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FOREWORD

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We wish to express our sincere appreciation to all segments of the industry for their cooperation and time which made these reports possible.

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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 includes both areas. Cantaloups grown in Parker-Poston but packed in Blythe are shown in Blythe figures, just as in past seasons.

ACREAGE: Western Arizona figures were up over the previous season. In the Yuma area Cantaloup acreage was set at 5,110 as compared to 3,926 acres for the 1976 season. This is still better than 600 acres over the last 5 year average.

GROWING CONDITIONS: Planting started in late January and continued into April. February was the warmest in 13 years. March was windier and cooler than normal. A low temperature of 24 degree's was reported in the Dome Valley and rainfall continued below normal. April weather was near normal except for a few cool temperatures. May daily high temperatures were the lowest in 100 years which resulted in slower growth. The months of June and July were near normal.

HARVESTING: In Yuma the first few crates were shipped on May 28th, however it was May 31st before the first truck shipment was reported. Parker's first shipment was billed on June 18th.

MARKETING: The FOB market for Western Arizona was first issued on June 13th with jumbo crates 36s at \$10.00. Jumbo 27s and 45s were reported at \$8.00. A year ago on June 14, 1976, the FOB on jumbo crate 36s was \$12.00 and 27s and 45s were \$10.00-11.00. Prices between June 15th and 21st maintained a \$9.00-10.00 level on 36s and \$8.00-9.00 level on 27s. Due to a heavy offering of 45 size from other completion areas, prices reflected a large decline. June 22nd and 23rd declined on jumbo 36s to \$8.00-9.00 levels. Prices dropped to \$8.00 on jumbo 36s and 27s on the 24th. Monday June 27th the market slipped again on 36s to \$6.00-7.00. July 5th the market level increased, closing out on the 7th at \$9.00 for jumbo 36s and \$7.00-8.00 for 27 size.

SHIPMENTS AND PRODUCTION: Shipments for Western Arizona District through July 19, 1977 was 602 rail and 1,491 carlot equivalents by truck for a total of 2,093. Although the season is not expected to finish until early August this is still 585 carlot equivalents greater than last season. The peak day of tonnage for Western Arizona was June 22th with 85 carlot equivalents. The heaviest week of the deal was the period ending June 25th with 509 carlot equivalents. The best yield in the Yuma area of 200 crates per acre was recorded. During the first three weeks sizes were heavy to 36s, then 45s, with limited offerings of 27 size. In late June the percentage shifted to heavy 27s, with increased offerings of 23s and decreasing volume of 36s. The yields in the Lower Yuma Valley was reportedly improved over last year. All Yuma shippers in the area packed in wooden jumbo crates. The major variety was 45. Some late acreage in Dome Valley was Top Mark and the yields and acceptance was good. Parker shipments were all in half-cartons. Both the 45 and Top Mark were shipped.

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.

