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1976 SEASON**

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FORWARD

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Since this summary is being prepared and issued in July, it should be understood that some of the figures are not complete and are subject to revision.

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NARRATIVE REVIEW

Reporting Area: The reporting for Western Arizona covers the Yuma and the Parker-Poston areas. Shipments from Parker are those melons packed and shipped in Parker. Total shipments of Western Arizona include both these areas. Cantaloups grown in Parker-Poston but packed in Elythe are shown in the Elythe figures, just as in the past seasons.

Acreage: Western Arizona figures were up slightly in the Yuma area at 3,928 acres compared to 3,823 acres for the 1975 season. This is still below the five year average of 5,827 acres. The Parker acreage of 1,500 remained the same as 1975.

Growing Conditions: Due to the erratic weather patterns completion of planting was delayed until May first. Normally planting is completed by April 10th. March was cool and dry with some early days below normal. April was cool and wet with three record low temperatures recorded. May was another wet month. April and May were the wettest in the last eleven years. June was warm and dry, plus setting three record high minimum temperatures. This, plus above normal temperature from July 5th through the 9th had its effect on the melon crop. Some difficulty was reported on arrivals during early part of the season.

Harvesting: First truck shipment from Yuma was on May 29th and from Parker on June 16th. Pack-out during the early part of the season was heavy to jumbo 36s then heavy to 27s and 36s.

Marketing: The first F O B market for Western Arizona was issued on June 9th with jumbo crate 36s at \$12.00-14.00 and 45s at \$10.00-12.00. This was down from the \$17.00-20.00 levels before there was sufficient volume for F O B reporting. By June 15th the F O B price for jumbo crates settled at \$10.00 on 27s and \$12.00 on 36s, with market activity remaining active. During the last quarter of June, price levels gradually declined (see Page 7) closing out on jumbo crates of 27s at \$7.00 and 36s at 8.00.

Shipments and Production: Total shipments for Western Arizona District was 399 rail and 1109 carlot equivalents by truck for a total of 1508. This total was up from the 1272 carlots for 1975. The average yield for the Yuma area was 187 crates per acre. The average yield for 1975 and for the previous ten seasons was 161 crates per acre. The best yields were reported during the latter half of the season from the Dome Valley. All Yuma shippers in the area packed in wooden jumbo crates, and the major variety was 45. The Parker shipper packed mostly in half cartons and some experimental packing of 2/3 crates.

Transportation Trends: Arizona truck shipments are inter-state movement, while California truck shipments are both inter and intra-state. All truck shipments are based on 600 crates per carlot equivalent. Transportation rates were up this season on both rail and truck. Despite this, total truck volume was 74 percent as compared to 60 percent for the 1975 season.

