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EVAPORATED, CONDENSED, AND DRIED MILK REPORT

(FEBRUARY 1944)

EVAPORATED AND CONDENSED MILK

Production of evaporated and condensed milk (case goods) during February was about the same as a year earlier, while plain condensed (bulk goods) made a small increase and sweetened condensed (bulk goods) increased sharply. February output of all evaporated and condensed milk, except plain condensed skimmed (bulk), increased over January, but a part of this increase was due to the extra day.

February production of evaporated milk unskimmed (case goods) is estimated at 211,250,000 pounds, compared with 194,500,000 in January, and 210,315,000 pounds in February last year. With the exception of 1942, the February output was the largest of record for that month and 15 percent over the 5-year (1938-42) February average production. Output of condensed milk (case goods), placed at 8,460,000 pounds, was about the same as in February 1943, but was 9 percent higher than this year's January output and 102 percent over the 5-year February average.

Estimated at 6,316,000 pounds, the February production of plain condensed milk, unskimmed, (bulk) was 8 percent higher than in January and 3 percent higher than in February last year, but 6 percent under the February average. February output of plain condensed milk, skimmed, (bulk), estimated at 22,281,000 pounds showed a decline of nearly 7 percent from the January level, but was 3 percent higher than in February last year and 43 percent above the 5-year February average.

Production of sweetened condensed milk (bulk goods) both skimmed and unskimmed/February was much greater than a year earlier. Output of sweetened condensed unskimmed (bulk), at 6,255,000 pounds was 3 percent more than a month earlier, 50 percent over the February 1943 production and 38 percent over the February average. Production of sweetened condensed milk skimmed (bulk goods), estimated at 19,175,000 pounds was 5 percent higher than in January and 20 percent above February a year ago.

Manufacturers' stocks of evaporated milk (case goods) on March 1, 1944 totaled 147,285,000 pounds, about 22,000,000 pounds less than a month earlier. March 1 stocks, however, were 65 percent above the unusually low supply of 89,499,000 pounds on hand at that date last year. Stocks of condensed milk (case goods) on March 1 totaled 6,134,000 pounds, 2 percent less than a month earlier and 4 percent under a year earlier.

Manufacturers' selling price of canned evaporated milk in cartons averaged \$4.15 per case of 48-14¹/₂ oz. cans during February. The price of \$4.15 per case for evaporated milk has been reported every month since January 1943 with one exception, February 1943, when the average was \$4.14. The 5-year (1939-43) February average price for evaporated milk was \$3.27 per case. The manufacturers' selling price of condensed canned milk per case of 48-14¹/₂ oz. cans averages \$5.84, the same as a month earlier and a year earlier. The same price also was reported every month during 1943. The 5-year February average price is \$5.19 per case.

Condenseries paid producers an average of \$2.74 per hundredweight for milk testing 3.5 percent butterfat, f.o.b. the plant during February. The price is the same as in January and compares with \$2.55 in February 1943.

DRIED MILK

The February production of dried skim milk for human consumption is placed at 28,900,000 pounds, 13 percent more than in January and 2 percent more than in February last year. Of the total production for human consumption in February, spray dried is placed at 16,400,000 or 2 percent less than in February last year while roller dried is estimated at 12,500,000 pounds, 9 percent more than a year earlier. Compared with the 5-year (1938-42) February average, current production of combined spray and roller process was up 18 percent.

Output of dried skim milk for animal feed continues to lag far behind that of a year earlier. The February production is placed at 1,050,000 pounds, 9 percent less than January, 61 percent under a year earlier, and 89 percent under the 5-year February average.

Production of dried whole milk is the highest of record for February. The output, placed at 14,650,000 pounds, represents a gain of 5 percent over January and a gain of 52 percent over February 1943. Output of dried whole milk has increased rapidly the past few years. February production represents an increase of 652 percent over the 5-year (1938-42) February average.

February production of dried buttermilk is estimated at 4,650,000 pounds, compared with 3,800,000 pounds in January and 5,209,000 pounds in February last year.

