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General Refrigerated Warehouse Capacity Up 4 Percent

General refrigerated storage capacity in the United States totaled 3.32 billion gross cubic feet on October 1, 2007, an increase of 4 percent since the previous survey was conducted two years ago. While most of the increase was due to new construction, some was due to the increased survey coverage of existing warehouses. This was the 45th biennial survey of refrigerated warehouses. The five States with the largest gross general warehouse capacity (million cubic feet) were: California with 412; Florida, 239; Texas, 194; Washington, 191; and Wisconsin, 190.

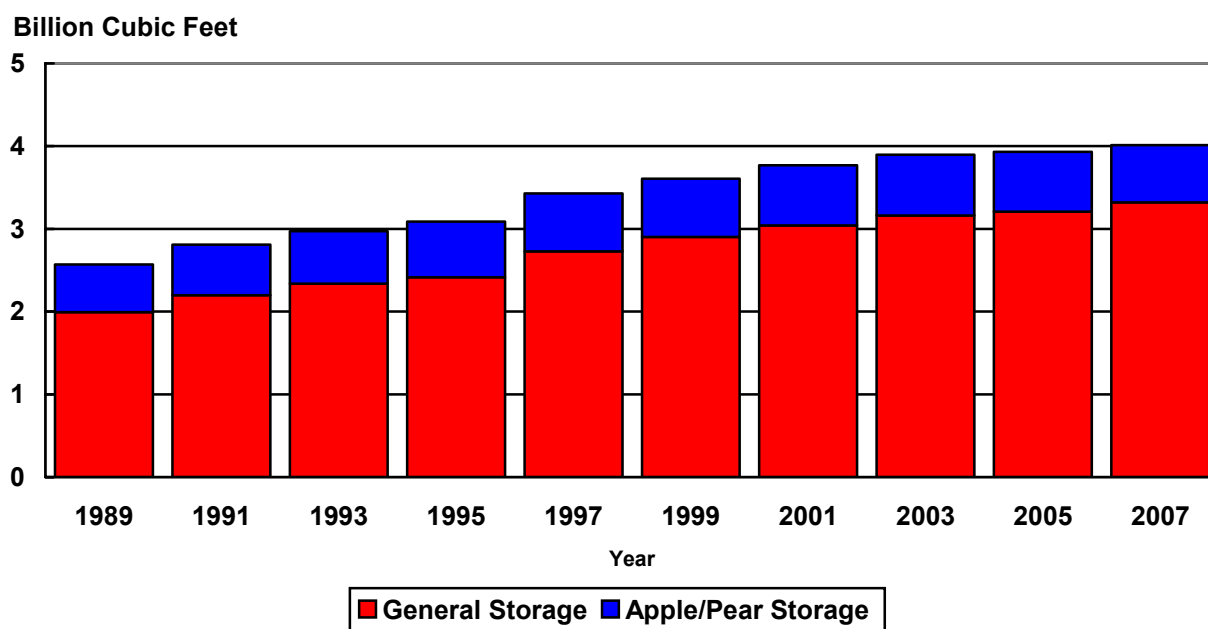
Usable refrigerated space in general storages was 2.68 billion cubic feet, or 81 percent of the gross space. Usable freezer space was 76 percent of the usable refrigerated space with the remaining 24 percent used as cooler space. Convertible refrigerated space was classified as usable freezer space.

Public general warehouse capacity totaled 2.50 billion gross cubic feet in 2007, accounting for 75 percent of the general storage. Public general storage capacity increased 3 percent since 2005 and is 22 percent above the capacity of ten years ago.

Private and semiprivate general warehouse capacity totaled 822 million gross cubic feet, or 25 percent of the general gross refrigerated space.

Apple and pear storage totaled 692 million gross cubic feet, down 4 percent from October 1, 2005. Controlled atmosphere (CA) capacity totaled 168 million bushels, down 3 percent from 2005. The State of Washington had 83 percent of the Nation's CA capacity.

