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BENTON HARBOR CASH MARKET
FRUIT & VEGETABLE SUMMARY
1946 Season May 26 to November 5

Benton Harbor, Michigan
Friday, Dec. 13, 1946

The 1946 Benton Harbor Cash Market was very active despite drought conditions which prevailed during the growing season. Peaches, apples, tomatoes, and grapes, the most important commodities, were of generally good quality and condition throughout the season.

The volume of produce handled over the Market amounted to 7,493 carlot equivalents, and compares to the 1945 total of 4,823, and to the previous 10-year (1935-44) average of 7,300. Peaches accounted for the largest volume with 3,613 cars, apples were second with 1,507 cars, tomatoes third with 569 cars, and grapes fourth with 489 cars. This year's volume compares favorably with previous active years, and the all time high was established in 1932 with 9,412 cars.

Total cash returns amounted to \$9,361,540, and compares to \$4,972,889 in 1945, and to the previous 10-year average of \$4,893,972. This year's total cash value is the highest on record, exceeding the previous high of \$8,007,736 in 1943 by \$1,353,804.

Total number of packages handled over the Market amounted to 4,601,900, and compares to 2,659,914 in 1945, and to the previous 10-year average of 5,484,158 packages.

Growers loads for 1946 totaled 92,627, and compares to 59,197 for 1945, and 112,473 for the previous 10-year average.

6,537 tickets were sold to day buyers making purchases over the Market, and compares to 4,074 for 1945, and 7,136 for the previous 10-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 | 6,073,282 | 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 | 96,839 | 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 | 106,035 | 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 |
| 1945 | 59,197 | 4,074 | 2,659,914 | 4,823 | 4,972,889 |
| 1946 | 92,627 | 6,537 | 4,601,900 | 7,493 | 9,361,540 |

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|---------------------|-----------------|----------|---------------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------|---------------|
| A P P L E S: | | | | C A N T A L O U P E S: | | | |
| 1935 | 1,165 | \$.61bu. | \$ 366,675 | 1935 | 445 | \$.84crt. | \$ 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 |
| 1945 | 33 | 3.70 | 63,769 | 1945 | 82 | 1.95 | 112,113 |
| 1946 | 1,507 | 2.06 | 1,630,092 | 1946 | 124 | 1.91 | 166,404 |

| P E A C H E S: | | | | T O M A T O E S: | | | |
|-----------------------|-------|----------|------------|-------------------------|-------|----------|---------|
| 1935 | 1,692 | \$.92bu. | \$ 625,874 | 1935 | 912 | .42(12- | 264,921 |
| 1936 | 1,668 | 1.61 | 1,073,976 | 1936 | 1,067 | .66 qts) | 490,515 |
| 1937 | 2,587 | 1.08 | 1,117,445 | 1937 | 1,009 | .50 | 403,644 |
| 1938 | 1,286 | 1.35 | 694,532 | 1938 | 980 | .45 | 352,767 |
| 1939 | 2,583 | .68 | 702,660 | 1939 | 762 | .42 | 336,229 |
| 1940 | 1,394 | 1.25 | 697,052 | 1940 | 671 | .48 | 338,434 |
| 1941 | 2,956 | .96 | 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 |
| 1945 | 3,575 | 2.10 | 3,002,974 | 1945 | 515 | .98 | 530,428 |
| 1946 | 3,613 | 2.18 | 3,150,839 | 1946 | 569 | 1.26 | 752,139 |

| P E A R S: | | | | S T R A W B E R R I E S: | | | |
|-------------------|-----|----------|------------|---------------------------------|-----|------------|---------|
| 1935 | 280 | \$.96bu. | \$ 106,921 | 1935 | 560 | \$1.24(16- | 360,883 |
| 1936 | 588 | .86 | 202,123 | 1936 | 282 | 1.88 qts) | 380,994 |
| 1937 | 201 | .93 | 93,507 | 1937 | 688 | 1.80 | 693,720 |
| 1938 | 326 | .75 | 122,114 | 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 |
| 1945 | 33 | 2.50 | 41,080 | 1945 | 72 | 5.76 | 232,882 |
| 1946 | 161 | 2.31 | 186,308 | 1946 | 243 | 7.14 | 973,060 |