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 31	-	1	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	88	-	44	-	138	
June 1	-	-	-	-	3	10	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	134	-	24	17	168
2	-	1	-	-	2	8	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	103	-	19	3	152
3	-	-	-	-	-	13	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	144	-	13	4	172
4	-	-	-	-	2	15	-	3	-	-	-	-	4	130	-	4	6	162
5	-	10	-	-	-	18	-	4	-	-	-	-	4	82	-	5	4	115
6	-	6	-	-	6	26	6	10	-	-	-	-	-	95	-	2	12	145
7	-	13	-	-	3	24	7	14	-	-	-	-	2	107	-	2	12	145
8	-	18	-	-	9	34	13	25	-	-	-	-	-	70	-	2	25	153
9	3	22	-	-	13	51	3	28	-	-	-	-	-	72	-	2	25	189
10	5	31	-	-	21	58	13	28	-	-	-	-	-	75	-	2	39	194
11	4	42	-	-	19	57	5	29	-	-	-	-	-	57	-	2	28	187
12	-	18	-	-	12	52	9	27	-	-	-	-	-	53	-	1	36	151
13	15	37	-	-	31	63	16	27	-	-	-	-	-	75	-	-	65	202
14	21	37	-	-	15	78	14	34	-	-	-	-	1	61	-	-	41	237
15	15	36	-	-	15	84	8	31	-	-	-	-	2	12	-	-	40	153
16	10	39	-	-	19	83	6	28	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	35	151
17	17	52	-	-	22	83	7	35	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	46	172
18	18	64	-	-	31	89	6	26	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	55	184
19	23	37	-	-	15	49	2	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	40	113
20	26	51	-	-	30	74	12	36	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	68	170
21	31	54	-	-	29	67	11	32	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	71	162
22	19	49	-	2	24	57	13	42	-	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	56	159
23	15	47	-	3	27	48	5	47	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	47	156
24	20	53	-	3	15	58	9	32	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	44	162
25	27	57	-	8	16	54	17	25	-	-	-	-	-	23	-	-	60	167
26	25	28	-	1	18	33	8	22	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	51	94
27	19	44	3	6	19	50	4	29	-	-	-	-	-	30	-	-	45	159
28	27	45	6	6	25	45	8	39	2	-	-	-	-	26	-	1	66	161
29	24	29	14	7	20	36	4	27	4	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	48	133
30	32	39	4	7	17	31	11	26	15	-	-	-	-	9	-	-	64	127
Total (1 day of May included)	413	996	13	50	478	1453	221	736	-	21	-	-	28	1552	-	123	1153	4928
July 1	24	40	-	9	16	25	8	31	8	22	-	-	-	11	-	1	56	139
2	19	31	2	7	8	9	3	25	8	24	-	-	-	9	-	2	40	107
3	19	13	1	4	1	2	14	16	7	13	-	-	-	9	-	1	42	57
4	17	19	1	4	3	5	4	21	10	37	-	-	-	5	-	1	35	92
5	10	31	5	12	5	7	4	18	41	35	-	-	-	7	-	1	65	111
6	4	28	2	11	1	8	-	19	9	36	-	-	-	8	-	2	16	112
7	4	23	-	12	-	-	-	13	9	30	-	-	-	10	-	1	13	89
8	6	30	1	10	2	5	-	12	7	38	1	12	-	16	-	2	17	125
9	8	26	1	10	-	-	-	9	9	29	-	21	-	10	-	1	18	106
10	12	23	1	6	-	-	-	3	14	16	4	22	-	3	-	2	31	75
11	6	34	1	8	2	2	-	4	5	24	6	32	-	6	-	1	20	111
12	7	31	1	9	-	-	-	9	8	21	6	34	-	15	-	5	21	120
13	8	28	2	15	-	-	-	1	10	14	9	29	-	15	-	2	29	104
14	7	24	1	11	-	2	-	4	8	14	8	42	-	18	-	2	24	117
15	9	29	-	9	-	-	-	-	9	16	10	40	-	16	-	3	28	113
16	5	21	-	5	-	-	-	-	11	14	10	53	-	15	-	1	26	109
17	8	25	-	3	-	-	-	-	13	10	13	36	-	12	-	1	34	87
18	9	20	-	12	-	-	-	-	4	10	15	60	-	14	-	3	28	119
19	7	19	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	10	13	76	-	16	-	3	20	132
Total	189	495	18	165	38	65	33	185	190	413	95	457	-	215	-	35	563	2026
	602	1491	31	215	516	1518	254	921	190	434	95	457	28	1767	-	158	1716	6954

* 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 - Westside is Central San Joaquin.

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
1963	15,913	2,372,523	149	May 20	June 11	238
1964	18,013	2,128,589	118	June 1	" 26	268
1965	14,909	1,806,971	121	" 1	" 15	229
1966	13,346	1,894,683	142	May 27	" 8	250
1967	9,049	1,229,717	136	" 27	July 4&5	87
1968	8,711	1,304,869	134	" 15	June 15	101
1969	10,154	1,511,863	149	" 27	" 21	163
1970	6,755	1,254,590	170	" 29	" 27	98
1971	7,202	1,476,471	205	June 1	June 21&28	147
1972	8,016	1,207,390	151	May 18	May 29	118
1973	5,882	1,033,466	176	" 29	June 12	83
1974	4,210	767,541	182	" 27	" 15*	82*
1975	3,823	617,396	161	June 5	July 7*	69*
1976	3,926	733,232	187	May 29	June 23*	70*
1977	5,110	1,026,004	200	May 28	June 20*	79*

