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EVAPORATED AND CONDENSED MILK REPORT
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Because February last year had 29 days (Leap Year), this year's February 28-day production of evaporated milk (case goods) was about 2 percent smaller. Estimated at 167,046,000 pounds, the decrease was 3,409,000 pounds. On the basis of a February-to-February comparison of the same number of days, however, this year's production would be about 3 million pounds, or 2 percent larger, and the largest February production of record. Compared with the 5-year (1935-39) average, it was 32 percent larger.

February production of condensed milk (case goods) was estimated at 6,511,000 pounds. This production was 92 percent larger than the production of February last year, unadjusted for last year's extra day. Adjusted, it was almost twice as large. Production was also 69 percent larger than the February 5-year (1935-39) average.

Stocks of evaporated milk (case goods) held by manufacturers on March 1, 1941, totaled 176,624,000 pounds, an increase of 26,166,000 pounds, or 17 percent over the stocks of March 1 last year, and 75,772,000 pounds, or 75 percent over the 5-year (1935-39) March 1 average. The continued heavy mid-winter production has tended to check a normal seasonal reduction in manufacturers' supplies. Although the February reduction of 12,622,000 pounds exceeded the reduction of 5,795,000 pounds in February last year, it was less than one-half of the 5-year (1935-39) average reduction of 27,548,000 pounds.

Stocks of condensed milk (case goods) on March 1 totaled 7,274,000 pounds, an increase of 59 percent over the stocks of March 1 last year, and 56 percent over the 5-year (1935-39) March 1 average. In spite of a large February output, stocks showed a larger reduction than a year earlier, as well as a much smaller reduction than the 5-year (1935-39) average.

As nearly as can be ascertained, no deliveries of evaporated milk were made on purchase of the Surplus Marketing Administration during February. The Administration announced the purchase of 15,583,788 pounds of regular evaporated milk and 4,158,000 pounds of Vitamin D evaporated milk. The awards called for 5-day delivery, but as they were all made toward the end of the month it is not believed that any deliveries were made in February.

Data on exports of condensed and evaporated milk in February are not yet available, but exports for January totaled 3,637,405 pounds of condensed milk and 4,161,768 pounds of evaporated milk. In January last year, exports of condensed totaled 153,979 pounds, and 2,808,983 pounds of evaporated milk.

The average wholesale price of evaporated milk in February was \$2.95 per case of 48-14 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. cans. This average is 1 cent per case lower than the January average, but 4 cents per case higher than the February average of last year and 5 cents per case higher than the 5-year (1935-39) February average. The average wholesale price of condensed milk was unchanged at \$4.80 per case of 48-14 oz. cans.

The average price paid producers for milk delivered to condenseries during February was \$1.45 per cwt. for milk testing 3.5 percent butterfat. This average is 1 cent per cwt. lower than the January average, the same as that of February last year, but 2 cents lower than the 5-year (1935-39) February average. The number of producers delivering milk to condenseries during February increased sharply on the basis of a same-firm comparison over February last year. The number reported for February totaled 118,000 compared to 107,000 a year earlier. The average daily purchase per producer, however, was fractionally lower, averaging 98.0 pounds this year compared with 98.2 pounds last year.

March Evaporated and Condensed Milk Report
 STOCKS OF EVAPORATED AND CONDENSED MILK REPORTED FIRST
 OF EACH MONTH: WITH COMPARISONS

