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FACTORS USED IN THE FLORIDA F&V SHIPMENT CONVERSION

As of January 1, 1997

Commodity	Container	Truck Package weight	Rail cars total	Piggy-back van total weight
Citrus				
		Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Grapefruit	Carton, Crate	40	60,000	45,000
Oranges	Carton, Crate	43	60,000	45,000
Tangelos	Carton, Crate	43	60,000	45,000
Tangerines	Carton, Crate	43	60,000	45,000
Temples	Carton, Crate	43	60,000	45,000
Miscellaneous	Carton	45	60,000	45,000
Vegetables				
Beans	Bushel	30	60,000	32,000
Cabbage	Crt, Sks, Ctn	50	60,000	45,000
Carrots	48-1 lb	48 & 50	80,000	40,000
Cauliflower	Carton	25	42,000	31,000
Celery	Crate, Carton	60	60,000	45,000
Chinese Cabbage	Crate	50	60,000	40,000
Corn	Crate	42	60,000	42,000
Cucumbers	Bu & 1-1/9	55	60,000	45,000
Eggplant	Bu & 1-1/9	33	60,000	40,000
Endive-Escarole	Crate, Carton	25	60,000	31,000
Greens	Bushel	25	34,000	25,000
Lettuce-IB	Carton	50	60,000	45,000
Lettuce-Rom	1-1/9 bushel	22	60,000	36,000
Lettuce-Oth	1-1/9 bushel	22	40,000	20,000
Okra	Bushel	30	60,000	32,000
Onions, Dry	Sacks	50	100,000	45,000
Parsley	Carton	21	40,000	21,000
Peppers	Bu & 1-1/9	28	57,000	41,000
Potatoes	Cwt	100	80,000	40,000
Radishes-Pkg	30-6 oz	12	60,000	40,000
Radishes-Bulk	Bag	40	60,000	40,000
Southern Peas	Bushel	25	31,000	24,000
Squash	Bushel & 1-1/9	42	60,000	40,000
Tomatoes	Carton	25	65,000	40,000
Tomatoes-Cherry	Flat	15	--	--
Vegetables Other-Fresh		25	60,000	40,000
Vegetables Other-Proc	Actual Weight		60,000	40,000
Miscellaneous Fruits				
Avocados	Flat	13	60,000	40,000
Lemons	Carton	42	89,000	45,000
Limes	Carton	38	60,000	36,000
Mangos	Flat	14	60,000	40,000
Peaches	1/2 bushel	25	60,000	35,000
Strawberries	Flat	12	40,000	24,000
Watermelons	Actual weight		60,000	45,000
Other Fruit	Package	45	60,000	35,000

FLORIDA: USUAL DATES FOR PLANTING AND HARVESTING VEGETABLES
MELONS, POTATOES, AND STRAWBERRIES

Crop	Planting	Usual Harvest Dates		
	Dates 1/	Begins	Most Active	Ends
Snap Beans 2/	Aug. 15-Apr. 1	Oct. 15	Nov. 1-May 1	Jun. 15
Cabbage	Sep. 1-Mar. 15	Oct. 25	Jan. 1-Apr. 15	Jun. 15
Carrots	Aug. 15-Feb. 15	Nov. 1	Dec. 15-May 25	Jun. 10
Cantaloupes	Jan. 15-Mar. 15	Mar. 10	May 15-Jun. 20	Jul. 10
Cauliflower	Sep. 15-Jan. 1	Dec. 15	Jan. 1-Mar. 15	Apr. 15
Celery	Aug. 1-Apr. 15	Oct. 25	Dec. 15-Jun. 1	Jul. 10
Chinese Cabbage	Sep. 1-Apr. 1	Oct. 20	Nov. 15-May 15	Jun. 1
Sweet Corn	Jul. 25-May 1	Sep. 25	Nov. 15-Jun. 15	Jul. 10
Cucumbers	Aug. 1-Apr. 1	Sep. 20	Nov. 1-Dec. 15	
Eggplant	Jul. 15-Apr. 1	Oct. 1	Apr. 20-Jun. 1	Jul. 1
Endive & Escarole	Aug. 25-Apr. 1	Oct. 20	Nov. 15-May 25	Aug. 1
Lettuce & Romaine	Aug. 25-Apr. 1	Oct. 20	Dec. 1-May 1	Jun. 1
Parsley	Aug. 25-Apr. 1	Oct. 20	Nov. 15-May 25	Jun. 1
Green Peppers	Aug. 1-Mar. 15	Oct. 20	Nov. 15-Jun. 15	Jul. 1
Potatoes	Sep. 15-Mar. 1	Jan. 1	Jan. 15-Jun. 15	Jul. 1
Radishes	Sep. 1-May 15	Sep. 20	Nov. 15-May 1	Mar. 15
Spinach (Proc.)	Nov. 1-Jan. 1	Jan. 15	Feb. 1-Mar. 1	Mar. 15
Squash 3/	Aug. 15-Apr. 1	Sep. 1	Nov. 15-May 15	July 1
Strawberries	Oct. 1-Nov. 15	Dec. 15	Feb. 1-Apr. 1	May 15
Tomatoes	Jul. 25-Mar. 15	Oct. 20	Nov. 15-Jun. 1	Jul. 1
Watermelons	Dec. 15-Apr. 1	Apr. 10	May 1-Jul. 1	July 15

1/ Usual date direct seeded or transplanted.

2/ Includes Pole Beans.

3/ A small acreage of summer squash is marketed during July and August.

VEGETABLE HIGHLIGHTS

GENERAL INFORMATION

The beginning of the 1996-97 Florida season had nearly ideal conditions for the laying of plastic and planting of crops. By the second week of September most growers delayed planting due to the threat of Hurricane Fran. In addition, growers put off some planting until the threat of adverse weather from Hurricane Hortense passed. Ironically, most southern Peninsula fields were in need of rain. By the week ending September 15, wet fields delayed planting in some southern Peninsula locations during the first part of the week but most activity got back on schedule by the end of the week. The weather was nearly ideal for the remainder of the month, allowing planting and harvesting to proceed at a normal pace.

During the week ending October 6, rainfall interrupted field work in the major production areas. Wind gusts tossed plants and blew plastic in some areas. Heavy rains continued to fall early the week ending October 13 which slowed field work. Strong winds reduced yield prospects due to bloom loss and fruit scarring. Drier weather the latter part of the week allowed crops to recover and field work to get back on schedule. Warm, dry weather the first week of November continued to aid the recovery of crops from the recent wind and rain damage. During the last part of week ending November 17, strong, gusty winds and blowing sand damaged some crops with scarred fruit, dehydrated plants and burned and broken foliage in many areas.

By the beginning of December, mostly dry weather and mild temperatures aided the recovery of plants from the recent wind damage. However, yields were low for some crops due to the grade out of scarred fruit. By the week ending December 8, harvesting for the holiday markets progressed at a normal pace until the weekend rains slowed it down some. Most plants and fruits were recovering well from the earlier wind damage with quality improving. The week ending December 22, most southern Peninsula crops escaped damage from the cold weather due to the short duration of near freezing temperatures. Some Plant City strawberry growers ran overhead sprinklers to protect plants and immature berries from harm. Hard frosts brought an end to most crop picking in northern areas. Harvesting in areas around Webster and Center Hill was nearing the end.

By the week ending January 5, very warm and dry weather provided nearly ideal conditions for planting and harvesting and caused fruit to rapidly reach maturity. Foggy mornings caused some delays in starting fieldwork. Growers continued to irrigate fields as needed. Mostly balmy weather continued to accelerate crop development the following week. Windy weather in the Palmetto-Ruskin region delayed some fieldwork.

Adverse weather, rain and freezing temperatures, the week ending January 19 caused varying amounts of damage to southern Peninsula crops with the Immokalee area and Dade County reporting significant losses. Some growers did not have enough days warning to set up watering equipment for saving crops in Dade County. Most acreage in the East Coast region escaped significant injuries. Northern producers were preparing land for spring crops.

After the Freeze the Peninsula of Florida received milder than normal temperatures for many weeks resulting in early maturation of spring crops and a finish to most Central Florida tender vegetable crops 1 to 2 weeks ahead of normal.

BEANS

Florida growers shipped 3,298,000 packages of beans during the 1996-97 season. Dade County is the predominant bean production area with supplies from the end of October into May, with other areas of South, Central, and North Florida having significant supplies in the early Fall and late Spring. However, the Freeze caused heavy damage to the crop in Dade County and Southwest Florida.

Prices at shipping point for round green type per bushel container ranged from \$6.00 to \$28.85 throughout the season. Prices at shipping point for pole type per bushel container ranged from \$8.85 to \$27.85 and wax type from \$10.85 to \$22.85

Florida beans are packed in bushel hampers, crates and cartons.

CABBAGE

Florida growers shipped an estimated 5,848,000 crates of cabbage during the 1996-97 season. Acreage planted during 1996-97 was scattered over North, Central & South Florida. Large blocks of acreage could be found in Flagler and St. Johns counties in North Florida, Manatee & Sarasota counties in West Central Florida, and in the Lake Okeechobee area.

Prices for the season ranged from \$4.00-5.50 for the growing season. Peak shipments occurred in early March.

Round green type cabbage was packed in a 1 3/4 and 1 7/8 bushel crates, 50 pound cartons and 50 pound sacks. Light amounts of Red and Savoy types were also produced.

CARROTS

Florida shipped an estimated 1,626,00 sacks of fresh market carrots during the 1996-97 season. Regular type carrots are grown in the Central Florida area. Most of the young acreage in the Zellwood area (Central Florida) was killed by the January 19 freeze. Older acreage sustained only light damage with the crop expected to recover.

Prices for regular type carrots generally ranged from \$5.25 to \$8.25, for both the sack of 48-1 pound film bags medium-large size and 50 pound bags of loose jumbo size.

CELERY

Florida growers shipped 1,848,000 crates of celery during the 1996-97 season. The main growing areas for celery are the Lake Okeechobee section in South Florida and the Zellwood section in Central Florida.

Prices generally ranged from \$5.00 to \$10.65 per crate or carton of 2 dozen stalks. The principal shipping containers are cartons, 14 inch cartons, and wirebound crates.

CHINESE CABBAGE

Florida growers shipped 145,000 crates of chinese cabbage during the 1996-97 season. The main growing areas for chinese cabbage are located at Lake Okeechobee and Zellwood.

Prices per celery crate mostly ranged from \$6.00 to \$7.00.

CORN

Florida growers shipped 11,716,000 crates of sweet corn through June 26, 1997 in the 1996-97 growing season.

Results of the January 19 Freeze: Dade County--Some growers are salvage harvesting some production from the damaged fields. Everglades--Some young acreage was lost to the cold with growers to replant the fields. East Coast--Wet weather slowed pulling. The limited harvesting produced good ear sizes and quality. Planting was active. The weekend cold caused some losses and damage around Stuart with most acreage surviving. Southwest--All acreage lost. Growers expect to begin replanting soon.

The main growing areas for corn were near Lake Okeechobee and the Zellwood district, with smaller acreage in Dade County, near the coast at West Palm Beach, and in North Florida.

Prices per crate for yellow corn generally ranged from \$6.00 to \$9.00. In February and March the range was slightly higher from \$10.00 to \$16.00.

The main varieties of yellow corn grown is Summer Sweet or other similar "Super Sweet" varieties. Lighter volume of white and bi-color types were available during most of the season.

CUCUMBERS

Shipments of Florida cucumbers for 1996-97 was 3,899,000 packages.

Cucumbers are grown throughout Florida, with the major producing areas in the southeast and west central areas of the State.

Effects of the January 19 Freeze: East Coast -- Crop condition is mostly good with most acreage protected by freeze covers during the weekend. Harvesting at mid-week yielded mostly good quality. Some growers continued planting prior to the weekend. Southwest--All acreage lost to the freeze. Producers plans for replanting are uncertain at this time. Dade--The freeze killed virtually all acreage with only a small acreage left for picking.

1 1/9 bushel cartons of waxed medium size generally ranged from \$6.00 to \$12.50 from October through January. Prices were suspended early-January until the end of February as there were not enough shipments to quote. On February 25 the range was \$18.00-20.00. From March through the beginning of June the range varied wildly from \$6.00 to \$20.35.

Florida cucumbers are generally packed in 1 1/9 bushel cartons and 24 count cartons of medium sized fruit.

EGGPLANT

Florida shipments of eggplant for the 1996-97 season were 1,590,000 packages. Eggplant is grown in most areas of Florida, but the southeast area around Pompano Beach accounts for most supplies. Prices for bushel and 1 1/9 bushel cartons generally ranged from \$4.85 to \$16.85 during the season.

Eggplant is packed mostly in bushel and 1 1/9 bushel cartons with most southeast area growers using bushel cartons. Italian type eggplant is packed in 1/2 bushel cartons.

ENDIVE-ESCAROLE

In the 1996-97 growing season, Florida growers shipped 357,000 crates of Endive and 504,000 crates of Escarole.

The primary growing sections for the Endive and Escarole are the Lake Okeechobee area in South Florida and the Zellwood area in Central Florida.

Prices per 1 1/9 bushel crate for Endive generally ranged from \$6.00 to \$11.00 during the season. Escarole generally ranged from \$5.00 to \$12.00.

The major shipping containers are the 1 1/9 bushel wirebound crate and a carton containing 24 heads.

LETTUCE

During the 1996-97 season Florida growers shipped an estimated 186,000 cartons of Iceberg lettuce. Nearly all **ICEBERG** type is grown in the Lake Okeechobee area in South Florida. **ROMAINE**, **BOSTON**, **BIBB** and the **LEAF** type are grown in both Central and South Florida. Prices for **ICEBERG** type ranged from \$5.00 to 48.00 per carton of 24 heads during the months of December through May.

Shipments of **ROMAINE** and other type lettuce (**BOSTON**, **BIBB**, and **LOOSE LEAF** types) amounted to 622,000 22 lb equivalent units with **ROMAINE** accounting for over 66% of the total.

Shipments of **ROMAINE** type were estimated at 408,000 22 lb container equivalents during the 1996-97 season. the price ranged from \$4.00 to \$12.00.

BOSTON type per carton 24s ranged \$5.00 to \$8.00, **BIBB** per carton 24s ranged from \$5.00 to \$7.00, and **LEAF** type per carton 24s generally ranged \$4.00 to \$10.00.

The **ROMAINE** type is also packed in 1 1/9 bushel containers.

PEPPERS

Bell type pepper shipments from Florida for the 1996-97 season were 12,778,000 packages.

The southwest area continues to be the major production area, followed by the southeast, west central, and north Florida areas. Peak shipments for the season occurred the week ending March 29. F.O.B. shipping point prices of Bell type green 1 1/9 bushel cartons large size generally ranged from \$5.00 to \$18.35.

Bell peppers are generally packed in 1 1/9 bushel containers.