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

TABLE NO. 3

15 YEAR RAIL AND TRUCK SHIPMENTS - YUMA AREA

DATE	SHIPMENTS		SEASONS TOTAL	DATE	SHIPMENTS		SEASONS TOTAL
	RAIL	TRUCK			RAIL	TRUCK	
1963	3,742	1,874	5,616	1970	1,337	713	2,050
1964	3,273	1,742	5,015	1971	1,757	747	1,947
1965	2,862	1,379	4,041	1972	1,200	747	1,947
1966	2,609	1,104	3,913	1973	1,074	611	1,685
1967	1,534	812	2,346	1974	673	551	1,224
1968	1,757	731	2,488	1975	332	649	981
1969	2,085	713	2,798	1976	294	892	1,186

Truck carlot equivalent for the years 1961-65 basis 400, 1966-70 basis 500, 1971 to present basis 600.
 ADD ABOVE: 1977 502 1,146 1,648

TABLE NO. 4

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

JUNE	6	7	8	9	10	13	14	15	16	17	20	21	22	23	24	27	28
Arrivals	6	1	10	15	8	27	11	13	18	14	51	34	35	29	23	50	49
Unloads/Div.	5	4	--	4	11	21	17	10	25	16	38	22	37	32	29	13	24
ON TRACK	7	4	14	25	22	28	22	25	18	16	29	41	39	36	30	67	92
Truck	96	111	69	82	59	80	84	69	80	79	131	76	72	98	93	100	58

JUNE	29	30	1	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	14	15	18	19	20	21	22
Arrivals	60	13	35	86	37	71	32	78	57	24	16	12	30	29	33	12	12
Unloads/Div.	42	37	48	73	55	48	55	51	56	38	**	**	39	28	32	25	24
ON TRACK	110	86	73	86	68	91	68	95	96	82	32	55	46	47	48	35	23
Truck	70	103	83	111	81	89	51	102	78	58	53	66	77	63	63	69	79

** ONLY 15 CITIES UNLOADS UNAVAILABLE

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					
13	55	8.00	10.00	8.00	Good
14	48	8.00-9.00	10.00	7.00-8.00	Good, 45's Light
15	51	8.00-9.00	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00	Good, 45's FairlyLight
16	49	8.00-9.00	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00	Good
17	59	8.00-9.00	9.00-10.00	7.00-7.50	Good, 45's FairlyGood
20	77	8.00-9.00	9.00-10.00	6.00-7.00	Good, 45's FairlyLight
21	55	8.00-9.00	9.00-10.00	6.00-6.50	36 FairlyGood, 45Light
22	68	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	6.00-6.50	Fairly Good
23	62	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.00	5.00-6.00	Moderate
24	73	8.00	8.00	5.00-6.00	Fairly Light
27	63	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00	Light
28	72	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00	Light
29	53	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	----	Light
30	71	5.50-6.50	6.00-7.00	----	Fairly Light
July					
1	64	5.50-6.00	6.00-7.00	----	Improved
5	41	6.00-7.00	7.00-8.00	----	Fairly Good
6	32	7.00	8.00	----	Good
7	27	7.00-8.00	9.00	----	Very Good

-- FINAL REPORT --

IMPERIAL VALLEY

-- Jumbo Crates --

Date	Shipments RL & TR	27's	36's	45's	Demand
June					
7	27	11.00-12.00	12.00-14.00	12.00-13.00	Fairly Light
8	43	10.00	12.00	12.00	Good
9	64	8.00-10.00	10.00-12.00	8.00-10.00	Fairly Good
10	79	8.00	10.00	8.00	Good
13	94	8.00	10.00	7.00-8.00	Good, 45's FairlyLight
14	93	8.00	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00	Good, 45's Light
15	99	8.00	9.00-10.00	7.00	Good, 45's FairlyLight
16	102	8.00	10.00	7.00	Good
17	105	8.00	10.00	7.00	Good
20	104	----	10.00	6.00-7.00	Good, 45's FairlyLight
21	96	----	9.00-10.00	6.00-7.00	Good, 45's Light
22	81	----	9.00-10.00	6.00-6.50	Fairly Good, 45's Light
23	75	----	9.00	6.00	Fairly Light
24	73	----	----	----	----
27	69	7.00-8.00	7.00-9.00	6.00	Light, 45's Good
28	67	6.50-7.00	6.00-8.00	----	Light, 45's Good
29	56	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	----	Light, 45's Good
30	48	6.00-6.50	6.00-7.00	6.00-6.50	Fairly Light
July					
1	41	6.00-6.50	6.00-7.00	6.00-6.50	Fairly Good

