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BENTON HARBOR CASH MARKET FRUIT & VEGETABLE SUMMARY
1950 Season, June 8 to November 12

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Final figures for the 1950 Benton Harbor Cash Market trading season showed several records broken. While cash returns of many items were not as high in the final average as in some past seasons a good volume and steady market accounted for a record high cash return to growers. Most every crop harvested in the area returned excellent yields and quality over all was the best in several years.

Volume of packages moving over the Market totaled 5,203,716, the highest total since 1942 when 5,323,041 packages were checked. 1949 package total volume was 4,292,988 packages and the ten-year (1941-1950) average was set at 4,304,984. With the increased package volume there was also a rather heavy increase in carlot equivalent totals. 7,777 carlot equivalents was the final figure for 1950 as compared to the 1949 carlot total of 6,831 and the ten-year average of 6,504 carlot equivalents. The 1950 total of 7,777 carlot equivalents was the highest in the past twelve years. As would be expected with such a noticeable in package and carlot equivalent totals there was also a sharp increase in number of growers loads coming to the Market. 1950 totals were 110,073 growers loads as compared to the 1949 figure of 97,410 and the ten-year average of 93,596 growers loads. This was the highest grower load total since 1940 when 113,681 growers loads crossed the Market.

One unusual feature of the 1950 season was the day-buyer load factor. Despite the fact that almost a million more packages moved over the Market the total day-buyer loads, 6,393, was about four hundred less than the 6,785 day-buyer load total of 1949. This would indicate that season buyers were more active in the 1950 season than for several years in the past. Ten-year average was 5,723 loads still well below the 1950 figure.

Most noticeable aspect of the 1950 trading season was the new record high for season cash return. With each commodity weighted in average and totaled for value the final cash return of all items was placed at \$9,767,666, \$406,126 above the previous high cash return of \$9,361,540 set during the 1946 season. With this new high the ten-year average also moved up and this figure was \$7,221,414. Perhaps a major reason for the high cash return for 1950 was the fact that four items were classed as million dollar crops. As a rule Apples, Peaches and Strawberries fall within this classification but in 1950 tomatoes moved into this select circle with a total season value of \$1,111,373. The introduction of a new package, an 8-quart carton type basket, was the responsible factor. Using this new package to good advantage, growers packed good No. 1 tomatoes which met with steady demand and were able to move a great portion of their crop at good prices.

Tabulations below are compiled from records furnished by the Market Manager of the Benton Harbor Cash Market and information taken from Market News bulletins issued daily during the 1950 market season.

Season	: Growers Loads:	Day Buyer	: Number Packages:	Carlot Equiv.:	Cash Return	
	: Season Totals:	Load Totals:	: Season Totals:	: Season Totals:	: Season Values.	
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	
1947	: 95,205	5,515	4,295,749	6,738	8,387,448	
1948	: 88,008	5,165	3,566,556	5,689	6,984,939	
1949	: 97,410	6,785	4,292,988	6,831	6,745,243	
1950	: 110,073	6,393	5,203,716	7,777	9,767,666	
10-Year	:	:	:	:	:	
Average	: 93,596	5,723	4,304,973	6,504	\$ 7,221,414	
Season	: Carlot Equiv:	Season	: Cash Returns:	: Carlot Equiv:	Season	: Cash Returns
	: Season Total:	Averages:	: Season Total:	: Season Total:	Averages:	: Season Total
	: APPLES (Bu bsk)	:	: RED RASPBERRIES (24-pt crt)	:	:	:
1941	: 1,235	\$ 1.00	\$ 642,877:	107	\$ 2.46	\$ 196,947
1942	: 1,540	1.28	1,034,899:	147	3.06	336,352
1943	: 1,060	2.55	1,419,238:	99	4.35	322,161
1944	: 1,150	2.42	1,461,445:	58	5.45	236,574
1945	: 33	3.70	63,769:	12	5.04	46,842
1946	: 1,507	2.06	1,630,092:	66	7.00	345,422
1947	: 519	1.74	470,311:	119	4.60	412,174
1948	: 852	2.27	1,015,116:	110	4.43	365,962
1949	: 1,287	1.17	790,312:	150	2.84	319,812
1950	: 1,067	1.97	1,365,909:	164	3.13	385,209
10-Year	:	:	:	:	:	:
Average	: 1,024	\$ 2.02	\$ 989,397:	103	\$ 4.24	\$ 296,746
Season	: CANTALOUPS (Bu) (Crt)	:	: STRAWBERRIES (16-gt crt)	:	:	:
1941	: 286	\$.98	\$ 196,524:	546	\$ 1.73	\$ 529,149
1942	: 211	1.32	194,612:	542	2.16	655,704
1943	: 94	2.43	159,782:	348	4.40	855,276
1944	: 109	2.10	160,528:	88	5.00	247,515
1945	: 82	1.95	112,113:	72	5.76	232,882
1946	: 124	1.91	166,404:	243	7.14	973,060
1947	: 107	2.01	149,861:	648	5.20	1,887,577
1948	: 168	1.52	152,238:	473	5.52	1,463,253
1949	: 248	1.35	182,192:	683	4.74	1,811,253
1950	: 152	2.01	155,839:	759	4.03	1,926,267
10-Year	:	:	:	:	:	:
Average	: 158	\$ 1.62	\$ 163,009:	440	\$ 4.57	\$ 1,058,194