PEPPERS OTHER

Florida growers shipped 833,000 packages (30 lb equivalents) of other type peppers during the 1996-97 season.

These shipments consisted of Cuban and Longhot types packed mostly in 1 1/9 bushel cartons and crates; Fingerhot, Hungarian Wax and Jalapeno types packed mostly in 1/2 or 5/9 bushel cartons. These other type peppers are grown in all areas of Florida, with only South Florida in harvest during the winter months.

SOUTH AND CENTRAL FLORIDA POTATOES

The South and Central Florida winter potato crop acreage in 1996-97 was forecast at 9,000 harvest acres, 200 acres more than the 8,800 acres the previous season.

Round Red potatoes with a few Round Whites are grown in the Stuart, Fort Myers, Parrish, Polk, and Dade County areas. Most south Florida potato production is in the Dade County areas. Initial light harvest began in late January, with volume sales by March.

Shipments from south and central Florida growing areas were mostly complete by the middle of May. Prices for 50 lb sacks Round Red U.S. No. 1 grade size A opened at \$10.00 and closed at \$7.00 in May. Light supplies of Round Whites were mostly insufficient to quote during the season.

South and central Florida potatoes are mostly packed in 50 lb paper sacks, with a few in 50 lb cartons. Truck transportation is used to move most of the south Florida potato crop, with only an occasional load by rail-truck.

NORTH FLORIDA POTATOES

This area centers around Flagler, Putnam and St. Johns Counties (Hastings area). The National Agriculture Statistics Service forecast about 26,500 acres were harvested in the Hastings area, 1000 acres less than the 1996 season. For other growing areas in north and central Florida the forecast was 9,800 acres for harvest, an increase of 1,800 acres from the previous season.

Planting began in mid-December and continued to the end of February. Favorable winter growing conditions resulted an early start to the season. However, heavy rains over 10 inches from April 23-28 to portions of Putham and St. John county resulted in heavy losses in some fields. Processing stock potatoes moved mostly on contract at mostly \$6.50 to \$7.00 per cwt. Open market trading prices fell below \$5.00 just prior to the heavy rains and rose to over about \$20.00 for Atlantics per cwt for sales by brokers and other dealers as processors scrambled to fill gaps from the weather-related losses.

Table white prices started to ease prior to the rains but stayed at \$6.00 per 50 lb sack U.S. No. 1 size A as many intended table whites were diverted to processing. An increased acreage of Round Reds were also planted in north Florida with prices starting at \$12.00 per 50 pound sacks U.S. One size A, but spending much of the season between \$4.00 and \$5.00.

Trucks were generally used for shipping the crop. A relatively small volume of the crop was moved via rail-truck (piggy-back vans).

RADISHES

There were 3,110,000 cartons of radishes shipped from Florida in 1996-97.

Prices at shipping point for Red Globe type packed in cartons of 30-6 ounce filmbags generally ranged from \$2.30 to \$8.30 during the season.

Red radishes were also packed in cartons containing 14-1 pound film bags, 24-8 ounce film bags and 40 pound film bags. White radishes were packed in cartons containing 24-8 ounce film bags.

Radishes were shipped by truck and rail-truck (piggyback vans).

SQUASH

There were 1,973,000 packages (bushel equivalents) of squash shipped from Florida during the 1996-97 season. Both Summer and Winter type squash are grown in Florida. Zucchini, Yellow Straightneck and Yellow Crookneck are the major summer types along with light production of White Scallop. Winter types include Acorn, Spaghetti, Butternut and Buttercup, of which Acorn and Spaghetti make up the most volume. Squash is grown throughout Florida, with the major producing area being the southeast section, followed by the southwest, west central and north Florida areas.

Effects of January 19 Freeze: Southwest -- Very young plants at the two leaf stage were protected by surrounding plastic with very little freeze loss expected. Virtually all other acreage was killed by the cold temperatures. East Coast -- Harvesting of zucchini and yellow varieties prior to the freeze produced fancy and medium grades of good quality and color. The wet, cold weather caused some stem and leaf damage with most acreage expected to recover. Dad -- Fields at maturity in unprotected areas were significantly damaged by the cold temperatures with producers making salvage harvests. Virtually all of the youngest fields show very little damage.

Zucchini and Yellow Straightneck are generally packed in 1/2 or 5/9 bushel containers and Yellow Crookneck in 3/4 bushel containers. Winter types are generally packed in one bushel or 1 1/9 bushel containers.

STRAWBERRIES

Florida strawberry acreage for the 1996-97 season was estimated at about 6,100 acres, 100 more than the 1995-96 season with the majority of acreage in Hillsborough County centered in the Plant City-Dover area.

Florida shipments for 1996-97 season were estimated at 9,356,000 flat cartons. The major container for shipping continued to be a 12 1-pint flat with flats of 8 1-lb lidded containers second. Most movement was by truck with loads generally palletized with 112 flats per pallet.

Planting began in late September and was completed by early November. The major variety planted was Sweet Charlie, followed by Camarosa, Selva and Oso Grande.

Significant harvesting started in late November and continued on an increasing trend into January. Volume fell during the latter portion of January and then rose quickly in February peaking for the season the week ending February 22. Shipments then remained fairly heavy to mid-March and dropped sharply thereafter. April shipments were insignificant compared to past years due to earlier development of fruit in February and more Sweet Charlies which tend to produce heavier before March than Oso Grande and Camarosa.

The shipping point prices per 12-1 pint flat including palletizing and cooling, ranged from \$8.35 to \$22.35 in December and January. During the heaviest period of shipment, mid-February through mid-March, prices ranged from \$6.35 to \$8.35 per flat.

TOMATOES

Florida growers shipped an estimated 52,442,000 25 pound cartons during the 1996-97 season. Significant shipments of tomatoes began in the Quincy area in early October and in the Palmetto-Ruskin area in late October. Statewide movement remained fairly steady from mid-November to mid-December. Shipments then bounced up and down into January. The mid-January freeze largely

destroyed the Immokalee-Naples crop, with the crops in Dade County and the east coast growing areas receiving only relatively minor damage. Shipments tended lower in February and remained at fairly similar levels until latter March as the new crop came in. Shipments reached their heaviest period from mid-April through mid-May as Palmetto-Ruskin crop came on earlier than normal due to favorable late winter and spring growing conditions.

The Quincy crop had its heaviest production in mid to late June as the cooler pre-harvest growing conditions slowed maturations some.

Price per 25 pound carton of extra-large size mature greens ranged from \$7.00 to \$12.00 prior to January; in January from \$6.00 to \$14.00; in post-freeze February and March from \$12.00 to \$22.00; in April and early May ranged from \$6.00 to \$10.00; late May through early June \$12.00 to \$14.00. Sales of extra-large size tomatoes during the Quincy area crop ranged from \$7.00 to \$12.00, with the price falling due to competition from competing growing areas.

CHERRY TOMATOES

In the 1996-97 growing season an estimated 2,616,000 12-pint flats of Cherry Type tomatoes were shipped from Florida. Cherry type tomatoes are grown in all areas of the State where other tomatoes are grown. Production in November to January (prior to the freeze) remained fairly steady. Peak spring production occurred the week ending May 10 but was fairly heavy for several weeks before and after that. Movement on cherry tomatoes, like tomatoes, was cut for most of February and March due to losses of plantings in the Immokalee-Naples area which was beset by a mid-January Freeze.

Prices in October to pre-freeze January per 12-pint flat, including palletizing and cooling, ranged from \$3.90 to \$10.90, but mostly \$4.90 to \$6.90. Prices in post-freeze January through March ranged from \$5.90 to \$13.90. For April through June prices ranged from \$6.90 to \$13.15, but mostly \$7.90 to \$10.90 per 12-pint flats.

BEANS: Florida and Mexico Recorded Shipments and Florida Round Green, Pole and Wax Types FOB Shipping Point Prices, including Precooling and Palletizing 1996-1997 Crop Year

WEEK ENDING	Shipments			Florida FOB Prices			
	Florida	Mexico	Total	Tuesday's Date	Pole type	Round Green type	Wax type
--1,000 package units or 30,000 lbs--Per Bushel--							
Oct. 5	-	3	3	Oct. 1	--	--	--
12	1	2	3	8	--	--	--
19	5	3	8	15	--	--	--
26	3	3	6	22	--	--	--
				29	--	14.80-14.85	--
Nov. 2	44	6	50	Nov. 5	16.85	14.00-14.85	--
9	100	5	105	12	--	8.00- 8.85	20.85
16	157	6	163	19	16.85	8.00- 8.85	20.00-20.85
23	248	16	264	26	16.85	8.00-10.85	20.00-20.85
30	119	32	151				
Dec. 7	142	43	185	Dec. 3	16.85	10.00-10.85	--
14	112	49	161	10	12.85	10.00-12.85	--
21	179	68	247	17	14.85-16.85	12.85-14.85	22.85
28	93	62	155	24	16.85	14.00-14.85	22.85
				31	12.85	8.00- 8.85	--
Jan. 4	127	83	210	Jan. 7	12.85	6.85- 7.85	18.85-20.85
11	164	90	254	14	10.85	12.85	20.85
18	105	50	155	21	--	25.85-28.85	--
25	42	88	130	28	20.85	25.85	--
Feb. 1	33	86	119	Feb. 4	--	25.85	--
8	16	60	76	11	--	--	--
15	10	72	82	18	--	--	--
22	14	89	103	25	--	--	--
Mar. 1	12	113	125	Mar. 4	--	25.85	--
8	65	95	160	11	27.85	10.85-12.85	20.85-22.85
15	106	83	189	18	14.85	6.85	12.85-14.85
22	240	51	291	25	8.85-10.85	6.00- 6.85	10.85-12.85
29	162	40	202				
Apr. 5	130	20	150	Apr. 1	10.85-12.85	10.85	10.85-12.85
12	163	29	192	8	--	18.85	12.85-14.85
19	136	31	167	15	--	--	--
26	115	16	131	22	--	--	--
				29	--	18.85	24.85
May 3	133	13	146	May 6	--	14.50-16.85	18.00-20.00
10	132	19	151	13	--	14.50-16.85	18.85
17	103	7	110	20	--	6.00- 8.85	--
24	47	1	48	27	--	6.00- 7.00	--
31	33	4	37				
Jun. 7	7	4	11	June 3	--	--	--
14	-	3	3	10	--	--	--
21	-	8	8	17	--	--	--
28	-	5	5	24	--	--	--
Jul 5		2	2				
Total	3,298	1,460	4,758				

**BEANS: Wholesale Prices at Selected
Cities, 1996-97 Crop Year**

Tuesday's Date	Pole type	Round Green type		Wax type
	Atlanta	New York	Chicago	Chicago
---Per Bushel---				
Oct. 1	--	--	--	--
8	--	--	--	--
15	--	15.00-18.00	--	--
22	--	--	18.00-19.00	--
29	19.00	--	18.00	--
Nov. 5	19.00-20.00	19.00	18.00-19.00	--
12	19.00-20.00	12.00	15.00-16.00*	--
19	19.50	10.00-12.00	13.00-14.00	--
26	20.00	15.00	14.00	--
Dec. 3	19.50-20.50	10.00-12.00	14.00-15.00	--
10	15.50	14.00-16.00	14.00*	--
17	18.50 19.50	18.00-20.00	20.00-21.00	--
24	19.50-20.00	20.00**	20.00	30.00-32.00
31	16.00	18.00**	18.00-20.00	--
Jan. 7	15.00-16.00	8.00-10.00	11.00-12.00	30.00
14	14.00-15.00	14.00-16.00	14.00-15.00	--
21	23.00-24.00	25.00-28.00	22.00-23.00	24.00
28	23.50	22.00-25.00	35.00-36.00	35.00-36.00
Feb. 4	25.00-25.50	32.00-35.00***	28.00-30.00	--
11	27.50***	24.00-25.00***	--	--
18	33.50-34.50*	45.00***	--	--
25	33.25	45.00***	40.00***	--
Mar. 4	32.00-35.00	38.00-45.00***	--	--
11	31.00-32.00	18.00-20.00	19.00-20.00	34.00
18	18.00-20.00	8.00-10.00	12.00	24.00-26.00
25	14.00	8.00-10.00	10.00-12.00	18.00
Apr. 1	11.50-13.50	12.00-14.00	11.00-12.00	--
8	22.00	20.00-22.00	20.00-21.00	22.00
15	25.50-27.50	20.00-23.00	22.00-23.00	--
22	24.50-26.00	25.00-27.00	19.20	--
29	27.00-28.00	22.00-24.00	24.00-25.00	28.00
May 6	23.50-25.50	22.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	26.00
13	23.00	15.00-16.00	19.00-20.00	26.00
20	16.00	8.00-10.00**	11.00	26.00
27	10.50-12.50**	--	10.00-11.00**	26.00
Jun. 3	--	--	14.00	--
10	--	--	--	--
17	--	--	--	--
24	--	--	--	--

* Wednesday's Price
 ** Monday's Price
 *** Handpicked

CABBAGE: Recorded Shipments From Competitive Growing areas
1996-97 Crop Year.

