

The winter producing areas of Florida is mostly in Broward and Dade County, 14,000 acres was the preliminary estimate for South Florida. Shipments from Dade County began showing volume the second week in February, with Broward County or the Dania-Hallandale section getting under way the last of February. In both areas some loss was suffered by blight. There was generally good quality although there was considerable small stock.

The preliminary estimate for early spring tomatoes was 17,000 acres. The Fort Pierce section, spring crop, was of good quality and sizes.

In the Dade County and Broward County sections adverse weather conditions reduced acreage and deteriorated quality of earliest pickings. After harvest got under way good weather generally prevailed for remainder of season. The Fort Pierce spring tomatoes were of finest quality in several seasons, due to good weather which held until the last week of the deal.

F.o.b. prices were at ceiling until the week of February 23, with heavier shipments from the Florida East Coast area and other sections, prices weakened on small sizes first, with other sizes weakening some. During the last of February and first of March, 6x6s and larger dropped to as low as 4.00. Prices went back to ceiling around the middle of March and continued at ceiling figures for all Florida shipping areas through April 13th. Dade County section finished shipping at this time. Dania-Hallandale section quality was only fair and prices dropped accordingly. In the Fort Pierce section with good quality, prices held at ceiling until week-end of April 27th, after this time prices slowly declined until end of deal.

SHIPPING POINT PRICES OF TOMATOES

The following prices are weekly ranges as reported in the daily bulletin and are on tomatoes in lug boxes, green, wrapped and unwrapped. Shipments are weekly totals.

Week Ending:	Rail Shipments				Sales f.o.b. shipping point-lug boxes-green, wrapped & unwrapped								
	Florida		Total		DADE COUNTY SECTION						DANIA-HALLANDALE SECTION		
	F.E.C.	Other	Truck	Other	6x6s	1gr.	6x7s	7x7s	6x6s	1gr.	6x7s	7x7s	
Feb. 9:	103	17	80	339	5.25	4.75	4.00						
16:	137	10	91	407	5.25	4.75	4.00						
23:	249	14	119	372	4.75-5.25	4.00-4.75	2.75-4.00		5.00-5.25	4.25-4.75		3.00	
Mar. 2:	291	23	135	319	4.00-5.25	3.50-4.50	2.50-3.00		4.25	3.75		2.25	
9:	318	23	130	234	4.50-5.25	4.00-4.75	2.50-4.00		4.50-5.25	4.00-4.75	2.75-4.00		
16:	302	36	122	238	5.25	4.75	4.00		5.25	4.75		4.00	
23:	337	48	133	361	5.25	4.75	4.00		5.25	4.75		4.00	
30:	269	50	164	390	5.25	4.75	4.00		5.25	4.75		4.00	
Apr. 6:	233	53	160	495	5.25	4.75	4.00		5.25	4.75		4.00	
13:	162	63	219	571	FT. PIERCE SECTION				5.25	4.75		4.00	
20:	235	131	230	879	5.25	4.75	4.00		4.25-5.25	3.75-4.75	3.00-4.00		
27:	261	169	249	1249	4.00-5.00	3.50-4.50	2.75-3.75						
May 4:	243	170	255	1490	3.50-4.00	3.00-3.50	2.25-2.75						
8:	92	68		833	3.50	3.00	2.00-2.25						

WEEKLY JOBBING PRICES OF FLORIDA TOMATOES IN TERMINAL MARKETS

:Lug boxes, wrapped & unwrapped in less than carlot quantities of good quality & condition													
NEW YORK CITY													
Week Ending:	Florida				Green, ripe and turning								
	Unloads	Total		Others	6x6s			6x7s			7x7s		
	Rail	Truck	Others		6x6s	7x7s	7x7s	6x6s	7x7s	7x7s	6x6s	7x7s	7x7s
Feb. 8:	7	1	95		6.25		5.75					5.00	
15:	26	1	161		6.25		5.75					4.50-5.00	
22:	15	-	63		5.50-6.25		5.00-5.75					2.40-5.00	
Mar. 1:	60	5	132		4.50-5.75		4.00-5.25					2.50-3.00	
8:	82	-	45		4.75-6.25		4.50-5.75					3.00-5.00	
15:	96	3	27		5.75-6.25		5.75					4.00-5.00	
22:	102	3	30		6.25		5.75					4.50-5.00	
29:	102	-	19		6.25		5.75					5.00	
Apr. 5:	107	5	13		6.25		5.75					5.00	
12:	94	9	16		6.25		5.75					5.00	
19:	93	14	55		5.75-6.25		5.75					4.50-5.00	
26:	116	4	59		4.00-6.25		4.00-5.75					3.00-5.00	
May 3:	127	5	108		3.00-5.50		2.50-5.25					2.00-4.25	
10:	110	9	100		2.75-4.50		2.75-4.25					2.00-3.25	

