

**31.—Stocks of Food Commodities on Hand in Cold Storage and in Dairy Factories  
as at Jan. 1, 1955—concluded**

Item	As at Jan. 1	Minimum during Year	Date at which Minimum Occurred	Maximum during Year	Date at which Maximum Occurred	Twelve- Month Average
Pork, Frozen— In storage.....'000 lb.	18,366	7,803	Oct. 1	30,476	May 1	19,523
Pork, Cured and in Cure— In storage..... "	11,617	11,076	Oct. 1	14,762	Dec. 1	12,573
Lard— In storage..... "	5,490	3,332	Nov. 1	7,712	June 1	5,424
Beef, Fresh— In storage..... "	10,491	10,491	Jan. 1	14,053	Oct. 1	11,789
Beef, Frozen— In storage..... "	15,479	9,403	July 1	16,987	Dec. 1	12,400
Beef, Cured, etc.— In storage..... "	375	296	Apr. 1	592	Oct. 1	403
Veal— In storage..... "	3,954	1,892	Apr. 1	6,704	Dec. 1	4,763
Mutton and Lamb— In storage..... "	3,112	1,006	Aug. 1	3,880	Dec. 1	2,042
Fruit— Apples, Fresh— In storage.....'000 bu.	4,366	248	June 1	8,473	Nov. 1	2,268
Frozen Fruit— In storage.....'000 lb.	24,940	14,074	June 1	30,696	Sept. 1	22,780
In preservatives— In storage..... "	12,083	7,948	June 1	12,392	Dec. 1	10,559
Potatoes— In storage.....'000 bu.	16,514	1,883	June 1	29,585	Nov. 1	9,052

*Cold Storage Holdings of Fish.*—The stocks of frozen fish held in Canada during 1955 followed the usual seasonal trend. Normally, stocks decrease gradually during the early months of the year and reach a low point at the beginning of May; during subsequent months they increase and reach a peak at the beginning of October or November.

Holdings of frozen fish at any particular time tend to reflect the strength of the market as well as the level of production. While the production of frozen groundfish fillets (including blocks) was higher in 1955 than in 1954, the demand for these products in the United States market was greater than in the previous year. Even so, stocks remained higher than in 1954, especially during the first half of the year. Stocks of frozen Pacific halibut were high at the beginning of the year as a result of a depressed market for this product in North America, carried over from the late months of 1954 and continuing throughout the 1955 fishing season. The market recovered, however, towards the end of the year. Production was lower than in 1954 and, on the average, stocks were also somewhat lower. The production of frozen Pacific salmon was also below that of 1954 and stocks were considerably below the 1954 level.

Average monthly holdings of the main fish products in 1954 and 1955 are shown in Table 32.