

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

### HIGHLIGHTS

During the first quarter (January-March) 1985, compared with the same quarter in 1984:

- APPARENT CONSUMPTION of canned mushrooms decreased 9 percent to 70.3 million pounds;
- DOMESTIC PRODUCTION rose 13 percent to 30.3 million pounds;
- SALES of domestic canned mushrooms rose 26 percent to 30.5 million pounds;
- PRODUCER ENDING INVENTORIES of canned mushrooms increased 113 percent to 32.0 million pounds;
- IMPORTS fell 29 percent to 33.3 million pounds, constituting 47 percent of consumption compared with 60 percent last year; and
- EXPORTS increased 241 percent to 218,000 pounds.

### QUARTERLY STATISTICS

For the first quarter of 1985, compared with the same quarter a year earlier, apparent consumption and imports decreased, while production, sales, ending inventories, and exports of canned mushrooms all rose (see table). Ending inventories by producers totaled 32.0 million pounds (up 113 percent); production, 30.3 million pounds (up 13 percent); sales, 30.5 million pounds (up 26 percent); imports, 33.3 million pounds (down 29 percent); exports, 218,000 pounds (up 241 percent); and apparent consumption, 70.3 million pounds (down 9 percent).

### Sales

The increase in sales of domestic canned mushrooms (26 percent) in the first quarter of 1985, compared with the same quarter of 1984, reflects an increase in sales of canned mushrooms in both container sizes; the bulk of the rise in sales was in the sliced style of pack. Sales of frozen mushrooms (6.7 million pounds) were 2 percent less than in the corresponding period of 1984 due to a slight decline in demand, and were equivalent to 22 percent of canned mushroom sales, down from 28 percent in the same quarter of 1984. Exports continued to be negligible with respect to U.S. production and apparent consumption.

## Imports

The 29-percent decrease in imports of processed mushrooms in the first quarter of 1985, compared with the same quarter of 1984, reflects, in part, a decreased domestic demand for canned mushrooms, and a decline in foreign production for export, especially in Taiwan. First quarter 1985 imports were equivalent to 47 percent of consumption, compared with 60 percent in the same quarter a year earlier.

The People's Republic of China (China) was the leading supplier of imported processed mushrooms in the first quarter of 1985, the position held by Taiwan in the comparable quarter of 1984. Other major suppliers of imported mushrooms were Taiwan, Hong Kong, the Republic of Korea (Korea), and Spain. Between January-March 1984 and 1985, China's share of the imports increased from 27 to 40 percent while Taiwan's decreased from 33 to 30 percent; the share of imports from Hong Kong remained steady at 13 percent, and those from Spain and Korea fell from 10 to 5 percent and from 9 to 7 percent, respectively. The share of imports from all other sources fell from 8 to 6 percent between January-March of 1984 and 1985.

## MARKETING YEAR DATA

As discussed in the twenty-second 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 after Hong Kong.

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, January-March 1984 and 1985 and marketing years July 1, 1982-June 30, 1983, and July 1, 1983-June 30, 1984

(In thousands of pounds, drained-weight basis)

Item	January-March		Marketing year	
	1984	1985	July 1, 1982- June 30, 1983	July 1, 1983- June 30, 1984
Carry-in stocks of				
canned mushrooms---	12,010	32,491	27,253	14,980
Carry-out stocks of				
canned mushrooms:				
9 ounces or less:				
Whole-----	658	695	342	603
Sliced-----	705	12,816	1,104	1,300
Other-----	8,149	6,940	9,910	16,399
Total-----	9,512	20,451	11,356	18,302
Over 9 ounces:				
Whole-----	67	65	18	52
Sliced-----	1,787	5,072	1,022	4,857
Other-----	3,663	6,392	2,584	4,697
Total-----	5,517	11,529	3,624	9,606
Total carry-out stocks---	15,029	31,980	14,980	27,908
Production of canned				
mushrooms:				
9 ounces or less:				
Whole-----	869	500	1,791	1,983
Sliced-----	1,774	10,254	6,175	6,001
Other-----	13,041	6,463	39,806	46,092
Total-----	15,684	17,217	47,772	54,076
Over 9 ounces:				
Whole-----	120	124	438	409
Sliced-----	4,948	7,969	16,351	21,681
Other-----	6,017	5,002	18,580	21,416
Total-----	11,085	13,095	35,369	43,506
Total production-----	26,769	30,312	83,141	97,582

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(In thousands of pounds, drained-weight basis)

Item	January-March		Marketing year	
	1984	1985	July 1, 1982- June 30, 1983	July 1, 1983- June 30, 1984
Sales:				
Canned mushrooms:				
9 ounces or less:				
Whole-----	600	524	2,330	1,890
Sliced-----	1,885	7,810	6,777	5,818
Other-----	11,467	8,260	47,229	39,309
Total-----	13,952	16,594	56,336	47,017
Over 9 ounces:				
Whole-----	89	103	473	382
Sliced-----	5,084	7,080	16,213	18,481
Other-----	5,015	6,698	21,132	19,094
Total-----	10,188	13,881	37,818	37,957
Total sales,				
canned-----	24,140	30,475	94,154	84,974
Frozen mushrooms <u>1/</u> :	6,852	6,729	24,696	30,295
Exports-----	64	218	290	455
Imports from--				
Taiwan-----	15,370	10,118	41,590	55,513
People's Republic of China-----	12,787	13,183	42,895	44,597
Hong Kong-----	6,165	4,296	16,755	20,769
Spain-----	4,600	1,713	322	11,807
Republic of Korea--	4,076	2,179	7,478	10,503
All other-----	3,695	1,848	5,411	9,463
Total-----	46,693	33,337	114,451	152,652
Apparent				
consumption <u>2/</u> -----	77,621	70,323	233,011	267,466
Ratio of imports to				
consumption-percent:	60	47	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.