Gross Refrigerated Storage Capacity by Principal Storage Activity, United States, 1989-2007



**Refrigerated Warehouses: Number by Type, State,
and United States, October 1, 2007**

State	General Storages			Apple & Pear Storages			Total
	Public	Private & Semiprvt	Total	Regular	CA	All ¹	
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
AL	14	8	22				22
AK	2	23	25				25
AZ	6	2	8	1	1	1	9
AR	19	5	24				24
CA	105	86	191	23	9	26	217
CO	6	3	9				9
CT	2	3	5	26	7	26	31
DE	4	6	10	2		2	12
FL	33	28	61				61
GA	37	32	69				69
HI	2	1	3				3
ID	7	13	20	6	5	6	26
IL	26	15	41	7	1	8	49
IN	19	7	26	32	5	34	60
IA	26	11	37	1	1	2	39
KS	10	2	12	1		1	13
KY	6	1	7	4		4	11
LA	15	10	25				25
ME	2	17	19	18	14	21	40
MD	5	3	8	5	2	5	13
MA	28	31	59	51	18	52	111
MI	24	23	47	129	83	153	200
MN	24	25	49	11	1	11	60
MS	9	4	13				13
MO	19	9	28	4		4	32
MT	2	4	6				6
NE	14	9	23		1	1	24
NV	2	3	5				5
NH	2	3	5	20	10	21	26
NJ	24	10	34	16	2	17	51
NM	1	4	5	1		1	6
NY	26	60	86	101	75	115	201
NC	14	3	17	14	1	14	31
ND	2	1	3				3
OH	17	5	22	61	14	62	84
OK	8	6	14				14
OR	13	22	35	60	18	65	100
PA	36	22	58	145	14	148	206
RI		3	3	4	2	6	9
SC	9	4	13	2		2	15
SD	2	3	5				5
TN	11	5	16				16
TX	43	36	79				79
UT	8	8	16	11	3	12	28
VT		3	3	12	5	13	16
VA	18	14	32	27	10	28	60
WA	36	30	66	165	186	219	285
WV	2	4	6	10	4	12	18
WI	52	79	131	16	3	16	147
WY							
US	792	709	1,501	986	495	1,108	2,609

¹ Firms with both regular and CA storage are counted once.

**General Refrigerated Warehouses: Number by Size Group,
United States, October 1, 2007**

Size (Cubic Feet)	Public	Private	All
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
0-499,999	117	369	486
500,000-999,999	97	114	211
1,000,000-2,499,999	212	128	340
2,500,000-4,999,999	206	76	282
5,000,000 and Over	160	22	182

**Apple and Pear Refrigerated Warehouses: Number by Size Group,
United States, October 1, 2007**

Size (Bushels)	Regular ¹	CA ¹	All ²
	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>	<i>Number</i>
0-49,999	691	163	633
50,000-99,999	94	88	130
100,000-499,999	156	148	208
500,000-999,999	33	49	65
1,000,000 and Over	12	47	72

¹ Number of operations with regular or CA storage. Many operators have both types in the same building, thus the count of regular plus CA does not equal "All".

² Size categorization is based on the summation of regular and CA storage.

**Refrigerated Storage: Gross Capacity by Type of Warehouse,
United States, October 1, 1989-07**

Year	Public	Private and Semi-private	Total ¹
	<i>Million Cubic Feet</i>	<i>Million Cubic Feet</i>	<i>Million Cubic Feet</i>
1989	1,414	1,158	2,571
1991	1,600	1,208	2,808
1993	1,700	1,272	2,972
1995	1,765	1,323	3,088
1997	2,068	1,359	3,427
1999	2,168	1,437	3,606
2001	2,266	1,501	3,767
2003	2,370	1,526	3,896
2005	2,445	1,484	3,929
2007	2,506	1,506	4,012

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

Refrigerated Space: By Type of Warehouse, United States, October 1, 2007 ¹

Type	Number	Gross Space			Usable Space		
		Cooler	Freezer	Total	Cooler	Freezer	Total
		<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>
General							
Public	792	405,594	2,092,606	2,498,198	328,830	1,717,084	2,045,904
Private & Semiprvt	709	374,902	447,095	821,998	290,412	343,181	633,592
Total	1,501	780,490	2,539,699	3,320,194	619,242	2,060,262	2,679,498
Apple							
Public	11	7,787	383	8,170	6,901	380	7,281
Private & Semiprvt	1,097	681,119	2,681	683,798	566,855	2,106	568,961
Total	1,108	688,906	3,064	691,968	573,755	2,486	576,240
Total	2,609	1,469,396	2,542,763	4,012,162	1,192,997	2,062,748	3,255,738

