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BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET 1981 SEASON SUMMARY

This is a brief summary of the 1981 marketing season on the Benton Harbor Fruit Market. 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 1971 THROUGH 1981

SEASON	GROWER LOADS SEASON TOTAL	NUMBER PACKAGES SEASON TOTAL 1/	DAY BUYER REGISTRATION
1971	40,713	2,355,661	2,962
1972	31,591	1,877,195	2,201
1973	26,563	1,552,571	2,151
1974	28,077	1,538,611	2,428
1975	32,839	1,562,951	2,624
1976	22,984	1,174,989	2,005
1977	26,971	1,223,109	1,888
1978	22,563	1,115,986	2,145
1979	20,241	1,111,408	2,231
1980	20,570	1,157,760	2,354
1981	20,620	1,186,853	2,631

1/ 1971-1978 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 commodities on the Benton Harbor Fruit Market during most of the 1981 season. 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	SEASON AVERAGE PRICE
APPLES	Bushel Basket	75,318	\$ 5.58
	3/4 Bushel	6,750	5.23
	1/2 Bushel	72,852	3.75
APPLE CIDER	Cases of six Gallons	N/A	9.00
APRICOTS	8 Quart Flats	486	12.69
BEANS	Bushel Basket	15,652	9.19
	12 Quart	4,209	6.01
	1/2 Bushel	N/A	5.48
BEETS	1/2 Bushel	N/A	4.98
BERRIES:			
BLACKBERRIES	12 Pint Flats	988	12.41
BLUEBERRIES	12 Pint Flats	24,367	7.86
	10 Pound Carton	8,426	6.95
	5 Pound Carton	N/A	3.72
DEWBERRIES	12 Pint Flats	10	13.75
GOOSEBERRIES	12 Pint Flats	419	7.77
RASPBERRIES:			
	BLACK	12 Pint Flats	3,737
RED	12 Pint Flats	4,263	13.18
STRAWBERRIES	8 Quart Flats	18,871	N/A
	16 Quart Crates	69,060	N/A
BROCCOLI	Bushel Basket	N/A	8.45
	Half Bushel	N/A	5.12
	12 Quart Basket	N/A	3.50
	Cartons 18 Pounds	N/A	8.50
CABBAGE	Bushel Basket	3,421	3.66
CANTALOUPE	Bushel Basket	22,027	7.24
CARROTS	1/2 Bushel Basket	N/A	3.00
CAULIFLOWER	Bushel Basket	1,399	6.30
CHERRIES			
Tart	8 Quart Flats	730	11.01
Sweet	8 Quart Flats	3,993	12.36

BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET 1981 SEASON SUMMARY - CONTINUED

COMMODITIES	USUAL TYPE CONTAINERS	NUMBER OF PACKAGES	SEASON AVERAGE PRICE
CORN			
SWEET *	Bushel	9,939	1.02 *
INDIAN	12 Ears	14,865	2.16
POPCORN *	10 Pound Cartons	2,268	1.44 *
CUCUMBERS	Bushel	26,266	5.76
PICKLES	1/2 Bushel	522	3.59
CURRENTS	8 Quart Flats	450	9.02
DILL-WEED	Bunches of 12	1,646	5.69
EGGPLANT	Bushel	4,697	6.37
	8 Quart Flats	N/A	3.50
	1/2 Bushel	N/A	3.17
GLADIOLUS	15 Bunches of 6	4,467	10.66
GRAPES	4 Quart	447	2.25
	12 Quart	33,645	4.21
	8-2 Quart	23,648	8.44
KOLHRABI	12 Quart	N/A	3.38
	1/2 Bushel	N/A	4.50
NECTARINES	1/2 Bushel	2,063	6.42
OKRA	Bushel Basket	N/A	17.33
	1/2 Bushel	N/A	8.57
	12 Quart Basket	N/A	4.17
ONIONS	50 Pound Sacks	2,105	7.47
	10 Pound Sacks	2,063	1.27
PEAS			
Green	12 Quart Basket	N/A	5.75
Crowder	Bushel Basket	N/A	10.60
PEACHES	3/4 Bushel	6,414	8.13
	1/2 Bushel	99,015	5.71
PEARS	Bushel Basket	4,583	5.94
	3/4 Bushel	3,604	5.41
	1/2 Bushel	18,308	4.03
PEPPERS	Bushel Basket	32,335	6.12
	1/2 Bushel	2,945	4.38
	12 Quart Baskets	1,501	3.90
PLUMS	1/2 Bushel	35,572	4.53
	8 Quart	2,975	6.23
	20 Pound Lugs	N/A	8.56
POTATOES	50 Pound	569	4.56
	10 Pound	4,908	1.15
	1/2 Bushel	N/A	3.95
	20 Pound	398	2.07
PUMPKINS	Bushel Baskets	1,218	4.85
QUINCE	1/2 Bushel Baskets	N/A	5.02
SQUASH	Bushel Baskets	17,893	5.59
	8 Quart Cartons	26,149	2.11
	1/2 Bushel (20 lb Ctn)	68,819	3.74
SWEET POTATOES	1/2 Bushel Basket	N/A	5.22
SUNFLOWERS	Bushel Baskets	N/A	3.46
SYRUP-MAPLE	12 Oz. Bottles	N/A	1.80
	16 Oz. Bottles	N/A	2.80
	Quarts		4.60
TOMATOES:			
	8 Quart Cartons	149,745	2.58
	12 Quart Basket	67,754	3.31
	12 Pound Cartons	14,198	1.62
	8-2 Quart	6,089	6.78
	1/2 Bushel	N/A	4.49
	20 Pound	31,663	4.51
	30 Pound	14,307	4.89
	12 Pint Flats (Cherry)	67,411	4.32
	8 Quart Flats	N/A 1/	6.45
TURNIPS	Bushel Basket	N/A	7.86
	1/2 Bushel	N/A	3.93
WALNUTS	Bushel	N/A	8.00
WATERMELON	Bushel Basket	N/A	5.34
GREENS	Bushel Baskets	N/A	4.50
GOURDS	Bushel	2,794	7.41
	1/2 Bushel	3,659	4.01

* Price is per dozen
1/ Included with 12 pint flats