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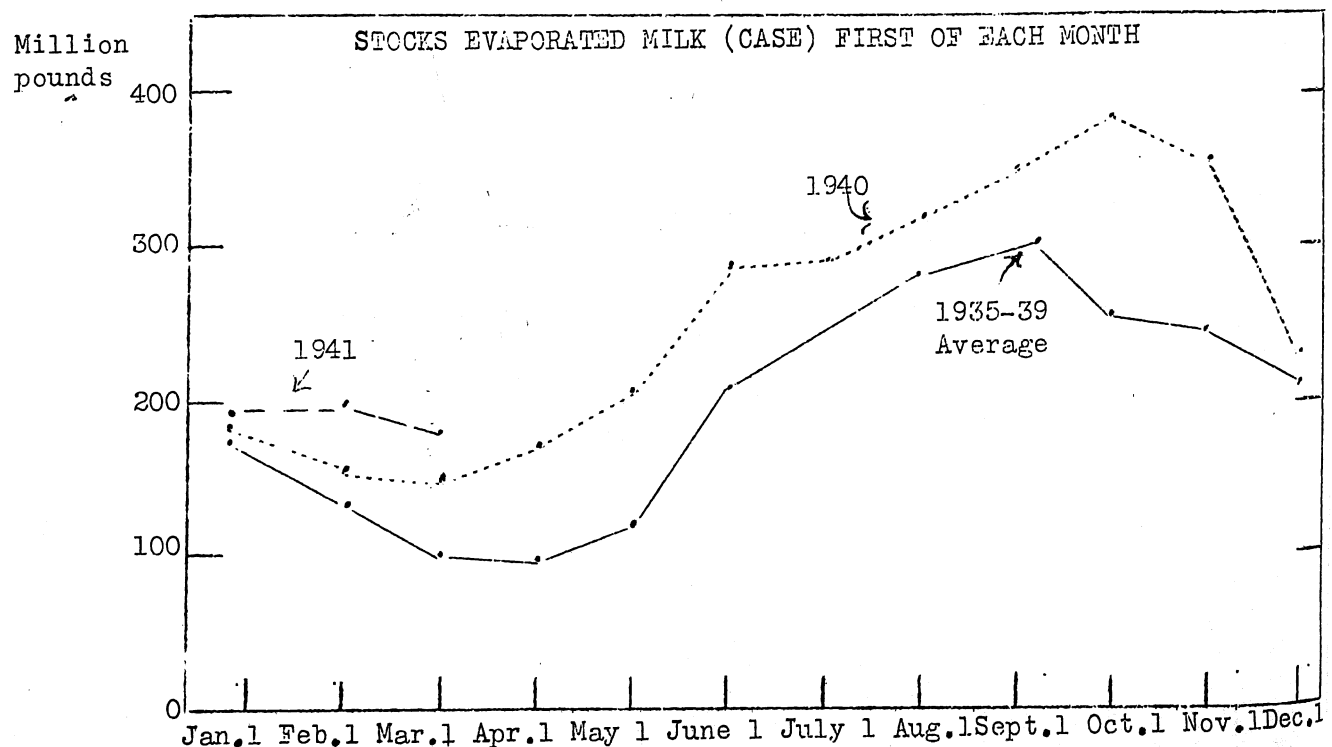
EVAPORATED MILK (Case Goods)

Month	1941	1940	Average 1935-39	Change in 1941 from	
				1940	Avg. 1935-39
	Thousand pounds			Percent	
January.....	187,652	186,081	175,074	+ 1	+ 7
February.....	189,246	156,253	128,400	+ 21	+ 47
March 1/.....	176,624	150,458	100,852	+ 17	+ 75
April.....	--	173,378	93,770	--	--
May.....	--	207,740	116,684	--	--
June.....	--	287,778	206,919	--	--
July.....	--	288,565	283,836	--	--
August.....	--	321,332	280,328	--	--
September.....	--	349,433	299,668	--	--
October.....	--	380,545	252,989	--	--
November.....	--	358,224	249,109	--	--
December.....	--	226,266	212,160	--	--

CONDENSED MILK (Case Goods)

Month	1941	1940	Average 1935-39	Change in 1941 from	
				1940	Avg. 1935-39
	Thousand pounds			Percent	
January.....	8,047	5,627	8,357	+ 43	- 4
February.....	7,810	4,702	6,454	+ 66	+ 21
March 1/.....	7,274	4,579	4,666	+ 59	+ 56
April.....	--	3,938	4,133	--	--
May.....	--	4,014	4,780	--	--
June.....	--	6,815	8,939	--	--
July.....	--	10,221	11,181	--	--
August.....	--	10,454	11,868	--	--
September.....	--	9,728	11,616	--	--
October.....	--	9,580	10,694	--	--
November.....	--	9,115	9,890	--	--
December.....	--	8,543	8,577	--	--

1/ Data for current month of 1941 subject to revision through the addition of late reports.



