

Nutmegs and Mace.

The nutmeg tree is a native of the Moluccas and other East India Islands. It is also found in the Philippine Islands, Penang and Singapore, as well as in the Mauritius Islands, and the West Indies. The nutmeg tree bears all the year round, like the orange tree, but more plentifully in May and December. The nutmeg resembles an ordinary filbert nut with the green on, enclosed in a pod much like our walnut. When ripe the fruit splits open on one side and is gathered by means of a long hooked stick. The pod is then removed, after which the mace is carefully stripped from the inner shell. The two products, mace and nutmegs, are then separately prepared for market.

The nutmegs are taken to the drying house, placed on hurdle-like frames and then smoke-dried for about two months by the smouldering heat of a wood fire. The nuts are turned over every two or three days and when thoroughly dried the kernels, which are the nutmegs of commerce, are taken from the shell. The shells are then cracked with wooden mallets. The worm eaten and shriveled kernels are rejected, and the good ones rubbed in well sifted staked lime. They are then packed in tight lard wood cases and are ready for shipment.

Mace, which is the outside covering of the nutmeg shell, after being stripped from the shell is subjected to the simple drying process only, is packed in layers, put in cases and subjected to hydraulic pressure for shipment.

An Advance in Provision Prices.

According to Clapp & Co., "Exports of hog products recently have been less than a year ago. Hog packing at Chicago has been nearly 50 per cent. less since Nov. 1 than same time in 1891, and but 60 per cent. as large as in 1890, and has not been less but once in a decade—that was in 1888. The packing at all points is but 60 per cent. as large as last season. There seems to be a general belief that it will fall short of last season more than 25 per cent., or over 300,000,000 pounds. This condition has allowed the three different speculative classes of parties in pork, lard and ribs to easily control prices and put them up from 25 to 40 per cent. the past few months. Live stock men claim that when the December receipts of hogs are very light it is a proof that the country has but few for sale at any price. We believe many farmers have been feeding more cheap corn to hogs than usual, knowing it is worth about 75c or more made into provisions at prevailing prices. January and later months will likely witness large hog receipts at packing points and heavy average weights. There is a great cry of scarcity after a 25 to 40 per cent. advance, but under similar circumstances it has often been proved there were enough hogs if prices were made high enough. Farmers, like speculators and others, often sell their holdings more freely on a declining market than on an advancing one. Perhaps they have been holding back, and should the market halt a while and these prices or decline a little, receipts might increase, stocks increase, and consumers take a notion to wait to stock up after a decline rather than while the market was declining. Activity will likely prevail."

Allspice.

Allspice is a tree of the myrtle family extensively cultivated in Jamaica for the sake of the fruit. On the north side of this island pimento (allspice) walks are formed on a large scale and occupying many acres. When the fruit has attained its full size, and while still green, the small twigs which bear it, are cut in bunches, are broken off the tree. These are then spread out and dried by exposure to the sun and air for several days. The stalks are then separated and the fruit put into bags for export. Allspice partakes of the smell and flavor of cinnamon, cloves and nutmegs—hence the name.

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9:45p	4:00p	30	Portage Junction	11:54a	1:10p
9:30p	3:45p	30	St. Norbert	12:02p	1:24p
9:17p	3:31p	15	Cartier	12:23p	1:37p
1:59p	3:13p	24	St. Agathe	12:41p	1:55p
1:50p	3:01p	27	Union Point	12:49p	2:02p
1:39p	2:51p	32	Silver Plains	1:01p	2:13p
1:20p	2:33p	40	Morris	1:20p	2:30p
	2:18p	46	St. Jean	1:35p	
	1:57p	50	Letellier	1:57p	
	1:25p	65	Emerson	2:16p	
	1:15p	68	Pembina	2:25p	
	9:35a	168	Grand Forks	6:00p	
	5:35a	223	Winnipeg Junction	9:55p	
	8:35p	470	Minneapolis	6:30a	
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	9:00a	583	Chicago	9:35a	

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7:30p	1:15p	0	Morris	2:30p	7:30a
6:40p	12:53p	10	Lowe Farm	3:03p	8:15a
5:40p	12:27p	21	Myrtle	3:31p	9:05a
5:24p	12:15p	25	Roland	3:43p	9:25a
4:40p	11:52a	33	Rosbank	4:02p	9:58a
4:10p	11:43a	38	Miami	4:15p	10:25a
3:24p	11:20a	49	Deerwood	4:35p	11:16a
2:58p	11:08a	54	Aumont	4:50p	11:48a
2:18p	10:49a	62	Somerses	5:10p	12:28p
1:43p	10:33a	68	Swan Lake	5:24p	1:00p
1:17p	10:19a	74	Indian Springs	5:39p	1:30p
12:57p	10:07a	74	Maricapolis	5:50p	1:55p
12:22p	9:40a	85	Greenway	6:00p	2:28p
11:51a	9:35a	92	Balder	6:21p	3:00p
11:0a	9:12a	102	Belmont	6:46p	3:50p
10:26a	8:55a	107	Hilton	7:21p	4:29p
9:49a	8:40a	117	Ashdown	7:31p	5:03p
9:32a	8:30a	120	Wawarosa	7:47p	5:16p
8:43a	8:06a	129	Rounthwaite	8:14p	6:00p
8:17a	7:43a	137	Martville	8:35p	6:48p
7:30a	7:30a	145	Brandon	8:56p	7:30p

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11:18a	11.5		St. Charles	4:20p	
11:08a	14.7		Headingley	4:35p	
10:40a	21.0		White Plains	5:00p	
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