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BENTON HARBOR CASH MARKET  
FRUIT & VEGETABLE SUMMARY  
1944 Season June 1 to November 5

Grand Rapids, Michigan  
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Growing conditions were rather favorable for most crops in the Western Michigan fruit and vegetable section for the 1944 season. The drought and high temperatures during the first part of August were rather damaging but rains late in the month benefited all commodities. The large crop of peaches was of generally good quality especially the late varieties. Apples also were of fairly good quality, the principal defect being insect damage and some fruit failed to size properly due to dry weather. Tomatoes, grapes, and pears were of average quality. There was considerable shortage of labor in harvesting the crops which accounted for a decrease in volume compared to pre-war years.

The volume of produce handled over the market amounted to 6,050 carlot equivalents which is 20% more than the 1943 volume of 4,866 carlot equivalents and 21% under the ten year (1933-42) average of 7,707 carlot equivalents. Peaches accounted for the largest volume with 2,658 carlot equivalents, apples were second with 1,150, tomatoes third with 577, grapes fourth with 539, and pears fifth with 388 carlot equivalents.

Total cash returns amounted to \$7,568,691 which is 5% less than the 1943 returns of \$8,007,736. The previous ten year average is \$3,979,537.

Total number of packages handled over the market amounted to 3,966,762 and compares to the 1943 total of 3,806,073 and 6,005,180 for the ten year average.

Growers loads showed a slight decrease from that of 1943, this season's total being 88,445 and compares to 90,305 for 1943 and 118,952 for the ten year average.

5,271 tickets were sold to day buyers making purchases over the market and compare to 4,490 for last year and 8,120 for the ten year average.

(Season)	(Growers Loads)	(Day Buyers)	(Total Packages)	(Carlot Equivalents)	(Total Value)
1931	102,285	9,190	4,837,758	7,162	\$2,822,285
1932	123,351	11,351	7,210,159	9,412	2,970,235
1933	112,154	8,877	6,073,222	6,798	2,633,673
1934	131,392	10,728	6,909,774	8,183	3,798,401
1935	121,245	9,501	6,412,766	8,049	3,137,215
1936	131,963	9,489	5,891,711	8,251	4,780,731
1937	133,361	8,875	7,151,661	8,921	4,354,147
1938	98,339	5,614	3,679,942	5,469	3,137,595
1939	134,199	8,786	7,052,263	9,370	3,785,854
1940	113,681	6,332	6,224,333	7,258	3,749,664
1941	108,653	6,894	5,333,029	7,690	4,256,035
1942	108,035	6,103	5,323,041	7,078	6,162,056
1943	90,305	4,490	3,806,073	4,866	8,007,736
1944	88,445	5,271	3,966,762	6,050	7,568,691