WEEK ENDING	SHIPMENTS						
	Florida	Georgia	New York	Texas	California/ Arizona	Total	
----1,000 package units or 50,000 lbs----							
Oct.	5	--	--	108	--	--	108
	12	--	--	114	--	--	114
	19	--	--	124	--	--	124
	26	--	--	92	9	--	101
Nov.	2	2	--	99	15	6	122
	9	2	11	109	29	14	165
	16	2	31	83	44	17	177
	23	4	98	123	83	10	318
	30	5	125	75	68	25	298
Dec.	7	15	166	70	93	13	357
	14	24	202	93	110	15	444
	21	68	174	84	150	41	517
	28	158	139	78	118	20	513
Jan.	4	173	103	75	140	31	522
	11	272	96	80	141	41	630
	18	185	74	92	127	32	510
	25	300	14	83	115	37	549
Feb.	1	239	--	73	125	38	475
	8	289	--	82	162	57	590
	15	329	--	90	160	61	640
	22	275	--	66	150	49	540
Mar.	1	302	--	72	178	32	584
	8	437	--	92	255	35	819
	15	464	7	106	213	53	843
	22	377	14	87	157	26	661
	29	300	22	86	140	16	564
Apr.	5	381	42	81	133	20	657
	12	357	74	68	149	29	677
	19	313	102	66	157	29	667
	26	188	115	78	119	43	543
May	3	234	315	72	127	31	779
	10	96	310	66	91	14	577
	17	54	257	64	108	7	490
	24	2	165	54	82	2	305
	31	1	98	41	68	1	209
Jun.	7	--	60	--	60	1	121
	14	--	24	--	50	5	79
	21	--	4	--	15	2	21
	28	--	--	--	--	1	1
Jul.	5	--	--	--	--	2	2
Total		<u>5,848</u>	<u>2,842</u>	<u>2,926</u>	<u>3,941</u>	<u>856</u>	<u>16,413</u>

**CABBAGE: (Round Green type): Florida and Texas FOB Shipping Point
Prices on Tuesday compared with Chicago and New York City
Wholesale Prices, 1996-97 Crop Year.**

Tuesday's Date	Florida Shipping Point Tuesday Price	New York City FL Stock Tuesday Price	Lower Rio Grande Valley Shipping Point Tuesday Price 17-24 Count	Chicago Texas Stock Tuesday Price
----Per 50-lb. Crates or Cartons Medium and Medium-Large Size----				
Oct. 1	--	--	--	--
8	--	--	--	--
15	--	--	--	--
22	--	--	--	--
29	--	--	--	--
Nov. 5	--	--	--	--
12	--	--	--	--
19	--	--	--	--
26	--	--	6.00	11.00
Dec. 3	--	--	6.00	7.00- 8.00
10	--	7.00	5.50	9.00-10.00*
17	4.50	7.00	5.00- 5.00	9.00- 9.50
24	5.00	7.00**	--	--
31	4.50- 5.00	8.00**	6.00	--
Jan. 7	4.00	6.00	4.50- 5.00	--
14	4.00	6.00	5.00	7.50- 8.00
21	4.50	7.00- 8.00*	5.00	8.00*
28	5.00	7.00- 8.00	5.00	--
Feb. 4	5.00- 5.50	7.00- 7.50	4.50	--
11	5.00- 5.50	7.00	4.50	--
18	5.00	7.00	5.00	--
25	5.00	6.00- 7.00	4.50- 5.00	--
Mar. 4	5.00	6.00	4.50- 5.50	--
11	5.50	8.00	5.50- 6.00	--
18	5.00- 5.50	8.00	5.50- 6.00	--
25	5.00	6.00- 7.00	5.00	--
Apr. 1	4.50	6.00	4.00	--
8	4.00- 4.50	5.00- 6.00	4.00	--
15	4.00	7.00	4.00	--
22	4.50	6.00- 7.00	5.00	--
29	4.00- 4.50	5.00- 6.00	4.00	--
May 6	--	7.00- 7.50	4.50	--
13	--	6.00	4.50	--
20	--	5.00- 6.00	--	--
27	--	--	--	--
Jun. 3	--	--	--	--
10	--	--	--	--
17	--	--	--	--
24	--	--	--	--

* Wednesday's Price
** Monday's Price

CARROTS: Recorded Shipments from competitive growing areas
1996-97 Crop Year.

		SHIPMENTS				
WEEK ENDING		Florida	Arizona/ California	Texas	Mexico	Total:
----1,000 PACKAGE UNITS OR 48,000 LBS----						
Oct.	5	--	298	--	23	321
	12	--	301	--	16	317
	19	--	272	--	25	297
	26	--	293	--	21	314
Nov.	2	--	330	--	21	351
	9	--	345	--	24	369
	16	--	366	--	25	391
	23	--	424	--	28	452
	30	--	386	--	35	421
Dec.	7	10	361	--	51	422
	14	15	402	--	33	450
	21	31	529	2	20	582
	28	24	345	--	14	383
Jan.	4	46	415	3	16	480
	11	75	617	17	31	740
	18	86	511	11	21	629
	25	54	480	16	19	569
Feb.	1	67	427	16	22	532
	8	78	480	21	21	600
	15	85	497	30	26	638
	22	54	463	33	23	573
Mar.	1	76	455	24	19	574
	8	80	490	32	28	630
	15	72	480	20	32	604
	22	83	466	18	40	607
	29	66	449	16	33	564
Apr.	5	80	411	10	35	536
	12	70	495	7	40	612
	19	67	535	11	48	661
	26	53	508	4	64	629
May	3	53	516	6	56	631
	10	63	495	9	54	621
	17	70	432	16	69	587
	24	79	528	11	53	671
	31	48	501	3	64	616
Jun.	7	31	603	10	93	737
	14	10	510	3	89	612
	21	--	509	--	91	600
	28	--	463	--	46	509
Jul.	5	--	510	--	62	572
Total		<u>1,626</u>	<u>17,898</u>	<u>349</u>	<u>1,531</u>	<u>21,404</u>

CARROTS: Florida Regular Type FOB Shipping Point Prices including
Precooling for Tuesday compared to Wholesale Market Prices
at Chicago, New York City and Philadelphia, 1996-97 Crop Year.

Tuesday's Date	Florida Carrots		Chicago	New York City	Philadelphia
	Sacks		Tuesday Price	Tuesday Price	Tuesday Price
			Florida Stock	Florida Stock	Florida Stock
	Medium-Large 48-1 Lb. Filmbags	Jumbo 50-Lb. Loose		---	48-1 LB. Filmbags---
Oct. 1	--	--	--	--	--
8	--	--	--	--	--
15	--	--	--	--	--
22	--	--	--	--	--
29	--	--	--	--	--
Nov. 5	--	--	--	--	--
12	--	--	--	--	--
19	--	--	--	--	--
26	--	--	--	--	--
Dec. 3	--	--	--	--	--
10	--	--	--	--	7.50
17	7.75- 8.25	7.75- 8.25	--	--	7.00- 7.50**
24	6.25- 6.75	6.25- 6.75	--	--	--
31	6.25- 6.75	6.25- 6.75	--	--	--
Jan. 7	6.25	6.25	--	--	--
14	5.25- 6.25	4.25	8.00	8.00- 9.00	7.50- 8.00
21	6.25	5.25	9.00-10.00*	8.00-10.00	10.00*
28	6.25	6.25	10.00-10.50	9.00-10.00	9.00
Feb. 4	6.25	6.25	9.00-10.00	8.00- 9.00	9.00
11	5.25	5.25	9.00- 9.50	8.50- 9.00	8.50
18	5.25	5.25- 6.25	9.00- 9.50	7.00- 8.00	8.50
25	5.25	6.25	9.00- 9.50	8.00- 9.00	8.00- 9.00
Mar. 4	5.25	8.25	10.00-11.00	7.00- 8.00	8.50- 9.00
11	5.25	9.25	9.00- 9.50	8.00	12.00
18	6.25	8.25	9.00- 9.50	12.00	8.00
25	6.25	8.25	9.00- 9.50	9.50	9.00
Apr. 1	6.25	8.25	9.00- 9.50	10.00-11.00	9.00
8	6.25	8.25	9.00- 9.50	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00
15	6.25	8.25	9.00- 9.50	9.00	8.50- 9.00
22	6.25	9.25	9.00- 9.50	13.00*	9.00
29	6.25	9.25	9.00- 9.50	9.50*	9.00-10.00*
May 6	6.25	9.25	9.00-10.00	9.00	8.00- 9.00
13	6.25	9.25	9.00-10.00	8.50- 9.00	7.00*
20	6.25	9.25	9.00-10.00	9.00	7.50- 8.00
27	6.25	8.25- 9.25	9.00-10.00	10.00	7.50- 8.00*
Jun. 3	--	--	10.00-11.00*	--	--
10	--	--	10.00-11.00	--	8.00- 9.00
17	--	--	--	--	--
24	--	--	--	--	--

* Wednesday's Price
** 50 lb. sacks loose

CELERY: Recorded Shipments From Competitive Growing areas
1996-97 Crop Year.

SHIPMENTS

WEEK ENDING	Florida	California	Texas	Mexico	Total*
----1,000 PACKAGE UNITS OR 60,000 LBS----					
Oct. 5	--	403	--	--	465
12	--	429	--	--	492
19	--	436	--	--	480
26	--	497	--	--	514
Nov. 2	--	519	--	--	522
9	--	683	--	--	683
16	--	908	--	--	908
23	--	892	--	5	897
30	--	579	--	5	584
Dec. 7	--	515	--	9	524
14	--	635	--	11	646
21	28	769	2	14	813
28	40	469	4	11	524
Jan. 4	59	420	9	8	496
11	93	473	15	13	594
18	55	409	21	27	512
25	109	375	10	40	534
Feb. 1	77	337	19	48	481
8	86	305	30	48	469
15	89	277	66	44	476
22	91	304	40	69	504
Mar. 1	90	320	36	74	520
8	90	319	33	74	516
15	98	391	35	67	591
22	86	418	29	46	579
29	87	453	23	46	609
Apr. 5	84	429	16	26	555
12	83	422	17	19	541
19	77	429	20	28	554
26	68	418	12	29	527
May 3	77	335	--	30	442
10	95	360	--	27	482
17	64	421	--	10	495
24	56	485	--	4	545
31	41	450	--	2	493
Jun. 7	25	475	--	2	502
14	--	535	--	1	536
21	--	493	--	--	493
28	--	498	--	4	502
Jul. 5	--	354	--	5	361
Total	1,848	18,639	437	846	21,961

*Total includes Michigan

**CELERY: Florida and California FOB Prices at Shipping Points
for Tuesday Compared with Wholesale Prices at New York
City, 1996-97 Crop Year.**

Tuesday's Date	Florida FOB Price		New York City Tuesday Price Florida Stock		California FOB Price	New York Tuesday Price California
	2 Doz	3 Doz	2 Doz	2-1/2 Doz	2 Doz	2 Doz
----Per Celery Crates----						
Oct. 1	--	--	--	--	--	--
8	--	--	--	--	--	--
15	--	--	--	--	--	10.00
22	--	--	--	--	--	8.00-10.00
29	--	--	--	--	--	10.00-12.00
Nov. 5	--	--	--	--	--	11.00-12.00
12	--	--	--	--	--	11.00-12.00
19	--	--	--	--	--	11.00-12.00
26	--	--	--	--	--	12.00-13.00
Dec. 3	--	--	--	--	--	11.00-12.00
10	--	--	--	--	--	18.00-12.00
17	--	--	--	--	--	13.00-15.00
24	--	--	--	--	--	14.00*
31	--	--	--	--	10.25-12.25	12.00-15.00
Jan. 7	--	--	--	--	12.25	12.00-13.00
14	--	--	--	--	12.25	14.00
21	--	--	--	--	15.25-16.25	18.00-20.00**
28	17.65	12.65	--	--	15.25-16.25	20.00-22.00
Feb. 4	10.65	9.65	--	--	8.25-11.25	15.00
11	10.65	9.65	--	--	10.25-12.25	13.00-14.00
18	12.65-13.65	9.65-10.65	14.00-16.00	--	16.00-16.25	--
25	11.65-13.65	9.65-10.65	14.00**	13.00-14.50**	10.25	17.00-20.00
Mar. 4	9.65-10.65	8.65- 9.15	11.00-12.00	11.00-13.00	8.25	--
11	8.65	8.65	--	--	8.25	--
18	9.65-10.15	7.65	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	7.25	--
25	10.15	7.65	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	6.25	--
Apr. 1	6.65	6.65- 7.65	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	4.25- 6.25	--
8	5.00- 5.65	5.65- 6.25	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00	4.25- 4.75	8.00- 9.00
15	5.65	5.65	5.00- 7.00	5.00- 7.00	4.75- 5.25	8.00- 9.00
22	5.65- 6.65	5.65	5.00- 7.00	5.00- 7.00	5.25- 6.45	9.00-10.00
29	5.65- 6.65	5.65	7.00- 8.00*	7.00- 8.00	8.25- 9.25	11.00-12.00
May 6	8.50- 8.65	7.65	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	10.25-12.25	12.00-14.00
13	9.65	8.65	8.00-10.00	8.00-11.00	8.25	13.00-15.00
20	8.65- 9.65	7.65- 8.65	8.00-10.00	8.00-11.00	8.25- 9.75	12.00
27	--	--	13.00-15.00	13.00-15.00	9.25- 9.50	16.00-17.00
Jun. 3	7.25- 8.35	7.25- 8.25	14.00	14.00	7.25- 9.25	16.00-18.00
10	--	--	--	--	5.25- 6.35	14.00-15.00
17	--	--	--	--	--	--
24	--	--	--	--	--	--

** Wednesday's Price
* Monday's Price

CHINESE CABBAGE: Recorded Shipments from Florida and Competitive Growing Areas. Florida FOB Shipping Point Prices for Tuesday Compared to Wholesale Prices at Chicago, New York City and Philadelphia 1996-97 Crop Year.

WEEK ENDING	Shipments				Tuesday's Date	FOB	WHOLESALE MARKETS		
	FL	AZ	MX	TOTAL		Florida Precooled	Chicago	New York City	Philadelphia
					---1,000 package units or 50,000 lbs---		---50-Lb. Crates---		
Oct. 5	--	--	--	--	Oct. 1	--	--	--	--
12	--	--	1	1	8	--	--	--	--
19	--	--	1	1	15	--	--	--	--
26	--	--	--	--	22	--	--	--	--
					29	--	--	--	--
Nov. 2	1	--	--	1	Nov. 5	--	--	10.00**	10.00-12.00
9	1	--	--	1	12	--	--	--	--
16	2	1	--	3	19	--	--	--	12.00
23	2	1	2	5	26	7.00	--	--	10.00-12.00
30	1	2	--	3					
Dec. 7	2	8	1	11	Dec. 3	6.00- 7.00	--	9.00-10.00***	12.00**
14	2	15	1	18	10	6.00	10.00*	9.00-10.00***	9.00-10.00
21	3	11	7	21	17	6.00	10.00	7.00- 8.00	10.00
28	1	8	3	12	24	6.00	10.00	10.00+	--
					31	6.00	10.00+	--	10.00+
Jan. 4	3	10	7	20	Jan. 7	6.00	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00	8.00-10.00
11	5	13	6	24	14	6.00	10.00-12.00	8.00	8.00-10.00
18	4	14	6	24	21	6.00	10.00-11.00*	8.00-10.00*	10.00-12.00*
25	4	9	6	19	28	6.00	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00	10.00-12.00
Feb. 1	5	8	7	20					
8	5	7	3	15	Feb. 4	6.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	10.00
15	5	4	3	12	11	6.00	12.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-12.00
22	5	5	2	12	18	6.00	10.00	9.00-10.00	10.00-12.00
					25	6.00	10.00*	9.00-10.00	10.00
Mar. 1	4	4	3	11	Mar. 4	6.00	10.00	8.00- 9.00	8.00-10.00
8	6	3	6	15	11	6.00	10.00	8.00-10.00	10.00
15	4	--	6	10	18	6.00	10.00	8.00	9.00-10.00
22	9	--	4	13	25	6.00	10.00-11.00	8.00- 9.00	10.00
29	16	--	3	19					
Apr. 5	10	--	2	12	Apr. 1	6.00	10.00-11.00	8.00	8.00
12	11	--	1	12	8	6.00	10.00-11.00	8.00- 9.00	8.00
19	10	--	1	11	15	6.00	10.00-11.00	8.00-10.00	9.00
26	9	--	--	9	22	6.00	10.00-11.00	8.00- 9.00	9.00
					29	7.00	10.00-11.00	8.00- 9.00	--
May 3	6	--	2	8	May 6	--	10.00-11.00	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00
10	2	--	--	2	13	--	12.00-13.00	8.00	10.00
17	4	--	3	7	20	--	12.00-13.00	10.00-12.00	10.00-11.00
24	2	--	--	2	27	--	13.00-14.00	12.00+	11.00
31	1	--	1	2					
Jun. 7	--	--	1	1	June 3	--	14.00-15.00+	12.00*	12.00+
14	--	--	--	0	10	--	14.00-15.00	--	--
21	--	--	1	1	17	--	--	--	--
28	--	--	1	1	24	--	--	--	--
Jul. 5	--	--	1	1					
Total	145	123	92	360					

* Wednesday's Price ***1.3 bushel crates
 ** Nappa +Monday's Price

CORN: Recorded Shipments from competitive growing areas
1996-97 Crop Year.