| G R A P E S: | | | | P L U M S: | | | | |
|---------------------|-------|-----------|------------|-------------------|------|-----|------------|---------|
| 1935 | 1,643 | 4-qts .11 | 12-qts .18 | \$ 460,849 | 1935 | 119 | \$.84(1/2- | 59,853 |
| 1936 | 820 | .16 | .35 | 431,205 | 1936 | 113 | .95 bu.) | 74,414 |
| 1937 | 1,800 | .12 | .21 | 501,713 | 1937 | 147 | .95 | 89,283 |
| 1938 | 124 | .25 | .45 | 74,560 | 1938 | 87 | .86 | 49,974 |
| 1939 | 1,375 | .12 | .21 | 392,816 | 1939 | 166 | 1.15 | 76,440 |
| 1940 | 1,542 | .12 | .20 | 424,803 | 1940 | 155 | 1.45 | 89,825 |
| 1941 | 617 | .18 | .42 | 333,348 | 1941 | 165 | .70 | 92,649 |
| 1942 | 904 | .24 | .50 | 581,753 | 1942 | 102 | 1.23 | 100,695 |
| 1943 | 487 | .43 | 1.04 | 626,289 | 1943 | 63 | 2.90 | 145,333 |
| 1944 | 539 | .45 | 1.01 | 674,773 | 1944 | 65 | 2.30 | 119,413 |
| 1945 | 147 | .51 | 1.43 | 254,126 | 1945 | 66 | 2.51 | 132,372 |
| 1946 | 489 | .53 | 1.26 | 765,103 | 1946 | 150 | 1.60 | 192,033 |

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| COMMODITY AND USUAL CONTAINER | Packages | Avg. Value per package | Total Value for Season | Carlot Equivalents # |
|--|------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Apples (Bushels) | 791,307 | \$2.06 | \$ 1,630,092.42 | 1507 |
| Beans - Green & Wax (12-qt.) | 3,838 | .87 | 3,339.06 | 2 |
| " - Lima (12-qt.) | 24,395 | 1.58 | 38,544.10 | 15 |
| " - Romaine (Cranberry) (12-qt.) | 3,170 | 1.55 | 4,913.50 | 2 |
| Beets (Doz.) | 167 | .60 | 100.20 | -- |
| Berries - Black (16-qt. crates) | 1,587 | 4.76 | 7,554.12 | 3 |
| " - Black Rasp. (24-pt. crates) | 60,191 | 5.79 | 348,505.89 | 80 |
| " - Blue (16-qt. crates) | 8,769 | 7.09 | 62,172.21 | 16 |
| " - Dew (16-qt. crates) | 29,237 | 5.49 | 160,511.13 | 52 |
| " - Goose (16-qt. crates) | 1,458 | 4.67 | 6,808.86 | 3 |
| " - Red Rasp. (24-pt. crates) | 49,346 | 7.00 | 345,422.00 | 66 |
| " - Straw (16-qt. crates) | 136,283 | 7.14 | 973,060.62 | 243 |
| Broccoli (Doz.) | 1 | 1.00 | 1.00 | -- |
| Cabbage (Bu.) | 4,019 | 1.00 | 4,019.00 | 7 |
| Cantaloupes (Crates 9x9, 10x10, 11x11, 12x12, & Bushels) | 87,123 | 1.91 | 166,404.93 | 124 |
| Carrots (Doz.) | 763 | .90 | 686.70 | --1/10 |
| Cauliflower (Crates) | 8,685 | 1.26 | 10,943.10 | 23 |
| Celery (Doz. & Crts.) | 31,065 | .34 | 10,562.10 | 14 |
| Celery Cabbage (Doz.) | 58 | 1.00 | 58.00 | -- |
| Cherries - Sour (16-qt. crates) | 35,461 | 4.55 | 161,347.55 | 47 |
| " - Sweet (16-qt. crates) | 13,387 | 5.48 | 73,360.76 | 18 |
| Corn - Green, sweet (Doz.) | 14,168 | .25 | 3,542.00 | 6 |
| Cucumbers (Bu.-12-qt.) | 117,279 | .68 | 79,749.72 | 98 |
| Currants (16-qt. crates) | 5,793 | 4.24 | 24,562.32 | 10 |
| Eggplant (Bushels) | 8,215 | 1.62 | 13,308.30 | 14 |
| Grapes (4-qts) | 230,033 | .53 | 121,917.49 | 64 |
| " (12-qts) | 510,465 | 1.26 | 643,185.90 | 425 |
| Lettuce (Bushels) | 556 | 1.50 | 834.00 | 1 |
| Onions (10-lb sacks) | 8,521 | .30 | 2,556.30 | 3 |
| " (50-lb sacks) | 9,652 | .90 | 8,686.80 | 19 |
| Peaches (Bushels) | 1,445,339 | 2.18 | 3,150,839.02 | 3613 |
| Pears (Bushels) | 80,653 | 2.31 | 186,308.43 | 161 |
| Peppers (Bu.-12-qts) | 26,968 | .63 | 16,989.84 | 17 |
| Plums (Half-bushels) | 120,021 | 1.60 | 192,033.60 | 150 |
| Potatoes - White (100-lb sacks) | 12,608 | 2.75 | 34,041.60 | 35 |
| " - Sweet (Bushels) | 756 | 2.40 | 1,814.40 | 1 |
| Quince (Bushels) | 3,611 | 1.99 | 7,185.89 | 7 |
| Radishes (Doz.) | 416 | .60 | 249.60 | -- |
| Rhubarb (Bushels) | 18 | 1.25 | 22.50 | -- |
| Spinach (Bushels) | 225 | 1.50 | 337.50 | --3/10 |
| Squash (Bushels) | 1,411 | 1.50 | 2,116.50 | 3 |
| Tomatoes (4-qts, 12-qts, 8-bskt crates) | 596,936 | 1.26 | 752,139.36 | 569 |
| Turnips (Bushels) | 435 | 1.00 | 435.00 | --7/10 |
| Watermelons (each) | 73,717 | .75 | 55,287.75 | 74 |
| Miscellaneous (in chart below) | 43,794 | | 54,989.22 | |
| GRAND TOTAL | 4,601,900 | | \$9,361,540.29 | 7493 1/10 |