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

Gross Refrigerated Space: By Type of Warehouse, United States, October 1, 1989-07 ¹

Type	1989	1991	1993	1995	1997
	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>
General					
Public	1,391,901	1,572,879	1,678,461	1,741,585	2,043,908
Private and Semiprivate	603,402	624,005	658,893	674,649	683,372
Total	1,995,303	2,196,884	2,337,354	2,416,234	2,727,280
Apple					
Public	21,945	27,227	21,645	23,419	23,907
Private and Semiprivate	554,150	584,296	613,093	647,993	675,838
Total	576,095	611,523	634,737	671,412	699,745
Total, All	2,571,397	2,808,407	2,972,092	3,087,646	3,427,025
	1999	2001	2003	2005	2007
	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>
General					
Public	2,146,643	2,251,943	2,357,080	2,435,773	2,498,198
Private and Semiprivate	756,505	788,853	802,454	771,725	821,998
Total	2,903,152	3,040,796	3,159,535	3,207,497	3,320,194
Apple					
Public	21,690	14,183	12,517	9,270	8,170
Private and Semiprivate	680,736	712,412	723,499	711,951	683,798
Total	702,426	726,595	736,016	721,221	691,968
Total, All	3,605,578	3,767,394	3,895,551	3,928,718	4,012,162

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

**General Storages: Gross and Usable Refrigerated Space
by State and United States, October 1, 2007^{1 2}**

State	Gross Space			Usable Space		
	Public	Private & Semiprvt	Total	Public	Private & Semiprvt	Total
	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>
AL	32,145	1,115	33,259	27,499	912	28,412
AK	*	*	2,477	*	*	2,200
AZ	*	*	17,856	*	*	14,159
AR	85,160	6,509	91,669	71,884	5,638	77,522
CA	289,929	122,540	412,469	235,530	97,276	332,807
CO	14,153	911	15,064	11,350	721	12,072
CT	*	*	4,885	*	*	3,496
DE	15,356	13,676	29,031	10,107	10,604	20,711
FL	99,959	139,124	239,083	81,807	116,497	198,304
GA	159,027	22,275	181,302	131,586	19,129	150,715
HI	*	*	*	*	*	*
ID	36,566	24,394	60,960	31,700	19,729	51,429
IL	127,035	27,419	154,454	98,988	21,669	120,657
IN	*	*	82,204	*	*	69,630
IA	64,522	15,080	79,602	53,499	11,060	64,559
KS	*	*	44,653	*	*	32,713
KY	*	*	22,533	*	*	17,587
LA	11,296	3,910	15,206	9,826	3,592	13,418
ME	*	*	12,355	*	*	8,170
MD	*	*	23,029	*	*	17,841
MA	69,298	13,357	82,655	61,280	9,400	70,680
MI	70,840	24,377	95,217	56,703	19,866	76,569
MN	58,613	27,634	86,246	45,857	20,634	66,492
MS	*	*	25,141	19,276	491	19,767
MO	100,127	11,192	111,320	80,886	8,321	89,206
MT	*	*	984	*	*	759
NE	36,263	6,215	42,478	29,811	3,823	33,634
NV	*	*	*	*	*	*
NH	*	*	3,694	*	*	3,242
NJ	69,019	16,631	85,650	55,838	6,497	62,335
NM	*	*	2,180	*	*	1,863
NY	56,465	38,341	94,806	46,613	30,727	77,340
NC	*	*	58,701	*	*	50,878
ND	*	*	9,008	*	*	6,780
OH	54,178	6,830	61,008	44,650	5,380	50,030
OK	13,162	6,300	19,462	10,659	5,055	15,714
OR	68,866	36,146	105,012	57,083	29,030	86,114
PA	125,050	16,472	141,521	106,892	12,772	119,663
RI	*	*	*	*	*	*
SC	21,693	1,140	22,833	*	*	17,352
SD	*	*	10,840	*	*	5,658
TN	33,928	15,150	49,077	30,636	11,498	42,134
TX	155,365	38,700	194,065	121,977	30,684	152,661
UT	18,120	13,419	31,539	15,018	10,815	25,832
VT	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	43,117	20,912	64,029	37,629	16,080	53,709
WA	142,134	48,564	190,698	112,205	35,228	147,432
WV	*	*	2,766	*	*	1,230
WI	142,534	47,115	189,649	120,705	31,226	151,931
WY						
Oth Sts	284,278	56,550	17,524	228,410	39,238	14,091
US	2,498,198	821,998	3,320,194	2,045,904	633,592	2,679,498

* Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. Included in "Other States" and U.S. totals.