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	:Season Total	:Averages	:Season Total		:Season Total	:Averages	:Season Total
	: CUCUMBERS (Bu) (12-qt)			:	: BLACK RASPBERRIES (24-pt crt)		
1941	103	\$.52	\$ 64,387	:	45	\$ 2.25	\$ 76,055
1942	91	.62	67,879	:	144	2.48	267,738
1943	86	.78	80,430	:	185	3.60	501,246
1944	64	.73	55,959	:	108	4.80	390,149
1945	34	1.12	45,941	:	32	4.68	113,148
1946	88	.68	79,750	:	80	5.79	348,506
1947	93	2.59	113,116	:	113	4.74	402,108
1948	92	1.79	81,634	:	74	4.45	248,092
1949	126	1.65	92,621	:	48	4.31	155,625
1950	71	2.72	118,097	:	197	2.98	426,304
10-Year				:			
Average	86	\$ 2.19	\$ 79,981	:	103	\$ 4.01	\$ 292,897
Season	: PEACHES (Bu)			:	: PEARS (Bu)		
1941	2,956	\$.96	\$ 1,135,158	:	381	\$.83	\$ 158,022
1942	1,844	2.05	1,512,412	:	249	1.57	195,490
1943	1,133	4.40	2,029,453	:	138	3.05	210,908
1944	2,658	2.53	2,689,465	:	388	1.91	370,503
1945	3,575	2.10	3,002,974	:	33	2.50	41,080
1946	3,613	2.18	3,150,839	:	161	2.31	186,308
1947	3,235	1.91	2,471,331	:	121	1.73	105,055
1948	2,379	2.03	1,931,549	:	30	2.30	34,371
1949	2,314	1.48	1,369,549	:	227	1.49	168,841
1950	3,577	2.04	2,918,990	:	123	2.21	162,424
10-Year				:			
Average	2,728	\$ 2.17	\$ 2,222,072	:	185	\$ 1.99	\$ 163,300
Season	: TOMATOES (8-qt) (12-qt) (Crt)			:	: PLUMS (1/2 Bu)		
1941	683	\$.58	\$ 416,197	:	165	\$.70	\$ 92,641
1942	736	.74	571,901	:	102	1.23	100,095
1943	678	.97	690,307	:	63	2.90	145,355
1944	577	.87	527,094	:	65	2.30	119,413
1945	515	.98	530,428	:	66	2.51	132,372
1946	569	1.26	752,139	:	150	1.60	192,033
1947	495	1.09	506,130	:	69	1.94	106,344
1948	739	.83	655,192	:	74	1.45	85,968
1949	958	.86	874,715	:	126	1.05	105,646
1950	860	.77	1,111,373	:	122	1.66	175,542
10-Year				:			
Average	681	\$.77	\$ 669,548	:	100	\$ 1.73	\$ 125,601
Season	: GRAPES (50# Crt) (8 2-qt) (12-qt) (4-qts)			:			
1941	617	\$.42	\$ 333,348	:			
1942	904	.50	581,753	:			
1943	487	1.04	626,289	:			
1944	539	1.01	674,773	:			
1945	147	1.43	254,126	:			
1946	489	1.26	765,103	:			
1947	734	.96	882,592	:			
1948	340	2.00	356,125	:			
1949	271	1.50	309,314	:			
1950	283	2.00	369,261	:			
10-Year				:			
Average	481	\$ 1.83	\$ 3.20	:		\$.95	\$.42

The following tabulation indicates detailed figures of individual commodities, number of packages and types of containers, weighted average price for the season, together with total cash value for the season and carlot equivalents. Additional tables include the same information for miscellaneous fruits and vegetables and miscellaneous items other than fruits and vegetables which moved over the Market during the 1950 season.

