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LEADING FRESH MARKET VEGETABLE STATES IN 1995

Rank	Area Harvested			Production			Value		
	State	Acres	Percent of Total	State	1,000 CWT	Percent of Total	State	1,000 Dollars	Percent of Total
1	CA	732,100	40.2	CA	178,979	46.1	CA	3,866,177	52.1
2	FL	199,900	11.0	FL	39,701	10.2	FL	887,894	12.0
3	GA	119,700	6.6	AZ	28,907	7.4	AZ	657,033	8.8
4	TX	117,100	6.4	GA	21,578	5.6	TX	359,260	4.8
5	AZ	95,800	5.3	TX	21,133	5.4	GA	309,076	4.2

GEORGIA VEGETABLES

Fresh Market Vegetables - Acreage, Yield, Production, and Value

1993, 1994, 1995

	Area Harvested			Yield per Acre			Production		
	Acres			Cwt			1,000 Cwt		
	1993	1994	1995	1993	1994	1995	1993	1994	1995
Beans, Snap	13,000	14,000	15,000	40	41	40	520	574	600
Cabbage	11,000	9,000	9,500	310	300	310	3,410	2,700	2,945
Corn, Sweet	13,000	17,000	20,000	60	120	140	780	2,040	2,800
Cucumbers	10,500	11,500	12,000	120	115	160	1,260	1,323	1,920
Onions	8,300	10,300	12,500	180	190	190	1,494	1,957	2,375

	Value					
	Per Cwt			Total		
	Dollars			1,000 Dollars		
	1993	1994	1995	1993	1994	1995
Beans, Snap	25.00	28.00	28.00	13,000	16,072	16,800
Cabbage	9.80	9.00	12.00	33,418	24,300	35,340
Corn, Sweet	14.90	16.50	12.50	11,622	33,660	35,000
Cucumbers	13.00	18.00	15.00	16,380	23,814	28,800
Onions	29.70	20.70	28.10	44,372	40,510	66,738

Source: Georgia Agricultural Statistics Services - USDA, NASS

MARKETING GEORGIA VEGETABLES 1995 CROP

GEORGIA BEANS

Production - The main area of production is located in the southwestern part of the state. According to the Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, harvested acreage in 1995 totaled 15,000 acres compared to 14,000 acres a season ago. Yield per acre amounted to 40 hundredweight (cwt.) compared to last year's 41 cwt. Production in 1995 accounted for 600,000 cwt. compared to 574,000 cwt. in 1994. Producers received an average price of \$28.00 per cwt. equaling the same figure the prior season. Value of production in 1995 was tabulated at 16.80 million dollars. Production a year earlier was valued at 16.07 million dollars. Georgia bean producers harvest both a spring and fall crop. The spring crop is set to harvest when the Florida bean deal begins to wind down and before the North Carolina deal reaches significant volume. The fall crop is timed to come on when the northern deals wind down in September and before heavy volume is reached in Florida in November.

Weather and Crop - Planting of the spring crop usually begins in early March. The crop got off to a slow start as rain and saturated soils combined to severely limit field operations for the first half of March. Clear weather, warm temperatures, and drier fields assisted producers in making progress in land preparation and subsequent planting during the second half of the month. Planting continued into April and was generally considered to be completed on time. Weather conditions during the majority of April noted above normal temperatures which stimulated crop development. Falling soil moisture supplies accompanied the above normal temperatures. Initial harvesting of the crop was underway during the week of April 23 on widely scattered early maturing acreage. Significant harvest levels were reached about two weeks later. The harvest noted peak production levels from mid May to the first few days of June. Weather conditions during May were mostly unfavorable. Falling soil moisture supplies continued into May. Producers in most areas were making maximum use of irrigation facilities for most of the month. By the end of May, soil moisture supplies were the lowest level of the season. The harvest began its seasonal decline in June. Light volume continued for the majority of the month.

Planting for fall crop beans usually takes place from mid July to mid August. Weather conditions during the planting and growing season were usually hot and dry. The major production areas experienced a shortage of soil moisture during the development period. Producers were forced to irrigate heavily during the planting and growing season. Dryland fields were under stress most of the period and the hot weather slowed growth. The condition of the crop during the growing season was mostly unfavorable due to the prolonged periods of hot temperatures and moisture stress. Very light harvesting of round green beans began in widely scattered areas of the production district during the final week of September. Significant harvesting was underway about a week and a half later. The harvest reached its peak in mid October and continued until the first week of November. Moderate volume continued into mid November. Two consecutive frosts on November 12 and 13 brought the season to a close.

