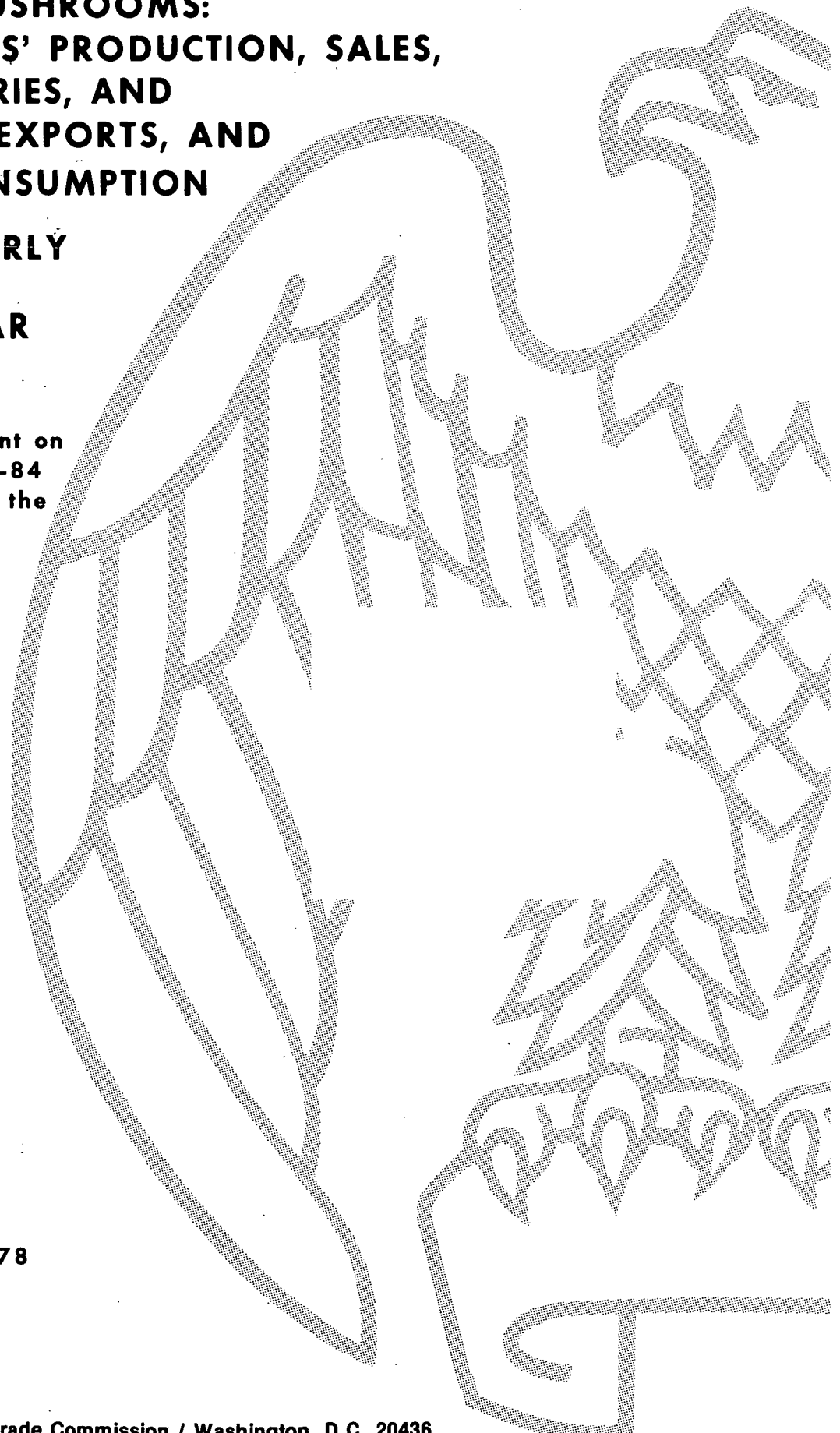


**PROCESSED MUSHROOMS:
U.S. PRODUCERS' PRODUCTION, SALES,
AND INVENTORIES, AND
U.S. IMPORTS, EXPORTS, AND
APPARENT CONSUMPTION**

**NINTH QUARTERLY
REPORT:
FIRST CALENDAR
QUARTER 1979**

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USITC PUBLISHES NINTH REPORT OF CERTAIN QUARTERLY STATISTICS FOR PROCESSED MUSHROOMS.

The United States International Trade Commission has completed its ninth quarterly report on processed mushrooms made pursuant to a Presidential request dated March 10, 1977. It covers January-March of 1978 and 1979, July 1977-March 1978 and July 1978-March 1979, and the marketing years 1976/77 and 1977/78.

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.

For the first quarter of 1979, apparent U.S. consumption of processed mushrooms amounted to 46.9 million pounds, up slightly from the level of the comparable quarter of 1978. U.S. imports of processed mushrooms during January-March 1979 declined to 21.4 million pounds, a decrease of nearly 6 percent compared to the same quarter of 1978. Imports supplied 46 percent of apparent consumption in the latest quarter, compared with 49 percent during the first quarter of 1978. U.S. production in the first quarter, a period of seasonally high output, was 2 percent higher than domestic output in the first quarter of 1978.

A comparison of data for the period of July 1977-March 1978 and July 1978-March 1979 shows that U.S. production, sales of domestic producers, imports,

and consumption were all down in the more recent period with the ratio of imports to consumption dropping from 46 percent to 45 percent. The data for the most recent marketing year indicate that production decreased while sales, imports, and apparent consumption increased compared to the preceding marketing year with the ratio of imports to consumption, therefore, rising from 42 percent to 48 percent.

