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BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET 1979 SEASON SUMMARY

THIS IS A CONDENSED SUMMARY OF THE BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET DURING THE 1979 MARKETING SEASON, FROM JUNE 11 THROUGH OCTOBER 9, 1979. WE WOULD LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND THANK THE GROWERS AND BUYERS FOR THEIR COOPERATION IN COLLECTING DAILY MARKET PRICES, AND TO MR. MARTY BASS, BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET MANAGER AND HIS STAFF, WHO PROVIDED MUCH OF THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS SUMMARY.

BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET VOLUME FOR 1969 THROUGH 1979

SEASON	GROWER LOADS SEASON TOTAL	NUMBER PACKAGES SEASON TOTAL 1/	DAY BUYER REGISTRATION	CASH RETURNS SEASON TOTAL
1969	44,775	2,639,683	2,204	\$ 6,920,490
1970	42,423	2,374,915	2,367	6,228,452
1971	40,713	2,355,661	2,962	5,446,610
1972	31,591	1,877,195	2,201	5,987,864
1973	26,563	1,552,571	2,151	5,320,827
1974	28,077	1,538,611	2,428	6,224,852
1975	32,839	1,562,951	2,624	5,482,281
1976	22,984	1,174,989	2,005	4,886,868
1977	26,971	1,223,109	1,888	5,506,524
1978	22,563	1,115,986	2,145	4,851,211
1979	20,241	1,111,408	2,231	5,347,657

1/ 1969-1978 Totals have been adjusted to account for corn in five dozen containers instead of one dozen count

THE FOLLOWING CHART IS A TABULATION OF THE 1979 BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET MOVEMENT OF COMMODITIES, PACKAGE TYPE AND NUMBER, WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES, AND THE ESTIMATED CASH VALUE OF ALL COMMODITIES SOLD. THE AVERAGE PRICES INCLUDE PACKED AND OPEN CONTAINERS OF ALL GRADES, SIZES, QUALITY, AND CONDITION OF ALL VARIETIES.

COMMODITIES	USUAL TYPE CONTAINERS	NUMBER OF PACKAGES	LOW AVERAGE PRICE OF SEASON	HIGH AVERAGE PRICE OF SEASON	SEASON AVERAGE PRICE	CASH RETURNS SEASON TOTAL	
APPLES	Bushel Basket	68,035	4.00	6.00	4.89	\$ 332,691.15	
	3/4 Bushel	11,306	4.00	6.00	4.92	55,625.52	
	1/2 Bushel	72,851	2.80	5.00	3.43	249,878.93	
APRICOTS	8 Qt. Flats	180	8.00	13.50	9.71	1,747.80	
BEANS	12 Quart	3,931	3.50	7.00	5.79	22,760.49	
	Bushel	15,083	7.00	10.00	8.32	125,490.56	
BEETS	1/2 Bushel	170	3.00	3.50	3.32	564.40	
BERRIES:							
BLACKBERRIES	12 PT. FLATS	1,276	8.00	12.25	11.93	15,222.68	
BLUEBERRIES	12 PT. Flats	35,989	7.25	26.00	7.80	280,714.20	
	10 LB. Ctns	5,363	6.00	7.00	6.60	35,395.80	
DEWBERRIES	12 PT. Flats	58	11.00	12.75	11.72	679.76	
GOOSEBERRIES	12 PT Flats	145	5.50	7.00	6.27	909.15	
RASPBERRIES	BLACK	12 PT. Flats	2,475	9.00	15.00	11.18	27,670.50
	RED	12 PT. Flats	3,551	10.00	17.00	13.64	48,435.64
STRAWBERRIES	8 Qt. Flat	19,910	5.00	7.50	5.68	113,088.80	
	16 Qt. Crate	78,941	9.35	14.00	10.41	821,775.81	
BROCCOLI	1/2 Bushel	57	2.50	6.00	4.15	236.55	
	Bushel	186	-	-	6.00	1,116.00	
CABBAGE	Bushel	4,720	2.50	5.50	2.94	13,876.80	
CANTALOUPE	Bushel	25,956	4.00	11.00	5.92	153,659.52	
CAULIFLOWER	Bushel	1,001	2.65	9.00	5.98	5,985.98	
CHERRIES:							
TART	8 Qt. Flats	320	9.50	10.00	9.54	3,052.80	
SWEET	8 Qt. Flats	3,856	6.00	10.75	8.62	33,238.72	
	24 LB. Lugs	45	12.00	15.00	12.35	555.75	

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BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET 1979 SEASON SUMMARY - CONTINUED