March Evaporated and Condensed Milk Report
 PRODUCTION OF EVAPORATED AND CONDENSED MILK
 1941, BY MONTHS, WITH COMPARISONS

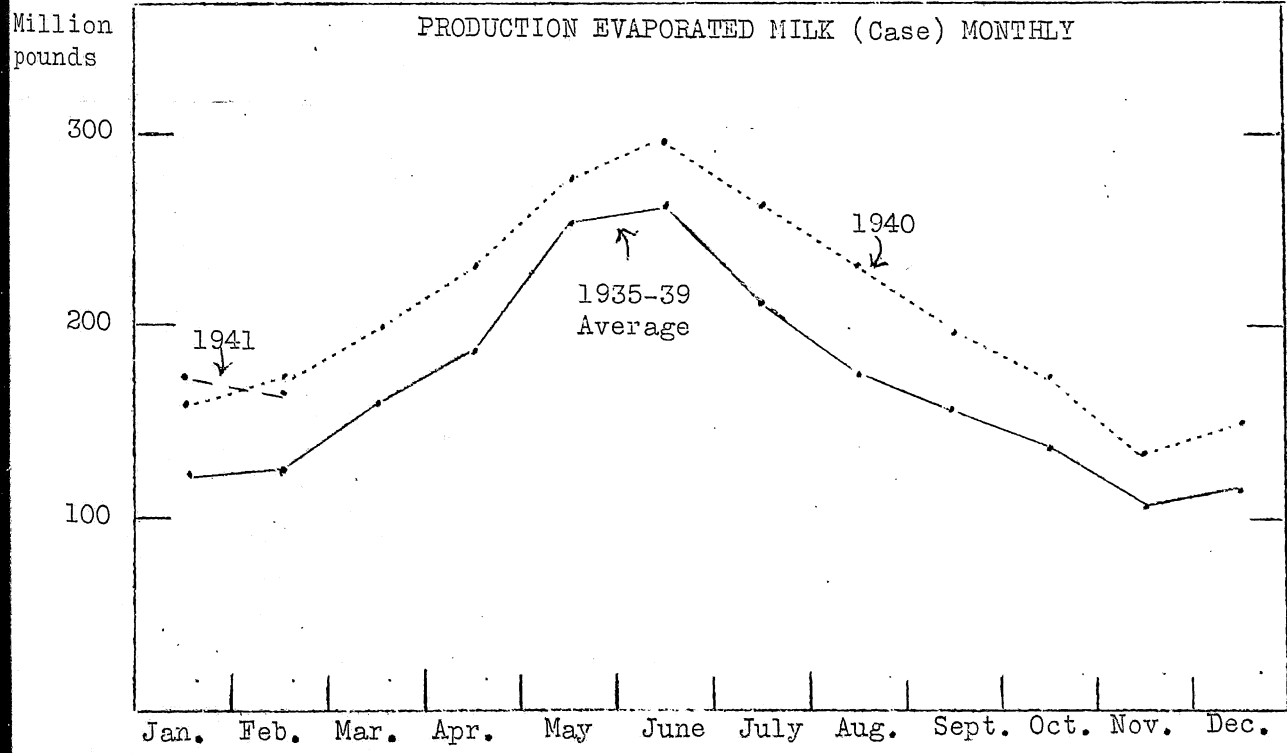
EVAPORATED MILK (Case Goods)

Month	1941 1/	1940 1/	Average 1935-39	Change in 1941 from	
				1940	Avg. 1935-39
Thousand pounds					
Percent					
January.....	171,609	158,897	121,684	+ 8	+ 41
February.....	167,046	170,455	126,615	- 2	+ 32
March.....	--	199,631	159,850	--	--
April.....	--	230,370	189,573	--	--
May.....	--	276,376	251,979	--	--
June.....	--	295,724	261,533	--	--
July.....	--	260,590	212,470	--	--
August.....	--	230,991	176,189	--	--
September.....	--	196,256	153,342	--	--
October.....	--	172,036	136,909	--	--
November.....	--	133,590	106,829	--	--
December.....	--	150,940	114,824	--	--
Jan. - Feb. Inc.	338,655	329,352	248,299	+ 3	+ 36