(Season)	(Carlot Equiv.)	(Avg.)	(Tot. Value)	(Season)	(Carlot Equiv.)	(Avg.)	(Total Value)
<u>A P P L E S:</u>				<u>C A N T A L O U P S:</u>			
1931	853	\$.71bu.	\$311,520	1931	688	\$.76 crt.	\$210,000
1932	905	.74	334,999	1932	712	.61	99,622
1933	1,123	.74	430,707	1933	639	.58	149,371
1934	1,497	.82	633,689	1934	368	.80	120,533
1935	1,165	.61	366,675	1935	445	.64	113,535
1936	1,806	1.02	950,231	1936	409	.67	109,514
1937	1,276	.55	367,340	1937	246	.80	137,974
1938	1,101	.90	520,050	1938	258	.55	99,187
1939	1,839	.53	511,642	1939	314	.53	116,360
1940	1,021	.82	439,564	1940	236	.95	156,629
1941	1,225	1.00	642,877	1941	286	.98	196,524
1942	1,540	1.28	1,034,899	1942	211	1.32	194,612
1943	1,060	2.55	1,419,238	1943	94	2.43	159,782
1944	1,150	2.42	1,461,445	1944	109	2.10	160,528
<u>P E A C H E S:</u>				<u>T O M A T O E S:</u>			
1931	1,170	.70bu.	\$336,000	1931	500	.61 pkg.	\$213,500
1932	1,685	.42	557,980	1932	690	.34 (mostly)	163,428
1933	91	1.79	65,425	1933	1,047	.50 12 qts)	367,250
1934	801	1.63	524,478	1934	853	.63	377,520
1935	1,692	.92	625,874	1935	912	.42	264,921
1936	1,668	1.61	1,073,976	1936	1,067	.66	490,515
1937	2,587	1.08	1,117,445	1937	1,009	.50	403,644
1938	1,283	1.35	694,532	1938	980	.45	352,767
1939	2,583	.68	702,660	1939	762	.42	336,229
1940	1,304	1.25	697,052	1940	671	.48	338,434
1941	2,656	.66	1,135,158	1941	683	.58	416,197
1942	1,844	2.05	1,512,412	1942	736	.74	571,901
1943	1,133	4.40	2,029,453	1943	678	.97	690,307
1944	2,658	2.53	2,689,465	1944	577	.87	527,094
<u>P E A R S:</u>				<u>S T R A W B E R R I E S:</u>			
1931	125	\$.98bu.	\$ 49,100	1931	430	\$1.77 crt.	\$434,797
1932	404	.75	119,331	1932	-	(16 qts)	-
1933	206	1.02	84,212	1933	477	1.01	245,720
1934	774	.82	253,501	1934	174	1.69	152,285
1935	280	.96	106,921	1935	560	1.24	360,883
1936	588	.85	202,123	1936	282	1.88	380,994
1937	201	.93	93,507	1937	638	1.80	693,720
1938	326	.75	123,114	1938	255	2.10	300,750
1939	373	.82	152,845	1939	785	1.20	527,401
1940	307	.95	145,696	1940	895	1.20	601,183
1941	381	.83	158,022	1941	546	1.73	529,149
1942	249	1.57	195,490	1942	542	2.16	655,704
1943	138	3.05	210,908	1943	348	4.40	855,276
1944	388	1.91	370,503	1944	88	5.00	247,515
<u>G R A P E S:</u>				<u>P L U M S:</u>			
1931	1,328	4 qts \$1.12	\$512,308	1931	-	-	-
1932	2,885	.08	537,518	1932	-	-	-
1933	1,786	.12	523,845	1933	126	\$.84 1/2 bu.	\$62,926
1934	1,837	.12	657,790	1934	132	.86	79,353
1935	1,643	.11	460,849	1935	119	.84	59,853
1936	820	.16	431,205	1936	113	.95	74,414
1937	1,800	.12	501,713	1937	147	.95	89,283
1938	124	.25	74,580	1938	87	.86	49,974
1939	1,375	.12	392,816	1939	166	1.15	76,440
1940	1,542	.12	424,803	1940	155	1.45	89,825
1941	617	.18	333,348	1941	165	.70	92,649
1942	904	.24	581,753	1942	102	1.23	100,695
1943	487	.43	626,289	1943	63	2.90	145,333
1944	539	.45	674,773	1944	65	2.30	119,413