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² Includes frozen juice tank storage capacity.

**General Storages: Gross and Usable Cooler Space
by State and United States, October 1, 2007^{1 2}**

State	Gross Space			Usable Space		
	Public	Private & Semiprvt	Total	Public	Private & Semiprvt	Total
	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>
AL	2,914	104	3,018	2,501	73	2,574
AK	*	*	*	*	*	*
AZ	*	*	4,053	*	*	3,082
AR	*	*	*	*	*	*
CA	62,447	94,331	156,778	50,061	74,049	124,110
CO	*	*	2,513	*	*	1,915
CT	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	*	*	*	*	*	*
FL	15,666	77,138	92,804	12,680	67,106	79,787
GA	33,590	12,579	46,169	27,045	10,868	37,913
HI	*	*	*	*	*	*
ID	*	*	*	*	*	*
IL	18,268	12,249	30,517	14,862	9,815	24,678
IN	*	*	21,950	*	*	19,436
IA	5,475	9,740	15,216	4,679	6,695	11,374
KS	*	*	8,603	*	*	5,746
KY	*	*	5,231	*	*	3,785
LA	1,559	166	1,724	1,381	153	1,534
ME	*	*	261	*	*	226
MD	*	*	2,203	*	*	1,763
MA	*	*	15,265	10,011	2,565	12,577
MI	7,906	5,344	13,249	6,193	4,651	10,844
MN	9,484	9,266	18,749	7,706	6,251	13,957
MS	*	*	4,159	*	*	2,391
MO	*	*	32,189	*	*	26,470
MT	*	*	*	*	*	333
NE	5,451	1,139	6,590	4,143	464	4,607
NV	*	*	*	*	*	*
NH	*	*	*	*	*	*
NJ	*	*	26,414	*	*	21,325
NM	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	8,805	15,892	24,697	6,727	12,979	19,706
NC	*	*	*	*	*	*
ND	*	*	*	*	*	*
OH	*	*	8,207	*	*	6,792
OK	*	*	6,433	*	*	5,535
OR	2,387	2,656	5,043	1,918	2,082	3,999
PA	17,518	7,743	25,261	14,258	5,800	20,058
RI	*	*	*	*	*	*
SC	338	392	729	*	*	546
SD	*	*	*	*	*	*
TN	*	*	1,286	*	*	1,154
TX	18,375	21,436	39,810	13,681	17,333	31,014
UT	*	*	6,271	*	*	4,907
VT	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	13,273	10,380	23,653	10,848	8,030	18,878
WA	6,807	10,381	17,188	5,445	6,174	11,618
WV	*	*	1,190	*	*	*
WI	45,746	36,495	82,241	37,812	22,814	60,627
WY	*	*	*	*	*	*
Oth Sts	129,585	47,471	30,826	96,879	32,510	23,981
US	405,594	374,902	780,490	328,830	290,412	619,242

* Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. Included in "Other States" and U.S. totals.

¹ Totals may not add due to rounding.

² Includes frozen juice tank storage capacity.