:Lug boxes, wrapped & unwrapped, in less than carlot quantities of good quality & condition.													
BOSTON													
Week Ending:	Arrivals				Green, ripe and turning								
	Fla.	Total	Green, ripe & turning		6x6s			6x7s			7x7s		
	Rail	Other	6x6s	7x7s	6x6s	7x7s	7x7s	6x6s	7x7s	7x7s	6x6s	7x7s	
Feb. 8:	31	14	4.50-5.75	3.50-5.00	9	-	21	6.25-6.75				5.75	
15:	35	15	4.50-5.50	3.75-5.00	21	4	37	6.25-6.50				5.50-5.75	
22:	30	4	4.00-5.50	4.00-4.75	28	2	43	5.50-6.00				5.25-5.75	
Mar. 1:	62	5	4.50-5.25	3.25-4.00	18	2	30	5.00-6.00				3.25-4.50	
8:	73	7	4.00-5.50	3.25-4.00	30	-	21	5.00-5.50				3.75-4.75	
15:	59	9	5.00-5.75	4.00-4.50	32	2	31	6.25-6.75				5.50-5.75	
22:	63	-	5.75	5.00-5.75	27	-	31	6.50-6.75				5.50-6.00	
29:	74	8	5.00-5.75	4.25-5.75	36	-	46	6.25-6.75				5.75-6.25	
Apr. 5:	55	0	5.75	5.00-5.75	26	1	38	6.50-6.75				6.00-6.21	
12:	45	19	5.75	5.75	25	2	49	6.25-6.75				5.50-6.20	
19:	24	34	5.75	5.75	15	2	77	6.50-6.75				6.00-6.10	
26:	40	56	4.50-5.75	4.00-5.75	33	4	88	5.00-6.50				5.00-5.50	
May 3:	48	51	4.00-4.75	3.00-3.50	28	1	89	3.75-5.75				3.50-5.00	
10:	67	90	2.75-4.50	2.25-3.25	32	2	178	3.50-5.50				3.00-4.50	

SOUTH FLORIDA TOMATOES (Cont'd)

WEEKLY JOBBING PRICES OF FLORIDA TOMATOES IN TERMINAL MARKETS.

Lug boxes, wrapped & unwrapped, in less than carlot quantities of good quality & condition									
PHILADELPHIA									
Week Ending	Florida Arrivals			Total*	Green, ripe and turning				
	Rail	Truck	Others		6x6s	6x7s	7x7s		
Feb. 8	5	-	17	22	5.50-6.25	5.00-5.75		2.50-5.00	
15	7	-	27	34	5.50-6.00	5.00		4.00-5.00	
22	13	-	26	39	5.50-6.25	4.50-5.75		3.00-5.00	
Mar. 1	25	1	34	60	4.00-6.00	3.00-5.00		2.00-3.25	
8	28	1	3	32	4.00-6.24	3.50-5.75		2.00-3.50	
15	34	3	5	42	6.00-6.25	5.50-5.75		4.00-5.00	
22	27	1	4	32	6.25	5.75		5.00	
29	42	-	4	46	6.25	5.75		5.00	
Apr. 5	37	2	2	41	6.25	5.75		5.00	
12	37	-	-	37	6.25	5.75		5.00	
19	43	1	11	55	6.24-6.25	5.75		5.00	
26	39	4	29	72	4.00-6.25	3.00-5.75		2.00-4.00	
May 3	34	1	30	65	3.00-5.25	2.50-4.75		2.00-3.25	
10	61	4	64	129	3.00-4.75	2.25-4.00		2.00-2.75	

(\* Includes Mexico, Cuba, Puerto Rico and Texas.