SHIPMENTS

WEEK ENDING	Florida	Arizona & Mexico	Georgia	Mexico	Total:
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----1,000 PACKAGE UNITS OR 42,000 LBS----

Oct.	5	21	--	85	1	107
	12	47	--	69	1	117
	19	84	--	48	4	136
	26	86	--	50	3	139
Nov.	2	97	--	41	1	139
	9	100	--	--	11	111
	16	98	--	--	26	124
	23	115	--	--	27	142
	30	97	--	--	31	128
Dec.	7	127	--	--	48	175
	14	124	--	--	52	176
	21	138	--	--	46	184
	28	102	--	--	40	142
Jan.	4	111	--	--	38	149
	11	130	--	--	47	177
	18	91	--	--	40	131
	25	84	--	--	53	137
Feb.	1	92	--	--	63	155
	8	69	--	--	61	130
	15	56	--	--	66	122
	22	52	--	--	72	124
Mar.	1	45	--	--	64	109
	8	62	--	--	78	140
	15	116	--	--	69	185
	22	192	--	--	61	253
	29	273	4	--	37	314
Apr.	5	632	--	--	37	669
	12	1172	--	--	40	1212
	19	1049	52	--	21	1122
	26	1036	295	--	34	1365
May	3	678	302	--	26	1006
	10	871	412	--	20	1303
	17	801	483	5	18	1307
	24	824	543	55	23	1445
	31	265	312	94	13	684
Jun.	7	259	228	344	11	842
	14	278	122	500	12	912
	21	399	80	655	11	1145
	28	497	72	910	6	1485
Jul.	5	346	40	850	8	1244
Total		11,716	2,945	3,706	1,320	19,687

**CORN: Florida FOB Shipping Point Prices including Precooling
on Tuesday Compared with Wholesale Prices at Chicago,
New York City and Philadelphia
1996-1997 Crop Year**

Tuesday's Date	Yellow Type				White Type
	Florida Precooled	Chicago	New York City	Philadelphia	Florida Precooled
---Per Crate---					
Oct. 1	--	--	--	--	--
8	--	--	--	--	--
15	8.00	12.00	10.00-12.00	--	8.00
22	8.00	12.00	10.00-12.00	10.00-10.50	8.00
29	8.00	12.00	9.00-10.00	--	8.00
Nov. 5	7.00	11.00-12.00	8.00-10.00	9.00	7.00
12	6.00	7.00*	8.00-10.00	9.00	5.00- 6.00
19	6.00	8.00- 9.00	8.00-10.00	9.00	6.00
26	7.00	8.00- 9.00	9.00-10.00	9.00	8.00
Dec. 3	7.00	10.00	9.00	11.00	8.00
10	7.00	10.00*	8.00- 9.00	8.00	8.00
17	8.00	11.00	9.00-10.00	10.00-12.00	9.00
24	7.00	10.00	10.00**	--	9.00
31	6.00	10.00**	9.00-10.00**	10.00**	8.00
Jan. 7	7.00	9.00-10.00	7.00- 9.00	10.00*	8.00
14	10.00	10.00-11.00	15.00	13.00-14.00	10.00
21	14.00	16.00-18.00*	18.00	17.00-18.00*+	16.00
28	14.00	17.00-18.00	15.00-18.00	18.00*	18.00
Feb. 4	12.00-14.00	13.00	12.00-14.00	--	14.00-16.00
11	14.00	10.00	8.00-12.00**	13.00-15.00***	14.00
18	14.00-16.00	18.00-20.00	18.00-20.00	10.00-15.00***	14.00-16.00
25	16.00	20.00	16.00	20.00	17.00
Mar. 4	16.00	20.00	14.00-16.00	20.00	18.00
11	16.00	20.00-21.00	15.00-17.00***	17.00+	18.00
18	10.00-12.00	--	14.00-15.00	14.00	14.00
25	10.00	12.00	7.00- 8.00	14.00-15.00	10.00
Apr. 1	6.50	11.00-12.00	8.00-10.00	12.00*	6.50
8	6.50	11.00-12.00	8.00- 9.00	9.00-10.00	6.50
15	6.50	10.00	8.00-10.00	8.50- 9.00	6.50
22	6.50	10.00	9.00	9.00	6.50
29	6.50	10.00	9.00- 9.50	9.50-10.00	7.50
May 6	6.50	10.00-11.00	10.00-12.00	10.00	8.00
13	7.00- 8.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-12.00	13.50-14.00+	10.00
20	8.00	12.00-13.00	12.00	11.50-12.00	10.00
27	8.00	10.75-11.50	10.00-12.00	10.00*	8.00
Jun. 3	8.00	12.00*	10.00-12.00	12.00	8.00
10	8.00	12.00	12.00-13.00	14.00-15.00*	9.00
17	8.00- 9.00	13.00-14.00	12.00-14.00	14.00-15.00	10.00
24	8.00	12.00-13.00	10.00-12.00	12.00-13.00	8.00-10.00

* Wednesday's Price *** Fair Quality
** Monday's Price + White

CUCUMBERS: Recorded Shipment from Competitive Growing areas
1996-97 Crop Year.

SHIPMENTS

WEEK ENDING	Florida	Georgia	Texas	Mexico	Total*
----1,000 package units or 55,000 lbs----					
Oct. 5	15	58	--	43	153
12	9	67	--	74	150
19	41	55	--	87	185
26	88	76	--	105	269
Nov. 2	200	70	1	124	395
9	217	48	--	195	460
16	217	11	2	382	612
23	193	--	5	482	680
30	141	--	4	389	534
Dec. 7	107	--	2	351	460
14	95	--	2	415	512
21	81	--	2	611	694
28	58	--	--	405	463
Jan. 4	84	--	--	379	463
11	51	--	--	444	495
18	16	--	--	500	516
25	21	--	--	489	510
Feb. 1	6	--	--	349	355
8	1	--	--	349	350
15	5	--	--	400	405
22	6	--	--	436	442
Mar. 1	37	--	--	430	467
8	43	--	--	325	368
15	122	--	--	358	480
22	218	--	--	260	478
29	203	--	--	234	437
Apr. 5	227	--	--	292	519
12	174	--	--	282	456
19	163	--	--	304	467
26	181	--	--	281	462
May 3	212	--	2	206	420
10	160	10	3	193	366
17	161	29	6	160	356
24	157	185	2	106	450
31	79	214	--	73	366
Jun. 7	71	177	--	65	315
14	35	129	--	69	243
21	4	143	--	47	252
28	--	91	--	53	210
Jul. 5	--	45	--	46	174
Total	3,899	1,408	31	10,793	16,389

* Total includes shipments from North Carolina and Virginia.

CUCUMBERS: Florida, West Mexico Imports, FOB Shipping Point Prices
Including Cooling and Palletizing for Tuesday Compared
with Chicago and New York City Wholesale Prices
1996-97 Crop Year

Tuesday's Date	Florida FOB Price	West Mexico FOB Nogales Arizona	Florida Stock		Florida Pickles Kirby Type F.O.B. Price 200-300 Count
			Chicago	N. Y. City	
----Per 1 1/9 Bushels Medium Size----			--1 1/9 Bushel--		
Oct. 1	--	--	--	--	--
8	--	--	--	--	--
15	--	--	--	--	--
22	--	16.35-16.85	--	14.00**	17.50-18.35
29	10.00-12.50	16.15-16.35	22.00	13.00-15.00	14.35-16.35
Nov. 5	8.00- 8.50	12.15*	12.00	10.00	14.00-15.85
12	10.00-12.35	12.15	11.00-12.00*	10.00-12.00	16.35-16.85
19	12.00-14.50	10.15-12.15	15.00	12.00-14.00	16.00-17.85
26	8.00- 8.50	8.15	13.00	12.00	14.85-16.85
Dec. 3	6.00- 8.25	6.85- 8.15	10.00	8.00	12.35-14.85
10	8.00- 8.35	8.15-10.15	8.00*	6.00- 8.00	12.35-12.85
17	12.00-12.50	12.15	9.00-10.00	12.00***	14.00-14.85
24	12.00-12.50	8.15	--	--	14.00-14.85
31	8.00- 8.50	6.15- 7.15	--	10.00+	14.00-16.85
Jan. 7	8.00-10.50	8.15	--	6.00- 8.00**	16.00-16.85
14	--	18.15-21.15	--	18.00-20.00	--
21	--	20.15-21.15	--	8.00-10.00	--
28	--	14.15	--	8.00	--
Feb. 4	--	14.15	--	8.00	--
11	--	14.15	--	12.00**	--
18	--	16.15	--	7.00- 8.00**	--
25	18.00-20.00	16.15	--	9.00-10.00	--
Mar. 4	14.00-14.50	14.15	--	12.00-14.00	--
11	10.00-10.50	12.15-14.15	--	9.00-10.00	--
18	8.00- 8.35	8.15-10.15	--	8.00-10.00***	24.85-26.85**
25	8.00-10.35	12.15	10.00	9.00-10.00	17.85-18.85
Apr. 1	14.00-14.85	12.15-14.15	12.00	15.00-16.00	14.85-16.85
8	14.00-16.85	14.15	18.00	18.00-20.00	14.00-14.85
15	18.00-20.35	18.15	22.00-23.00	22.00-24.00	14.00-16.50
22	20.00-20.35	16.15	16.00-18.00++	22.00-24.00	14.00-16.50
29	18.35-20.35	12.15	20.00	16.00-18.00	14.35-16.85
May 6	12.00-14.35	--	18.00-20.00	10.00-12.00	18.00-18.85
13	16.00	--	22.00	16.00	20.50-21.50
20	12.00-12.35	--	20.00	16.00-18.00	18.50-19.35
27	6.00- 8.25	--	16.00-18.00	13.00-14.00	16.50-17.35
Jun. 3	8.00-10.00	--	9.00-10.00	5.00- 7.00+	15.85-17.35
10	--	--	8.50- 9.00**	--	--
17	--	--	--	--	--
24	--	--	--	--	--

* Wednesday's Price + Monday's Price
** Fair Quality ++ Large
*** Fair Condition

EGGPLANT: Recorded Shipments from Competitive Growing Areas. Florida FOB
Shipping Point Prices for Tuesday Compared with Wholesale Prices
at New York City. 1996-97 Crop Year

WEEK ENDING	Shipments			Tuesday's Date	Florida FOB Price	New York City Wholesale Market
	Florida	Mexico	Total			
---1,000 package units or 33,000 lbs---			---Per .1 1/9 bushel or bushel---			
Oct. 5	1	1	2	Oct. 1	--	--
12	6	1	7	8	--	--
19	13	3	16	15	--	14.00-15.00*
26	30	11	41	22	8.00-10.35	10.00-12.00
Nov. 2	61	15	76	29	7.00- 8.50	8.00-10.00
9	43	22	65	Nov. 5	6.00- 7.35	8.00-10.00
16	43	49	92	12	10.00-11.00	10.00
23	34	87	121	19	12.00-12.50	12.00-14.00
30	35	67	102	26	10.00-12.35	8.00-10.00
Dec. 7	42	65	107	Dec. 3	6.00- 8.85	6.00
14	18	77	95	10	6.00- 6.85	7.00- 8.00
21	25	82	107	17	6.00- 7.85	8.00
28	19	62	81	24	7.35- 8.85	7.00- 9.00**
Jan. 4	28	73	101	31	6.00- 7.35	8.00-10.00**
11	43	96	139	Jan. 7	5.35- 6.85	7.00- 8.00
18	13	70	83	14	9.85-10.50	10.00-12.00
25	20	99	119	21	--	16.00***
Feb. 1	15	97	112	28	15.35-16.85	16.00
8	19	76	95	Feb. 4	10.85	9.00-10.00
15	20	77	97	11	10.00-10.85	5.00- 7.00
22	17	72	89	18	10.00-12.85	8.00
Mar. 1	36	97	133	25	14.00-14.85	20.00-22.00
8	38	77	115	Mar. 4	14.00-16.85	15.00-17.00
15	39	82	121	11	12.00-14.85	12.00+
22	42	72	114	18	12.00-12.85	12.00-14.00
29	77	65	142	25	10.00-12.85	10.00-12.00
Apr. 5	71	48	119	Apr. 1	8.00- 8.85	10.00-12.00
12	76	62	138	8	6.00- 8.85	7.00- 8.00
19	72	68	140	15	8.00-10.85	8.00-10.00
26	77	50	127	22	8.00- 8.85	8.00- 9.00
May 3	85	38	123	29	6.00- 8.35	7.00- 8.00
10	82	41	123	May 6	6.00- 8.35	7.00
17	75	33	108	13	10.00	10.00-11.00
24	66	17	83	20	9.00-10.00	8.00-10.00
31	52	10	62	27	8.00- 9.00	10.00
Jun 7	63	13	76	Jun. 3	7.85- 9.00	10.00
14	49	13	62	10	12.00-12.85	16.00-18.00
21	32	9	41	17	7.00- 8.25	8.00-10.00
28	13	3	16	24	4.85- 6.00	7.00- 8.00
Jul 5	-	1	1			
Total	1,590	2,001	3,591			

* Italian type *** Wednesday's Price
** Monday's Price + Fair Quality

ENDIVE AND ESCAROLE : Florida Shipments and FOB Prices
1996-97 Crop Year.