CONDENSED MILK (Case Goods)

Month	1941 1/	1940 1/	Average 1935-39	Change in 1941 from	
				1940	Avg. 1935-39
Thousand pounds					
Percent					
January.....	6,998	2,777	4,070	+ 152	+ 72
February.....	6,511	3,391	3,850	+ 92	+ 69
March.....	--	3,474	4,009	--	--
April.....	--	3,176	4,591	--	--
May.....	--	4,816	3,253	--	--
June.....	--	6,166	3,868	--	--
July.....	--	6,741	3,714	--	--
August.....	--	6,088	3,777	--	--
September.....	--	6,608	3,980	--	--
October.....	--	7,841	3,589	--	--
November.....	--	6,166	2,338	--	--
December.....	--	6,160	3,501	--	--
Jan. - Feb. Inc.	13,509	6,168	7,920	+ 119	+ 71

Estimated. Subject to revision when final report is available for 1940.



MILK PURCHASES BY CONDENSERIES FEBRUARY 1941, WITH COMPARISONS*

	Unit	February		5-Year Average 1935-39
		1941	1940	
Purchases, reported total.....	Pounds	323,702,000	304,676,000	256,269,000
Producers, number	Number	118,000	107,000	93,000
Average daily purchases per producer	Pounds	98.0	98.2	98.4
Changes in purchases per producer 1941 and 1940	Percent	-0.2	xxxx	xxxx
1941 from 5-year average	"	-0.4	xxxx	xxxx

* These figures represent milk purchases primarily for the manufacture of evaporated and condensed milk.

AVERAGE WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES EVAPORATED AND CONDENSED MILK,
BY GEOGRAPHIC SECTIONS, FEBRUARY 1941*

Geographic Section	Evaporated Milk (Per case of 48 - 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. cans)	Condensed Milk (Per case of 48 - 14 oz. cans)
	Dollars	Dollars
New England	3.00	4.80
Mid Atlantic	2.97	4.72
South Atlantic	2.99	4.72
E. N. Central	2.87	5.25
W. N. Central	2.88	5.25
South Central	2.97	4.72
North Western	3.04	-
South Western	2.95	-
U.S. Feb. 1941	2.95	4.80
U.S. Jan. 1941	2.96	4.80
U.S. Feb. 1940	2.91	4.80

* Wholesale prices are based on the reports made by manufacturers covering actual sales or goods delivered at manufacturers' distributing points on basis of cash or short-time credit.

PRICES PAID PRODUCERS FOR 3.5% MILK F.O.B. FACTORY FOR FEBRUARY 1941

8 Geographic Sections

Geographic Section	Number of factories reporting	Price per cwt.	
		Range	Average
		Dollars	Dollars
New England	1/ -	-	-
Mid Atlantic	1/ 6	1.51 - 1.65	1.58
South Atlantic	4	1.40 - 1.82	1.56
E. N. Central	86	1.37 - 1.69	1.44
W. N. Central	10	1.28 - 1.45	1.41
South Central	13	1.30 - 1.40	1.36
North Western	11	1.38 - 1.54	1.46
South Western	19	1.44 - 1.62	1.53
U. S. Feb. 1941	1.49	1.28 - 1.82	1.45
U. S. Jan. 1941	1.49	1.28 - 1.90	1.46
U. S. Feb. 1940	1.49	1.24 - 1.75	1.45

6 EVAPORATED MILK MARKETING AGREEMENT SECTIONS

Section	Feb. 1941	Jan. 1941	Feb. 1940
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
1	1.44	1.45	1.43
2	1.62	1.68	1.60
3	1.38	1.40	1.39
4	1.46	1.46	1.47
5	1.46	1.48	1.50
6	1.56	1.52	1.62
U. S. Average	1.45	1.46	1.45

1/ Reports not received from ten factories in these areas which base prices on formula in evaporated milk market agreements. Formula price for this area in February \$1.47.

EVAPORATED MILK MARKETING AGREEMENT MINIMUM PRICES FOR FEBRUARY

Section 1 - \$1.403 Section 2 - \$1.473 Section 3 - \$1.277
Section 4 - \$1.205 Section 5 - \$1.216 Section 6 - \$1.357