**General Storages: Gross and Usable Freezer Space
by State and United States, October 1, 2007^{1 2}**

State	Gross Space			Usable Space		
	Public	Private & Semiprvt	Total	Public	Private & Semiprvt	Total
	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>
AL	29,231	1,010	30,241	24,999	839	25,838
AK	*	*	*	*	*	*
AZ	*	*	13,803	*	*	11,077
AR	*	*	*	*	*	*
CA	227,482	28,209	255,691	185,470	23,227	208,697
CO	*	*	12,551	*	*	10,157
CT	*	*	*	*	*	*
DE	*	*	*	*	*	*
FL	84,293	61,986	146,279	69,127	49,391	118,518
GA	125,437	9,695	135,132	104,541	8,261	112,802
HI	*	*	*	*	*	*
ID	*	*	*	*	*	*
IL	108,767	15,170	123,937	84,126	11,854	95,979
IN	*	*	60,254	*	*	50,195
IA	59,047	5,339	64,386	48,820	4,365	53,185
KS	*	*	36,050	*	*	26,967
KY	*	*	17,302	*	*	13,802
LA	9,737	3,744	13,481	8,445	3,439	11,884
ME	*	*	12,094	*	*	7,944
MD	*	*	20,826	*	*	16,078
MA	*	*	67,389	51,269	6,834	58,103
MI	62,934	19,034	81,967	50,511	15,215	65,725
MN	49,129	18,368	67,497	38,152	14,383	52,535
MS	*	*	20,982	*	*	17,376
MO	*	*	79,131	*	*	62,737
MT	*	*	*	*	*	427
NE	30,812	5,076	35,888	25,668	3,359	29,027
NV	*	*	*	*	*	*
NH	*	*	*	*	*	*
NJ	*	*	59,236	*	*	41,011
NM	*	*	*	*	*	*
NY	47,660	22,449	70,110	39,886	17,748	57,634
NC	*	*	*	*	*	*
ND	*	*	*	*	*	*
OH	*	*	52,802	*	*	43,238
OK	*	*	13,029	*	*	10,179
OR	66,479	33,489	99,969	55,166	26,948	82,114
PA	107,531	8,729	116,260	92,634	6,972	99,605
RI	*	*	*	*	*	*
SC	21,356	748	22,104	*	*	16,806
SD	*	*	*	*	*	*
TN	*	*	47,791	*	*	40,980
TX	136,991	17,264	154,255	108,296	13,351	121,647
UT	*	*	25,268	*	*	20,925
VT	*	*	*	*	*	*
VA	29,844	10,532	40,376	26,781	8,050	34,831
WA	135,327	38,183	173,510	106,760	29,054	135,814
WV	*	*	1,575	*	*	*
WI	96,788	10,620	107,408	82,893	8,412	91,304
WY						
Oth Sts	663,761	137,450	261,125	513,540	91,479	215,121
US	2,092,606	447,095	2,539,699	1,717,084	343,181	2,060,262

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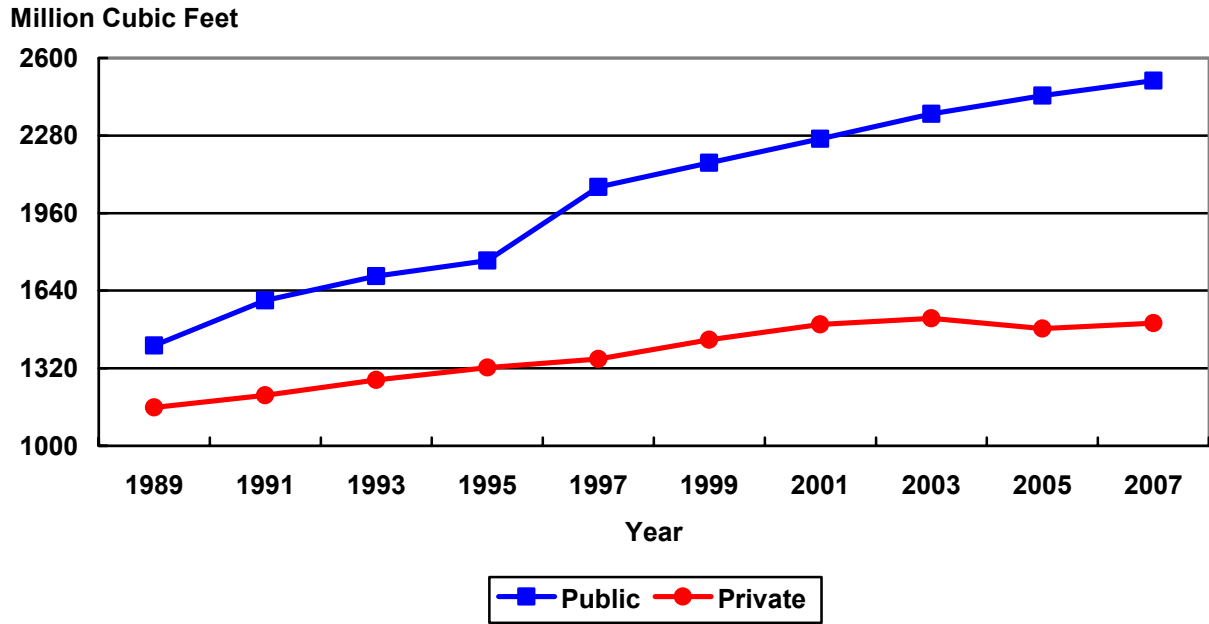
**Apple and Pear Storages: Gross and Usable Refrigerated Space, Regular
and CA Capacity by State and United States, October 1, 2007^{1 2}**