WEEK ENDING	Florida Shipments		Florida FOB Prices		
	Endive	Escarole	Tuesday's Date	Endive Precooled	Escarole Precooled
	---1,000 package units or 25,000 lbs---		---Per 1 1/9 bushel or bushel---		
Oct. 5	--	--	Oct. 1	--	--
12	--	--	8	--	--
19	--	--	15	--	--
26	2	3	22	--	--
			29	--	--
Nov. 4	4	6	Nov. 5	--	--
9	5	9	12	--	--
16	6	10	19	8.00	9.00
23	16	13	26	8.00	11.00
30	6	9			
Dec. 7	12	18	Dec. 3	7.00	9.00
14	19	15	10	5.00	7.00
21	18	26	17	5.00	6.00
28	10	21	24	6.00	7.00
			31	6.00	8.00
Jan. 4	13	17	Jan. 7	6.00	8.00
11	14	22	14	6.00	8.00
18	10	23	21	11.00	10.00-12.00
25	8	12	28	9.00	12.00
Feb. 1	8	13	Feb. 4	9.00	12.00
8	11	18	11	11.00	12.00
15	11	14	18	10.00	11.00
22	11	16	25	8.00	8.00
Mar. 1	13	20	Mar. 4	7.00- 8.00	8.00
8	15	20	11	7.00	7.00
15	14	22	18	7.00	7.00
22	16	26	25	7.00	7.00
29	14	21			
Apr. 5	14	17	Apr. 1	6.00- 7.00	5.00- 6.00
13	18	26	8	6.00	6.00
19	20	26	15	6.00	6.00
26	13	18	22	7.00	7.00
			29	9.00	8.00
May 3	11	14	May 6	9.00	8.00
10	8	14	13	--	--
17	10	13	20	--	--
24	5	2	27	--	--
31	2	--			
Jun. 7	--	--	Jun. 3	--	--
14	--	--	10	--	--
21	--	--	17	--	--
28	--	--	24	--	--
Jul 5					
Total	357	504			

ENDIVE-ESCAROLE: Chicago and New York Wholesale Prices,
1996-97 Crop Year

Tuesday's Date	Endive		Escarole	
	Chicago	New York City	Chicago	New York City
----Per 1 1/9 Bushel Crate----				
Oct. 1	--	--	--	--
8	--	--	--	--
15	--	--	--	--
22	--	--	--	--
29	7.50	6.00- 8.00	7.50	6.00
Nov. 5	8.00	7.00- 8.00	8.00	7.00- 8.00
12	8.00*	7.00	8.00*	7.00
17	8.00	7.00- 9.00	8.00	8.00
26	8.00	10.00-12.00	8.00	12.00-13.00
Dec. 3	8.00	10.00-11.00	10.00	8.00-10.00
10	8.00*	8.00- 9.00	8.00*	7.00- 9.00
17	8.00	7.00	8.00	7.00
24	8.00	7.00- 8.00**	8.00	8.00**
31	8.00- 9.00**	8.00**	8.50- 9.00**	9.00-10.00**
Jan. 7	8.00- 9.00	8.00	9.00-10.00	9.00
14	9.00	8.00	9.00-10.00	10.00
21	10.00**	10.00**	10.00**	12.00-14.00**
28	11.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	12.00
Feb. 4	12.00	10.00-11.00	12.00	13.00-14.00
11	12.00	11.00-12.00	12.00	12.00-14.00
18	12.00	12.00-14.00	12.00	12.00-14.00
25	12.00*	10.00-12.00	12.00*	11.00-12.00
Mar. 4	12.00	9.00-10.00	12.00	10.00-11.00
11	10.00-11.00	9.00	10.00-11.00	9.00
18	10.00-11.00	8.00	10.00-11.00	8.00- 9.00
25	10.00	6.00- 7.00	10.00	7.00- 8.00
Apr. 1	10.00	7.00	10.00	7.00- 9.00
8	10.00	6.00- 8.00	10.00	6.00- 8.00
15	10.00	7.00- 8.00	10.00	7.00- 8.00
22	14.00	8.00	14.00	8.00
29	14.00	9.00-10.00	14.00	9.00-10.00
May 6	12.00-13.00	9.00	12.00-13.00	9.00
13	12.00	10.00	12.00	9.00-10.00
20	12.00	10.00-11.00	12.00	10.00-11.00
27	12.00	10.00-12.00	12.00	9.00-10.00
Jun. 3	12.00	3.00- 6.00+	--	--
10	--	--	--	--
17	--	--	--	--
24	--	--	--	--

* Wednesday's Price + Fair quality
** Monday's Price

LETTUCE, ICEBERG: Recorded Shipment from Competitive Growing areas
1996-97 Crop Year.

SHIPMENTS

WEEK ENDING	Florida	Arizona	California	New Mexico	Mexico	Total
----1,000 package units or 55,000 lbs----						
Oct. 5	--	13	1432	--	--	1445
12	--	47	1416	65	--	1528
19	--	32	1395	85	--	1512
26	--	25	1279	93	--	1397
Nov. 2	--	28	990	65	1	1084
9	--	40	1222	63	--	1325
16	--	318	1016	39	1	1374
23	--	997	604	6	1	1608
30	2	775	314	--	2	1093
Dec. 7	9	1387	245	--	3	1644
14	13	1459	215	--	11	1698
21	10	1166	327	--	6	1509
28	5	797	262	--	6	1070
Jan. 4	16	1065	253	--	5	1339
11	10	1138	432	--	25	1605
18	6	927	417	--	14	1364
25	3	947	450	--	10	1410
Feb. 1	7	992	468	--	10	1477
8	6	1184	471	--	10	1671
15	12	1161	414	--	11	1598
22	8	1089	429	--	11	1537
Mar. 1	9	1254	302	--	9	1574
8	11	1243	291	--	11	1556
15	8	1353	178	--	17	1556
22	7	1259	205	--	10	1481
29	10	788	738	--	9	1545
Apr. 5	6	158	1180	--	6	1350
12	9	82	1604	--	9	1704
19	7	29	1626	--	8	1670
26	7	34	1355	12	8	1416
May 3	4	33	1435	63	3	1538
10	1	9	1598	106	--	1714
17	--	16	1483	60	--	1559
24	--	17	1575	15	--	1607
31	--	16	1505	9	--	1530
Jun. 7	--	14	1492	--	--	1506
14	--	7	1396	--	--	1403
21	--	--	1606	--	--	1606
28	--	--	1477	--	--	1477
Jul. 5	--	--	1170	--	--	1170
Total	186	21,899	36,267	681	217	59,250

LETTUCE, ROMAINE: Recorded Shipment from Competitive Growing areas
1996-97 Crop Year.

SHIPMENTS

WEEK ENDING	Florida	Arizona	California	Mexico	Total
----1,000 package units or 50,000 lbs----					
Oct. 5	--	--	474	--	474
12	--	--	521	--	521
19	--	--	400	--	400
26	5	--	431	--	436
Nov. 2	14	--	348	--	362
9	9	--	527	--	536
16	9	15	630	--	654
23	12	226	611	--	849
30	8	279	323	7	617
Dec. 7	15	415	270	13	713
14	14	666	258	15	953
21	19	560	319	20	918
28	15	424	185	17	641
Jan. 4	30	549	244	15	838
11	22	614	331	20	987
18	8	544	248	16	816
25	12	641	211	16	880
Feb. 1	5	585	275	15	880
8	4	597	307	15	923
15	6	624	307	14	951
22	14	562	255	14	845
Mar. 1	24	567	231	17	839
8	32	511	227	13	783
15	21	501	226	23	771
22	22	513	455	10	1000
29	14	269	523	4	810
Apr. 5	13	79	621	--	713
12	17	54	794	--	865
19	17	55	760	--	832
26	10	11	782	--	803
May 3	8	4	731	--	743
10	5	--	717	--	722
17	3	--	750	--	753
24	1	--	767	--	768
31	--	--	622	--	622
Jun. 7	--	--	615	--	615
14	--	--	570	--	570
21	--	--	732	--	732
28	--	--	705	--	705
Jul. 5	--	--	459	--	459
Total	408	9,865	18,762	264	29,299

LETTUCE, OTHER: Recorded Shipment from Competitive Growing areas
1996-97 Crop Year.

SHIPMENTS

WEEK ENDING	Florida	Arizona	California	Mexico	Total
----1,000 package units or 22,000 lbs----					
Oct. 5	--	--	241	--	241
12	--	--	250	--	250
19	--	--	218	--	218
26	2	--	278	--	280
Nov. 2	4	--	193	--	197
9	2	1	261	--	264
16	4	15	269	--	288
23	5	101	260	--	366
30	6	143	141	7	297
Dec. 7	10	257	139	8	414
14	10	288	154	12	464
21	11	310	151	15	487
28	7	190	78	13	288
Jan. 4	11	225	123	14	373
11	9	281	167	17	474
18	8	263	120	16	407
25	5	276	103	15	399
Feb. 1	5	273	124	15	417
8	5	278	116	14	413
15	6	265	132	13	416
22	10	234	131	15	390
Mar. 1	11	232	130	14	387
8	12	232	128	15	387
15	10	229	131	10	380
22	9	211	174	7	401
29	11	78	245	3	337
Apr. 5	8	16	359	--	383
12	9	10	361	1	381
19	10	2	378	--	390
26	8	--	391	--	399
May 3	3	--	370	--	373
10	3	--	382	--	385
17	--	--	381	--	381
24	--	--	323	--	323
31	--	--	294	--	294
Jun. 7	--	--	337	--	337
14	--	--	280	--	280
21	--	--	335	--	335
28	--	--	374	--	374
Jul. 5	--	--	270	--	270
Total	214	4,410	9,292	224	14,140

LETTUCE: Florida and Arizona FOB Shipping Point
Prices for Tuesday, 1996-97 Crop Year.

Tuesday's Date	Bibb	Boston	Iceberg		Leaf	Romaine
	Florida	Florida	Arizona	Florida	Florida	Florida
	Carton 24s Precooled	Carton 24s Precooled	Carton 24s Extra-Services Included	Carton 24s Precooled	Carton 24s Precooled	Carton 24s Precooled

----Per Crate or Carton---

Oct.	1	--	--	--	--	--	--
	8	--	--	--	--	--	--
	15	--	--	--	--	--	--
	22	--	--	--	--	--	--
	29	--	--	--	--	--	--
Nov.	5	--	--	--	--	--	--
	12	--	--	--	--	--	--
	19	6.00	--	--	--	--	--
	26	6.00	7.00	3.75- 4.25*	--	5.00	7.00
Dec.	3	6.00	6.00- 7.00	3.75- 4.25*	--	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 6.00
	10	6.00	6.00	--	--	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00
	17	6.00	7.00	3.75- 4.25*	5.00	6.00	6.00- 6.50
	24	6.00	8.00	3.75- 4.25*	5.00	6.00	6.00
	31	6.00	8.00	5.25- 6.25*	5.50	6.00	7.00
Jan.	7	6.00	8.00	10.25-10.35*	8.00	8.00-10.00	12.00
	14	6.00	8.00	6.25- 8.25*	--	8.00-10.00	12.00
	21	7.00	8.00	6.25- 7.25*	--	6.00- 7.00	12.00
	28	7.00	8.00	4.00- 4.35*	--	10.00	10.00
Feb.	4	6.00- 7.00	8.00	3.50- 4.35*	--	7.00	8.00
	11	7.00	7.00- 8.00	3.25- 4.25*	5.00- 5.50	7.00	8.00
	18	6.00- 7.00	6.00	4.25- 4.35*	6.00	5.00	6.00
	25	6.00	6.00	3.75- 3.85*	5.00	5.00	6.00
Mar.	4	5.00- 6.00	6.00	4.25- 6.25*	5.00- 6.00	5.00	8.00
	11	5.00- 6.00	6.00	4.25- 6.15**	6.00	6.00	10.00-11.00
	18	5.00- 6.00	6.00	--	6.00- 7.00	6.00	10.00
	25	6.00	6.00	--	7.00- 8.00	6.00	7.00
Apr.	1	6.00	6.00	--	6.00- 7.00	6.00	6.00
	8	5.00- 6.00	5.00- 6.00	--	7.00	5.00- 6.00	5.00- 6.00
	15	5.00- 6.00	6.00	--	7.00	5.00- 6.00	6.00
	22	6.00	6.00	--	7.00	6.00+	7.00
	29	6.00	6.00	--	8.00	6.00	7.00
May	6	6.00+	5.00- 6.00+	--	6.00+	--	5.00+
	13	--	--	--	--	--	--
	20	--	--	--	--	--	--
	27	--	--	--	--	--	--
Jun.	3	--	--	--	--	--	--
	10	--	--	--	--	--	--
	17	--	--	--	--	--	--
	24	--	--	--	--	--	--

* California

** California Monday's Price

+ Monday

OKRA: Florida FOB Shipping Point Prices on Tuesday compared with New York City Wholesale Prices,
1996-97 Crop Year.

WEEK ENDING Tuesday's Date	Florida	New York
Oct. 1		
8		
15		
22	10.85	14.00-15.00
29	10.85	10.00-12.00*
Nov. 5	6.85	10.00-12.00
12	6.85	7.00- 8.00
19	12.85	10.00-12.00
26	14.85	--
Dec. 3	14.85	--
10	14.85	--
17	14.85	--
24	--	--
31	--	--
Jan. 7	--	--
14	--	--
21	--	--
28	--	--
Feb. 4	--	--
11	--	--
18	--	--
25	--	--
Mar. 4	--	--
11	--	--
18	--	--
25	--	--
Apr. 1	14.85	--
8	6.85	--
15	6.85	5.00- 8.00*
22	6.85	--
29	8.85	14.00-15.00+
May 6	8.85	13.00-15.00
13	10.00-10.85	14.00-15.00+
20	10.85	12.00-14.00
27	10.85++	12.00-14.00
Jun. 3	--	11.00-12.00
10	--	14.00-15.00
17	--	--
24	--	--

* Fair Quality
+ Wednesday price
++ Friday price

PARSLEY: Recorded Shipments From Competitive Growing areas
 Florida FOB Shipping Point Prices 1996-97 Crop Year.

SHIPMENTS

WEEK ENDING	Florida	Arizona	Mexico	Total	Tuesday's Date	Plain	Curly
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----1,000 package units or 21,000 lbs----

Oct.	5	--	--	--	0	Oct. 1	--	--
	12	--	--	--	0	8	--	--
	19	--	--	--	0	15	--	--
	26	3	--	1	4	22	--	--
						29	--	--
Nov.	2	5	--	1	6	Nov. 5	--	--
	9	8	--	2	10	12	--	--
	16	16	--	10	26	19	9.00	8.00
	23	22	2	7	31	26	9.00	8.00
	30	13	1	8	22			
Dec.	7	12	2	10	24	Dec. 3	9.00	8.00
	14	11	7	13	31	10	9.00	7.00
	21	22	10	16	48	17	9.00	7.00
	28	16	9	10	35	24	10.00	7.00
						31	14.00	8.00
Jan.	4	19	6	28	53	Jan. 7	14.00	8.00
	11	16	6	17	39	14	14.00	8.00
	18	13	9	13	35	21	15.00	11.00
	25	10	10	15	35	28	15.00	11.00
Feb.	1	10	8	16	34	Feb. 4	15.00	11.00
	8	11	11	16	38	11	14.00	11.00
	15	11	8	15	34	18	12.00	10.00
	22	12	9	18	39	25	10.00	8.00
Mar.	1	13	9	20	42	Mar. 4	8.00	7.00
	8	12	10	19	41	11	7.00	6.00
	15	12	9	21	42	18	7.00	6.00
	22	14	11	19	44	25	7.00	6.00
	29	13	11	16	40			
Apr.	5	12	3	17	32	Apr. 1	7.00	6.00
	12	18	2	32	52	8	7.00	6.00
	19	23	2	19	44	15	7.00	6.00
	26	13	2	17	32	22	7.00	7.00
						29	8.00	8.00
May	3	8	2	10	20	May 6	9.00	8.00
	10	8	1	8	17	13	--	--
	17	12	1	3	16	20	--	--
	24	13	1	3	17	27	--	--
	31	7	--	8	15			
Jun.	7	--	--	4	4	Jun. 3	--	--
	14	--	--	2	2	10	--	--
	21	--	--	3	3	17	--	--
	28	--	--	1	1	24	--	--
Jul.	5	--	--	4	4			
Total		<u>408</u>	<u>162</u>	<u>442</u>	<u>1,012</u>			

PEPPERS (BELL): Recorded Shipments from competitive growing areas
1996-97 Crop Year.

