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BENTON HARBOR CASH MARKET
FRUIT & VEGETABLE SUMMARY
1947 Season June 10 to November 9

Benton Harbor, Michigan
Friday, December 13, 1947

The Benton Harbor Cash Market was active during 1947 despite abnormal weather conditions which prevailed throughout the season and shortened the normal period of operation. Peaches, Grapes and Tomatoes were the major commodities with all berries, especially Strawberries, Black and Red Raspberries showing increases in volume.

Carlot volume over the Market totaled 6,738 carlot equivalents as compared to the 1946 total of 7,493 cars and the ten year (1938-47) average of 6,683. Peaches accounted for the greatest volume, 3,235 cars. Grapes were second in volume with 734 cars, Strawberries 648 cars and Apples 519 cars, a decline of almost 1,000 cars from 1946. Tomatoes totaled 495 cars and Pears 121 cars. Black and Red Raspberries showed 113 cars and 119 cars respectively.

The 1947 cash return of \$8,387,448 was almost a million dollars lower than the record 1946 return of \$9,361,540. This was, however, the second highest return on record. The ten year (1938-47) average is \$5,942,529.

Volume of packages over the Market totaled 4,295,749, as compared to the 1946 figure of 4,601,900 and the ten year (1938-47) total of 4,694,300. 1947 growers loads totaled 95,205 and compares to the 92,627 for 1946 and the ten year (1938-47) average of 98,518.

5,515 day buyers were reported. This figure was almost 1,000 lower than the 6,537 in 1946 and compares with the ten year (1938-47) average of 5,961.

Season	Growers Loads	Day Buyers	Total No. Packages	Carlot Equiv.	Total Value
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	7,538,691
1945	59,197	4,074	2,659,914	4,823	4,973,839
1946	92,627	6,537	4,601,900	7,493	9,361,540
1947	95,205	5,515	4,295,749	6,738	8,387,448
10 Year Avg.	98,518	5,961	4,694,300	6,683	5,942,529

Season	Carlot Equiv.	Season Average	Total Value	Carlot Equiv.	Season Average	Total Value
A P P L E S (Bu)						
1938	1,101	\$.90	\$ 520,050	326	\$.75	\$ 122,114
1939	1,839	.53	511,642	373	.82	152,845
1940	1,021	.82	439,564	307	.95	145,693
1941	1,225	1.00	642,877	381	.83	158,022
1942	1,540	1.28	1,034,899	249	1.57	195,490
1943	1,060	2.55	1,419,238	138	3.05#	210,908
1944	1,150	2.42	1,461,445	388	1.91	370,503 #
1945	33	3.70#	63,769	33	2.50	41,080
1946	1,507	2.06	1,630,092#	161	2.31	186,308
1947	519	1.74	470,311	121	1.73	105,055
10 Year Avg.	1,099	1.70	772,357	10 Yr. Avg. 247	1.64	168,202

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C A M T A L O U P S (Crts)						
1938	258	\$.55	\$ 99,187	87	\$.86	\$ 49,974
1939	314	.53	116,360	166	1.15	76,440
1940	236	.95	156,629	155	1.45	80,825
1941	236	.98	196,521#	165	.70	92,649
1942	211	1.32	194,612	102	1.23	100,395
1943	94	2.43 #	159,782	63	2.90#	145,353
1944	109	2.10	160,528	65	2.30	119,415
1945	82	1.95	112,113	66	2.51	132,372
1946	124	1.91	166,404	150	1.60	192,033 #
1947	107	2.01	149,861	69	1.94	106,344
10 Year Avg.	182	1.47	151,200	10 Yr. Avg. 108	1.66	110,507

Season	4-qt.	12-qt.	Total Value	Season Average	Total Value
G R A P E S					
1938	124	\$.25 \$.45	\$ 74,560	255	\$ 2.10 \$ 300,750
1939	1,375	.12 .21	392,816	785	1.20 527,401
1940	1,542	.12 .20	424,803	895	1.20 601,183
1941	617	.18 .42	333,348	546	1.73 529,149
1942	904	.24 .50	581,753	542	2.16 655,704
1943	487	.43 1.04	626,289	348	4.40 855,276
1944	539	.45 1.01	674,773	88	5.00 247,515
1945	147	.51 1.43#	254,126	72	5.76 252,882
1946	489	.53 #1.26	765,103	243	7.14 # 975,060
1947	734	.46 .96	882,592#	648	5.20 1,337,577 #
10 Year Avg.	625	.32 .74	501,016	10 Yr. Avg. 442	3.58 681,049

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P E A C H E S (Bu)						
1938	1,286	\$1.35	\$ 694,532	980	\$.45	\$ 352,737
1939	2,583	.68	702,660	762	.42	336,220
1940	1,594	1.25	697,052	671	.48	338,434
1941	2,956	.96	1,135,158	683	.58	416,197
1942	1,844	2.05	1,512,412	736	.74	571,901
1943	1,133	4.40 #	2,029,453	678	.97	690,597
1944	2,658	2.53	2,689,465	577	.87	527,094
1945	3,575	2.10	3,002,974	515	.98	530,423
1946	3,613	2.18	3,150,839#	569	1.26 #	752,159 #
1947	3,235	1.91	2,471,331	495	1.09	566,150
10 Year Avg.	2,427	1.94	1,808,587	10 Yr. Avg. 666	.78	508,162

Highest figure of return in 10-year period.