-- LAST REPORT --

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

BOSTON					CHICAGO				
DATE	ARRIVALS RL	TR	SALES (36s)	SALES (45s)	DATE	ARRIVALS RL	TR	SALES (36s)	SALES (45s)
June					June				
3	1	4	----	----	3	--	11	----	----
6	--	9	----	----	6	1	15	----	----
7	--	14	----	----	7	--	27	----	----
8	1	5	----	----	8	3	12	----	----
9	1	7	-----	-----	9	1	19	----	----
10	2	2	17.00-18.00	17.00-18.00	10	--	9	----	----
13	3	3	----	----	13	--	--	----	----
14	1	4	----	----	14	2	3	----	----
15	--	3	18.00	----	15	3	6	----	----
16	2	6	----	----	16	4	2	----	----
17	1	1	----	----	17	7	14	----	----
20	--	1	----	----	20	26	15	16.00	----
21	8	4	----	----	21	--	11	16.00	14.00
22	7	4	----	----	22	18	10	15.00-15.50	12.50-13.00
23	2	6	----	----	23	11	8	----	----
24	5	2	----	----	24	11	5	13.00-14.00	11.00-12.00
27	2	4	----	----	27	11	7	12.00-13.00	11.00
28	14	3	----	----	28	8	4	10.00-11.00	9.50-10.00
29	6	6	13.00-14.00	10.00-11.00	29	12	6	10.00	9.00-9.50
30	3	6	13.00-14.00	10.00-11.00	30	3	9	9.00-10.00	9.00
July					July				
1	9	2	----	----	1	1	5	----	----
5	9	1	----	----	5	11	4	----	----
6	15	6	----	----	6	6	9	----	----
7	--	--	----	----	7	9	7	----	----
8	7	1	----	----	8	6	3	14.00	----

LOS ANGELES					NEW YORK				
DATE	ARRIVALS RL	TR	SALES (36s)	SALES (45s)	DATE	ARRIVALS RL	TR	SALES (36s)	SALES (45s)
June					June				
3	--	6	15.00-16.00	15.00-16.00	3	--	33	----	----
6	--	15	12.00-14.00	12.00-14.00	6	1	10	----	----
7	--	13	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	7	1	12	----	----
8	--	7	----	----	8	2	6	22.00	----
9	--	16	----	----	9	4	6	----	----
10	--	25	----	----	10	2	9	----	----
13	--	27	----	----	13	--	2	----	----
14	--	27	9.00-10.00	8.00-9.00	14	4	18	17.00	----
15	--	14	9.00-10.00	8.00-9.00	15	3	8	----	----
16	--	16	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	16	--	8	----	----
17	--	24	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	17	4	--	----	----
20	--	50	----	7.00-9.00	20	12	7	18.00	13.00
21	--	51	----	7.00-9.00	21	--	12	17.00	13.00-14.00
22	--	17	----	5.00-6.00	22	8	10	16.00	13.00-13.50
23	--	20	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00	23	9	13	15.00-16.00	13.00
24	--	--	----	----	24	12	16	15.00-16.00	----
27	--	28	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00	27	33	12	14.00-16.00	10.00-11.00
28	--	32	----	----	28	17	13	13.00-15.00	9.00-10.00
29	--	18	6.00-8.00	6.00-8.00	29	30	8	12.00-14.00	10.00
30	--	22	----	----	30	1	17	13.00	9.00-10.00
July					July				
1	--	27	----	5.00-7.00	1	--	--	----	----
5	--	23	----	----	5	42	5	----	----
6	--	39	----	----	6	10	18	12.50-14.00	----
7	--	26	----	----	7	33	12	----	----
8	--	13	----	----	8	5	15	----	----