Marketing - The first f.o.b. shipping point price report for the 1995 spring crop was issued on May 8. Opening prices for round green machine picked (snap) beans were mostly in the range of \$18.00-18.80. These opening prices were the seasonal high of the deal. Price returns declined the following day and during the majority of the month displayed a slight and steady lowering trend. The seasonal low prices of \$8.00-10.50 were received on May 25 and 26. Price returns were higher following the Memorial Day holiday. The closing price of \$14.00-14.65 was recorded on June 2.

The first report for the fall crop was issued on October 6. Opening prices on round green machine picked ranged from \$16.00-16.85. These opening prices were the seasonal high of the deal. During the majority of the month prices displayed a slight and steady lowering trend. The seasonal low prices of \$7.00-8.00 were received on November 1 and 2. Prices increased slightly for the duration of the season. The closing price of \$10.00-12.00 was recorded on November 9.

Transportation - Trucks containing mixed loads of vegetables (cucumbers, peppers, squash, etc.) are the only commercial means to transport the bean crop. Truckload equivalents of 581 loads were shipped during the spring deal and 421 loads during the fall deal. The industry considers a truckload to contain 1,000 bushel containers. In 1994, the spring crop totaled 738 truckloads while the fall crop totaled 408 truckloads. The peak of the 1995 spring deal ran from May 14 to June 3 when 408 truckload equivalents were shipped, accounting for seventy percent of the total volume. The peak of the 1995 fall deal ran from October 15 to November 4 when 253 truckload equivalents were shipped, accounting for sixty percent of the total volume. The usual movement is regional, to southern chainstore receivers and wholesale terminal markets along with significant movement to the northeast and midwest.

Packaging - The most widely used package is the bushel crate. Also used, to a much lesser degree, is the bushel hamper and the bushel carton. The average net weight is approximately thirty pounds.

SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS

BEANS

Spring Crop			Fall Crop		
Date	Round Green Machine Picked		Date	Round Green Machine Picked	
May 8	18.00-18.80		Oct 6	16.00-16.85	
9	16.00-18.00		9	Holiday	
10	16.00-18.00		10	16.00-16.85	
11	16.00-18.80		11	-	
12	14.00-16.65		12	14.00-14.85	
15	12.00-14.65		13	12.00-14.85	
16	12.00-14.50		16	12.00-12.85	
17	12.00-14.50		17	12.00-12.85	
18	12.00-14.50		18	10.00-10.85	
19	12.00-12.50		19	10.00-10.85	
22	10.00-12.50		20	8.00-10.00	
23	10.00-10.50		23	10.00-10.85	
24	10.00-10.50		24	10.00-10.85	
25	8.00-10.50		25	-	
26	8.00-10.50		26	8.00- 8.80	
29	Holiday		27	8.00- 8.80	
30	10.00-10.50		30	8.00- 8.80	
31	10.00-10.50		31	8.00- 8.80	
June 1	14.00-14.65		Nov 1	7.00- 8.00	
2	14.00-14.65		2	7.00- 8.00	
			3	8.00- 8.80	
			6	8.00- 8.80	
			7	8.00	
			8	-	
			9	10.00-12.00	

