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According to author Frederick Simpich in "Farmers Keep Them Eating," a *National Geographic* magazine article, the average U.S. freighter could carry the following amounts of goods:

- 6,000 barrels of dried eggs, equal to a year's work for 229,137 hens.
- 6,000 barrels of dried milk, a year's work for 2,783 cows.
- 16,522 cases of evaporated milk, a year's work for 304 cows
- 20,000 boxes of cheese, a year's work for
- 14,500 big cans of pork, the meat from 5,021 hogs.
- 16,800 boxes of lard, the fat of 27,632 hogs.
- 6,061 sacks of flour, the wheat from 838 acres.
- 26,111 cases of canned vegetables, equal to 40 acres of tomatoes, 100 acres of snap beans, and 102 acres of peas.

To fill this ship took the products from 3,824 average farms.