State	Refrigerated Space		Apple Storage Capacity		
	Gross	Usable	Regular	Controlled Atmosphere	Total
	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Cubic Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>	<i>1,000 Bushels</i>
CA	22,252	17,395	5,195	1,954	7,149
CT	1,190	1,011	239	132	371
ID	4,464	3,812	864	821	1,685
IL	673	606	100	8	108
IN	2,039	1,589	296	193	489
KY	157	113	36		36
ME	2,611	2,316	453	572	1,024
MD	640	515	163	54	217
MA	3,380	2,787	691	357	1,048
MI	29,954	26,185	4,413	6,251	10,664
MN	1,081	860	338	33	371
NH	1,765	1,549	299	405	704
NJ	1,790	1,563	449	35	484
NY	32,021	29,011	3,836	8,212	12,049
NC	3,784	3,409	1,256	90	1,346
OH	3,615	3,018	851	343	1,193
OR	54,778	44,299	8,202	3,962	12,164
PA	19,945	15,980	3,925	2,242	6,168
UT	1,923	1,451	303	242	545
VT	1,689	1,609	296	342	638
VA	11,806	10,263	1,600	2,102	3,702
WA	480,480	398,844	51,559	138,877	190,437
WV	6,194	5,119	1,498	336	1,835
WI	1,147	944	263	112	375
Oth Sts	2,590	1,992	476	12	487
US	691,968	576,240	87,601	167,687	255,289

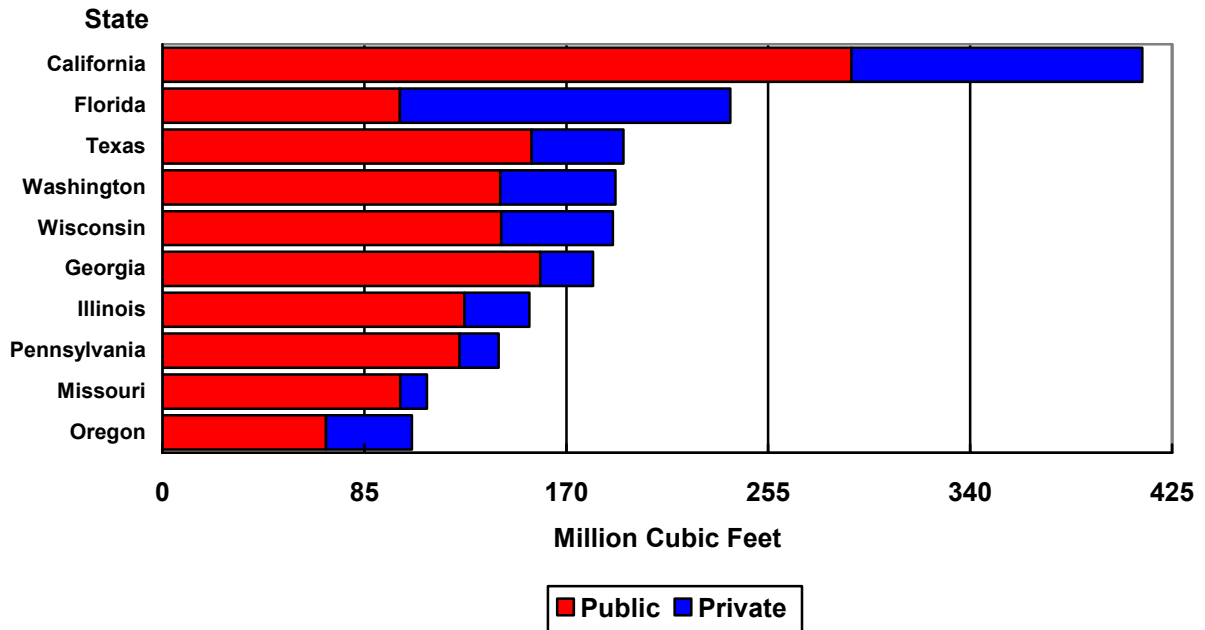
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² Firms in this table store only apples or pears. Nearly all the storages are private and nearly all the space is cooler, thus public use and freezer space breakouts are not presented at the State level. See page 4 for U.S. totals.

