

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

HIGHLIGHTS

During the fourth quarter (October-December) 1982, compared with the same quarter 1981:

- APPARENT CONSUMPTION of canned mushrooms increased 8 percent to 57.8 million pounds;
- DOMESTIC PRODUCTION declined 20 percent to 21.9 million pounds;
- SALES of domestic canned mushrooms increased 1 percent to 25.6 million pounds;
- PRODUCER ENDING INVENTORIES of canned mushrooms declined 47 percent to 16.0 million pounds;
- IMPORTS rose 12 percent to 26.2 million pounds, constituting 45 percent of consumption compared with 43 percent last year; and
- EXPORTS declined 27 percent to 104,000 pounds.

QUARTERLY STATISTICS

For the fourth quarter of 1982, compared with the same quarter a year earlier, domestic production and ending inventories of canned mushrooms declined while sales by domestic producers, imports, and apparent consumption increased (table 1). Domestic production totaled 21.9 million pounds (-20 percent); ending inventories by producers, 16.0 million pounds (-47 percent); sales by producers, 25.6 million pounds (+1 percent); imports, 26.2 million pounds (+12 percent); and apparent consumption, 57.8 million pounds (+8 percent). Data were also collected for the first, second, and third quarters of 1982 and are presented in table 2. For the first three quarters of 1982, compared with the same quarters a year earlier, production, sales, and exports all declined, while ending inventories, imports, and apparent consumption increased.

Sales

The slight increase in sales of domestic canned mushrooms (1 percent) in the fourth quarter of 1982, compared with the same quarter of 1981, primarily reflected increases in mushrooms packed as stems and pieces in institutional-size containers and sliced mushrooms packed in retail-size containers; these increases more than offset declines in sales of stems and pieces in retail-size containers and sliced mushrooms in institutional-size containers. Sales of frozen mushrooms (6.1 million pounds), however, were 17 percent more than in the corresponding period of 1981. Sales of frozen mushrooms were equivalent to 24 percent of canned mushroom sales, up from 21 percent in the same quarter 1981. Exports decreased 27 percent to 104,000 pounds, but remained negligible with respect to U.S. production and apparent consumption.

A decline in sales during the first three quarters of 1982, compared with those in the same quarters of 1981, reflected a sharp drop in sales of sliced mushrooms, packed in both retail-size and institutional-size containers, and in stems and pieces in retail-size cans. Sales of frozen mushrooms averaged 26 percent of canned mushroom sales during the first three quarters of 1982 compared with 22 percent during the same quarters of 1981. Exports in the 1982 period were 57 percent less than those during the same period of 1981.

Imports

The 12-percent increase in imports of processed mushrooms in the fourth quarter of 1982, compared to the same quarter of 1981, reflects in part the downward adjustment of the temporary rate of duty increase which was imposed on prepared or preserved mushrooms, effective on November 1, 1980. The temporary duty increase, directed by the President, 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. Fourth quarter 1982 imports were equivalent to 45 percent of consumption, compared with 43 percent in the same quarter a year earlier.

The People's Republic of China (China) was the principal supplier of imported processed mushrooms in the fourth quarter of 1982, a position it had also attained in the last three quarters of 1981. Other major suppliers of imported mushrooms are Taiwan, Hong Kong, and the Republic of Korea (Korea). Between October-December 1981 and 1982, China's share of imports rose from 38 to 44 percent and Taiwan's increased from 31 to 43 percent while Hong Kong's share dropped from 26 to 9 percent and Korea's declined from 2 to 1 percent.

MARKET YEAR DATA

Production, sales, ending inventories, imports, and apparent consumption all declined for the most recent marketing year (July 1981-June 1982) compared with the preceding marketing year (1980/81), but the ratio of imports to consumption rose from 45 to 46 percent. In 1981/82, domestic production totaled 98.3 million pounds and imports, 95.7 million pounds, decreases of 2 percent for production and 1 percent for imports from the previous year. Apparent consumption correspondingly fell 2 percent to 209.1 million pounds. Sales of canned mushrooms decreased 7 percent to 92.2 million pounds in 1981/82. In regard to frozen mushrooms, sales in 1981/82 reached 21.6 million pounds, an increase of 23 percent from 1980/81. In 1981/82, sales of frozen mushrooms were equivalent to 23 percent of canned mushroom sales, up from 18 percent in 1980/81.

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

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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 1981 and 1982 and marketing years July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981, and July 1, 1981-June 30, 1982

(In thousands of pounds, drained-weight basis)				
Item	October-December		Marketing year	
	1981	1982	July 1, 1980- June 30, 1981	July 1, 1981- June 30, 1982
Carry-in stocks of canned mushrooms-----	25,099	19,900	28,140	28,751
Carry-out stocks of canned mushrooms:				
9 ounces or less:				
Whole-----	1,254	442	417	847
Sliced-----	895	1,353	1,293	1,662
Other-----	19,763	9,767	21,146	18,158
Total-----	21,912	11,562	22,856	20,667
Over 9 ounces:				
Whole-----	52	49	64	73
Sliced-----	2,959	475	1,801	596
Other-----	5,305	3,962	4,030	5,917
Total-----	8,316	4,486	5,895	6,586
Total carry-out stocks----	30,228	16,048	28,751	27,253
Production of canned mushrooms:				
9 ounces or less:				
Whole-----	885	620	2,741	3,153
Sliced-----	1,352	1,613	6,773	5,768
Other-----	15,267	11,146	54,935	54,499
Total-----	17,504	13,379	64,449	63,420
Over 9 ounces:				
Whole-----	68	69	291	409
Sliced-----	4,288	3,309	16,769	16,598
Other-----	5,367	5,114	18,852	17,914
Total-----	9,723	8,492	35,912	34,921
Total production-----	27,227	21,871	100,361	98,341

See footnotes at end of table.

