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EVAPORATED, CONDENSED, AND DRIED MILK REPORT
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EVAPORATED AND CONDENSED MILK

The production of evaporated milk (case goods) in April is estimated at 356,799,000 pounds. This is an increase of 41 percent over April last year and 79 percent over the 5-year (1936-40) April average. The cumulative production for the months of January to April, inclusive, is estimated at 1,299,831,000 pounds, an increase of 63 percent over the cumulative production for the same months last year.

April production of condensed milk (case goods) is estimated at 4,404,000 pounds, a reduction of 49 percent from April of last year, but an increase of 13 percent over the 5-year (1936-40) April average. The cumulative production for the months of January to April, inclusive, is 47 percent below that of a year earlier.

Stocks of evaporated milk are beginning to show a seasonal increase. Manufacturers reported 222,485,000 pounds on May 1, an increase of 8,935,000 pounds over the stocks of April 1. This increase, however, is less than that for the 5-year (1936-40) average of 23 million pounds, and reflects the heavy deliveries made on government contracts in April. These totaled 266,797,000 pounds, compared with only 181,956,000 pounds a month earlier. As a result, unfilled government orders dropped to 104,736,000 pounds on May 1. Stocks of evaporated milk held by the Government in public and private warehouses, etc., increased, and on May 1 totaled 11,659,418 cases, or 507,185,000 pounds.

At \$3.55 per case, manufacturers' average selling price in April was 7 cents per case lower than in March, but 51 cents higher than in April last year. Condensed milk averaged \$5.65 per case, an increase of 1 cent per case over the March average and 85 cents per case over the April average of last year. Prices paid producers by condenseries in April averaged \$1.92 per cwt. for 3.5 percent milk, a drop of 6 cents from the March average but an increase of 36 cents over the April 1941 average. Producers of condensery milk are still getting the highest prices they have received since 1929.

DRIED SKIM MILK

Estimated at 59,000,000 pounds, the production of dried skim milk during April was the largest for any month of record with the exception of May last year. For the seasonal peak, usually reached in May or June, indications point to an all-time monthly high. April production was 27 percent larger than that of April last year and 49 percent larger than the 5-year (1936-40) April average. Over 53 million pounds, or 91 percent, was for human consumption, and the balance of 6 million pounds, or 9 percent, was for animal feed. April production for human consumption was 63 percent larger than in April last year, while the production for animal feed was 60 percent smaller.

The Federal Government through the United States Department of Agriculture under the Lend-Lease program is continuing to purchase dried skim milk for human consumption. During April the Department purchased a total of 35,630,705 pounds, accepted deliveries of 25,318,315 pounds, and on May 1, 1942, had outstanding unfilled orders for 44,834,285 pounds. On May 13 the Department announced that beginning with May 18 it would pay 13½ cents per pound for spray process at Midwest and Pacific Coast points. Roller process remained unchanged at 12 cents per pound for the same points.

During April the Department also bought 1,612,000 pounds of dried whole milk, accepted deliveries of 434,000 pounds, and on May 1 had unfilled orders outstanding for 1,178,000 pounds. The Government is also interested in stepping up its purchases of dried whole milk for Lend-Lease purposes. On May 21, the Department announced that beginning May 27 it would buy substantial quantities each week on the offer and acceptance basis for shipment to the United Nations.

The wholesale prices given below are based upon reports from manufacturers covering actual sales to jobbers, wholesale grocers and similar buyers for goods F.O.B. factory on the basis of cash or short-time credit. Wide ranges in prices may be in part attributed to differences in quality or grade of product sold.