SHIPMENTS - RAIL AND TRUCK MOVEMENT

DATE	WESTERN ARIZ.		CENT. ARIZ.		IMP. VLY.		BLYTHE+		BAKERS-FIELD+		WEST SIDE+		TEXAS		MEXICO		TOTALS*	
	R1	Tr	R1	Tr	R1	Tr	R1	Tr	R1	Tr	R1	Tr	R1	Tr	R1	Tr	R1	Tr
MAY 29	-	1	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	71	-	12	-	88	
30	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57	-	15	-	72	
31	-	-	-	-	1	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	55	-	8	11	72	
JUNE 1	-	4	-	-	1	13	-	1	-	-	-	10	3	57	-	13	4	88
2	-	6	-	-	-	9	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	66	-	7	3	88
3	-	7	-	-	-	11	-	3	-	-	-	6	6	82	-	8	6	111
4	-	8	-	-	-	13	-	1	-	-	-	2	2	72	-	10	2	104
5	1	11	-	-	2	21	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	77	-	5	3	120
6	7	9	-	-	2	10	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	42	-	-	9	62
7	4	18	-	-	10	36	-	15	-	-	-	-	-	59	-	-	16	128
8	10	11	-	-	16	16	2	10	-	-	-	-	2	53	-	-	30	90
9	6	19	-	-	12	45	7	13	-	-	-	-	1	43	-	-	26	120
10	5	20	-	-	13	32	6	18	-	-	-	-	-	54	-	-	24	124
11	5	19	-	-	11	36	5	17	-	-	-	-	-	33	-	-	21	105
12	4	26	-	-	16	39	10	21	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	30	108
13	2	16	-	-	16	24	9	19	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	-	27	76
14	6	22	-	-	24	51	6	26	-	-	-	-	-	27	-	-	36	126
15	2	32	-	-	25	49	8	19	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	35	105
16	5	26	-	-	22	65	3	19	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	30	112
17	4	39	-	-	15	72	4	19	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	23	137
18	6	39	-	-	24	61	2	20	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	32	126
19	3	39	-	-	16	62	2	20	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	21	124
20	10	36	-	-	14	42	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	24	102
21	19	39	-	-	22	65	6	20	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	47	127
22	23	42	-	-	23	84	4	26	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	50	168
23	23	47	1	-	23	61	5	17	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	52	135
24	21	43	-	2	36	60	3	22	-	-	-	-	-	18	-	-	60	145
25	18	40	-	1	20	58	4	17	-	1	-	-	-	20	-	-	42	137
26	15	41	2	2	18	59	-	22	-	-	-	-	-	19	-	-	35	143
27	25	29	1	1	16	24	5	14	-	2	-	-	-	9	-	-	47	80
28	24	40	1	3	15	36	14	23	-	6	-	-	-	15	-	-	54	123
29	24	40	2	5	9	13	7	20	7	13	-	-	-	14	-	-	49	105
30	17	39	1	6	11	8	2	24	13	32	-	-	-	6	-	-	44	115
Total (3 days of May included)	289	808	8	21	433	1188	114	474	20	54	-	-	29	1043	-	78	893	3666
JULY 1	16	37	7	5	6	6	1	16	19	56	-	-	-	2	-	-	49	122
2	13	25	5	11	4	5	-	10	49	46	-	-	-	19	-	-	71	116
3	5	30	8	11	3	9	-	11	34	42	-	-	-	21	-	-	50	124
4	10	5	5	5	-	-	-	-	39	46	-	-	-	16	-	-	54	72
5	15	14	15	2	6	6	-	5	39	43	1	2	-	10	-	-	76	82
6	7	19	7	7	2	3	-	3	46	36	2	3	-	23	-	-	64	94
7	10	23	1	9	-	-	-	3	13	41	3	11	-	18	-	-	27	105
8	9	16	2	7	-	4	-	3	11	45	2	32	-	12	-	-	24	119
9	7	20	1	7	-	1	-	3	10	36	7	30	-	26	-	-	25	123
10	6	21	-	5	-	1	-	3	15	33	15	40	-	26	-	-	36	129
11	9	9	1	3	-	-	-	-	13	16	22	35	-	10	-	-	45	73
12	1	17	-	5	-	-	-	2	6	18	14	65	-	7	-	-	21	114
13	1	16	2	3	-	-	-	2	2	12	25	77	-	5	-	-	30	115
14	1	13	2	4	-	-	-	-	2	9	24	85	-	5	-	-	29	116
15	-	9	4	6	-	-	-	-	5	7	20	91	-	4	-	-	29	117
16	-	15	-	12	-	-	-	-	2	4	45	89	-	-	-	-	47	120
17	-	8	3	7	-	-	-	-	2	5	33	88	-	-	-	-	38	108
18	-	2	9	8	-	-	-	-	-	4	30	96	-	-	-	-	39	110
19	-	2	7	12	-	-	-	-	-	6	37	86	-	-	-	-	44	106
Total	110	301	79	129	21	35	1	61	307	505	280	830	-	204	-	-	798	2065
GRAND TOTAL	399	1109	87	150	454	1223	115	535	327	559	280	830	29	1247	-	78	1691	5731

* Totals may include shipments not shown on the above table. The above figures are taken from the daily reports issued by the Federal-State Market News Office in Yuma and are subject to slight adjustments.
 +Blythe is Palo Verde Vly. - Bakersfield is Southern San Joaquin Dist. - West Side is Central San Joaquin Dist.

15 YEAR PLANTED ACREAGE, TOTAL CRATES SHIPPED, YIELD, FIRST SHIPMENTS, PEAK SHIPMENTS

DATE	PLANTED ACREAGE	TOTAL CRATES SHIPPED	YIELD PER ACRE	FIRST SHIPMENTS	PEAK DAY	PEAK VOLUME C/L EQUIVALENT
962	14,641	2,136,108	146	May 29	June 23	327
963	15,913	2,372,523	149	" 20	" 11	238
964	18,013	2,128,589	118	June 1	" 26	268
965	14,909	1,806,971	121	" 1	" 15	229
966	13,346	1,894,683	142	May 27	" 8	250
967	9,049	1,229,717	136	" 27	July 4&5	87
968	9,711	1,304,869	134	" 15	June 15	101
969	10,154	1,511,863	149	" 27	" 21	163
970	6,755	1,154,590	170	" 29	" 27	98
971	7,202	1,476,471	205	June 1	June 21&28	147
972	8,016	1,207,390	151	May 18	May 29	118
973	5,882	1,033,466	176	" 29	June 12	83
974	4,210	767,541	182	" 27	" 15*	82*
975	3,823	617,396	161	June 5	July 7*	69*
976	3,926+	733,232	187	May 29	June 23*	70*

Truck carlot equivalent for the years 1961-65 basis 400, 1966-70 basis 500, 1971 to present basis 600
 Source: Acreage, crates shipped & yield furnished by the Arizona Fruit & Vegetable Standardization Service - Yuma office.
 Is Western Arizona-includes Yuma and Parker.
 Adjusted figure.