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(In thousands of pounds, drained-weight basis)				
Item	October-December		Marketing year	
	1981	1982	July 1, 1980-June 30, 1981	July 1, 1981-June 30, 1982
Sales:				
Canned mushrooms:				
9 ounces or less:				
Whole-----	810	710	4,080	2,489
Sliced-----	1,412	1,862	8,169	5,491
Other-----	14,585	14,102	48,576	51,095
Total-----	16,807	16,674	60,825	59,075
Over 9 ounces:				
Whole-----	82	200	369	279
Sliced-----	3,817	3,369	19,135	15,781
Other-----	4,596	5,386	19,164	17,114
Total-----	8,495	8,955	38,668	33,174
Total sales, canned----	25,302	25,629	99,493	92,249
Frozen mushrooms <u>1/</u> -----	5,205	6,087	17,464	21,566
Exports-----	142	104	339	440
Imports from--				
People's Republic of China----	8,817	11,480	20,214	32,239
Taiwan-----	7,249	11,292	39,448	30,238
Hong Kong-----	6,162	2,264	21,398	21,408
Republic of Korea-----	528	312	11,258	6,531
All other-----	584	852	4,185	5,266
Total-----	23,340	26,200	96,503	95,682
Apparent consumption <u>2/</u> -----	53,705	57,812	213,121	209,057
Ratio of imports to consumption-----percent--	43	45	45	46

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, January-March 1981 and 1982, April-June 1981 and 1982, and July-September 1981 and 1982

(In thousands of pounds, drained-weight basis)								
Item	January-March		April-June		July-September			
	1981	1982	1981	1982	1981	1982	1981	1982
Carry-in stocks of canned mushrooms-----	19,230	30,228	18,636	26,008	28,751	27,253		
Carry-out stocks of canned mushrooms:								
9 ounces or less:								
Whole-----	777	793	417	847	1,062	532		
Sliced-----	1,809	1,502	1,293	1,662	404	1,591		
Other-----	13,022	16,555	21,146	18,158	16,707	12,675		
Total-----	15,608	18,850	22,856	20,667	18,173	14,798		
Over 9 ounces:								
Whole-----	126	46	64	73	65	180		
Sliced-----	1,311	1,002	1,801	596	2,950	675		
Other-----	1,591	6,110	4,030	5,917	3,911	4,247		
Total-----	3,028	7,158	5,895	6,586	6,926	5,102		
Total carry-out stocks----	18,636	26,008	28,751	27,253	25,099	19,900		
Production of canned mushrooms:								
9 ounces or less:								
Whole-----	827	742	637	497	1,029	181		
Sliced-----	1,825	2,082	1,563	1,618	716	1,184		
Other-----	14,563	13,410	16,180	12,399	13,423	4,570		
Total-----	17,215	16,234	18,380	14,514	15,168	5,935		
Over 9 ounces:								
Whole-----	91	119	57	149	73	160		
Sliced-----	3,531	3,165	4,706	3,307	5,838	3,116		
Other-----	5,195	4,842	6,883	5,698	2,007	4,481		
Total-----	8,817	8,126	11,646	9,154	7,918	7,757		
Total production-----	26,032	24,360	30,026	23,668	23,086	13,692		

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(In thousands of pounds, drained-weight basis)							
Item	January-March		April-June		July-September		
	1981	1982	1981	1982	1981	1982	
Sales:							
Canned mushrooms:							
9 ounces or less:							
Whole-----	893	644	1,048	431	604	502	
Sliced-----	2,232	1,384	2,088	1,280	1,415	1,340	
Other-----	11,744	13,457	8,198	11,353	11,700	9,165	
Total-----	14,869	15,485	11,334	13,064	13,719	11,007	
Over 9 ounces:							
Whole-----	88	77	116	59	61	53	
Sliced-----	4,212	3,509	5,737	3,535	4,920	2,984	
Other-----	5,465	4,647	4,239	5,914	1,957	6,125	
Total-----	9,765	8,233	10,092	9,508	6,938	9,162	
Total sales, canned-----	24,634	23,718	21,426	22,572	20,657	20,169	
Frozen mushrooms <u>1</u> /-----	4,431	5,644	5,568	6,038	4,679	5,735	
Exports-----	81	44	85	63	191	46	
Imports from--							
People's Republic of China-----	2,620	7,060	6,822	7,177	9,186	9,651	
Taiwan-----	4,807	7,568	6,085	8,929	6,493	10,929	
Hong Kong-----	5,677	6,054	6,748	4,298	4,894	3,622	
Republic of Korea-----	2,046	2,140	4,147	1,158	2,705	1,570	
All other-----	857	1,388	1,526	2,610	682	1,267	
Total-----	16,007	24,210	25,328	24,172	23,960	27,039	
Apparent consumption <u>2</u> /-----	44,991	53,528	52,237	52,719	49,105	52,897	
Ratio of imports to consumption-----percent--	36	45	48	46	49	51	

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