DRIED SKIM MILK (Bulk goods)			DRIED WHOLE MILK (Bulk goods) 1/		DRIED BUTTERMILK (Bulk goods)		
Reported Sales Pounds			Reported Sales		Reported Sales Pounds		
Price	Human food	Animal feed	Price	Pounds	Price	Human food	Animal feed
5 - 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	-	26,985	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	3,705	6 - 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	-	22,200
5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 6	-	342,507	17 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 18 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	280,000	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	-	208,435
6 - 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	-	12,805	18 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	-	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	-	657,870
6 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 7	-	23,537	19 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	600,600	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	-	534,656
7 - 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	-	1,270,930	20 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	20,325	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	710,774	53,251
7 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 8	-	214,458	21 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	24,227	10 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	-	-
8 - 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	15,000	437,377	22 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	73,629	11 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	3,375	-
8 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 9	-	424,090	23 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	600	12 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	182,250	-
9 - 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	-	37,439	24 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	421,683	13 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	4,800	-
9 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 10	449,950	146,132	25 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	341,956	14 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	11,730	-
10 - 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	351,253	49,326	26 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	293,271	15 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	1,400	-
10 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 11	767,692	91,256					
11 - 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	690,859	-					
11 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 12	3,322,755	-					
12 - 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	5,806,935	1,098					
12 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 13	15,450,065	-					
13 - 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	5,976,057	79,400					
13 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 14	1,350,216	-					
14 - 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	1,802,620	-					
14 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 15	255,118	-					
15 - 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	140,719	-					
15 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 16	-	-					
17 - 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢	555	-					
TOTAL	36,379,794	3,158,790		2,059,996		914,329	1,476,412
GRAND TOTAL		39,538,584		2,059,996			2,390,741
AVERAGE PRICE	12.69¢	7.73¢				10.45¢	8.15¢
Apr. 1942		12.29¢		22.92¢			9.03¢
Mar. 1942		12.33¢		25.22¢			9.50¢
Apr. 1941		6.39¢		17.15¢			5.41¢

1/ Dried Whole Milk (1-lb. cans) 37.94¢ per pound.

Commodity	April 1942	April 1941	Change in 1942 from		Cumulative Total	
			1941	Average 1936-40	Jan.- Apr. 1942	Change from Jan.- Apr. 1941
	Thousand pounds		Percent		Thousand pounds	
Evaporated (case goods)	356,799	252,679	+ 41	+ 79	1,299,831	+ 63
Condensed (case goods)	4,404	8,601	- 49	+ 13	16,762	- 47
Dried whole milk	4,500	3,900	+ 15	+186	15,923	+ 6
Dried skim milk (human food)	53,600	32,873	+ 63	+119	166,729	+ 54
(animal feed)	5,400	13,427	- 60	- 64	18,777	- 58
Total dried skim milk	59,000	46,300	+ 27	+ 49	185,506	+ 22
Dried buttermilk	3,700	6,000	- 5	+ 9	22,640	- 5

1/ Estimated figures are subject to revision when the final report is available for 1941.

STOCKS OF EVAPORATED, CONDENSED AND DRIED MILK
MAY 1, 1942

Commodity	1942	1941 1/	Average 1936-40	Change in 1942 from	
				1941	Ave. 1936-40
	Thousand pounds			Percent	
Evaporated (case goods)	222,485	126,160	143,403	+ 76	+ 55
Condensed (case goods)	8,292	7,228	4,472	+ 15	+ 85
Dried whole milk	7,341	3,961	2,545	+ 85	+ 188
Dried skim milk (human food)	42,378	29,540	24,911	+ 43	+ 70
Dried skim milk (animal feed)	5,081	6,496	6,149	- 22	- 17
Total dried skim milk	47,459 2/	36,036	31,060	+ 52	+ 53
Dried buttermilk	5,097	6,616	3,947	- 9	+ 52

1/ Revised figures include late reports. 2/ Equivalent to approximately 42 days' supply compared with 28 (revised) days' supply on May 1, 1941.