Copies of the report (USITC Publication 978) 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 NINTH QUARTERLY REPORT ON PROCESSED MUSHROOMS

The first 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 first quarter of 1979, both production and sales were up compared to the first quarter of 1978, resulting in an increase in consumption even though imports were down somewhat. The ratio of imports to consumption decreased from 49 percent to 46 percent for the first quarter in 1979.

Apparent consumption amounted to 46.9 million pounds (drained-weight basis), slightly higher than the comparable period of 1978. Domestic production increased slightly to 26.7 million pounds, a 2 percent rise, and sales amounted to 23.8 million pounds, up 4 percent. Imports declined to 21.4 million pounds, down nearly 6 percent. Inventories were down about 5 percent between the two first-quarter periods.

Imports from Taiwan, the principal U.S. supplier, were off substantially, both in their quantity and share of the U.S. import market. Imports from Taiwan were just over 8.2 million pounds for the quarter. However, the Republic of Korea (the second principal supplier) and Hong Kong increased their shipments to the United States both in their quantity (to just under 8.2 million pounds and to 3.6 million pounds, respectively) and share of such imports to the United States. The market share of the Republic of Korea rose from 32 percent to 38 percent and that for Hong Kong, from 10 percent to 17 percent.

During the first three-quarters of the present marketing year (July 1978-March 1979), production, sales, imports, and apparent consumption were all down compared with the comparable period of July 1977-March 1978, except for sales

of frozen mushrooms, which were up. During the later period, imports of canned mushrooms declined at a faster rate than sales by U.S. producers. The import-to-consumption ratio decreased from 46 percent in July 1977-March 1978 to 45 percent in July 1978-March 1979. Data for the most recent marketing year (July 1977-June 1978) indicate that production decreased while sales, imports, and apparent consumption increased compared to the preceding marketing year with the ratio of imports to consumption, therefore, rising from 42 percent to 48 percent.

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

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(In thousands of pounds, drained-weight basis)

Item	Jan.-Mar.--		Three-quarter period		Marketing year	
	1978	1979	July 1977- March 1978	July 1978- March 1979	July 1, 1976- June 30, 1977	July 1, 1977- June 30, 1978
Carry-in stocks of						
canned mushrooms-----	15,379	15,322	22,744	21,389	10,745	22,744
Carry-out stocks of						
canned mushrooms:						
9 ounces or less:						
Whole-----	774	782	744	782	932	815
Sliced-----	1,538	2,062	1,538	2,062	2,604	1,831
Other-----	10,536	10,774	10,536	10,774	12,693	12,752
Total-----	12,848	13,618	12,848	13,618	16,229	15,398
Over 9 ounces:						
Whole-----	137	168	137	168	143	196
Sliced-----	744	882	744	882	946	742
Other-----	4,816	2,998	4,816	2,998	5,426	5,053
Total-----	5,697	4,048	5,697	4,048	6,515	5,991
Total carry-out						
stocks-----	18,545	17,666	18,545	17,666	22,744	21,389
Production of canned						
mushrooms:						
9 ounces or less:						
Whole-----	1,687	989	4,099	3,325	5,637	5,435
Sliced-----	2,590	2,944	6,768	7,563	11,373	9,520
Other-----	13,255	16,229	30,518	31,927	44,808	44,059
Total-----	17,532	20,162	41,385	42,815	61,818	59,104
Over 9 ounces:						
Whole-----	261	138	650	472	746	894
Sliced-----	2,107	1,979	6,397	5,935	9,371	8,277
Other-----	6,266	4,460	19,311	17,853	29,594	26,435
Total-----	8,634	6,577	26,358	24,260	39,711	35,606
Total production--	26,166	26,739	67,743	67,075	101,529	94,620

See footnotes at end of table.

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Sales:						
Canned mushrooms:						
9 ounces or less:						
Whole-----	1,676	904	4,311	3,306	5,174	5,606
Sliced-----	2,824	2,455	7,859	7,322	11,156	10,300
Other-----	11,942	12,580	33,401	34,647	39,551	45,471
Total-----	16,442	15,939	45,571	45,275	55,881	61,377
Over 9 ounces:						
Whole-----	230	184	552	496	675	734
Sliced-----	2,049	1,460	6,776	5,729	9,063	8,665
Other-----	4,115	6,261	18,681	18,007	25,222	24,326
Total-----	6,394	7,905	26,009	24,232	34,960	33,725
Total sales,						
canned-----	22,836	23,844	71,580	69,507	90,841	95,102
Frozen mushrooms <u>2/</u> ---	1,210	1,953	3,177	5,033	3,522	4,417
Exports <u>3/</u> -----	85	278	159	640	256	258
Imports from--						
Taiwan-----	12,153	8,229	39,805	30,240	42,984	57,218
Republic of Korea-----	7,324	8,157	15,348	18,192	22,213	23,656
Hong Kong-----	2,251	3,571	4,916	8,535	963	7,372
All other-----	947	1,414	2,389	3,479	3,274	3,650
Total-----	22,675	21,371	62,458	60,446	69,434	91,896
Apparent consumption <u>4/</u> -----	46,636	46,890	137,056	134,346	163,541	191,157
Ratio of imports to consumption						
percent--	49	46	46	45	42	48

1/ Revised.

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

3/ 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 more than 25 countries. There were 105,000 pounds of canned mushrooms exported to Canada during the 1st quarter of 1979.

4/ 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; imports and exports were compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce, except as noted.

Note.--Data on stocks, production, and sales may not add because of losses.

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