Manufacturers' stocks of dried skim milk for human consumption on March 1 totaled 27,198,000 pounds, an increase of about 7 million pounds from February 1, and about one-half million pounds larger than on March 1 last year. March 1 stocks of dried whole milk totaled 10,575,000 pounds, an increase of 20 percent over a year earlier, and 176 percent over the 5-year March 1 average. Stocks of dried skim milk for animal feed are unusually low. Only 282,000 pounds were reported

| DRIED SKIM MILK (Bulk Goods) | | | DRIED WHOLE MILK (Bulk Goods) | | DRIED BUTTERMILK (Bulk Goods) | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Reported Sales | | | Reported Sales | | Reported Sales | | |
| Pounds | | | | | Pounds | | |
| Price $\frac{c}{lb}$ | Human food | Animal feed | Price $\frac{c}{lb}$ | Pounds | Price $\frac{c}{lb}$ | Human food | Animal feed |
| 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ | - | 8,912 | 20 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 66,530 | 7 - 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ | - | 70,895 |
| 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 6 | - | 2,412 | 21 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ | - | 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 8 | - | 97,780 |
| 6 - 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ | - | 15,738 | 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ | - | 8 - 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ | - | 596,322 |
| 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 7 | - | 4,401 | 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ | - | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 9 | - | 365,512 |
| 7 - 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ | - | 7,152 | 24 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ | - | 9 - 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 4,800 | 74,871 |
| 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 8 | - | 20,735 | 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 152,898 | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 10 | 129 | 41,682 |
| 8 - 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ | - | 133,793 | 26 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3,407,443 | 10 - 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ | - | 177,619 |
| 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 9 | - | 74,737 | 27 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 283,925 | 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 11 | - | 37,215 |
| 9 - 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ | - | 186,483 | 28 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 523,425 | 11 - 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 13,725 | 2,158 |
| 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 10 | - | 14,748 | 29 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 249,961 | 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 12 | 17,784 | 3,300 |
| 10 - 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ | - | 124,115 | 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 65,228 | 12 - 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 48,447 | - |
| 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 11 | - | 13,480 | 31 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 503,840 | 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 13 | 214,062 | - |
| 11 - 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2,244 | - | 32 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 20,880 | 13 - 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 86,239 | - |
| 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 12 | 177,536 | - | 33 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 160,400 | 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 14 | 75,608 | - |
| 12 - 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1,170,920 | 4,090 | 34 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 862,315 | 14 - 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 226,289 | - |
| 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 13 | 3,147,711 | - | 35 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 737,081 | 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 15 | 8,750 | - |
| 13 - 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2,010,221 | - | 36 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ | - | 15 - 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1,100 | - |
| 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 14 | 808,561 | - | 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ | - | 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 16 | 6,084 | - |
| 14 - 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 902,498 | - | 38 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 141,327 | 16 - 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 188,850 | - |
| 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 15 | 6,007,624 | - | 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 40 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2,905,640 | | | |
| 15 - 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1,968,404 | - | | | | | |
| 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 16 | 1,071,974 | - | | | | | |
| 16 - 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 169,588 | - | | | | | |
| 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ - 17 | 473,900 | - | | | | | |
| TOTAL | 17,911,181 | 610,796 | | 10,080,893 | | 891,867 | 1,467,354 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 18,521,977 | | | | | 2,359,221 | |
| AVERAGE PRICE | 14.05 $\frac{c}{lb}$ | 8.85 $\frac{c}{lb}$ | | | | 13.83 $\frac{c}{lb}$ | 8.59 $\frac{c}{lb}$ |
| FEBRUARY 1944 | 13.88 $\frac{c}{lb}$ | | | 32.88 $\frac{c}{lb}$ | | 10.57 $\frac{c}{lb}$ | |
| JANUARY 1944 | 13.91 $\frac{c}{lb}$ | | | 32.48 $\frac{c}{lb}$ | | 11.10 $\frac{c}{lb}$ | |
| FEBRUARY 1943 | 13.52 $\frac{c}{lb}$ | | | 33.55 $\frac{c}{lb}$ | | 11.02 $\frac{c}{lb}$ | |

1/ The correct price of dried skim milk for animal feed in January was 8.76 cents per pound and the combined average 13.91 cents, instead of 7.42 cents and 13.88 cents respectively, as published last month.

for March 1, compared with 1,193,000 pounds on that date last year, and the 5-year March 1 average of 5,149,000 pounds. Reported March 1 stocks of dried buttermilk totaled 4,248,000 pounds - 16 percent more than a year earlier.

Manufacturers' wholesale selling prices averaged 13.88 cents per pound for dried skim milk sold during February. This compares with 13.91 cents in January and 13.52 cents in February last year. While the price of both dried skim milk for human consumption and for animal feed was higher in February than in January, averaging 14.05 cents and 8.85 cents per pound compared with 14.02 cents and 8.76 cents, respectively, in January, the combined price showed a decline because of a shift in quantities sold. Amendment 27 to MPR 289 issued by the Office of Price Administration increasing the price of roller dried skim milk and buttermilk for human consumption by 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound became effective late in the month (February 26) and did not materially change the average price during February.