TABLE NO. 3

15 YEAR RAIL AND TRUCK SHIPMENTS - YUMA AREA

DATE	SHIPMENTS		SEASONS TOTAL	DATE	SHIPMENTS		SEASONS TOTAL
	RAIL	TRUCK			RAIL	TRUCK	
962	3,819	1,469	5,288	1970	1,337	713	2,050
963	3,742	1,874	5,616	1971	1,757	710	2,467
964	3,273	1,742	5,015	1972	1,200	747	1,947
965	2,662	1,379	4,041	1973	1,374	611	1,685
966	2,809	1,104	3,913	1974	673	551	1,224
967	1,534	812	2,346	1975	332	649	981
968	1,757	731	2,488	1976	294	892	1,186
969	2,085	713	2,798				

Truck carlot equivalent for the years 1961-65 basis 400, 1966-70 basis 500, 1971 to present basis 600

TABLE NO. 4

16 CITIES - RAIL ARRIVALS-UNLOADS-TRACK & TRUCK ARRIVALS

DATE	16 CITIES - RAIL ARRIVALS-UNLOADS-TRACK & TRUCK ARRIVALS																
	1	2	3	4	7	8	9	10	11	14	15	16	17	18	21	22	23
RAIL ARRIVALS	4	1	-	1	8	3	8	2	4	15	9	22	17	14	48	11	2
UNLOADS/Div.	2	3	-	2	-	4	6	5	3	10	4	13	14	24	33	21	2
ON TRACK	8	6	6	5	13	12	14	11	12	17	22	31	34	24	39	29	3
TRUCK	72	39	45	46	95	49	46	34	56	82	42	41	40	33	68	42	5
JULY																	
DATE	24	25	28	29	30	1	2	6	7	8	9	12	13	14	15	16	17
RAIL ARRIVALS	22	14	33	18	33	27	43	76	60	70	40	83	60	33	38	21	4
UNLOADS/Div.	32	12	21	21	24	34	33	50	35	65	60	69	77	57	53	31	3
ON TRACK	20	22	34	31	40	33	43	69	94	99	79	93	76	52	37	27	3
TRUCK	63	40	76	53	55	43	39	76	44	49	49	80	47	28	41	51	7

DAILY F.O.B. PRICES, SHIPPING POINT BASIS, BY DISTRICTS WITH SHIPMENTS

WESTERN ARIZONA

--- Jumbo Crates ---

Date	Shipments RL & TR	27's	36's	45's	Demand
June					
9	25	---	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	Moderate
10	25	---	12.00-14.00	10.00-11.00	Fairly Good
11	24	\$10.00-11.00	12.00-14.00	10.00-11.00	Good
14	28	10.00	12.00	10.00	Good
15	34	10.00	12.00	10.00	Good
16	31	10.00	12.00	F10.00-12.00	Very Good
17	43	10.00	12.00	F10.00-12.00	Very Good
18	45	10.00	12.00	F10.00-12.00	Very Good
21	59	10.00	12.00	F10.00	Good
22	65	10.00	12.00	F10.00	Best Good
23	70	9.00-10.00	11.00-12.00	F10.00	Best Good
24	64	8.00-10.00	10.00-12.00	F10.00	Light
25	58	8.00- 9.00	10.00-11.00	F9.00-10.00	Light
28	64	8.00	10.00	F9.00-10.00	Light
29	64	8.00-10.00	10.00-12.00	---	Fairly Light
30	56	7.00- 8.00	9.00-10.00	---	Moderate
July					
1	53	7.00- 8.00	9.00-10.00	---	Moderate
2	38	7.00- 8.00	9.00-10.00	---	Moderate
6	26	7.00- 8.00	10.00	---	Fairly Light
7	33	7.00	8.00	---	Good

