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IN LESS than a year 500 million dollars was spent by the Surplus Marketing Administration in purchasing food products, naval supplies and non-food items such as cotton for the Lend-Lease program and some domestic uses. Food supplies are bought in tremendous quantities with the total cost amounting to more than 400 million dollars. These figures are for the short period between March 15 and November 30, 1941.

There is an obvious necessity for dehydrating many of the items or buying dried products. Among some of these purchases are 32 million pounds of dry skim milk, 35 million pounds of dried eggs, 319 thousand pounds of dehydrated onions, 9 million pounds of dried apples, 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ million pounds of dried apple pomace, 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ million pounds of dehydrated soup and almost 200 million pounds of dried beans.

Proteins show their importance by the quantities in which they were purchased. To mention some—millions of pounds of pork products, lard, cheese, frozen eggs and evaporated milk have been sent abroad.

Also on the list are about 6 million cases of canned vegetables, canned pork and beans amounting to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ million cases and 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ million pounds of canned ration. Added to these statistics are corn starch, corn sugar, soya flour, soybeans and chicory root.

SMA purchased 198 thousand gallons of concentrated orange juice and 30 thousand gallons of concentrated lemon juice to feed the Allies. Still conscious of vitamin need they also shipped approximately 11 thousand pounds of vitamin C to Britain, as well as quantities of thiamin hydrochloride. On the list, too, are 26 thousand pounds of enzymes. Vitamin A was purchased by SMA in fish liver oils for the Lend-Lease program.

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