The price of dried whole milk averaged 32.88 cents per pound during February - up .4 cent from the January average of 32.48 cents; and compares with 33.55 cents in February last year. Dried buttermilk prices averaged 10.57 cents per pound during February, or about a half cent less than the January average of 11.10 cents. As in the case of dried skim milk, however, the decline in the combined price was caused by a decrease in the proportion of dried buttermilk sold for human consumption. Actually, the price of dried buttermilk for human food was higher in February, averaging 13.83 cents per pound as against 13.61 cents in January, while the price of dried buttermilk for animal feed declined.

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MILK PURCHASES BY CONDENSERIES FEBRUARY, 1944, WITH COMPARISONS*

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| | Unit | February | | February Average |
|---|---------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| | | 1944 | 1943 | 1938-42 |
| Purchases, reported total | Pounds | 417,153,000 | 391,931,000 | 324,630,000 |
| Producers | Number | 137,000 | 136,000 | 119,000 |
| Average daily purchases per producer | Pounds | 105.0 | 102.9 | 97.4 |
| Changes in purchases per producer 1944 from '43 | Percent | +2.0 | XXXX | XXXX |
| 1944 from 5-yr. average | " | +7.8 | XXXX | XXXX |

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

AVERAGE WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES IN CARLOTS OF EVAPORATED AND CONDENSED MILK
BY GEOGRAPHIC SECTIONS FEBRUARY 1944*

| Geographic Section | Case Goods | | Bulk Goods | | | |
|--------------------|---|---|---|------|----------------------------------|-------|
| | Evaporated (48 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ -oz. cans) per case | Condensed (48 14-oz. cans) per case | Plain Condensed (Unsweetened) Whole Skimmed | | Sweetened Cond. Whole Skimmed | |
| | Dollars | Dollars | Dollars per hundredweight | | | |
| New England | 4.20 | 5.82 | -- | 4.90 | 12.50 | 9.50 |
| Mid. Atlantic | 4.15 | 5.82 | 12.25 | 4.50 | 13.52 | 9.47 |
| South Atlantic | 4.13 | 5.82 | 11.50 | 5.00 | -- | 9.10 |
| East North Central | 4:10 | 5.90 | 8.50 | 3.75 | 11.85 | 8.74 |
| West North Central | 4.12 | -- | 8.61 | 4.00 | 11.50 | 8.25 |
| South Central | 4.10 | 5.90 | -- | 5.55 | -- | 10.41 |
| North Western | 4.23 | -- | -- | -- | -- | -- |
| South Western | 4.23 | -- | -- | 4.70 | -- | 9.30 |
| U.S. FEBRUARY 1944 | 4.15 | 5.84 | 11.07 | 4.48 | 12.35 | 9.20 |
| U.S. JANUARY 1944 | 4.15 | 5.84 | 11.10 | 4.41 | 12.35 | 9.17 |
| U.S. FEBRUARY 1943 | 4.14 | 5.84 | 9.44 | 4.10 | 11.75 | 8.34 |

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

PRICES PAID PRODUCERS FOR 3.5% MILK F.O.B. FACTORY FOR FEBRUARY 1944
8 GEOGRAPHIC SECTIONS

| Geographic Section | Number of factories reporting | Price per cwt. | |
|--------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| | | Range Dollars | Average Dollars |
| New England | - 1/ | -- | -- |
| Mid. Atlantic | 8 | 2.81 - 3.00 | 2.86 |
| So. Atlantic | 7 | 2.49 - 2.95 | 2.70 |
| E.No. Central | 94 | 2.40 - 2.90 | 2.75 |
| W.No. Central | 12 | 2.40 - 2.70 | 2.58 |
| South Central | 13 | 2.45 - 2.62 | 2.54 |
| North Western | 11 | 2.45 - 2.81 | 2.62 |
| South Western | 23 | 2.61 - 3.16 | 2.93 |
| U.S. FEBRUARY 1944 | 168 | 2.30 - 3.16 | 2.74 |
| U.S. JANUARY 1944 | 166 | 2.38 - 3.17 | 2.74 |
| U.S. FEBRUARY 1943 | 168 | 2.24 - 3.00 | 2.55 |