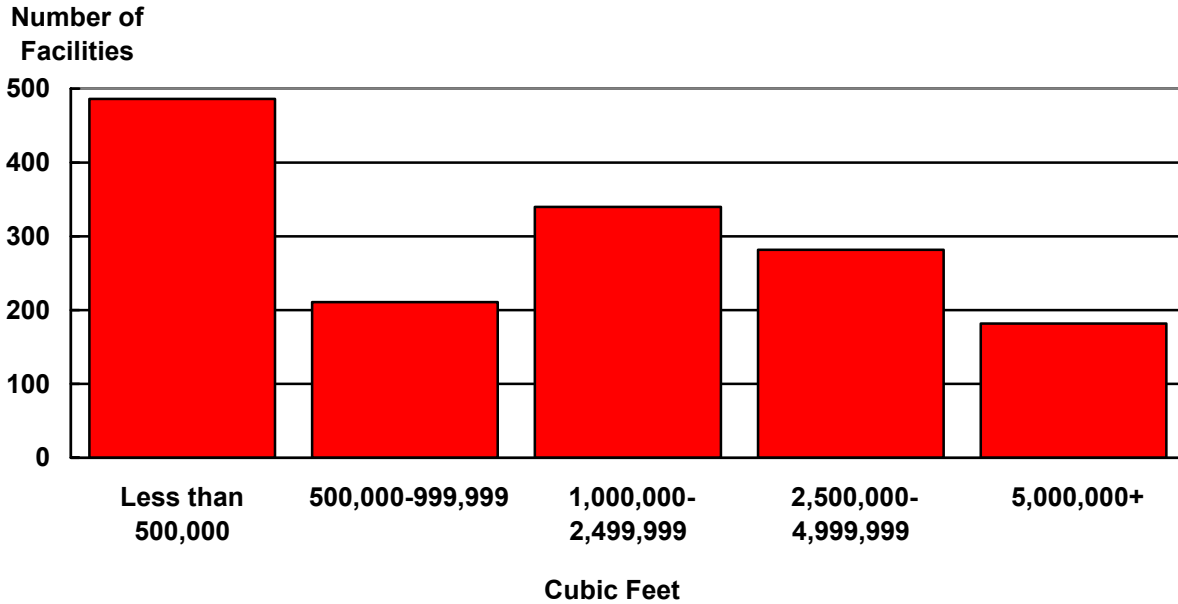
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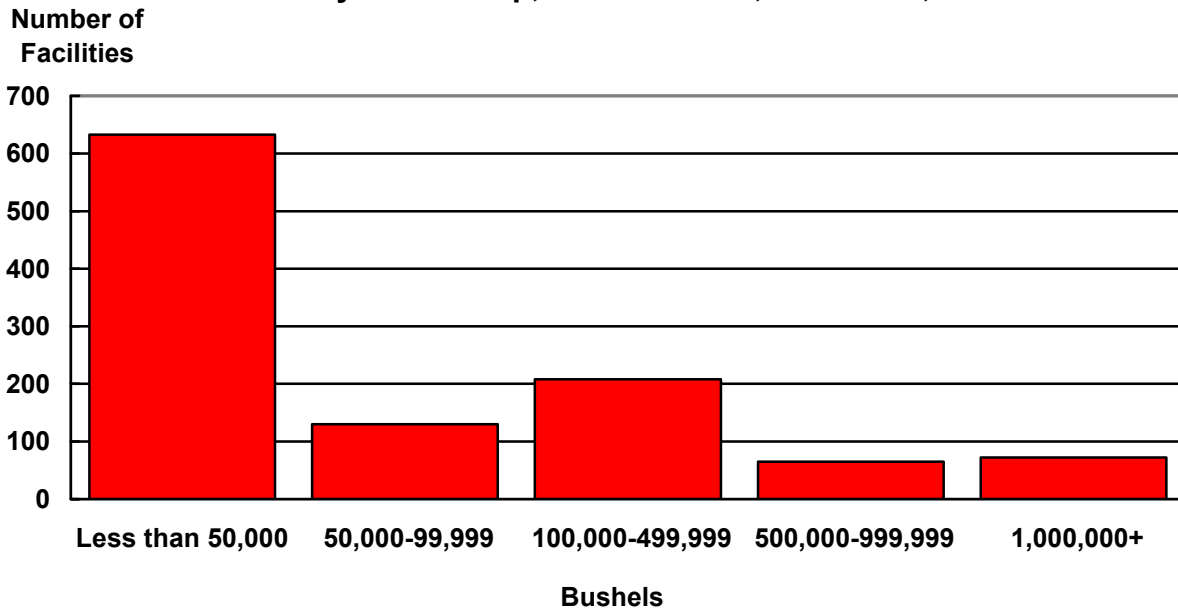
General Storages: Gross Refrigerated Space, 10 Largest States, October 1, 2007