Commodities	: Usual Type	: Number of	: Avg. Price	: Cash Returns	: Carlot
	: Containers	: Packages.	: For Season	: Season Total	: Equiv.
IMPORTANT FRUITS AND VEGETABLES					
Apples					
Transparents	Bu bsk	24,961	\$ 2.09	\$ 52,168.49	28.4
Duchess	" "	65,054	1.81	117,747.74	100.0
Wealthys	" "	54,109	1.87	106,793.83	83.2
McIntosh	" "	92,905	1.78	165,370.90	142.9
Jonathans	" "	178,415	1.92	342,556.80	274.5
Delicious	" "	115,060	2.68	308,360.80	177.1
Other Varieties	" "	162,772	1.71	278,340.12	250.4
Total All		693,276	1.97	1,365,908.68	1,066.5
Beans					
Green String	12-qt bsk	4,482	.83	3,720.06	2.6
Limas	" "	25,422	1.14	28,981.08	14.7
Romain	" "	3,432	1.30	4,461.60	1.9
Wax	" "	159	.83	131.97	.1
Berries					
Blackberries	16-qt crt	2,575	3.17	8,479.75	3.6
Black Raspberries	24-pt crt	143,055	2.98	426,303.90	197.4
Blueberries	16-qt crt	1,775	6.25	11,093.75	2.8
"	16-pt crt	7,056	3.72	26,248.32	6.7
"	12-pt crt	35,256	2.94	103,652.64	25.2
Dewberries	16-qt crt	20,263	3.40	68,894.20	32.2
Gooseberries	16-qt crt	2,721	4.24	11,537.04	4.3
Red Raspberries	24-pt crt	123,070	3.13	385,209.10	164.1
Strawberries	16-qt crt	477,982	4.03	1,926,267.46	758.7
Cabbage					
	50-lb sck	4,393	.75	3,294.75	8.0
Cantaloups					
	Bu bsk	70,649	2.01	142,004.49	141.3
"	Crates	7,243	1.91	13,834.13	10.3

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<u>IMPORTANT FRUITS AND VEGETABLES (Cont'd)</u>					
Cauliflower	Pony crts	3,717	\$ 1.20	\$ 4,460.40	7.4
Cherries - Sour	16-qt crt	11,035	2.95	32,553.25	17.5
" Sweet	" "	19,303	4.19	80,879.57	30.6
Corn - Sweet	Doz ears	8,692	.25	2,173.00	3.5
Cucumbers	Bu bsk	32,247	2.72	101,311.84	62.8
"	12-qt bsk	12,526	1.34	16,784.84	7.8
Currants	16-qt crt	12,439	2.28	28,360.92	19.7
Eggplant	Bu bsk	4,272	1.66	7,091.52	6.6
Grapes	12-qt bsk	256,246	1.01	258,808.46	213.5
"	4-qt bsks	163,165	.48	78,319.20	45.3
"	8 2-qt crt	533	3.30	1,758.90	.8
" (For Juice)	50-lb crts	15,187	2.00	30,374.00	23.7
Onions	50-lb sck	6,309	.85	5,362.65	10.5
"	10-lb sck	6,555	.25	1,638.75	2.2
Peaches					
Redhavens	Bu bsk	91,362	2.32	211,959.84	229.1
Golden Jubilees	" "	65,816	1.74	114,519.84	164.5
Halehavens	" "	398,965	2.11	841,816.15	997.4
Elbertas	" "	729,879	2.01	1,467,056.79	1,824.7
Other Varieties	" "	144,713	1.96	283,637.48	361.8
Total All		1,430,735	2.04	2,918,990.10	3,576.8
Pears	Bu bsk	73,495	2.21	162,423.95	122.5
Peppers	Bu bsk	14,705	1.74	25,586.70	21.0
"	12-qt bsk	2,029	1.42	2,881.18	1.1
Plums	1/2 bu bsk	105,748	1.66	175,541.68	121.5
Potatoes -- White	100-lb sck	15,076	1.85	27,890.60	37.7
Quince	Bu bsk	4,085	1.30	5,310.50	10.2
Squash	Bu bsk	654	1.00	654.00	1.0
Tomatoes	8-qt bsk	385,633	.77	269,937.41	192.8
"	12-qt bsk	773,907	.91	704,255.37	552.8
"	8 2-qt crt	71,822	1.91	137,180.02	114.0
TOTALS: Important F. & V.		5,058,024		\$ 9,637,551.73	7,644.8
Miscellaneous F. & V.		85,330		59,967.30	82.2
Miscellaneous (Other)		60,362		70,146.75	49.3
GRAND TOTALS:		5,203,716		\$ 9,767,665.78	7,776.7