SHIPMENTS						
WEEK ENDING	Florida	Mexico	Georgia	California	Total:*	
----1,000 PACKAGE UNITS OR 28,000 LBS----						
Oct. 5	--	23	28	3	54	
12	--	36	119	--	155	
19	39	59	146	--	244	
26	141	29	179	3	352	
Nov. 2	221	39	173	3	443	
9	225	58	131	3	463	
16	466	117	58	--	711	
23	532	160	22	--	805	
30	280	155	--	--	490	
Dec. 7	476	259	--	--	782	
14	321	321	--	--	676	
21	372	517	--	--	921	
28	246	458	--	--	715	
Jan. 4	404	465	--	--	870	
11	433	575	--	--	1009	
18	185	560	--	--	745	
25	232	576	--	--	808	
Feb. 1	156	814	--	--	970	
8	223	676	--	--	899	
15	255	805	--	--	1060	
22	279	665	--	--	944	
Mar. 1	341	592	--	--	933	
8	399	518	--	--	917	
15	363	577	--	--	940	
22	495	467	--	--	962	
29	673	439	--	--	1112	
Apr. 5	659	286	--	--	945	
12	640	250	--	--	890	
19	601	271	--	--	872	
26	658	299	--	19	976	
May 3	612	220	--	80	912	
10	570	218	--	212	1000	
17	443	146	19	355	963	
24	352	131	43	316	842	
31	194	92	217	249	752	
Jun. 7	131	68	271	369	839	
14	90	52	247	370	759	
21	67	55	392	310	824	
28	4	16	220	321	561	
Jul. 5	--	6	100	237	382	
Total	12,778	12,070	2,365	2,850	30,497	

* Total includes shipments from Texas and North Carolina

PEPPERS: Florida and West Mexico, Bell Type, Green Large, FOB Shipping Point Prices for Tuesday Compared with Chicago and New York City Wholesale Prices, 1996-97 Crop Year.

Tuesday's Date	Tuesday's Price		Tuesday's Price	
	Florida	West Mexico FOB Nogales	Florida Stock	
			Chicago	New York City
----Per 1 1/9 Bushel----				
Oct. 1	--	--	--	--
8	--	--	--	--
15	--	--	8.00- 9.00*	--
22	8.00-10.35	--	8.00- 9.00	10.00-12.00**
29	7.00- 8.50	--	11.00-12.00	8.00
Nov. 5	10.00-10.50	--	11.00-12.00	18.00
12	14.00-14.50	--	17.00-18.00***	15.00-17.00
19	10.00-10.50	--	17.00-18.00	10.00-12.00
26	6.00- 7.35	11.85-12.15	10.00	8.00
Dec. 3	6.00- 6.50	11.15-12.15	9.00- 9.50	7.00
10	7.00- 7.35	7.15- 8.15	16.00*	8.00
17	6.00- 7.35	8.15	18.00	6.00- 8.00
24	6.00- 7.35	--	9.00	6.00- 7.00+
31	6.35- 8.35	5.15	9.00+	8.00- 9.00+
Jan. 7	6.35- 7.35	7.15	10.00	6.00- 7.00
14	8.35-10.35	9.15-10.15	10.00	10.00
21	14.00-18.35	16.15-17.15	15.00-16.00*	18.00-20.00*
28	14.00-16.35	8.15-10.15	18.00**	8.00-10.00
Feb. 4	10.00-10.50	9.15-11.15	12.00-13.00**	8.00-10.00
11	10.00-12.50	8.15-10.15	17.00-18.00**	10.00
18	8.00- 9.00	6.15- 8.15	8.00	6.00- 8.00
25	8.00- 8.50	7.15- 8.15	9.00	7.00- 8.00
Mar. 4	7.00- 8.50	8.15	9.00-10.00	6.00- 8.00
11	12.00-12.50	12.15	13.00-14.00	11.00-12.00
18	12.00-12.35	12.15	14.00-15.00	15.00-18.00
25	10.00-12.50	12.15	13.00-14.00	10.00-12.00
Apr. 1	6.00- 7.50	10.15	10.00-11.00	6.00- 7.00
8	5.00- 5.50	10.15	8.00- 9.00	5.00- 6.00
15	5.00- 6.35	7.15	8.00	5.00- 6.00
22	6.00- 7.35	--	8.00	5.00- 6.00
29	8.00-10.35	--	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00
May 6	8.00- 8.35	--	11.00-12.00	8.00- 9.00
14	10.00-10.35	--	11.00-12.00	7.00- 8.00
20	12.00-12.35	--	15.00-16.00	16.00
27	12.00-12.25	--	15.00-16.00	12.00-14.00
Jun. 3	10.00	--	13.00+	10.00+
10	7.00- 8.00	--	12.00-13.00	--
17	7.00- 8.00	--	12.00-13.00	--
24	--	--	--	--

* Wednesday's Price
** Extra-Large

*** Cartons
+ Monday's Price

PEPPERS, BELL: Florida FOB Shipping Point Prices for Red and Yellow types
 Extra-Large, for Tuesday, compared with New York and Philadelphia
 Wholesale Prices, 1996-97 Crop Year

Tuesday's Price	Florida		New York		Philadelphia
	Red	Yellow	Red	Yellow	Red
----1-1/9 Bushel Cartons----					
Oct. 1	--	--	--	--	--
8	--	--	--	--	--
15	--	--	--	--	--
22	--	--	--	--	--
29	--	--	--	--	--
Nov. 5	--	--	--	--	--
12	--	--	--	--	18.00-20.00
19	20.00-20.35	--	12.00-14.00	18.00-20.00*	--
26	--	--	22.00	--	--
Dec. 3	--	--	--	--	--
10	20.00-20.35	--	16.00-18.00*	--	6.00- 8.00**
17	14.00-16.35	--	18.00-20.00	20.00	18.00
24	12.25-14.00	20.00-20.35	--	--	--
31	10.00-10.35	12.35-14.35	--	--	--
Jan. 7	10.00-10.35	--	8.00-10.00	9.00***	9.00***
14	20.00-20.35	--	10.00-12.00**	12.00-13.00***	--
21	25.35-30.35	--	18.00-20.00+	22.00-24.00**	--
28	--	--	20.00-22.00	14.00	16.00
Feb. 4	16.00-18.25	--	--	12.00	8.00-12.00
11	12.00-14.35	--	15.00-16.00	--	16.00-18.00
18	10.00-10.35	--	10.00-12.00	--	12.00-14.00
25	14.00-16.35	--	20.00	18.00	12.00-14.00
Mar. 4	20.00-20.35	--	15.00-18.00	15.00-16.00*	20.00
11	--	--	23.00-24.00	--	21.00-22.00*
18	--	--	28.00-30.00	--	28.00
25	--	--	--	--	--
Apr. 1	--	--	--	15.00	8.00-12.00+
8	--	--	10.00+	--	5.00- 8.00+***
15	20.35-25.00	--	25.00-30.00	--	20.00*
22	18.00-20.35	18.00-20.35	18.00-20.00	--	20.00-23.00
29	12.00-18.45	--	14.00-16.00	--	14.00-16.00***
May 6	8.00-10.35	--	12.00-14.00+++	--	--
13	12.35-12.85	--	10.00*	--	6.00- 8.00****
20	--	--	16.00	--	14.00-15.00**
27	--	--	16.00-18.00	--	--
Jun. 3	--	--	--	--	--
10	--	--	--	--	--
17	--	--	--	--	--
24	--	--	--	--	--

* Large *** Fair Appearance ++ Wednesday's Price
 ** Small + Fair Condition +++ Monday's Price

PEPPERS (OTHER): Recorded Shipments From Competitive Growing areas
1996-97 Crop Year.

WEEK ENDING		SHIPMENTS			
		Florida	Texas	Mexico	Total
-----1,000 PACKAGE UNITS OR 30,000 LBS-----					
Oct.	5	--	--	49	49
	12	3	--	40	43
	19	6	--	55	61
	26	12	--	66	78
Nov.	2	7	--	55	62
	9	15	2	101	118
	16	30	2	87	119
	23	40	1	121	162
	30	26	1	121	148
Dec.	7	28	3	125	156
	14	15	1	139	155
	21	28	2	109	139
	28	22	--	101	123
Jan.	4	25	--	101	126
	11	31	--	220	251
	18	19	--	122	141
	25	17	--	116	133
Feb.	1	16	--	150	166
	8	28	--	147	175
	15	15	--	182	197
	22	24	--	179	203
Mar.	1	27	--	115	142
	8	39	--	148	187
	15	24	--	131	155
	22	33	--	151	184
	29	44	--	148	192
Apr.	5	20	--	127	147
	12	30	--	162	192
	19	39	--	149	188
	26	41	--	150	191
May	3	30	--	194	224
	10	23	--	176	199
	17	21	--	105	126
	24	22	--	119	141
	31	12	--	151	163
Jun.	7	8	--	121	129
	14	5	--	137	142
	21	4	--	116	120
	28	4	--	119	123
Jul.	5	--	--	79	79
Total		833	12	4,984	5,829

PEPPERS, OTHER: Florida FOB Shipping Point Prices for Tuesday - 1996-97 Crop Year

Tuesday's Price	Cuban Type 1-1/9 bushel Large	Longhots bushel or 1 1/9 bushel	Fingerhots 1/2 or 5/9	Hungarian Wax 1/2 or 5/9 bushel	Jalapeno 1/2 or 5/9 bushel
Oct. 1	--	--	--	--	--
8	--	--	--	--	--
15	--	--	--	--	--
22	16.35-20.50	10.35-12.25	--	8.25-10.50	8.35-10.35
29	18.35-20.00	10.25-10.35	--	8.00-10.35	10.00-12.35
Nov. 5	18.00-20.25	12.00-12.25	--	8.35-10.35	10.00-12.85
12	20.00-20.50	--	--	8.50-10.25	10.00-12.25
19	18.00-18.35	12.00-12.35	12.00	8.00-10.35	8.00-10.00
26	12.00-12.25	10.00-12.85	--	6.00- 8.85	8.00- 8.85
Dec. 3	10.00-12.85	12.00-12.85	--	8.00- 8.25	8.00- 8.85
10	10.00-12.85	10.00-12.25	--	5.25- 6.35	6.00- 8.85
17	10.00-10.35	8.00- 9.35	--	4.00- 5.35	7.00- 9.35
24	10.00-10.35	6.85- 9.35	--	4.00- 5.35	8.00- 8.85
31	10.00-10.35	8.88- 9.35	--	4.25- 5.85	7.00- 8.85
Jan. 7	8.00-10.35	8.00- 9.35	--	4.00- 6.35	7.00- 8.85
14	8.00-10.50	8.00-10.00	--	6.00	8.00-10.00
21	--	--	--	--	--
28	12.00-14.00	10.25-12.85	--	14.25-16.85	12.35-14.85
Feb. 4	8.25- 8.50	6.35- 8.85	--	--	12.86
11	6.35- 8.85	6.35- 8.85	--	--	8.00-10.85
18	6.35- 8.85	6.35- 8.85	--	--	12.25
25	10.00-12.00	8.00-10.00	--	16.00-18.25	10.00-10.85
Mar. 4	10.00-12.85	10.00-12.85	--	10.00-12.35	10.00-12.35
11	--	12.00-12.85	--	10.00-12.35	10.00-12.85
18	10.00-12.85	12.00-12.85	--	10.00-12.35	12.00-12.85
25	10.00-12.35	10.00-12.35	--	10.00-12.35	10.85-12.85
Apr. 1	10.00-10.35	10.25-10.85	--	8.00-10.85	10.35-12.85
8	8.00- 8.35	10.25-12.00	--	8.25-10.85	10.00-12.85
15	8.00-10.25	8.00-10.85	--	8.00- 8.35	10.00-12.35
22	10.00-10.35	8.00-10.35	--	6.00- 8.35	12.00-14.35
29	14.00-16.00	8.00-10.35	12.00-14.25	6.00- 8.50	10.00-12.25
May 6	14.00-16.00	7.00- 9.00	9.00-10.00	5.00- 6.00	10.00-10.85
13	14.00-16.00	8.00-10.25	9.00-10.25	5.00- 6.25	9.00-10.00
20	12.00-14.00	8.00-10.35	10.00-10.25	6.25	8.00-10.00
27	10.00-12.00	9.00	10.00	10.00-10.25	6.00- 8.00
Jun. 3	8.00-10.00	--	--	--	8.00
10	10.00-12.00	--	--	--	6.00- 8.00
17	--	--	--	--	--
24	--	--	--	--	--

POTATOES, TABLE: Recorded Shipments From Competitive Growing areas
1996-97 Crop Year.

WEEK ENDING	SHIPMENTS								
	Florida		California		Texas		Total		
	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	
- - - 1,000 cwt - - -									
Oct.	5	--	--	9	38	--	--	9	38
	12	--	--	11	63	--	--	11	63
	19	--	--	8	29	1	--	9	29
	26	--	--	7	80	--	--	7	80
Nov.	2	--	--	11	87	--	--	11	87
	9	--	--	11	75	--	--	11	75
	16	--	--	14	77	--	--	14	77
	23	--	--	7	83	--	--	7	83
	30	--	--	3	103	--	--	3	103
Dec.	7	--	--	8	84	--	--	8	84
	14	--	--	12	88	--	--	12	88
	21	--	--	7	82	--	--	7	82
	28	--	--	3	52	--	--	3	52
Jan.	4	--	--	2	91	--	--	2	91
	11	--	--	3	92	--	--	3	92
	18	--	--	8	112	--	--	8	112
	25	--	--	3	66	--	--	3	66
Feb.	1	--	--	4	53	--	--	4	53
	8	--	62	9	52	--	--	9	114
	15	--	104	9	93	--	--	9	197
	22	2	82	6	71	--	--	8	153
Mar.	1	--	83	3	84	--	--	3	167
	8	1	84	3	60	--	--	4	144
	15	2	85	4	78	--	--	6	163
	22	--	136	9	73	--	--	9	209
	29	1	96	11	80	--	--	12	176
Apr.	5	1	88	9	71	--	--	10	159
	12	2	106	17	79	--	--	19	185
	19	1	86	15	114	--	--	16	200
	26	4	150	22	148	--	--	26	298
May	3	5	145	51	168	--	--	56	313
	10	9	168	106	258	--	--	115	426
	17	14	125	159	249	--	--	173	374
	24	14	105	207	262	--	--	221	367
	31	10	101	144	222	--	--	154	323
Jun.	7	3	94	180	275	--	--	183	369
	14	--	55	208	281	--	--	208	336
	21	1	30	237	352	--	7	238	389
	28	--	3	174	382	--	24	174	409
Jul.	5	--	--	102	348	--	41	102	389
Total		70	1,988	1,816	5,155	1	72	1,887	7,215

POTATOES, CHIPPER: Recorded Shipments From Competitive Growing areas
1996-97 Crop Year.