Prices paid at Midwest condenseries promulgated officially under the New York and Chicago milk marketing order

New York Metropolitan Area

Chicago Area

Month	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1940	1941	1942
			Dollars				Dollars	
January	-	1.183	1.506	1.449	2.202	-	1.449	2.208
February	-	1.181	1.428	1.439	2.067	-	1.443	2.076
March	-	1.107	1.328	1.466	1.9581	-	1.468	1.963
April	-	1.075	1.263	1.5745	1.887	-	1.574	1.892
May	-	1.101	1.236	1.676	-	-	1.676	-
June	-	1.134	1.248	1.779	-	-	1.785	-
July	-	1.155	1.2925	1.941	-	1.295	1.954	-
August	-	1.181	1.301	2.056	-	1.303	2.065	-
September	1.138	1.341	1.312	2.150	-	1.314	2.133	-
October	1.150	1.419	1.384	2.172	-	1.384	2.178	-
November	1.202	1.491	1.516	2.215	-	1.516	2.222	-
December	1.264	1.502	1.596	2.229	-	1.596	2.233	-
Average	1.189	1.239	1.368	1.844	-	1.401	1.848	-

	Unit	April		5-year average
		1942	1941	1936-40
Purchases, reported total.....	Pounds	593,305,000	446,981,000	381,559,000
Producers, number.....	Number	160,000	121,000	105,000
Average daily purchases per producer.....	Pounds	123.6	123.1	121.1
Changes in purchases per producer 1942 and 1941.....	Percent	+ 0.4	XXXXX	XXXXX
1942 from 5-year average....	"	+ 2.1	XXXXX	XXXXX

* 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, APRIL 1942*

Geographic Section	Evaporated milk	Condensed milk
	(Per case of 48 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ -ounce cans)	(Per case of 48 14-ounce cans)
	Dollars	Dollars
New England	3.60	5.62
Mid Atlantic	3.55	5.65
South Atlantic	3.59	5.63
E. N. Central	3.49	5.80
W. N. Central	3.53	-
South Central	3.55	5.68
North Western	3.60	-
South Western	3.58	-
U. S. Apr. 1942	3.55	5.65
U. S. Mar. 1942	3.62	5.64
U. S. Apr. 1941	3.04	4.80

* Wholesale prices are based on the reports made by manufacturers covering actual sales of 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 APRIL 1942
8 Geographic Sections

Geographic Section	Number of factories reporting	Price per cwt.	
		Range	Average
		Dollars	Dollars
New England	- 1/	-	-
Mid Atlantic	10 1/	1.96 - 1.99	1.98
South Atlantic	7	1.79 - 2.30	1.92
E. N. Central	94	1.77 - 2.28	1.89
W. N. Central	11	1.77 - 1.85	1.81
South Central	13	1.64 - 1.79	1.73
North Western	10	1.83 - 2.14	2.02
South Western	23	1.84 - 2.34	2.13
U. S. Apr. 1942	168	1.64 - 2.34	1.92
U. S. Mar. 1942	168	1.67 - 2.40	1.98
U. S. Apr. 1941	149	1.38 - 1.80	1.56

6 EVAPORATED MILK MARKETING AGREEMENT SECTIONS

Section	Apr. 1942	Mar. 1942	Apr. 1941
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
1	1.89	1.96	1.57
2	2.01	2.10	1.67
3	1.77	1.84	1.46
4	1.93	1.98	1.53
5	2.03	2.06	1.50
6	2.23	2.26	1.65
U. S. Average	1.92	1.98	1.56

Reports not received from 7 factories in these areas which base prices on formula in evaporated milk market agreements. Formula price for this area in April \$1.84.

Prices paid at Midwest condenseries promulgated officially under the New York and Chicago Marketing Milk Order for April, New York City \$1.887, Chicago \$1.892.

EVAPORATED MILK MARKETING AGREEMENT MINIMUM PRICES FOR APRIL

Section 1 - \$1.768	Section 2 - \$1.838	Section 3 - \$1.603
Section 4 - \$1.462	Section 5 - \$1.497	Section 6 - \$1.637