YUMA MAXIMUM & MINIMUM TEMPERATURES & PRECIPITATION
 (Recorded at Yuma International Airport)
 March 1977 - July 1977

Date	March			April			May			June			July		
	Max	Min	Pr	Max	Min	Pr	Max	Min	Pr	Max	Min	Pr	Max	Min	Pr
1	70	48	-	70	46	-	86	60	-	108	74	-	106	80	-
2	65	40	-	68	49	T	91	59	-	107	74	-	105	81	-
3	67	38	-	73	41	-	88	64	-	105	71	-	102	83	T
4	69	43	-	81	44	-	83	60	-	107	73	-	103	77	-
5	71	50	-	89	49	-	84	60	-	104	81	-	103	77	-
6	74	41	-	94	53	-	76	59	-	105	78	-	106	70	-
7	78	44	-	94	60	-	73	58	T	106	74	-	109	80	-
8	81	54	-	93	57	-	83	62	-	101	74	.02	109	81	-
9	84	50	-	89	58	-	77	59	T	101	76	T	108	81	-
10	68	53	-	78	56	-	78	53	-	95	69	-	106	83	-
11	72	45	-	82	57	-	84	55	-	97	68	-	107	81	-
12	75	42	-	87	53	-	76	58	-	99	70	-	107	81	-
13	73	46	-	91	57	-	75	59	T	101	67	-	107	76	-
14	69	48	-	83	59	-	82	56	-	103	71	-	107	76	.02
15	74	40	-	87	57	-	84	55	-	106	66	-	107	83	-
16	73	47	-	87	58	-	83	57	-	109	69	-	110	84	-
17	72	45	-	92	57	-	79	53	-	107	78	-	110	88	-
18	68	48	-	92	59	-	82	56	-	102	74	-	102	88	-
19	75	42	-	88	62	-	84	54	-	101	71	-	107	83	-
20	79	46	-	89	49	-	92	57	-	99	70	-			
21	84	48	-	91	53	-	96	62	-	99	73	-			
22	86	50	-	91	59	-	98	62	-	100	69	-			
23	81	58	-	98	57	-	84	64	-	105	74	-			
24	72	52	-	95	63	-	78	57	.02	109	76	-			
25	64	47	.04	97	63	-	82	60	-	109	82	-			
26	65	40	-	96	63	-	87	60	-	108	76	-			
27	81	45	-	90	68	-	91	64	-	109	74	-			
28	75	53	-	85	60	-	96	64	-	111	80	-			
29	70	49	-	91	61	-	97	63	-	113	81	-			
30	73	44	-	90	59	-	100	65	-	106	82	-			
31	68	48	-				105	67	-						
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T - means trace of rain			Pr - means precipitation												

MONTHLY SUMMARY OF YUMA DISTRICT AGRICULTURAL WEATHER CONDITIONS

MARCH - March was sunnier, windier, and cooler than normal, equalling March 1973 as the coolest March since the station was moved to the airport in 1948. There were 9 cold nights with general protection required 3 nights in one or more subdistricts. The lowest temperatures were 24 at Dome Valley, 26 at Yuma Mesa North and 27 at South Gila And Yuma Valley. Rainfall occurred one day totalling .04 inches, .17 inches below normal.

APRIL - The first four days were very cool with low temperatures in the mid 30s in agriculture areas. The remainder of the month average slightly above normal but very dry with the trace of rain leaving a deficiency of .11 inches from normal.

MAY - The average maximum temperatures was the lowest for any May in the 100 years of record & even lower than the previous month. The mean temperature, only one degree above the previous record delayed many field crops.

JUNE - June reversed a trend toward cooler than normal temperatures, but was on the whole, a nearly normal month with no meteorological events of significance.

JULY - (thru the 19) Temperatures average less than one degree above normal for the first 19 days of July. Varying monsoon moisture resulted in large swings in minimum temperatures. Poston had a low of 85 on the 1st, and 63 6 days later on the 7th. The airport meanwhile had record high minimum of 88 on the 17th & 18th breaking previous records by one degree.