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STOCKS OF EVAPORATED AND CONDENSED MILK  
HELD BY WHOLESALE GROCERS  
(September 30, 1950)

STOCKS OF CANNED MILK REPORTED QUARTERLY BY WHOLESALE GROCERS

Quarter ending	Number of firms	Evaporated Milk		Condensed milk	Total evaporated and condensed milk
		Thousand pounds	Days' supply 1/		
Sept. 30, 1950	506	36,181	30	703	36,884
June 30, 1950 2/	520	29,274	24	414	29,688
Mar. 31, 1950	563	31,046	23	452	31,498
Dec. 31, 1949	511	25,583	21	419	26,002
Sept. 30, 1949	528	31,162	27	504	31,666

1/Approximately 90 percent of the firms reporting estimated the number of days their stocks would last at prevailing rate of sales. The number of "days' supply" represent the weighted average of those estimates.

2/Revised to include late reports.

STOCKS OF CANNED MILK HELD BY SAME FIRMS ON CORRESPONDING DATES

	Number of firms	September 30		Change in 1950 from 1949	Number of firms	Sept. 30 1950	June 30 1950	Change in Sept. 1950 from June 1950
		1950	1949					
		Thousand pounds		Percent		Thousand pounds		Percent
Evap. milk	443	33,674	28,781	+17	474	34,813	27,843	+25
Cond. milk	443	671	450	+49	474	669	377	+77

Wholesale grocers' stocks of both evaporated and condensed milk were higher on September 30, this year than three months earlier or a year earlier, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

Stocks of evaporated milk held by 506 wholesale grocers on September 30 totaled 36,181,000 pounds. Reports from 474 firms reporting both for September 30 and June 30, indicate a gain of 25 percent in stocks during the 3 months' period. Compared with a year earlier, 443 firms reporting for both dates this year and last registered a gain of 17 percent. Estimates of days that stocks will last, based on prevailing rates of sales, averaged out to 30 days supply on September 30, 24 days on June 30, and 27 days on September 30, 1949.

Stocks of canned condensed milk held by 506 firms on September 30 totaled 703,000 pounds. Stocks held by 474 firms reporting both at the end of September and at the end of June were up 77 percent during the three months period. Holdings by 443 firms reporting both for September 30 this year and last registered a gain of 49 percent.