Commodity	Usual Type	Number of	Avg. Value	Total Value	Carlot
	of Container	of Packages	per Package	for Season	Equivalents
MAJOR FRUITS AND VEGETABLES PASSING OVER THE MARKET					
Apples	Bushels	270,294	\$1.74	\$470,311.56	519.0
Beans, Green	12-qt bsk	3,460	1.01	3,494.60	2.0
"	12-qt bsk	438	1.01	442.38	.3
" Lima	12-qt bsk	6,465	1.61	10,408.65	4.0
" Roncin	12-qt bsk	1,901	1.12	2,129.12	1.3
Berries, Black	16-qt crt	666	3.32	2,211.12	1.3
" Black Rasp.	24-pt crt	34,833	2.74	95,421.42	113.3
" Blue	16-qt crt	17,146	6.40	110,334.40	31.0
" Boysen	16-qt crt	100	4.75	475.00	.2
" Dew	16-qt crt	33,002	3.86	127,387.72	53.5
" Goose	16-qt crt	2,523	3.97	10,016.31	5.0
" Red Rasp.	24-pt crt	89,603	1.60	143,364.80	119.4
" Strawberry	16-qt crt	362,611	5.20	1,887,577.20	347.7
Cantaloups	Crates & Bushels	74,558	2.01	149,861.58	106.5
Cauliflower	Crates	1,768	2.00	3,536.00	4.6
Celery	Dozen	15,510	.77	11,942.70	7.0
Cherries, Sour	16-qt crt	8,211	5.26	43,189.86	14.6
" Sweet	16-qt crt	7,955	5.52	43,911.60	14.3
Cucumbers	Bushels	93,932	2.59	243,283.88	156.5
Currants	16-qt crt	13,233	4.01	53,064.33	23.6
Eggplants	Bushels	6,996	1.60	11,193.60	11.6
Grapes	1-qt bsk	267,151	.46	122,889.46	74.8
"	12-qt bsk	791,357	.96	759,702.72	659.4
Onions	10-lb sck	6,003	.58	3,481.74	2.4
"	50-lb sck	5,537	2.51	13,887.87	11.0
Peaches	Bushels	1,293,891	1.91	2,471,331.81	3,235.0
Pears	Bushels	60,726	1.73	105,055.98	131.4
Peppers	Bushels	16,702	2.45	40,919.90	24.0
Plums	1/2 Bushels	54,817	1.94	106,341.98	68.5
Potatoes (white)	100-lb sck	15,752	2.75	43,318.00	44.0
Quince	Bushels	3,885	1.73	6,721.05	7.7
Tomatoes	12-qt bsk	519,349	1.09	566,130.41	494.6
Watermelons	Each	104,067	.50	52,033.50	104.0
TOTAL		4,234,442		\$8,290,971.25	3,688.4
Miscellaneous Fruits & Vegetables		32,867		75,284.40	32.6
Miscellaneous (other than F. & V.)		28,440		21,203.01	9.7
GRAND TOTAL		4,295,749		\$8,387,458.66	6,737.7

Commodity	Type	Total	Avg. per	Season	Commodity	Type	Total	Avg. per	Season
	of Container	Packs	Package	Value		of Container	Packs	Package	Value
MISCELLANEOUS FRUITS AND VEGETABLES									
Apricots	Lugs	671	\$2.00	\$1,342.00	Pumpkins	Bushels	155	\$1.25	193.75
Asparagus	Doz. Bchs	47	1.25	58.75	Radishes	Doz. Bchs	222	.65	144.30
Bananas	Bunches	8,353	5.00	41,765.00	Rhubarb	Bushels	32	1.25	40.00
Beets	Doz. Bchs	132	.90	118.80	Spinach	Bushels	131	1.50	196.50
Broccoli	Doz. bchs	6	1.25	7.50	Squash	Bushels	1,097	1.00	1,097.00
Cabbage	Bushels	1,413	1.25	1,766.25	Sweetpotatos	Bushels	1,654	3.00	4,962.00
Carrots	Doz. Bchs	188	.80	150.40	Turnips	Bushels	368	1.25	460.00
Celery-Cabge.	Dozen	240	.85	204.00	TOTAL		32,867		75,284.40
Corn, Pop	Pound	1,712	.10	171.20	MISCELLANEOUS (OTHER THAN F. AND V.)				
" Sweet	Dozen	8,768	.25	2,192.00	Beans, Navy	Pound	500	.13	65.00
Dill	Doz. Bchs	1,258	.80	1,006.40	Cherry Mix	Case	32	2.00	64.00
Garlic	Pound	780	.20	156.00	Chickens	Each	170	1.25	212.50
Grapefruit	Crates	116	4.00	464.00	Cider	Case	5,336	1.85	9,871.60
Grapes	Lugs	3,452	2.50	8,630.00	Eggs	Dozen	7,673	.52	3,989.96
Lemons	Crates	237	7.00	1,659.00	Gladiolas	Bunches	10,567	.30	3,170.10
Lettuce	Bushels	229	1.25	286.25	Honey	1-lb can	1,978	.37	741.75
Limes	Boxes	34	2.25	76.50	"	5-lb can	1,219	1.40	1,706.60
Okra	Bushels	111	2.50	277.50	Nuts-Pecans	Pound	100	.38	38.00
Oranges	Crates	709	6.50	4,608.50	Walnuts	Bushels	4	2.50	10.00
Parsley	Doz. Bchs	21	.80	16.80	Maple Syrup	Gallon	12	5.00	60.00
Peas	12-qt bsk	116	1.50	174.00	Sorghum	Gallon	849	1.90	1,273.50
Pineapples	Crates	15	4.00	60.00	TOTAL		28,440		\$21,203.01

Note: Packages reduced to carlot basis of U. S. D. A. conversion tables from "Factors for use in Fruit and Vegetable offices in cities east of the Rocky Mountains for converting all truck, boat, and l.c.l. receipts of fruits and vegetables to carlot equivalent, issued effective January 1, 1947".
Final package count and all prices and records prior to August 11, were furnished by the Market Master.

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