**General Refrigerated Warehouses: Number of Facilities
by Size Group, United States, October 1, 2007**



**Apple and Pear Refrigerated Warehouses: Number of
Facilities by Size Group, United States, October 1, 2007**



Definitions

General storages: Includes refrigerated facilities classified as general storages, plus facilities classified as storing only cheese, meat, or citrus concentrates.

Public general storages: Refrigerated facilities maintained for storing food for others at specified rates per unit.

Private and semiprivate general storages: Refrigerated facilities maintained by an operator to facilitate his principal function as a producer, processor, or manufacturer of food products. The space is used to store the owner's products, although some space may be used by others at specified rates per unit stored. Working space, chill rooms, and curing rooms in meat storages are not included in the storage statistics.

Apple and pear storages: Refrigerated facilities maintained exclusively for storing apples or pears. Storages operated by cooperatives for use by members are included as private storages.

Cooler space: Space that maintains temperatures between 0 and 50 degrees Fahrenheit.

Freezer space: Space that maintains temperatures at 0 degrees Fahrenheit or lower.

Controlled atmosphere (CA) space: Sealed cooler space in which the oxygen and carbon dioxide content is controlled to extend the storage life of apples or pears.

Gross space: Total area under refrigeration, measured from wall to wall and from floor to ceiling.

Usable space: Actual area used for storing commodities. Gross space less an allowance for aisles, posts, coils, blowers, etc.

Number of storages: Storages at different locations are counted separately even though operated by the same management.

Survey Procedures and Reliability

Survey procedures: Questionnaires were mailed about the 20th of September to operators of over 3,000 public and private cold storage warehouses. Two thousand six hundred and nine firms met the qualifications that their warehouses were artificially cooled to a temperature of 50 degrees Fahrenheit or lower, and normally stored food products for 30 days or more. The other firms who received questionnaires either did not qualify or the plants had ceased being cold storage facilities during the past two years. The list included specialized storage facilities meeting the 30 day requirement, such as fruit houses, dairy manufacturing plants, frozen fruit, fruit juice, and vegetable processors, and poultry and meat packing plants. Wholesalers, jobbers, packer branch houses, and frozen food processors whose entire inventories are turned over more than once a month were excluded. Firms that did not respond were mailed a second request and/or phoned or visited.

Estimating procedures: Data for reporting firms were added to estimates for non-reporting firms to obtain State and National totals. Estimates for non-reporting firms were set based on previous reports or administrative data.

Revision policy: These data are considered to be final and will not be revised.

Reliability: Usable reports were received from about 2,017 firms which represent about 77 percent of the total capacity tabulated. The numbers published should be considered to be minimum figures as there are cold storage firms that are not known to NASS. Special care in identifying individual plants minimizes duplication. Survey data are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omissions and mistakes in reporting and processing the data. While these errors cannot be measured directly, they are minimized by carefully reviewing all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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