

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

HIGHLIGHTS

During the fourth quarter (October-December) 1984, compared with the same quarter in 1983:

- APPARENT CONSUMPTION of canned mushrooms increased 8 percent to 50.8 million pounds;
- DOMESTIC PRODUCTION rose 21 percent to 28.4 million pounds;
- SALES of domestic canned mushrooms rose 5 percent to 22.9 million pounds;
- PRODUCER ENDING INVENTORIES of canned mushrooms increased 171 percent to 32.5 million pounds;
- IMPORTS rose 21 percent to 21.6 million pounds, constituting 42 percent of consumption compared with 38 percent last year; and
- EXPORTS increased 386 percent to 170,000 pounds.

QUARTERLY STATISTICS

For the fourth quarter of 1984, compared with the same quarter a year earlier, apparent consumption, production, sales, ending inventories, imports, and exports of canned mushrooms all rose (see table). Ending inventories by producers totaled 32.5 million pounds (up 171 percent); production, 28.4 million pounds (up 21 percent); sales, 22.9 million pounds (up 5 percent); imports, 21.6 million pounds (up 21 percent); exports, 170,000 pounds (up 386 percent); and apparent consumption, 50.8 million pounds (up 8 percent).

Sales

The increase in sales of domestic canned mushrooms (5 percent) in the fourth quarter of 1984, compared with the same quarter of 1983, reflects an increase in sales of canned mushrooms in institutional-size containers; nearly all of the rise in sales of institutional-size containers was in the sliced style of pack. Sales of frozen mushrooms (6.5 million pounds) were 14 percent less than in the corresponding period of 1983 due to a decline in demand, and were equivalent to 28 percent of canned mushroom sales, which was down from 34 percent in the same quarter of 1983. Exports continued to be negligible with respect to U.S. production and apparent consumption.

Imports

The 21-percent increase in imports of processed mushrooms in the fourth quarter of 1984, compared with the same quarter of 1983, reflects, in part, a strong domestic demand for canned mushrooms, and the expiration (on October 31, 1983) of the temporary rate of duty increase which had been in effect on prepared or preserved mushrooms during part of the fourth quarter of 1983. Fourth quarter 1984 imports were equivalent to 42 percent of consumption, compared with 38 percent in the same quarter a year earlier.

Taiwan was the leading supplier of imported processed mushrooms in the fourth quarter of 1984, the position it had also held in the comparable quarter of 1983. Other major suppliers of imported mushrooms were the People's Republic of China (China), Hong Kong, Spain, and the Republic of Korea (Korea). Between October-December 1983 and 1984, Taiwan's share of the imports increased from 43 to 59 percent and China's decreased from 34 to 22 percent; the shares of imports from Hong Kong and Spain declined from 10 to 8 percent and from 6 to 5 percent, respectively, and that from Korea rose from less than 1 percent to 3 percent. The share of imports from all other sources fell from 7 to 4 percent between October-December of 1983 and 1984.

MARKETING YEAR DATA

As discussed in the twenty-first quarterly report, production, ending inventories, apparent consumption, imports, and exports of processed mushrooms all increased for the most recent marketing year (July 1983-June 1984) compared with the preceding marketing year (1982/83), while sales of the domestic product declined. The ratio of imports to consumption was 57 percent in 1983/84, compared with 49 percent a year earlier. In 1983/84, Taiwan was the principal supplier of imported mushrooms, a position held by China in 1982/83. In 1983/84, Spain became a new important supplier, ranking fourth.

**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.)

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 1983 and 1984 and marketing years July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983, and July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984

(In thousands of pounds, drained-weight basis)

Item	October-December		Marketing year	
	1983	1984	July 1, 1982- June 30, 1983	July 1, 1983- June 30, 1984
Carry-in stocks of canned mushrooms----	10,337	27,242	27,253	14,980
Carry-out stocks of canned mushrooms:				
9 ounces or less:				
Whole-----	229	716	342	603
Sliced-----	804	1,331	1,104	1,300
Other-----	6,737	17,867	9,910	16,399
Total-----	7,770	19,914	11,356	18,302
Over 9 ounces:				
Whole-----	36	45	18	52
Sliced-----	1,214	4,600	1,022	4,857
Other-----	2,990	7,932	2,584	4,697
Total-----	4,240	12,577	3,624	9,606
Total carry- out stocks----	12,010	32,491	14,980	27,908
Production of canned mushrooms:				
9 ounces or less:				
Whole-----	488	788	1,791	1,983
Sliced-----	1,371	2,048	6,175	6,001
Other-----	11,380	13,906	39,806	46,092
Total-----	13,239	16,742	47,772	54,076
Over 9 ounces:				
Whole-----	98	95	438	409
Sliced-----	4,817	5,954	16,351	21,681
Other-----	5,438	5,658	18,580	21,416
Total-----	10,353	11,707	35,369	43,506
Total produc- tion-----	23,592	28,449	83,141	97,582

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(In thousands of pounds, drained-weight basis)

Item	October-December		Marketing year	
	1983	1984	July 1, 1982- June 30, 1983	July 1, 1983- June 30, 1984
Sales:				
Canned mushrooms:				
9 ounces or less:				
Whole-----	430	586	2,330	1,890
Sliced-----	1,386	1,673	6,777	5,818
Other-----	11,626	10,944	47,229	39,309
Total-----	13,442	13,203	56,336	47,017
Over 9 ounces:				
Whole-----	77	112	473	382
Sliced-----	3,912	5,547	16,213	18,481
Other-----	4,459	4,076	21,132	19,094
Total-----	8,448	9,735	37,818	37,957
Total sales, :				
canned-----	21,890	22,938	94,154	84,974
Frozen mushrooms ^{1/} :	7,527	6,497	24,696	30,295
Exports-----	35	170	290	455
Imports from--				
Taiwan-----	7,743	12,780	41,590	55,513
People's Republic				
of China-----	6,015	4,668	42,895	44,597
Hong Kong-----	1,722	1,631	16,755	20,769
Spain-----	998	1,021	322	11,807
Republic of Korea--	69	566	7,478	10,503
All other-----	1,283	901	5,411	9,463
Total-----	17,830	21,567	114,451	152,652
Apparent				
consumption ^{2/} -----	47,212	50,832	233,011	267,466
Ratio of imports to				
consumption-percent:	38	42	49	57

^{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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