WHOLESALE PRICES FROM SELECTED TERMINAL MARKETS FOR THE 1995 SEASON

Date	ATLANTA Round Green	BOSTON Round Green	CHICAGO Round Green	DETROIT Round Green	NEW YORK CITY Round Green	PHILADELPHIA Round Green
Spring						
May 8	19.00-22.50	22.00-24.00	-	22.00-24.00	-	20.00
15	15.00-17.00	20.00-22.00	21.00-22.00	21.00-22.00	18.00-20.00	14.00-15.00
22	14.00-16.00	14.00-16.00	17.00-18.00	15.50-16.00	18.00-20.00	14.00-16.00
30	14.00-15.00	14.00	15.00-16.00	13.50-15.00	13.00-16.00	12.00-16.00
June 5	18.50-21.00	18.00-19.00	19.00-20.00	18.00-20.00	14.00-16.00	20.00
Fall						
Oct 10	19.00-20.00	-	22.00-23.00	-	15.00-18.00	15.00-18.00
16	16.50-19.50	16.00-18.00	19.00-20.00	18.00-19.00	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00
23	11.00-12.00	13.00-14.00	15.00-16.00	14.00	10.00-12.00	-
30	10.00-12.00	13.00-14.00	12.00-14.00	13.00-13.50	12.00-15.00	8.00-11.00
Nov 6	9.50-10.50	12.00-14.00	12.00	13.00-14.00	-	6.00-10.00

GEORGIA CABBAGE

Production - The main area of production is located in the southwestern part of the state, situated in and around Colquitt county. According to the Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, harvested acreage in 1995 totaled 9,500 acres compared to 9,000 acres a season ago. Yield per acre amounted to 310 hundredweight (cwt.) compared to last year's 300 cwt. Production in 1995 accounted for 2,945,000 cwt. compared to 2,700,000 cwt. in 1994. Producers received an average price of \$12.00 per cwt. compared to \$9.00 per cwt. the prior season. Value of production in 1995 was tabulated at 35.34 million dollars. Production a year earlier was valued at 24.30 million dollars. Georgia cabbage producers harvest both a spring and fall crop. The spring crop is planned to harvest when the Florida deal is winding down and before the North Carolina deal reaches its peak. The fall crop is set to harvest when the northern deals have past their peak and before the Florida fall deal reaches significant volume.

Weather and Crop - Cabbage is normally transplanted as young plants. Transplanting usually takes place beginning in January. Most producers will attempt to have the majority of their crop planted by the end of the month. Some producers will transplant on monthly intervals with portions of their crop planted near the first of the month during January, February and March. The winter months generally noted favorable weather conditions. There was more than adequate rainfall while temperatures generally maintained seasonal expectations. Initial harvesting of the crop was underway by a few producers during the final week of March on isolated early maturing acreage. Significant harvest levels were not reached until mid April. The month of April generally experienced favorable weather conditions. The harvest reached its peak in early May and continued for the majority of the month. Weather conditions during May were mostly unfavorable. Falling soil moisture supplies were noted during the month. By the end of May, soil moisture supplies were at their lowest level of the season. The seasonal decline in harvesting began in late May. Harvesting was virtually complete by early June.

The fall crop is generally transplanted during the month of August. Most producers will attempt to have the majority of the crop planted by early September. Weather conditions during August and September were usually hot and dry. Producers were forced to irrigate heavily during most of these months. Dryland fields were under stress and the hot weather slowed growth. Weather conditions in October were generally favorable. The earliest harvesting was noted during the final few days of October. Significant harvesting was not achieved until about three weeks later. Harvesting reached peak production levels around early December. The seasonal decline was noted towards the end of the month. Light volume by a handful of producers, continued into February until damaging cold temperatures on the mornings of February 11, 12, and 13 virtually brought the season to an end.

Marketing - The first f.o.b. shipping point price report for the 1995 spring crop was issued on April 19. Opening prices for round green cabbage ranged from \$4.50-5.00. The opening prices were the seasonal low of the spring deal. Prices during the remainder of April and the first week and a half of May showed a steady increase. The seasonal high price of \$10.00 was received from May 1 through May 8. Prices quickly declined to \$6.00 during the harvest peak. From May 17 to June 2, price returns ranged from \$6.00-7.00. The final price report was issued on June 2, round green cabbage ranged from \$6.00-6.50.

The first report for the fall crop was issued on November 20. Round green cabbage was mostly \$8.00 and generally remained unchanged for the balance of the month. The opening prices were the seasonal high of the fall deal. Declining prices were noted for the majority of December. The seasonal low price range of \$5.00-6.00 was noted from December 21 thru December 27. Prices during January were up and down ranging from \$5.50-8.00. Closing prices were recorded on January 22, returning \$5.50-6.00. Available supplies during the month of January were primarily medium size. The light supplies of medium-large size generally returned slightly higher price levels.

