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BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET AVERAGE PRICES FOR THE 1985 SEASON

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## BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET VOLUME FOR 1975 THROUGH 1985

SEASON	GROWER LOADS SEASON TOTAL	NUMBER OF PACKAGES SEASON TOTAL	DAY BUYER REGISTRATION
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
1982	23,028	1,296,984	3,016
1983	17,739	957,531	2,342
1984	19,460	1,085,332	2,429
1985	20,557	1,161,004	2,698

THE FOLLOWING CHART IS A TABULATION OF THE COMMODITIES ON THE BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET DURING MOST OF THE 1985 SEASON. THE AVERAGE PRICES INCLUDE PACKED AND OPEN CONTAINERS OF ALL GRADES, SIZES, QUALITY, AND CONDITION OF ALL VARIETIES.

COMMODITIES	USUAL TYPE CONTAINER	NUMBER OF PACKAGES	1985 SEASON AVERAGE PRICE	1984 SEASON AVERAGE PRICE
APPLES	Bushel	119,933	\$ 4.97	\$ 5.61
	3/4 Bushel	2,311	N/A	4.44
	Half Bushel	63,260	3.73	4.10
APPLE CIDER	Per Gallon	3,885	1.46	1.59
APRICOTS	8 Quart Flats	1,146	9.68	10.99
BEANS	Bushel-Round Green	14,456	8.99	8.83
	Half Bushel	463	5.37	4.23
	12 Quart-Romaine-Lima	2,581	5.73	5.53
BEETS	Half Bushel	N/A	5.75	5.34
<b>BERRIES:</b>				
Blackberries	12 Pint Flat	1,405	13.04	13.92
Blueberries	12 Pint Flat	29,508	8.08	8.09
	10 Pound Carton	15,885	7.53	7.03
Dewberries	5 Pound Carton	1,846	N/A	4.06
	12 Pint Flats	132	14.30	12.02
Gooseberries	12 Pint Flats	261	8.03	7.81
Black Raspberries	12 Pint Flats	3,324	11.59	11.34
Red Raspberries	12 Pint Flats	6,622	14.29	16.96
Strawberries	8 Quart Flats	58,618	5.22	5.15
	16 Quart Crates	43,666	9.20	9.23
BROCCOLI	Bushel	1,509	6.88	7.64
	Half Bushel	309	4.85	3.99
CABBAGE	Bushel	3,124	3.69	3.66
CANTALOUPE	Bushel	20,344	7.88	7.43
CAULIFLOWER	Bushel Cartons	2,574	7.16	7.10
<b>CHERRIES:</b>				
Tart	8 Quart Flats	1,115	7.61	7.33
Sweet	8 Quart Flats	4,564	10.39	7.81

BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET 1985 SEASON SUMMARY - continued

COMMODITIES	USUAL TYPE CONTAINER	NUMBER OF PACKAGES	1985		1984	
			SEASON AVERAGE PRICE		SEASON AVERAGE PRICE	
<b>CORN:</b>						
Sweet	Bushel	7,401	\$1.07	Per Dozen	\$1.03	
Indian	Per Dozen	28,458	2.30		2.20	
Popcorn	Per Dozen	5,639	2.13		2.14	
CUCUMBERS	Bushel Cartons	11,170	6.01		5.27	
CURRENTS	8 Quart Flats	406	8.87		8.54	
DILL-WEED	12 Bunches of 12	966	4.96		4.76	
EGGPLANT	Bushel	2,024	5.35		5.51	
GLADIOLUS	15 Bunches of 6	3,182	11.32		11.64	
ORNAMENTAL GOURDS	Bushel	5,688	6.69		6.83	
	Half Bushel	7,834	4.17		4.48	
GRAPES	8-2 Quart Crates	19,464	7.73		6.84	
	12 Quart Baskets	29,441	3.60		2.95	
KOHLRABI	12 Quart Baskets	N/A	4.73		5.76	
NECTARINES	Half Bushel	3,312	8.26		6.58	
OKRA	12 Quart Baskets	N/A	N/A		6.10	
PEAS-CROWDER	12 Quart Baskets	N/A	N/A		6.44	
PEACHES	3/4 Bushel	22,560	7.83		6.01	
	Half Bushel	145,179	5.90		4.73	
PEARS	Bushel	4,758	7.66		4.59	
	3/4 Bushel	1,357	7.17		5.92	
	Half Bushel	17,064	5.18		3.65	
PEPPERS	Bushel (Calif. Wonder)	12,298	7.02		6.02	
	Half Bushel	1,796	4.70		3.88	
	12 Quart Baskets (Mostly Hots)	1,728	4.57		4.24	
PICKLES	Bushel	2,137	N/A		8.00	
	Half Bushel	2,059	4.63		3.76	
	12 Quart Baskets	3,966	4.43		3.60	
PLUMS	8 Quart Flats (Japanese type)	3,175	7.36		7.49	
	Half Bushel (Prune-Plum)	14,853	6.40		5.26	
POTATOES	50 Pound	2,628	3.14		4.08	
	Half Bushel	1,078	5.30		6.17	
SWEET POTATOES	Half Bushel	N/A	3.98		4.06	
PIE PUMPKINS	Bushel	3,333	4.23		4.29	
SQUASH	Bushel (Mostly Winter)	18,173	5.02		4.87	
	8 Quart Cartons (Summer)	12,043	1.96		2.11	
	Half Bushel (Summer)	86,167	3.14		3.28	
SUNFLOWERS	Bushel	117	4.87		4.75	
TOMATOES	8 Quart Cartons (Michigan #1)	65,143	2.22		2.82	
	8-2 Quart Baskets (Michigan #1)	1,302	6.37		7.28	
	12 Pound Cartons (Michigan #2)	3,639	1.60		1.80	
	12 Quart Baskets-various grades	27,462	3.54		4.69	
	Cherry type 12 Pint Flats (Mich #1)	65,296	4.34		5.51	
	25 Pound Cartons-various grades	64,760	4.19		4.44	
	20 Pound Cartons- " "	11,608	4.66		4.77	
	30 Pound Cartons- " "	963	N/A		4.71	
	Half Bushel	5,897	4.31		4.53	
WATERMELON	Bushel	1,714	6.74		6.70	

TOTAL NUMBER OF PACKAGES DELIVERED TO THE BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET FOR THE 1985 SEASON WAS 1,161,004 PACKAGES  
 1984 SEASON WAS 1,085,332 PACKAGES

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