--- FINAL REPORT ---

S=some
F=few

IMPERIAL VALLEY

--- Jumbo Crates ---

Date	Shipments RL & TR	27's	36's	45's	Demand
June					
7	46	---	18.00	16.00	Moderate
8	32	---	16.00	14.00	Moderate
9	57	---	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	Moderate
10	45	---	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	Good
11	47	10.00-12.00	12.00-14.00	10.00-11.00	Good
14	75	10.00	12.00	10.00-11.00	Good
15	74	10.00	12.00	10.00-11.00	Good
16	87	10.00	12.00	F10.00-11.00	Very Good
17	87	10.00	12.00	F10.00-11.00	Very Good
18	85	10.00	12.00	F10.00-11.00	Very Good
21	187	10.00	12.00	F10.00-11.00	Good
22	107	10.00	12.00	F10.00-11.00	Good
23	84	9.00-10.00	11.00-12.00	F10.00-11.00	Good
24	96	9.00-10.00	11.00-12.00	F10.00	Good
25	78	8.00-10.00	10.00-12.00	F9.00-10.00	Fairly Light
28	51	8.00-10.00	10.00-12.00	F9.00-10.00	Light
29	22	8.00-10.00	10.00-12.00	F9.00-10.00	Light

--- LAST REPORT ---

F=few

DAILY WHOLESALE PRICES FOR ARIZONA CANTALOUPE AND CARLOT ARRIVALS
(Generally Good Quality & Condition)

<u>BOSTON</u>					<u>CHICAGO</u>				
DATE	ARRIVALS		SALES	SALES	DATE	ARRIVALS		SALES	SALES
	RL	TR	(36s)	(27s)		RL	TR	(36s)	(27s)
June					June				
7	-	9	---	---	7	1	11	---	---
8	2	4	---	---	8	-	3	---	---
9	-	2	---	---	9	-	-	---	---
10	-	-	---	---	10	-	2	---	---
11	-	2	---	---	11	1	11	---	---
14	-	6	---	---	14	1	8	16.50-17.00	16.50-17.00
15	1	3	22.00	---	15	4	4	16.00-16.50	---
16	3	2	22.00	---	16	6	6	15.00-16.00	---
17	1	2	22.00	---	17	-	3	15.00-16.00	---
18	1	-	---	---	18	2	4	15.00	---
21	2	5	21.00	---	21	11	8	---	---
22	2	2	21.00	---	22	1	7	---	---
23	3	2	20.00	---	23	2	4	---	---
24	1	6	---	---	24	7	4	---	---
25	2	-	---	---	25	-	8	---	---
28	1	7	---	---	28	5	9	---	---
29	2	6	17.00-18.50	---	29	2	6	---	---
30	3	5	14.00-16.00	15.00-16.00	30	12	4	---	---
July					July				
1	3	4	14.00-16.00	---	1	6	5	---	---
2	3	2	---	---	2	4	4	---	---
5	HOLIDAY		---	---	5	HOLIDAY		---	---
6	4	5	14.00	---	6	15	6	---	---
7	7	-	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	7	8	4	---	---
8	15	2	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	8	5	1	---	---
9	-	2	13.00-15.00	---	9	6	1	---	---
12	6	6	16.00	15.00	12	3	3	---	---
13	8	-	---	---	13	3	1	---	---
14	6	-	---	---	14	8	2	---	---
15	4	2	---	---	15	8	-	---	---
16	2	1	---	---	16	6	4	---	---

<u>LOS ANGELES</u>					<u>NEW YORK</u>				
DATE	ARRIVALS		SALES	SALES	DATE	ARRIVALS		SALES	SALES
	RL	TR	(36s)	(27s)		RL	TR	(36s)	(27s)
June					June				
7	-	21	18.00-20.00	---	7	3	12	28.00-30.00	---
8	-	8	14.00-15.00	---	8	-	12	26.00-30.00	---
9	-	13	14.00-15.00	---	9	2	8	---	---
10	-	14	---	---	10	-	3	26.00-28.00	---
11	-	7	---	---	11	1	10	26.00	---
14	-	20	---	---	14	4	5	20.00-23.00	---
15	-	15	---	---	15	-	8	20.00	---
16	-	11	---	---	16	2	2	---	---
17	-	19	---	---	17	11	7	22.00	20.00
18	-	25	---	---	18	8	6	22.00	---
21	-	26	---	---	21	20	5	23.00	---
22	-	13	9.00-10.00	---	22	4	5	22.00	---
23	-	17	7.00-8.00	---	23	10	11	---	---
24	-	16	---	---	24	8	5	---	---
25	-	23	---	---	25	11	7	20.00-21.00	---
28	-	32	---	---	28	14	11	19.00-20.00	18.00
29	-	7	---	---	29	2	15	19.00-20.00	---
30	-	29	---	---	30	6	10	18.00-19.00	16.00
July					July				
1	-	23	---	---	1	5	8	18.00-19.00	---
2	-	29	---	---	2	13	16	---	---
5	HOLIDAY		---	---	5	HOLIDAY		---	---
6	-	43	---	---	6	29	8	15.00-16.00	15.00
7	-	26	---	---	7	23	14	14.00-15.00	12.50-13.00
8	-	10	---	---	8	34	10	---	---
9	-	29	---	---	9	20	15	---	---
12	-	32	---	---	12	44	12	---	---
13	-	18	---	---	13	35	11	---	---
14	-	19	---	---	14	9	7	---	---
15	-	21	---	---	15	18	4	17.00-18.00	16.00-17.00
16	-	20	---	---	16	4	7	---	---