COMMODITIES	USUAL TYPE CONTAINERS	NUMBER OF PACKAGES	LOW AVERAGE PRICE OF SEASON	HIGH AVERAGE PRICE OF SEASON	SEASON AVERAGE PRICE	CASH RETURNS SEASON TOTAL
ORN:						
SWEET	Bushel	9,065	3.60	7.50	4.29	38,888.85
INDIAN	12 Ears	7,625	1.75	2.20	1.89	14,411.25
POPCORN	10 Lb. Ctns	1,104	5.50	7.50	5.63	6,215.52
UCUMBERS	Bushel	34,512	4.00	9.00	6.13	211,558.56
	1/2 Bushel	754	-	-	2.00	1,508.00
	12 Qt.	198	-	-	2.00	396.00
LOWERS	Cans	3,469	7.50	12.00	8.83	30,631.27
MILL-WEED	12 Bunches	1,736	3.00	4.40	3.93	6,822.48
MICKLES	1/2 Bushel	2,229	3.50	3.60	3.54	7,890.66
	12 Quart	5,313	3.00	6.00	3.55	18,861.15
MURRANTS	8 Quart	452	5.75	7.00	6.88	3,109.76
MGGPLANT	Bushel	2,160	5.00	9.00	6.45	13,932.00
MRAPES	4 Quart	798	-	-	2.00	1,596.00
	12 Quart	41,426	2.50	5.00	2.92	120,963.92
	8-2 Quart	32,669	6.50	10.00	7.33	239,463.77
MREENS	Bushel	77	3.00	6.00	4.18	321.86
MOURDS	Bushel	1,533	6.00	7.00	6.74	10,332.42
	1/2 Bushel	2,758	-	-	3.50	9,653.00
MECTARINES	1/2 Bushel	1,394	5.00	8.25	5.91	8,238.54
MIONS	10 lb.	2,000	.70	.85	.80	1,600.00
	50 lb.	1,872	3.00	7.50	4.17	7,806.24
MPEACHES	3/4 Bushel	7,616	7.00	11.00	9.81	74,712.96
	1/2 Bushel	87,948	2.75	7.25	5.33	468,762.84
MPEARS	Bushel	3,905	4.00	5.50	4.90	19,134.50
	3/4 Bushel	6,001	4.50	7.85	5.28	31,685.28
	1/2 Bushel	25,615	2.75	4.50	3.49	89,396.35
MPEAS	12 Quart	445	4.50	5.50	5.12	2,278.40
MPEPPERS	Bushel	18,659	4.25	9.50	6.25	116,618.75
	1/2 Bushel	2,264	2.50	7.00	4.32	9,780.48
	12 Quart	1,011	2.50	7.00	3.28	3,316.08
MPLUMS	1/2 Bushel	30,961	4.00	6.50	4.54	140,562.94
	8 Qt. Flats	3,100	3.50	6.50	5.15	15,965.00
	24 Lb. Lugs	358	6.00	8.50	7.59	2,717.22
MOTATOES	10 Lbs.	3,910	.50	1.00	.63	2,463.30
	20 Lbs.	490	1.00	1.35	1.20	588.00
	50 Lbs.	1,589	2.25	4.00	2.63	4,179.07
MUMPKINS	Bushel	969	4.00	4.50	4.22	4,089.18
MUINCE	1/2 Bushel	121	-	-	3.50	423.50
MQUASH	Bushel	21,444	3.50	6.00	4.62	99,071.28
	10 lb	27,843	1.20	4.50	1.97	54,850.71
	20 lb	52,736	2.25	5.75	3.43	180,884.48
MUNFLOWERS	Bushel	58	3.00	3.50	3.07	178.06
MWEET POTATOES	Bushel	96	5.00	7.00	6.66	639.36
MOMATOES	8 Qt. Ctns	159,128	1.50	4.15	2.64	420,097.92
	12 Lbs.	5,721	1.00	2.75	1.41	8,066.61
	20 Lbs	9,088	3.50	7.00	4.96	45,076.48
	30 Lbs	11,916	4.00	6.00	4.74	56,481.84
	8-2 Quart	9,902	5.00	10.00	6.57	65,056.14
	1/2 Bushel	1,855	2.00	5.00	3.36	6,232.80
	12 Quart	49,581	1.75	4.50	2.86	141,801.66
	12 Pt & 8 Qt. Flats	50,391	2.50	6.00	3.64	183,423.24
MATERMELONS	Bushel	154	3.00	4.50	3.56	548.24
MISCELLANEOUS COMMODITIES		7,984				
TOTAL		1,111,408				\$ 5,347,657.23