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COMMODITY AND USUAL CONTAINER	: Packages :	Avg. Value :	Total Value :	Carlot Equivalents#
	: per package :	per package :	for Season :	
Apples (Bushels)	603,903	\$2.42	\$1,461,445.26	1,150
Beans - Green & Wax (Bu.-12-qt.)	6,916	.90	6,224.40	4
" - Lima (12-qt.)	24,737	1.48	36,610.76	15
" - Romain (Cranberry) (12-qt.)	3,569	1.37	4,889.53	2
Beets (Doz. & bu.)	489	1.50	733.50	1
Berries - Black (16-qt. crates)	1,156	4.70	5,433.20	2
" - Black Rasp. (24-pt. crates)	81,281	4.80	390,148.80	11
" - Blue (16-qt. crates)	6,849	7.48	51,230.52	12
" - Dew (16-qt. crates)	45,742	4.50	205,839.00	82
" - Goose (16-qt. crates)	756	3.80	2,872.80	1
" - Red Rasp. (24-pt. crates)	43,408	5.45	236,573.60	58
" - Straw (16-qt. crates)	49,503	5.00	247,515.00	88
Cabbage (Bulk per bu.)	6,211	.75	4,658.25	10
Cantaloups (Crates 9x9,10x10,11x11, 12x12, bu. & 12-qt.)	76,442	2.10	160,528.20	109
Carrots (Doz. & Bu.)	308	1.25	385.00	3/5
Cauliflower (Doz. - Crt.)	4,735	1.72	8,144.20	12
Celery (Doz. & Crt.)	34,541	.65	22,451.65	2
Celery Cabbage (Doz. & Crt.)	50	1.00	50.00	1/12
Cherries - Sour (16 qt. crates)	15,357	3.00	46,071.00	20
" - Sweet (16 qt. crates)	11,618	4.85	56,347.30	16
Cider (per gallon bulk)	1,027	.60	616.20	1/2
Corn, - Green, Sweet (doz.-bu.)	9,781	.25	2,445.25	3/8
Cucumbers (12-qt.)	76,857	.73	55,959.61	64
Currants (16-qt. crates)	16,516	3.75	61,935.00	30
Eggplant (Bushels)	9,260	1.42	13,149.20	15
Grapes (4 qts.)	191,564	.45	86,203.80	53
" (12-qts.)	582,742	1.01	588,569.42	486
Lettuce (Bushels)	283	1.25	353.75	1/2
Onions (10-lb sacks)	19,372	.33	6,392.76	8
" (50-lb sacks)	7,956	1.40	11,138.40	16
Peaches (Bushels)	1,063,030	2.53	2,689,465.90	2658
Pears (Bushels)	193,981	1.91	370,503.71	388
Peppers (Bu., 12-qts., & 4qts.)	52,082	.48	24,999.36	33
Plums (half-bushels)	51,919	2.30	119,413.70	65
Potatoes (Bu., 100-lb. & bulk)	3,145	2.50	7,862.50	9
" Sweet (Bushels)	1,676	2.40	4,022.40	3
Quince (Bushels)	1,558	2.71	4,222.18	3
Radishes (Doz., Bunch., Bushels)	587	.60	352.20	3/4
Rhubarb (Doz.)	90	.80	72.00	1/7
Spinach (Bushels)	103	1.50	154.50	1/7
Squash (Bushels)	2,964	1.42	4,208.88	6
Tomatoes (4-qts., 12-qts., 6 & 8 bsks)	605,856	.87	527,094.72	577
Watermelons (each)	35,722	.75	26,791.50	36
Turnips (Bushels)	854	1.00	854.00	2
Miscellaneous (in chart below)	20,466	-	13,758.09	-
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>3,966,762</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$7,568,691.00</b>	<b>6,050</b>

Miscellaneous - commodities not listed above:

COMMODITY AND USUAL CONTAINER	: Packages :	Avg. per Season :	Value :	COMMODITY AND USUAL CONTAINER	: Packages :	Avg. per Season :	Value :
Apricots (16-qts)	63	\$2.75	\$173.25	Lemons (crates)	71	\$8.10	\$575.10
Asparagus (24-bunch crt)	87	2.00	174.00	Nuts-Chestnuts (1b)	49	.30	14.70
Beans (Lima shelled case)	7	6.00	42.00	" - Hickory (bu.)	56	3.00	168.00
Berries - Boysen (24-pts)	98	6.00	588.00	" - Walnut (bu.)	10	2.00	20.00
" - Elder (12-qts)	5	.75	3.75	" - Pecans (1b.)	1	.35	.35
" - Logan (16-qts)	20	4.70	94.00	Okra (12-qts.)	123	1.25	153.75
Cranberries (1/2 crates)	7	7.50	52.50	Oranges (boxes)	226	6.50	1,469.00
Corn-pop (1b.)	365	.14	51.10	Parsley (doz.)	13	.80	10.40
Dill (Doz. Bu.)	1,345	.75	1,008.75	Peas (12-qts.)	152	2.50	380.00
Eggs (Doz.)	4,343	.38	1,650.34	Plants (tomatoes)	800	.01 1/2	12.00
Gladiola (Doz.)	8,105	.30	2,431.50	Pumpkins (each)	1,258	.20	251.60
Grapes (crates)	315	3.75	1,181.25	Syrup, Sorghum	745	1.75	1,303.75
Grapefruit (crates)	65	4.50	292.50	Butternuts (Bu.)	10	2.00	20.00
Honey (1-lb jars & combs)	654	.25	163.50				
" (5-lbs.)	1,473	1.00	1,473.00	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>20,466</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>\$13,758.09</b>

Notes:

(#) Packages reduced to carlot basis U. S. D. A., AMS conversion tables from "Factors for use in Fruit and Vegetable Offices in Cities east of the Rocky Mountains for converting truck, boat, and l.c.l. receipts of fruits and vegetables to carlots, issued effective beginning Jan. 1, 1937."

Package count furnished by Market Master. Prices prior to August 1 furnished by Market Master.

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