

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

For the first 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 first quarter of 1981, domestic production totaled 26.0 million pounds; sales by producers, 24.6 million pounds; and imports, 16.0 million pounds (table 1). On a percentage basis, the changes between the first-quarter periods of 1980 and of 1981 for these categories amounted to decreases of 20 percent, 7 percent, and 37 percent in output, sales, and imports, respectively. The decline in production followed a substantial increase in producer inventories at the beginning of the first quarter of 1981 as compared with those in the same period in 1980, and the imports dropped after the temporary rate of duty increase imposed on prepared or preserved mushrooms became effective on November 1, 1980, pursuant to Presidential action. ^{1/} The decline in sales of domestic producers and imports was followed by a 19 percent drop in apparent consumption to 45.0 million pounds in January-March 1981, compared with the same months in 1980. First quarter 1981 imports were equivalent to 36 percent of consumption, compared with 46 percent in the same quarter a year earlier. Sales of frozen mushrooms, at 4.4 million pounds in the first quarter of 1981, were 17 percent more than in the corresponding period of 1980.

^{1/} 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 principal supplier of imported mushrooms in recent years has been Taiwan. The Republic of Korea and Hong Kong also have been suppliers of note. Beginning in 1980 the People's Republic of China (PCR) also became an important supplier. As shown in table 1, imports from the leading suppliers decreased substantially during the first quarter of 1981 compared to that of 1980: Taiwan from 13.1 million pounds to 4.8 million pounds, a drop of 63 percent; and Korea from 7.3 million pounds to 2.0 million pounds, a decrease of 72 percent. Imports from Hong Kong and the People's Republic of China, however, rose substantially. Those from Hong Kong were up 81 percent (from 3.1 million to 5.7 million pounds) and those from the PRC more than doubled from 1.1 million pounds to 2.6 million pounds. The PRC was granted most-favored-nation status on February 1, 1980. In regard to share of the U.S. market, Taiwan's declined from 51 percent in the first quarter of 1980 to 30 percent in the same period of 1981, and that held by Korea dropped from 29 to 13 percent. On the other hand, for the same quarters, the share of the import market accounted for by Hong Kong increased from 12 to 35 percent while that by the PRC increased from 4 to 16 percent.

Data were also collected for the second, third, and fourth quarters of 1980 and are presented in table 2. In the last three quarters of 1980, production, inventories, and sales of canned mushrooms by domestic producers, imports, and apparent consumption all increased over the corresponding periods in 1979. For the last two quarters of 1980, however, imports accounted for a decreasing share of apparent consumption compared with the same periods in 1979. The comparison of marketing years 1978/79 and 1979/80 in table 1 shows a growth in the market for canned mushrooms in the United States, with imports providing a greater share of apparent consumption.

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.)

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, January-March 1980 and 1981 and marketing years July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979, and July 1, 1979-June 30, 1980

(In thousands of pounds, drained-weight basis)				
Item	January-March		Marketing year	
	1980	1981	July 1, 1978-June 30, 1979	July 1, 1979-June 30, 1980
Carry-in stocks of canned mushrooms-----	12,943	19,230	21,389	20,044
Carry-out stocks of canned mushrooms:				
9 ounces or less:				
Whole-----	1,082	777	765	1,755
Sliced-----	1,982	1,809	1,714	2,679
Other-----	12,472	13,022	13,251	16,831
Total-----	15,536	15,608	15,730	21,265
Over 9 ounces:				
Whole-----	157	126	129	157
Sliced-----	2,400	1,311	828	2,457
Other-----	1,923	1,591	3,357	4,261
Total-----	4,480	3,028	4,314	6,875
Total carry-out stocks----	20,016	18,636	20,044	28,140
Production of canned mushrooms:				
9 ounces or less:				
Whole-----	1,514	827	4,334	4,891
Sliced-----	3,286	1,825	9,269	9,616
Other-----	14,616	14,563	45,010	45,846
Total-----	19,416	17,215	58,613	60,353
Over 9 ounces:				
Whole-----	764	91	606	1,019
Sliced-----	4,813	3,531	7,147	13,325
Other-----	7,603	5,195	23,908	28,809
Total-----	13,180	8,817	31,661	43,153
Total production-----	32,596	26,032	90,274	103,506

See footnotes at end of table.