6 EVAPORATED MILK MARKETING AGREEMENT SECTIONS

| Section | February 1944 Dollars | January 1944 Dollars | February 1943 Dollars |
|--------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1 | 2.75 | 2.75 | 2.57 |
| 2 | 2.86 | 2.86 | 2.67 |
| 3 | 2.56 | 2.56 | 2.38 |
| 4 | 2.67 | 2.66 | 2.49 |
| 5 | 2.60 | 2.60 | 2.47 |
| 6 | 3.06 | 3.06 | 2.72 |
| U.S. Average | 2.74 | 2.74 | 2.55 |

1/ Reports not received from 7 factories in this area which base prices on formula in evaporated milk market agreements. Formula price for this area in February \$2.03. Prices paid at Midwest condenseries promulgated officially under the New York and Chicago Marketing Milk Order for February, New York City \$2.83750. Chicago \$2.736

EVAPORATED MILK MARKETING AGREEMENT MINIMUM PRICES FOR FEBRUARY

| | | |
|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Section 1 - \$1.962 | Section 2 - \$2.032 | Section 3 - \$1.774 |
| Section 4 - \$1.598 | Section 5 - \$1.627 | Section 6 - \$1.785 |

PRODUCTION OF EVAPORATED, CONDENSED AND DRIED MILK

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| COMMODITY | February 1944 | February 1943 | Change in Feb. 1944 from 1938-42 average | | Cumulative total Jan.-Feb. 1944 | Change from February 1943 |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------|--|-----------------|---------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | 1/ | 1/ | 1943 | 1938-42 average | Thous. lbs. | 1943 |
| Evaporated and Condensed Milk | | | | | | |
| | Thousand Pounds | | Percent | | | Percent |
| Evaporated (case goods) | 211,250 | 210,315 | 0 | +15 | 405,750 | -2 |
| Condensed (case goods) | 8,460 | 8,463 | 0 | +102 | 16,214 | -3 |
| Plain Condensed Whole (bulk) | 6,316 | 6,132 | +3 | -6 | 12,179 | -2 |
| " " Skimmed (bulk) | 22,281 | 21,632 | +3 | +43 | 46,126 | +7 |
| Sweetened Cond. Whole (bulk) | 6,255 | 4,170 | +50 | +38 | 12,328 | +24 |
| " " Skimmed (bulk) | 19,175 | 15,979 | +20 | +64 | 37,519 | +18 |
| Dried Milk | | | | | | |
| Dried Whole | 14,650 | 9,668 | +52 | +652 | 28,600 | +65 |
| Dried Skim (Human Food): | | | | | | |
| Spray Process | 16,400 | 16,750 | -2 | 2/ | 31,550 | -6 |
| Roller Process | 12,500 | 11,484 | +9 | 2/ | 3/ 23,000 | +4 |
| Total (Human Food) | 28,900 | 28,234 | +2 | +18 | 54,550 | -2 |
| Dried Skim (Animal Feed) | 1,050 | 2,716 | -61 | -89 | 2,200 | -53 |
| Total Dried Skim | 29,950 | 30,950 | -3 | -12 | 56,750 | -6 |
| Dried Buttermilk | 4,650 | 5,209 | -11 | -12 | 8,450 | -24 |

1/Estimated. Subject to revision when the final report is available for 1943. 2/Spray and roller-dried skim not reported separately prior to 1942. 3/The January 1944 production was raised from 10,000,000 to 10,500,000 pounds.

STOCKS OF EVAPORATED, CONDENSED AND DRIED MILK MARCH 1

| COMMODITY | 1944 | 1943 | Average 1938-42 | Change in 1944 from 1943 | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|--------|-----------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| | Thousand pounds | 1/ | Thous. lbs. | 1943 | Ave. 1938-42 |
| Evaporated and Condensed Milk | | | | | |
| | | | | | Percent |
| Evaporated (case goods) | 147,285 | 89,499 | 159,710 | +65 | -8 |
| Condensed (case goods) | 6,134 | 6,391 | 5,527 | +4 | +11 |
| Dried Milk | | | | | |
| Dried Whole | 10,575 | 8,822 | 3,825 | +20 | +176 |
| Dried Skim (Human Food): | | | | | |
| Spray Process | 14,058 | 19,295 | 2/ | -27 | 2/ |
| Roller Process | 13,140 | 7,453 | 2/ | +76 | 2/ |
| Total (Human Food) | 27,198 | 26,748 | 25,815 | +2 | +5 |
| Dried Skim (Animal Feed) | 282 | 1,193 | 5,149 | -76 | -95 |
| Total Dried Skim | 27,480 | 27,941 | 30,964 | -2 | -11 |
| Dried Buttermilk | 1,248 | 3,674 | 5,101 | +16 | -17 |

1/Revised to include late reports. 2/Not reported separately prior to January 1, 1943.

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