MISCELLANEOUS FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Apricots	Lugs (Western)	50	\$ 4.50	\$ 225.00	-
Asparagus	Doz Bchs	249	1.25	311.25	.5
Bananas	Boxes (cut)	299	4.00	1,196.00	.3
Beets	Doz Bchs	200	.80	160.00	.1
Broccoli	Doz Bchs	25	1.80	45.00	-
Carrots	Doz Bchs	212	.60	127.20	.1
Celery	Beh (1-do)	7,147	.55	3,930.85	2.8
Celery-Cabbage	Beh (1-do)	250	1.25	312.50	.2
Dill	Doz Bchs	345	.80	276.00	.1
Garlic	Pounds	1,000	.17	170.00	-
Grapefruit	Boxes	215	3.75	806.25	.4
Grapes	Lugs (Western)	152	2.50	380.00	.1
Lemons	Boxes	266	6.50	1,729.00	.6
Lettuce - Head	Crates	200	5.00	1,000.00	.5
" Leaf	Bu bsk	161	1.25	201.25	.2
Limes	1/4 boxes	129	1.50	193.50	-
Okra	Bu bsk	275	4.00	1,100.00	.5
Oranges	Boxes	777	5.00	3,885.00	1.5
Parsley	Doz bchs	124	.80	99.20	-
Peas	12-qt bsk	28	1.50	42.00	-
Pineapples	1/2 crt	25	4.00	100.00	-
Pumpkins	Bu bsk	1,403	1.00	1,403.00	2.8
Radishes	Doz Bchs	823	.60	493.80	-
Rhubarb	Doz Bchs	120	.80	96.00	-
Spinach	Bu bsk	610	1.25	762.50	.9
Sweetpotatoes	Bu bsk	995	2.50	2,487.50	2.0
Turnips	Doz Bchs	660	1.00	660.00	.6
Watermelons	Each	68,390	.55	37,614.50	68.4
TOTALS		85,330		\$ 59,967.30	82.6

MISCELLANEOUS: (Other than Fruits and Vegetables)

Beans - Navy	Pounds	700	\$.10	\$ 70.00	-
Cherry Mix	Case (6 1/2-gal)	1,600	2.10	3,360.00	2.0
Cider	Case (4 1-gal)	27,757	1.75	48,574.75	44.4
Corn - Pop	Pounds	3,525	.10	352.50	-
Eggs	Dozen	7,000	.48	3,360.00	.4
Gladiolas	Bunches	9,035	.30	2,710.50	1.4
Grape Juice	Case (24 1-pt)	50	3.50	175.00	-

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	<u>: Containers</u>	<u>: Packages</u>	<u>: For Season</u>	<u>: Season Total</u>	<u>: Equiv.</u>
MISCELLANEOUS: (Other than Fruits and Vegetables) Cont'd.					
Honey	1-lb jars	1,740	\$.25	\$ 435.00	-
"	5-lb pails	1,630	.80	1,304.00	.3
Maple Syrup	Gallons	240	4.25	1,020.00	-
Nuts - Chestnuts	Pounds	100	.70	70.00	-
" Hickory	Bu bsk	10	4.00	40.00	-
" Pecans	Pounds	200	.30	60.00	-
" Walnuts	12-qt bsk	25	2.50	62.50	-
Plants	Flats (100)	6,520	1.25	8,150.00	2.6
Sorghum	Gallons	230	1.75	402.50	-
TOTALS		60,362		\$ 70,146.75	49.3

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