling its share of mushroom imports into the United States.



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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.

Item	(In thousands of pounds, drained-weight basis)				
	July-Sept.	Oct.-Dec.--		Marketing year	
	1978	1977	1978	July 1, 1976- June 30, 1977	July 1, 1977- June 30, 1978
Carry-in stocks of canned mushrooms-----	21,389	13,358	17,116	10,745	22,744
Carry-out stocks of canned mushrooms:					
9 ounces or less:					
Whole-----	548	755	771	932	815
Sliced-----	1,309	1,747	1,758	2,604	1,831
Other-----	9,154	8,607	7,115	12,693	12,752
Total-----	11,011	11,109	9,644	16,229	15,398
Over 9 ounces:					
Whole-----	142	92	217	143	196
Sliced-----	723	468	603	946	742
Other-----	5,240	3,710	5,166	5,426	5,053
Total-----	6,105	4,270	5,986	6,515	5,991
Total carry-out stocks-----	17,116	15,379	15,630	22,744	21,389
Production of canned mushrooms:					
9 ounces or less:					
Whole-----	807	1,590	1,529	5,637	5,435
Sliced-----	1,525	2,541	3,094	11,373	9,520
Other-----	5,397	12,462	10,301	44,808	44,059
Total-----	7,729	16,593	14,924	61,818	59,014
Over 9 ounces:					
Whole-----	87	273	247	746	894
Sliced-----	1,970	2,357	1,986	9,371	8,277
Other-----	4,871	8,207	8,522	29,594	26,435
Total-----	6,928	10,801	10,755	39,711	35,606
Total production-----	14,657	27,394	25,679	101,529	94,620
Sales:					
Canned mushrooms:					
9 ounces or less:					
Whole-----	1,066	1,482	1,336	5,174	5,606
Sliced-----	2,039	2,456	2,828	11,156	10,300
Other-----	9,748	11,250	12,319	39,551	45,471
Total-----	12,853	15,188	16,483	55,881	61,377
Over 9 ounces:					
Whole-----	141	193	171	675	734
Sliced-----	1,989	2,523	2,280	9,063	8,665
Other-----	3,956	7,555	7,790	25,222	24,326
Total-----	6,086	10,271	10,241	34,960	33,725
Total sales, canned-----	18,939	25,459	26,724	90,841	95,102
Frozen mushrooms <u>1/</u> -----	1,540	1,060	1,540	3,522	4,417
Exports <u>2/</u> -----	158	2	204	256	258
Imports from--					
Taiwan-----	11,861	12,809	10,150	42,984	57,218
Republic of Korea-----	7,722	4,253	2,313	22,213	23,656
Hong Kong-----	2,650	1,091	2,314	963	7,372
All other-----	1,100	<u>3/</u> 773	965	3,274	3,650
Total-----	23,333	18,926	15,742	69,434	91,896
Apparent consumption <u>4/</u> -----	43,654	45,443	43,802	163,541	191,157
Ratio of imports to consumption-----percent---	53	42	36	42	48

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

2/ 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 over 25 countries. There were no exports of canned mushrooms to Canada during the fourth quarter of 1978.

3/ Revised.

4/ Data do not take into account disappearance from losses or waste of domestic canners, or changes in stocks of producers of 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.--Stocks, production, and sales data may not add due to losses.





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