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(In thousands of pounds, drained-weight basis)

Item	January-March		Marketing year	
	1980	1981	July 1, 1978- June 30, 1979	July 1, 1979- June 30, 1980
Sales:				
Canned mushrooms:				
9 ounces or less:				
Whole-----	1,101	893	4,327	3,919
Sliced-----	1,998	2,232	9,369	8,197
Other-----	13,568	11,744	45,250	45,762
Total-----	16,667	14,869	58,946	57,878
Over 9 ounces:				
Whole-----	86	88	670	386
Sliced-----	3,682	4,212	7,434	11,349
Other-----	6,017	5,465	23,697	25,908
Total-----	9,785	9,765	31,801	37,643
Total sales, canned-----	26,452	24,634	90,747	95,521
Frozen mushrooms <u>1/</u> -----	3,787	4,431	7,752	11,016
Exports-----	218	81	577	662
Imports from--				
Taiwan-----	13,088	4,807	42,128	61,287
Republic of Korea-----	7,308	2,046	27,002	25,925
Hong Kong-----	3,138	5,677	12,613	17,552
People's Republic of China-----	1,079	2,620	50	4,275
All other-----	876	857	4,414	4,570
Total-----	25,489	16,007	86,207	113,609
Apparent consumption <u>2/</u> -----	55,510	44,991	184,129	219,484
Ratio of imports to consump-				
tion-----percent--	46	36	47	52

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.

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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 1979 and 1980, July-September 1979 and 1980, and October-December 1979 and 1980

(In thousands of pounds, drained-weight basis)							
Item	April-June		July-September		October-December		
	1979	1980	1979	1980	1979	1980	
Carry-in stocks of canned mushrooms-----	17,666	20,016	20,044	28,140	1/ 11,233		22,113
Carry-out stocks of canned mushrooms:							
9 ounces or less:							
Whole-----	765	1,755	389	1,195	578		843
Sliced-----	1,714	2,679	1,009	2,347	1,106		2,213
Other-----	13,251	16,831	6,017	12,798	8,014		12,323
Total-----	15,730	21,265	7,415	16,340	9,698		15,379
Over 9 ounces:							
Whole-----	129	157	72	118	79		123
Sliced-----	828	2,457	468	3,112	528		1,987
Other-----	3,357	4,261	1,611	2,543	2,638		1,741
Total-----	4,314	6,875	2,151	5,773	3,245		3,851
Total carry-out stocks-----	20,044	28,140	9,566	22,113	12,943		19,230
Production of canned mushrooms:							
9 ounces or less:							
Whole-----	1,009	1,666	400	358	1,311		919
Sliced-----	1,706	2,769	1,044	1,296	2,517		2,089
Other-----	13,083	17,065	4,019	7,075	10,146		17,117
Total-----	15,798	21,500	5,463	8,729	13,974		20,125
Over 9 ounces:							
Whole-----	134	85	40	58	130		85
Sliced-----	1,652	6,104	669	4,467	1,739		4,065
Other-----	6,047	7,051	3,448	2,554	10,707		4,220
Total-----	7,833	13,240	4,157	7,079	12,576		8,370
Total production-----	23,631	34,740	9,620	15,808	26,550		28,495

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(In thousands of pounds, drained-weight basis)							
Item	April-June		July-September		October-December		
	1979	1980	1979	1980	1979	1980	
Sales:							
Canned mushrooms:							
9 ounces or less:							
Whole-----	1,021	930	741	868	1,147	1,271	
Sliced-----	2,047	2,045	1,692	1,624	2,462	2,225	
Other-----	10,603	12,815	9,690	11,108	9,689	17,526	
Total-----	13,671	15,790	12,123	13,600	13,298	21,022	
Over 9 ounces:							
Whole-----	174	82	94	87	124	78	
Sliced-----	1,705	5,799	1,013	4,090	855	5,096	
Other-----	5,690	4,913	5,171	4,442	9,809	5,018	
Total-----	7,569	10,794	6,278	8,619	10,788	10,192	
Total sales, canned-----	21,240	26,584	18,401	22,219	24,086	31,214	
Frozen mushrooms ^{2/} -----	2,719	3,923	1,541	3,342	1,765	4,123	
Exports-----	101	187	113	126	144	48	
Imports from--							
Taiwan-----	11,889	17,464	18,044	16,604	12,691	11,952	
Republic of Korea-----	8,811	7,033	7,744	3,962	3,840	1,103	
Hong Kong-----	4,078	7,507	3,483	5,696	3,425	3,278	
People's Republic of China-----	24	2,978	15	3,135	13	7,638	
All other-----	959	1,665	834	1,075	1,385	725	
Total-----	25,761	36,647	30,120	30,472	21,354	24,696	
Apparent consumption ^{3/} -----	49,619	66,967	49,949	55,907	47,061	59,985	
Ratio of imports to consumption---percent--	52	55	60	55	45	41	

^{1/} Revised.

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

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