WEEK ENDING	SHIPMENTS								
	Florida		California		North Carolina		Total		
	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	Rail	Truck	
- - - 1,000 cwt - - -									
Oct.	5	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0
	12	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0
	19	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0
	26	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0
Nov.	2	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0
	9	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0
	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0
	23	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0
	30	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0
Dec.	7	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0
	14	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0
	21	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0
	28	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0
Jan.	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0
	11	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0
	18	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0
	25	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0
Feb.	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0
	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0
	15	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0
	22	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0
Mar.	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0
	8	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0
	15	--	--	--	--	--	--	0	0
	22	--	18	--	--	--	--	0	18
	29	--	136	--	--	--	--	0	136
Apr.	5	--	225	--	--	--	--	0	225
	12	--	318	--	--	--	--	0	318
	19	--	423	--	6	--	--	0	429
	26	3	553	--	44	--	--	3	597
May	3	18	477	--	117	--	--	18	594
	10	39	657	--	111	--	--	39	768
	17	62	896	--	124	--	--	62	1020
	24	61	605	--	102	--	--	61	707
	31	35	494	--	85	--	--	35	579
Jun.	7	7	299	--	87	--	57	7	443
	14	1	97	--	87	--	213	1	397
	21	--	18	--	101	--	284	0	403
	28	--	--	--	117	--	300	0	417
Jul.	5	--	--	--	50	--	182	0	232
Total		226	5,216	0	1,031	0	1,036	226	7,283

POTATOES, NEW: Florida FOB Shipping Point Prices for Tuesday Compared with Wholesale Prices in Atlanta, Chicago, New York City and Philadelphia, 1997 Crop Year.

Tuesday's Date	Tuesday's Price		RED TYPE			
	South Florida	Hastings	Atlanta	Chicago	New York City	Philadelphia
	US#1A	US#1A	US#1A	US#1A	US#1A	US#1A
----Per 50 Lb. Sacks----						
Feb. 4	10.00	--	--	--	--	--
11	10.00	--	21.00	--	14.00-16.00	14.00
18	9.00-10.00	--	--	--	14.00-16.00	14.00
25	8.00	--	--	14.00*	14.00-16.00	14.00
Mar. 4	7.00	--	8.00-11.00	14.00	10.00-12.00	12.00-14.00
11	8.00-10.00	--	10.00-10.50	14.00	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00
18	12.00	--	10.50-12.50	8.50- 9.00	15.00-16.00	12.00-14.00
25	12.00	--	12.50-14.50	15.00**	15.00-16.00	15.00-16.00
Apr. 1	12.00	--	12.50-14.50	9.00-10.00	15.00-16.00	15.00-16.00
8	12.00	--	12.50-14.50	9.00	10.00-12.00	15.00-16.00
15	12.00	12.00	12.50-14.50	16.00	16.00	14.00*
22	10.00	10.00	12.50-13.00	16.00	12.00-13.00	12.00-14.00
29	8.00	8.00	14.00-15.25	8.50	12.00-13.00	12.00
May 6	7.00	7.00	14.50-15.25	8.50	12.00-13.00	10.00-11.50
13	--	5.00- 6.00	13.00	8.50	12.00-13.00	8.00-10.50
20	--	5.00	13.00	--	12.00-13.00	8.00- 9.00
27	--	5.00	13.00*	--	12.00-13.00	8.00- 9.00*
Jun. 3	--	4.00- 4.50	13.00	--	12.00-13.00	8.00- 9.00
10	--	4.50- 5.00	7.00- 8.00	--	12.00-13.00	8.00- 9.00
17	--	--	--	--	--	--
24	--	--	--	--	--	--

Tuesday's Date	ROUND WHITE						
	Tuesday's Price			Tuesday's Price			
	North and Central Florida		Table Stock	Atlanta	Chicago	New York City	Philadelphia
	Proc Stock	Atlantic					
85% US#1	Sebagoes	F.O.B.	US#1A	US#1A	US#1A	US#1A	
--Per Cwt-- -Per 50-Lb. Sacks- ---Per 50 Lb. Sacks---							
Feb. 4	--	--	--	--	--	--	
11	--	--	--	16.00-16.50	--	15.00-16.00	
18	--	--	--	16.00-16.50*	--	15.00-16.00	
25	--	--	--	16.00-16.50	--	15.00-16.00	
Mar. 4	--	--	--	--	--	15.00-16.00	
11	--	--	8.00-10.00	--	14.00	15.00-16.00	
18	--	--	--	16.00	--	20.00*	
25	--	--	--	16.00	18.00	20.00	
Apr. 1	--	--	--	16.00	--	20.00	
8	--	--	10.00	15.50	--	20.00	
15	--	--	8.00-10.00	15.50	--	12.00-14.00	
22	4.75- 5.00	--	6.00	12.00-14.00	--	12.00-14.00	
29	--	--	6.00	13.00-14.00	--	12.00-14.00	
May 6	--	--	6.00- 7.00	10.00-12.00	--	12.00-14.00	
13	18.00	--	6.00- 7.00	9.50-10.50	--	12.00-14.00	
20	18.00-18.50	15.00-15.00	8.00- 9.00	13.00-14.00	--	12.00-14.00	
27	20.00	--	--	13.00-14.00*	--	12.00-14.00	
Jun. 3	20.00	--	--	13.00-14.00	--	12.00-14.00	
10	--	--	--	12.50	--	12.00-14.00	
17	--	--	--	--	--	--	
24	--	--	--	--	--	--	

* Wednesday's Price
 ** Size B
 *** Cartons

RADISHES: Recorded Shipments from Competitive Growing Areas; Florida FOB
Shipping Point Prices for Tuesday Compared with Wholesale Prices
in New York City. 1996-97 Crop Year

WEEK ENDING	Shipments				Tuesday's Date	Reds 30-6 Oz Bags	
	Florida	Arizona	Mexico	Total		Florida FOB Price	New York City Wholesale Market
	---1,000 package units or 12,000 Lbs---					---Per Carton---	
Oct. 5	--	--	6	6	Oct. 1	--	--
12	--	3	8	11	8	---	--
19	8	3	13	24	15	--	--
26	33	3	14	50	22	--	5.00- 6.00
					29	4.30	5.00- 6.00
Nov. 2	61	1	46	108			
9	68	36	65	169	Nov. 5	4.30	5.00- 6.00
16	79	2	112	193	12	4.30	6.00
23	129	3	130	262	19	4.80	5.00- 5.50
30	60	1	107	168	26	4.80	4.00- 6.00
Dec. 7	112	1	96	209	Dec. 3	4.80	4.00- 6.00
14	113	3	149	265	10	4.30	4.00- 5.00
21	191	10	139	340	17	4.30	4.00- 6.00
28	83	3	103	189	24	4.30	4.00- 5.00*
					31	4.30	4.00- 5.00*
Jan. 4	93	2	108	203			
11	89	3	118	210	Jan. 7	4.30	5.00- 5.50
18	83	3	111	197	14	2.30	4.00- 5.00
25	108	8	127	243	21	4.30	5.00- 6.00**
					28	4.30	5.00- 6.00
Feb. 1	77	9	132	218			
8	77	5	127	209			
15	100	7	147	254	Feb. 4	4.30	4.00- 6.00
22	103	7	164	274	11	4.30	4.00- 6.00
					18	4.30	4.00- 6.00
Mar. 1	103	7	148	258	25	4.30	4.00- 6.00
8	107	3	150	260			
15	119	--	159	278	Mar. 4	4.30	4.00- 5.00
22	133	1	191	325	11	3.30	4.00- 5.00
29	117	3	112	232	18	3.30	3.50- 5.00
					25	3.30	3.50- 5.00
Apr. 5	101	1	93	195			
12	115	1	93	209	Apr. 1	3.30	2.50- 4.00
19	98	--	58	156	8	3.30	3.50- 5.00
26	103	--	68	171	15	3.30	4.00- 5.00
					22	3.30	3.00- 5.00
May 3	110	--	18	128	29	4.30	--
10	82	--	18	100			
17	120	--	18	138	May 6	4.80	4.00- 5.00**
24	88	--	12	100	13	7.30	6.00- 7.00
31	36	--	13	49	20	8.30	8.00- 9.00*
					27	8.30	--
Jun 7	11	--	10	21			
14	--	--	7	7	June 3	--	--
21	--	--	8	8	10	--	--
28	--	--	9	9	17	--	--
					24	--	--
Jul 5	--	--	7	7			
Total	3,110	129	3,214	6,453			

* Wednesday's Price

SQUASH: Recorded Shipments From Competitive Growing areas
1996-97 Crop Year.

SHIPMENTS					
WEEK ENDING		Florida	California	Mexico	Total
----1,000 PACKAGE UNITS OR 42,000 LBS----					
Oct.	5	4	--	28	32
	12	3	--	72	75
	19	9	--	94	103
	26	29	--	143	172
Nov.	2	79	--	162	241
	9	88	--	224	312
	16	60	--	375	435
	23	73	--	595	668
	30	71	--	523	594
Dec.	7	82	--	452	534
	14	35	--	465	500
	21	44	--	314	358
	28	46	--	242	288
Jan.	4	71	--	252	323
	11	86	--	335	421
	18	45	--	372	417
	25	9	--	295	304
Feb.	1	5	--	450	455
	8	10	--	416	426
	15	26	--	443	469
	22	24	--	387	411
Mar.	1	38	--	336	374
	8	75	--	345	420
	15	107	--	387	494
	22	110	--	315	425
	29	114	--	201	315
Apr.	5	89	--	234	323
	12	129	--	224	353
	19	86	--	313	399
	26	98	--	285	383
May	3	72	--	153	225
	10	70	--	121	191
	17	31	--	90	121
	24	29	--	88	117
	31	12	--	89	101
Jun.	7	7	4	85	96
	14	4	4	59	67
	21	3	7	39	49
	28	--	--	26	26
Jul.	5	--	1	18	19
Total		<u>1,973</u>	<u>16</u>	<u>10,047</u>	<u>12,036</u>

SQUASH: Florida and West Mexico FOB Shipping Point
Prices for Tuesday. 1996-97 Crop Year

Tuesday's Date	Yellow Crookneck	Yellow Straightneck	Zucchini	
	Florida Small	Florida Small	Florida Small	West Mexico FOB Nogales Small
	3/4 Bushels	---Containers--- 1/2 & 5/9 Bushel Crates		26 Lb. Lugs
Oct. 1	--	--	--	--
8	--	--	--	--
15	--	--	--	--
22	18.00-18.85	14.00-14.85	10.00-12.35	12.15
29	10.00-10.85	7.00- 8.85	5.00- 6.85	6.15
Nov. 5	7.00- 8.85	4.00- 5.00	5.00- 6.00	5.15
12	14.00-14.85	8.00- 8.85	8.00-10.85	8.15
19	14.00-14.85	10.00-10.85	12.00-14.85	10.15
26	12.00-12.85	6.00- 8.85	6.00- 7.85	4.15
Dec. 3	8.00- 8.85	4.00- 4.85	4.00- 4.85	4.15
10	6.85	5.00- 5.85	5.00- 6.85	5.15
17	12.00-12.85	8.00- 8.85	8.00- 8.85	6.15- 7.15
24	14.85	12.85	10.00-10.85	7.85- 8.15
31	8.85	6.00- 8.85	6.00- 8.85	6.15- 7.15
Jan. 7	6.00- 6.85	6.00- 6.85	6.00- 8.85	5.15
14	12.85	10.85-12.85	12.85	12.15
21	25.85	20.85	20.85	15.85-18.15
28	--	--	--	--
Feb. 4	--	--	--	--
11	20.85	20.85-22.85	8.85	5.15
18	20.85	18.85-20.85	8.85-10.85	6.15
25	20.00-20.85	18.00-20.85	10.00-12.85	8.15-10.15
Mar. 4	10.85-12.85	12.00-14.25	10.00-12.85	10.15-12.15
11	6.85- 8.85	6.00- 8.85	6.00- 8.85	6.15
18	8.85	5.00- 6.85	5.00- 6.85	4.15
25	12.00-12.85	6.00- 6.85	5.00- 6.85	4.15
Apr. 1	10.00-12.85	10.00-12.85	5.00- 6.85	6.15
8	10.00-12.85	10.00-12.85	10.00-10.85	8.15
15	8.00- 8.85	10.00-10.85	10.00-10.85	12.15
22	8.00- 9.00	8.00- 8.85	12.00-12.85	6.15- 8.15
29	8.85-10.25	5.00- 6.35	5.00- 6.35	4.15
May 6	6.00	4.00	3.00- 4.00	--
13	6.00	6.00- 7.25	3.50- 4.00	--
20	5.00- 6.00	6.00- 7.00	4.00- 4.35	--
27	--	--	--	--
Jun. 3	--	--	--	--
10	--	--	--	--
17	--	--	--	--
24	--	--	--	--

STRAWBERRIES: Recorded Shipments From Competitive Growing areas
1996-97 Crop Year.