Transportation - Trucks are the only commercial means to ship the cabbage crop. Commercial shipments for the 1995 crop totaled 1,443 truckloads during the spring deal and 808 truckloads during the fall deal. The industry considers a truckload of cabbage to contain 800 fifty pound cartons. For comparison, the 1994 crop totaled 1,626 truckloads during the spring deal and 619 truckloads during the fall deal. The peak of the 1995 spring deal ran from May 7 to May 27 when 792 truckloads were shipped, accounting for fifty-five percent of the total volume. The peak shipping period for the fall deal ran from December 3 to December 23 when 284 truckloads were shipped, accounting for thirty-five percent of the total volume. The usual movement is regional to southern chainstore receivers and wholesale terminal markets, along with significant movement to the northeast and midwest.

Packaging -The most widely used package is the 1 4/5 bushel carton containing either 16-18 or 20-22 heads per carton. The 1 3/4 bushel crate and mesh sacks were also used by the trade. The average net weight was fifty pounds for any of these containers.

SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS
CABBAGE

Spring Crop				Fall Crop			
Date	Round Green Cartons 16-18s and 18-20s		Red Type 16-20s	Date	Round Green Type (medium & medium-large) 16-18s and 20-22s		
Apr 19	4.50-	5.00	-	28			8.00
20	5.00-	5.50	-	29			8.00
21	5.00-	5.50	-	30			7.00
24		6.00	-	Dec 1			7.00
25		6.00	-	4	6.50-		7.00
26		-	-	5			6.00
27		8.00	-	6			6.00
28		8.00	12.00-14.00	7			5.50
May 1		10.00	14.00-16.00	8			5.50
2		10.00	14.00	11			6.00
3		10.00	14.00-16.00	12			6.00
4		10.00	14.00-16.00	13		5.50-	6.00
5		10.00	14.00-16.00	14		5.50-	6.00
8		10.00	16.00-18.00	15		5.50-	6.00
9	9.00-	10.00	16.00-18.00	18		5.50-	6.00
10		9.00	16.00-18.00	19		5.50-	6.00
11		9.00	16.00-18.00	20		5.50-	6.00
12		8.00	16.00-18.00	21		5.00-	6.00
15	7.00-	8.00	16.00-18.00	22		5.00-	6.00
16		7.00	16.00-18.00	25			Holiday
17	6.00-	7.00	14.00-16.00	26		5.00-	6.00
18	6.00-	7.00	14.00-16.00	27		5.00-	6.00
19	6.00-	6.50	14.00-16.00	28		6.00-	7.00
22	6.00-	6.50	14.00-16.00	29			-
23		6.00	14.00-16.00	Jan 1			Holiday
24		6.00	14.00-16.00	2			7.00
25		6.00	14.00	3			7.00
26		6.00	14.00	4		6.00-	7.00
29	Holiday			5		6.00-	6.50
30		6.00	12.00-14.00	8			-
31		6.00	12.00-14.00	9		7.00-	8.00
June 1		6.00	-	10			7.00
2	6.00-	6.50	-	11			7.00
				12			-
				15			Holiday
				16		6.00-	7.00
				17			-
				18			6.00
				19			6.00
				22		5.50-	6.00

Date	Round Green Type (medium & medium-large) 16-18s and 20-22s	
Nov 20		8.00
21		8.00
22		8.00
23		Holiday
24		-
27		-

WHOLESALE PRICES FROM SELECTED TERMINAL MARKETS FOR THE 1995 SEASON

Date	ATLANTA		BOSTON		CHICAGO	
	Round Green	Red Type	Round Green	Red Type	Round Green	Red type
Spring						
Apr 24	6.00- 7.00	9.00-10.00	8.50- 9.00	-	8.50- 9.00	-
May 1	9.00-10.50	13.50-16.00	11.00-12.00	13.00-18.00	12.00	-
8	11.50-12.00	18.50-19.00	12.00-13.00	22.00-25.00	13.00-14.00	-
15	9.50-10.00	19.00	11.00-12.00	24.00-25.00	13.00-14.00	-
22	8.50- 9.50	18.00-19.00	9.00-10.00	21.00-25.00	11.00	-
30	7.50- 8.00	17.50	9.00	-	10.00	-