BRIEF REVIEW OF THE SOUTH FLORIDA

PEPPER SEASON OF 1946

The winter crop of peppers grown in South Florida is mainly in Broward and Eastern side of Palm Beach Counties. Estimated acreage for this season was 3,800 acres. Movement over the Pompano market showed an increase over last season.

Weather conditions during latter part of December and January was very hot and dry, causing insects to do considerable damage. As a result of this, peppers run heavier to small and inferior quality than previous season.

Bushel baskets were the main containers used for the marketing of this crop.

SHIPPING POINT PRICES OF PEPPERS AT POMPANO, FLORIDA

The prices quoted below are weekly ranges of prices to growers on stock of good merchantable quality. Shipment figures are weekly totals.

Week Ending	Florida Shipments			Total	Bull Nose types		California Wonders	
	Rail	Truck	Others		Bushel baskets		Bushel Baskets	
Jan. 5	38	17	37	92	3.00-4.25		4.00-5.50	
12	17	24	41	82	4.00-5.50		5.00-6.50	
19	35	36	49	120	4.50-6.25		5.50-6.75	
26	16	28	38	82	4.75-5.50		5.75-7.25	
Feb. 2	10	26	14	50	4.75-6.25		6.00-7.50	
9	18	47	28	93	4.75-6.50		5.25-7.25	
16	50	79	37	166	3.00-5.50		4.00-6.50	
23	32	49	35	116	2.00-3.00		3.00-5.50	
Mar. 2	35	68	48	151	2.25-3.25		3.50-5.00	
9	49	61	34	144	2.35-3.25		3.50-4.50	
16	61	64	27	152	2.00-4.00		3.00-4.00	
23	65	57	12	134	1.75-2.75		2.75-3.75	
30	61	61	18	140	1.75-2.50		2.75-4.00	
Apr. 6	44	50	22	116	1.50-2.50		2.75-4.50	
13	34	55	17	106	4.00-4.50		4.75-6.00	
20	45	63	20	128	4.00-4.25		4.50-5.50	
27	63	92	11	166	4.00		4.25-4.50	

WEEKLY JOBBING PRICES OF FLORIDA PEPPERS IN TERMINAL MARKETS

The weekly prices ranges quoted below are on stock of good merchantable quality and condition and are confined to the ranges at which the bulk of the stock was sold in less than carlot quantities. Receipts and unloads are for the weekly period shown. All quotations are on bushel baskets. Prices cover five day week, Monday through Friday.

NEW YORK CITY						BOSTON				
Week Ending	Full Nose type			Florida	Full Nose type			Florida	Full Nose type	
	Rail	Truck	Other		Gen. good & fair qual.	Ord. to fair qual.	Rail Arr.		Gen. good & fair qual.	Ord. to fair qual.
Jan. 4	7	-	3	10	4.00-5.00	3.00-4.00	-	-	-	
11	24	1	2	27	4.00-5.50	2.00-3.50	4	5.00-6.00	3.00-5.00	
18	15	1	2	18	5.50-7.00	3.00-5.25	4	6.00		
25	12	3	1	16	5.00-6.50	3.00-5.50	1	5.00-7.00	3.50-5.50	
Feb. 1	13	1	2	16	5.00-6.00	3.00-5.00	4	5.00-6.00	3.00-4.50	
8	7	4	-	11	5.50-8.00	3.00-6.00	3	5.00-7.50		
15	16	15	-	31	5.00-8.00	2.50-5.00	3	5.00-8.00	3.50-6.50	
22	14	8	-	22	3.00-5.00	1.75-3.50	6	4.00		
Mar. 1	19	8	-	27	3.00-4.25	1.50-3.25	8	2.50-4.00	1.00-3.00	
8	27	13	1	41	3.25-4.25	1.50-3.25	5	3.25-4.25	1.50-3.50	
15	34	11	-	45	3.00-4.00	2.00-3.25	6	2.50-4.00	1.25-3.00	
22	35	6	-	41	3.25-4.00	.75-3.00	7	2.50-3.50	1.25-2.00	
29	39	5	-	44	2.00-4.00	.65-3.00	8	2.00-3.25	1.25-2.00	
Apr. 5	34	1	-	35	2.00-3.50	1.00-2.50				
12	39	5	-	44	3.50-6.50	1.00-4.00				
19	16	6	-	22	4.00-6.50	1.50-4.00				
26	18	3	-	21	3.00-5.50	1.00-4.00				

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