		SHIPMENTS			
WEEK ENDING		Florida	California	Mexico	Total
----1,000 PACKAGE UNITS OR 21,000 LBS----					
Oct.	5	--	1092	--	1092
	12	--	1158	--	1158
	19	--	1036	2	1038
	26	--	906	--	906
Nov.	2	--	369	--	369
	9	--	184	11	195
	16	2	293	17	312
	23	9	92	20	121
	30	34	45	31	110
Dec.	7	74	32	33	139
	14	120	18	42	180
	21	209	9	49	267
	28	249	37	37	323
Jan.	4	510	108	66	684
	11	588	103	56	747
	18	321	127	86	534
	25	203	189	105	497
Feb.	1	430	141	112	683
	8	762	369	93	1224
	15	949	400	126	1475
	22	1249	583	137	1969
Mar.	1	993	789	143	1925
	8	922	1068	151	2141
	15	981	1723	238	2942
	22	528	2104	283	2915
	29	184	2806	353	3343
Apr.	5	37	3195	337	3569
	12	2	3556	59	3617
	19	--	3785	8	3793
	26	--	3500	8	3508
May	3	--	3647	3	3650
	10	--	4396	18	4414
	17	--	4039	7	4046
	24	--	3207	--	3207
	31	--	3029	--	3029
Jun.	7	--	1882	--	1882
	14	--	2322	--	2322
	21	--	2030	--	2030
	28	--	2046	--	2046
Jul.	5	--	1849	--	1849
Total		9,356	58,264	2,631	70,251

STRAWBERRIES: Florida and California FOB Shipping Point Prices including Palletizing and Cooling for Tuesday Compared with Wholesale Prices in Atlanta, Chicago and New York City of Florida Stock, 1996-97 Crop Year.

Tuesday's Date	Florida	California	Florida Stock		
			Atlanta	Chicago	New York City
			Tuesday Price	Tuesday Price	Tuesday Price
----Per 12 1-pint flats Medium-Large size----					
Oct. 1	--	--	--	--	--
8	--	--	--	--	--
15	--	--	--	--	--
22	--	--	--	--	--
29	--	--	--	--	--
Nov. 5	--	--	--	--	--
12	--	--	--	--	--
19	--	--	--	--	--
26	--	--	--	--	--
Dec. 3	19.25-22.35	--	--	--	27.00
12	21.35-24.35	--	25.00-26.00	22.50-24.50*	24.00-27.00
17	21.35-24.35	--	24.00	24.00-26.00**	24.00
24	21.35-24.35	--	24.00	28.00-30.00	27.00-30.00***
31	11.35-14.35	--	15.75-16.75	20.00-21.00****	15.00-18.00***
Jan. 7	8.35 -8.35	12.35	10.00-12.50	9.00-10.00	6.00- 9.00
14	9.35-11.35	14.35+	10.00-12.00	5.00- 6.00	9.00-10.20
21	14.35-16.35	14.35	16.50-20.50*	14.00-14.50*	18.00-24.00*
28	12.35-14.35	14.35+	19.50	18.00-20.00	15.00-18.00
Feb. 4	9.35-10.35	12.35-14.35+	12.00	8.50	9.00-12.00
11	8.35- 9.35	12.35+	10.50-11.50	--	6.00- 7.20
18	7.35- 8.35	10.35-12.35	8.50- 9.00	6.00- 7.00**	6.00- 7.80**
25	7.35	10.35+	6.50- 7.50	7.00- 8.00*+	6.00- 7.20**
Mar. 4	8.35	10.35-11.35	6.50- 7.00	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00*
11	7.35- 8.35	10.35	8.00- 8.50	9.00- 9.50	6.00- 7.20**
18	6.35- 7.35	8.35	7.50	4.50- 5.00	3.00- 5.40***
25	7.35**	8.35- 9.45	7.50	--	3.60- 6.00**
Apr. 1	--	6.35	7.50- 8.50	--	--
8	--	--	--	--	--
15	--	--	--	--	--
22	--	--	--	--	--
29	--	--	--	--	--
May 6	--	--	--	--	--
13	--	--	--	--	--
20	--	--	--	--	--
27	--	--	--	--	--
Jun. 3	--	--	--	--	--
10	--	--	--	--	--
17	--	--	--	--	--
24	--	--	--	--	--

* Wednesday's Price
 ** Medium
 *** Monday's Price
 + Large

TOMATOES: Recorded Shipments from Competitive Growing Areas
1996-97 Crop Year.

WEEK ENDING	SHIPMENTS					Total:*
	Pennisular	W. Florida	California	Mexico		
----1,000 PACKAGE UNITS OR 25,000 LBS----						
Oct.	5	--	43	1575	523	2141
	12	126	60	1770	634	2590
	19	166	293	1664	491	2614
	26	73	677	1639	354	2743
Nov.	2	880	801	1434	344	3459
	9	889	445	924	540	2798
	16	1528	164	1171	676	3539
	23	1899	14	774	842	3529
	30	1706	--	235	710	2651
Dec.	7	1752	--	112	535	2399
	14	1873	--	60	945	2878
	21	1813	--	65	1504	3382
	28	1307	--	34	1138	2479
Jan.	4	1684	--	13	1679	3376
	11	2100	--	5	2125	4230
	18	1369	--	--	1603	2972
	25	566	--	--	2545	3111
Feb.	1	884	--	--	2058	2942
	8	822	--	--	3014	3836
	15	721	--	--	2925	3646
	22	491	--	--	2641	3132
Mar.	1	700	--	--	2411	3111
	8	608	--	--	2329	2937
	15	611	--	--	2468	3079
	22	748	--	--	3047	3795
	29	1609	--	--	3048	4657
Apr.	5	2104	--	--	1755	3859
	12	2646	--	--	1006	3652
	19	2756	--	--	1400	4156
	26	3004	--	--	1328	4332
May	3	2318	--	1	885	3204
	10	2528	--	339	888	3755
	17	1358	--	570	1031	2959
	24	1230	--	735	1122	3087
	31	1094	--	488	961	2543
Jun.	7	793	383	1073	1028	3277
	14	128	711	1608	986	3455
	21	31	764	1626	638	3618
	28	--	721	1429	659	3416
Jul.	5	--	451	1521	491	2913
Total		46,915	5,527	20,865	55,307	130,252

* Total includes South Carolina

TOMATOES: Florida and Mexico FOB Shipping Point
Prices for Tuesday, 1996-97 Crop Year

Tuesday's Date	Fla. Mature Green 85% or more US #1 Quality			West Mexico Mature Greens 85% or more U.S. #1 quality	Florida FOB Prices PLUM type
	Extra-Large	Large	Medium	Extra-Large	
	25 lbs	25 lbs	25 lbs	25 lbs	25 lbs
Oct. 1	--	--	--	--	--
8	--	--	--	--	--
15	10.00	9.00	8.00	--	--
22	8.00	8.00	7.00- 8.00	--	10.90
29	8.00	8.00	8.00	--	10.90
Nov. 5	9.00	9.00	9.00	--	12.90
12	10.00	9.00	9.00	--	12.90
19	12.00	10.00	9.00	--	10.90
26	9.00	6.00	5.00	--	6.90
Dec. 3	7.00	6.00	6.00	--	5.90- 6.90
10	7.00	7.00	7.00	--	7.90
17	9.00	9.00	9.00	--	12.50
24	9.00	9.00	9.00	--	8.90-10.90
31	8.00	8.00	8.00	--	6.90- 7.90
Jan. 7	6.00- 7.00	6.00	5.00	--	5.90
14	7.00- 8.00	6.00- 7.00	6.00	7.15- 8.15*	6.90
21	--	--	--	14.50*	--
28	11.00-14.00	11.00-14.00	11.00-14.00	8.15-10.15*	8.90-11.90
Feb. 4	14.00	14.00	14.00	9.15-10.15*	--
11	12.00	12.00	10.00	--	--
18	12.00	12.00	10.00-12.00	6.15*	--
25	16.00	16.00	14.00-15.00	12.15*	--
Mar. 4	20.00	20.00	19.00-20.00	18.15*	--
11	20.00	20.00	17.00-18.00	18.15*	--
18	22.00	20.00	16.00	22.15*	--
25	16.00	14.00	12.00	12.15-14.15*	--
Apr. 1	8.00-10.00	7.00- 9.00	7.00- 8.00	8.15*	--
8	7.00	7.00	7.00	8.15-10.15*	8.90-10.90
15	8.00- 9.00	9.00	9.00	12.15*	14.90
22	6.00	7.00	7.00	8.15-10.15*	12.90-14.90
29	6.00	6.00	6.00	4.95- 6.15	8.90-10.90
May 6	6.00- 7.00	6.00- 7.00	6.00- 7.00	6.15- 7.15	5.85- 6.90
13	10.00	10.00	10.00	--	7.85- 8.90
20	14.00	12.00	10.00	--	10.35-12.90
27	14.00	12.00	9.00-10.00	--	12.90
Jun. 4	12.00	9.00-10.00	7.00- 8.00	--	12.90
10	12.00	9.00-10.00	7.00- 8.00	--	--
17	--	--	--	--	--
24	--	--	--	--	--

* 4 x 4 vine ripers

**TOMATOES: New York, Philadelphia and Chicago Wholesale
Prices of Florida Stock, 1996-97 Crop Year**

Tuesday's Date	New York		Philadelphia		Chicago	
	Extra-Large	Large	Extra-Large	Large	Extra-Large	Large
----Per 25 Lb. Carton----						
Oct. 1	--	--	--	--	--	--
8	--	--	--	--	--	--
15	12.00-14.00	--	13.00	13.00	--	--
22	11.00-12.00	11.00	10.00-11.00	--	--	--
29	10.00	9.00	9.50-10.00	10.00	--	--
Nov. 5	13.00-14.00	11.00-13.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
12	12.00	11.00-12.00	12.00	11.00-12.00	9.00-10.00*	9.00-10.00*
19	12.00	11.00-12.00	13.00	12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00
26	12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00	8.00	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00
Dec. 3	10.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00	7.00- 8.00	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00
10	8.00- 9.00	8.00- 9.00	8.00	7.00	8.00*	7.00*
17	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	12.00	12.00
24	10.00-11.00**	10.00-11.00**	--	--	10.00-11.00	10.00
31	10.00-11.00**	11.00-12.00**	11.00**	10.00-12.00**	9.50-10.00**	10.00**
Jan. 7	9.00	10.00	8.00- 8.50	8.00	9.00-10.00	10.00
14	9.00-10.00	9.00	8.00- 9.00	8.00- 9.00	8.00- 8.50	8.00- 8.50
21	15.00-16.00*	12.00-13.00*	14.00-15.00*	12.00-13.00*	14.00-15.00*	14.00-15.00*
28	14.00	13.00-14.00	15.00	15.00	13.00-14.00	13.00-14.00
Feb. 4	12.00-14.00	13.00-14.00	12.00-14.00	12.00-14.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-11.50
11	12.00-14.00	11.00-12.00	12.00-13.00	12.00-13.00	12.00	11.00-12.00
18	10.00-11.00	10.00	10.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	12.00**	11.00-12.00
25	15.00-17.00	14.00-15.00	16.00	16.00	14.00*	--
Mar. 4	20.00-22.00	18.00-20.00	20.00	20.00	20.00	--
11	21.00-22.00	20.00-22.00	16.00-17.00	13.00-14.00	20.00	20.00
18	25.00-28.00	24.00-26.00	24.00	22.00-24.00	20.00**+	20.00**+
26	24.00-26.00	22.00-25.00	24.00	20.00	18.00**+	14.00**+
Apr. 1	14.00-15.00	13.00	13.00-14.00	11.00-12.00	13.00-14.00	12.00
8	9.00-10.00	9.00	13.50	12.50	10.00-11.00	9.00-18.00
15	10.00-11.00	9.00	10.00-11.00	10.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00
22	10.00	10.00	9.00-10.00	8.00- 9.00	10.00-11.00	11.00-12.00
29	8.00	9.00	7.50- 8.50	8.00- 8.50	7.50- 8.00	8.00
May 6	8.00	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.50	8.00
13	8.00- 9.00	8.00- 9.00	8.50- 9.00	8.00- 9.00	8.50- 9.00	8.00- 9.00
20	13.00-14.00	12.00-14.00	14.00	14.00	14.00	13.00-14.00
27	15.00-16.00	14.00-15.00	14.00**	14.00**	14.00	13.00-14.00
Jun. 3	14.00	13.00	13.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	13.00-14.00	12.00-13.00
11	15.00	13.00-14.00	14.00	12.00	13.00	12.00-13.00
17	12.00	13.00	10.00-11.00	--	--	--
24	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	--	--

* Wednesday's Price
 ** Monday's Price
 + Fair Quality

**CHERRY TOMATOES: United States Total Recorded Shipments. Florida FOB
Shipping Point Prices, compared with New York Wholesale Prices,
1996-97 Crop Year**

WEEK ENDING	Shipments			FLORIDA FOB PRICES		
	Florida	Mexico	Total 1/1	Tuesday's Date	Florida FOB Price Cooling and Palletizing incl.	New York City Wholesale Market
	---1,000 package units or 15,000 lbs---			---12 1 Pint Flats---		
Oct. 5	4	71	75	Oct. 1	--	--
12	9	68	77	8	--	--
19	57	86	143	15	8.90-10.90	8.00-10.00*
26	57	75	132	22	7.90- 8.90	11.00
				29	6.90	10.00
Nov. 2	79	65	144	Nov. 5	6.90- 7.90	8.00- 9.00
9	87	91	178	12	5.90- 7.90	9.00
16	92	777	169	19	6.90	9.00
23	106	96	202	26	5.90	9.00
30	97	85	182			
Dec. 7	97	71	168	Dec. 3	4.90- 5.90	8.00- 9.00
14	86	72	158	10	5.90	8.00
21	82	179	261	17	7.90- 8.90	8.00- 9.00
28	78	137	215	24	7.90	9.00-10.00**
				31	3.90- 4.90	9.00-10.00**
Jan. 4	93	152	245	Jan. 7	3.90- 4.00	9.00
11	103	121	224	14	4.90	8.00
18	71	127	198	21	--	9.00-10.00***
25	16	204	220	28	7.90- 8.90	--
Feb. 1	26	181	207			
8	23	199	222	Feb. 4	5.90- 7.90	9.00-10.00
15	25	141	166	11	5.90- 6.90	--
22	23	203	226	18	6.90	8.00
				25	8.15-10.15	8.00
Mar. 1	22	160	182	Mar. 4	13.90	--
8	29	165	194	11	10.15	12.00-14.00
15	30	145	175	18	11.90-12.90	15.00-16.00**
22	36	189	225	25	8.85-10.15	15.00-16.00
29	53	159	212			
Apr. 5	72	115	187	Apr. 1	12.15-13.15	11.00-12.00
12	102	124	226	8	8.90- 9.90	12.00
19	75	134	209	15	10.90	14.00-15.00
26	99	115	214	22	10.90	14.00
				29	9.90-10.90	13.00-14.00
May 3	119	141	260	May 6	6.90- 7.90	12.00-13.00
10	143	145	288	13	7.90	11.00-12.00
17	119	141	260	20	9.90	11.00-12.00
24	97	143	240	27	7.90- 8.90	12.00-13.00
31	95	136	231			
Jun 7	75	148	223	June 3	7.90	12.00-13.00
14	41	115	156	10	8.90- 9.90	11.00-12.00
21	65	88	153	17	8.90- 9.90	13.00-14.00
28	21	102	123	24	10.90-12.90	15.00
Jul. 5	12	85	97			
Total	2,616	5,051	7,667			

* Fair Condition
** Monday's Price
*** Wednesday's Price