YUMA MAXIMUM & MINIMUM TEMPERATURES & PRECIPITATION
 (Recorded at Yuma International Airport)
 March 1796 - July 1976

Date	March			April			May			June			July			
	Max	Min	Pr	Max	Min	Pr	Max	Min	Pr	Max	Min	Pr	Max	Min	Pr	
1	73	59	-	86	51	-	99	63	-	99	63	-	107	73	-	
2	66	51	-	88	52	-	101	64	-	101	65	-	104	69	-	
3	58	42	.02	86	57	-	90	69	-	99	71	-	102	76	-	
4	61	39	-	72	53	-	82	59	-	99	69	-	106	71	-	
5	64	49	-	70	47	-	83	62	-	99	68	-	110	77	-	
6	68	48	-	75	52	-	81	59	-	100	68	-	114	81	-	
7	71	43	-	82	49	-	72	58	.09	99	71	-	113	85	-	
8	72	44	-	84	57	-	82	55	-	98	66	-	108	87	-	
9	75	44	-	80	54	-	91	59	-	99	71	-	105	83	-	
10	69	49	-	85	50	-	95	65	-	84	65	-	100	83	T	
11	71	48	-	83	56	-	99	66	-	87	57	-	96	82	T	
12	69	47	-	71	58	-	106	67	-	94	62	-	102	79	-	
13	75	49	-	64	53	.08	104	71	-	101	67	-	102	81	-	
14	79	41	-	63	50	.25	106	66	-	102	67	-	105	79	-	
15	84	48	-	70	50	.06	102	69	-	104	68	-	106	80	-	
16	81	54	-	64	45	T	100	67	-	106	72	-	97	83	-	
17	81	53	-	71	45	-	101	72	-	105	69	-	98	82	T	
18	87	50	-	76	48	-	100	76	-	107	75	-	104	81	-	
19	79	53	-	83	51	-	99	75	-	109	76	-	104	77	-	
20	74	53	-	81	55	-	95	73	-	109	84	-				
21	84	53	-	95	60	-	94	68	-	108	82	-				
22	90	52	-	89	65	-	94	65	-	102	78	-				
23	88	51	-	87	60	-	98	64	-	105	72	-				
24	85	54	-	90	60	-	93	69	-	108	67	-				
25	86	57	-	93	61	-	91	62	-	110	69	-				
26	77	55	-	83	64	-	98	66	-	113	75	-				
27	80	52	-	85	56	-	101	68	-	114	74	-				
28	75	54	-	83	55	-	99	66	-	111	83	-				
29	77	51	-	87	56	-	88	66	-	111	78	-				
30	76	52	-	98	58	-	91	63	-	107	84	-				
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T - means trace of rain				Pr - means precipitation												

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF YUMA DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL WEATHER CONDITIONS

MARCH - March was cool and dry. Temperatures were much below normal the first of the month, then climbing to slightly above normal at midmonth. There were eight cold nights, but general protection was not required. The lowest temperature at survey stations was 28 at Dome Valley. Yuma, Mesa, Gadsden, and South Gila observed a low of 29. Total rainfall for the month was 0.02 inch which was 0.19 inch below normal.

APRIL - April was cool and wet. Total rainfall was 0.39 inch. Record low maximum temperature for the dates were set on the 13th, 14th, and 16th. Rainfall was the heaviest in April since 1965 when 1.20 inch was reported.

MAY - May was warm and wet. Total rainfall 0.09 inch. The maximum temperature of 72 on the 7th equaled the record low maximum for the date set in 1921 and 1964. Precipitation was the heaviest in May since 1965 with 0.37 inch.

JUNE - June was sunny, warm and dry. Minimum temperature of 84 on the 20th and 30th was a record hi minimum for those dates.

JULY - July (thru the 19th) was hot, sunny and dry. Temperatures were much above normal on the 5th thru the 9th and normal or below the remainder of the month thru the 19th. The 7th a minimum of 85 equaled a record high minimum for the date set in 1951 and 1959. The minimum of 87 on the 8th was the highest minimum for the date ever recorded.