Miscellaneous - commodities not listed above:

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| Apricots (Lugs) | 919 | \$2.25 | \$2,087.75 | Lemons (Crates) | 199 | \$8.10 | \$1,611.90 |
| Asparagus (Doz.) | 74 | 1.50 | 111.00 | Limes (Boxes) | 12 | 2.00 | 24.00 |
| Beans, Navy (Lb.) | 2,930 | .15 | 439.50 | Nuts - Chest (Lb.) | 10 | .60 | 6.00 |
| Berries - Boysen (24-pts.) | 111 | 6.11 | 678.21 | " - Pecans (100-lb) | 2 | 39.00 | 78.00 |
| Chickens (each) | 2 | 1.60 | 3.20 | " - Walnuts (Bushels) | 9 | 2.50 | 22.50 |
| Corn - Pop (Lb.) | 4,553 | .14 | 637.42 | Okra (12-qts.) | 156 | 1.50 | 234.00 |
| Dill (Doz.) | 690 | 1.00 | 690.00 | Oranges (Crates) | 608 | 7.00 | 4,256.00 |
| Eggs (Doz.) | 12,539 | .50 | 6,269.50 | Parsley (Doz.) | 46 | .60 | 27.60 |
| Bananas (Bunches) | 3,011 | 6.60 | 19,872.60 | Pineapple (Crates) | 51 | 3.00 | 153.00 |
| Garlic (Lb.) | 11 | .35 | 3.85 | Peas (12-qts.) | 155 | 1.50 | 232.50 |
| Gladiola (Doz.) | 8,242 | .30 | 2,472.60 | Plants - Tomato (Doz.) | 200 | .15 | 30.00 |
| Grapes (Crates) | 2,724 | 3.50 | 9,534.00 | Pumpkins (each) | 1,342 | .15 | 201.30 |
| Grapefruit (Crates) | 147 | 4.50 | 661.50 | Syrup - Maple (Gal.) | 16 | 4.25 | 68.00 |
| Honey (1-lb.) | 3,150 | .30 | 945.00 | " - Sorghum (Gal.) | 1,111 | 2.50 | 2,777.50 |
| " (5-lbs.) | 475 | 1.25 | 593.75 | | | | |
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