Date	NEW YORK CITY		PHILADELPHIA		BALTIMORE	
	Round Green	Red Type	Round Green	Red Type	Round Green	Red Type
Spring						
Apr 24	8.00	-	8.00- 8.50	-	8.00	-
May 1	-	-	8.50- 9.00	-	12.00	-
8	10.00-12.00	21.00-22.00	11.00-12.00	20.00	13.00-14.00	24.00
15	11.00-13.00	18.00-20.00	12.00-13.00	20.00-22.00	11.00-12.00	24.00
22	8.00-11.00	18.00-22.00	7.00-10.00	16.00-18.00	8.50- 9.50	24.00
30	7.00-10.00	18.00	7.50- 9.00	18.00-20.00	8.00- 9.00	17.00

Date	ATLANTA	BOSTON	CHICAGO	NEW YORK CITY
	Round Green	Round Green	Round Green	Round Green
Fall				
Nov 20	9.00- 9.50	-	-	-
27	9.50-10.50	8.00- 9.00	10.50-11.00	9.00
Dec 4	8.50-10.50	8.00	10.00	7.00- 8.00
11	7.00- 9.00	8.00	9.00-10.00	8.00-10.00
18	7.00- 8.50	9.00	9.00	-
27	7.00- 8.00	8.00- 9.00	9.00-10.00	-
Jan 2	7.50- 9.00	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00	7.00- 8.00
8	9.00- 9.50	-	9.00-10.00	-
16	8.50- 9.50	-	9.00-10.00	-
22	-	9.00	8.00- 9.00	-

GEORGIA CORN

Production - Commercial sweet corn production in Georgia for fresh market consumption is primarily situated in the southwestern portion of the state. According to the Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, harvested acreage in 1995 totaled 20,000 acres compared to 17,000 acres in 1994. Yield per acre amounted to 140 hundredweight (cwt.) compared to last year's 120 cwt. Production in 1995 accounted for 2,800,000 cwt. compared to 2,040,000 cwt. in 1994. Producers received an average price of \$12.50 per cwt. compared to \$16.50 per cwt. the prior season. Value of production in 1995 was tabulated at 35.00 million dollars. Production a year earlier was valued at 33.66 million dollars. Producers try to time the spring crop to harvest while the Florida spring deal is winding down for the season and before competitive deals to the north get underway with significant volume. The fall crop is a much smaller deal in volume usually harvested around the middle of September for about five weeks. Producers try to complete harvest before volume shipping begins in Florida for their fall deal.

Weather and Crop - Planting of the spring crop usually begins around mid March. Rain and saturated soils combined to severely limit field operations for the first half of the month. Clear weather, warm temperatures, and drier fields assisted producers in making progress in land preparation and subsequent planting during the second half of the month. Planting continued into April and was generally considered to be completed on time. Weather conditions during the majority of April noted above normal temperatures which stimulated crop development. Falling soil moisture supplies accompanied the above normal temperatures. Weather conditions during May were mostly unfavorable. Falling soil moisture supplies continued into May. Producers in most areas were making maximum use of irrigation facilities for most of the month. By the end of May, soil moisture supplies were at their lowest level of the season. Initial harvesting of the crop began during the third week of June on traditional early maturing acreage. Most producers began harvesting after Memorial Day. Significant harvesting was achieved almost immediately. The harvest was at its peak during the final three weeks of June. Significant harvesting continued into mid July. Light volume was noted for the balance of the month.

Marketing - The first f.o.b. shipping point price report for the 1995 spring crop was issued on May 31. Opening prices on a loaded basis for yellow corn was mostly \$6.00. Prices were lower the following day and on June 2 were mostly \$5.00. During the first half of June f.o.b. returns were mostly \$5.00 with light demand displayed. Between the period of June 19 to June 30, good to very good demand was displayed reflecting promotional orders for the Independence Day holiday. During this holiday shipping period uncommitted supplies of corn were very light as heavy bookings thwarted the ability of shippers to accept new sales. Although prices advanced to \$8.00 during the Independence Day holiday shipping period, practically all supplies were committed at \$5.00-6.00 from June 19 to June 23 and \$7.00 from June 26 to June 30. Following the Independence Day holiday shipping period, prices opened at \$8.00 but within a week declined to \$5.00. The closing price of \$5.00 was recorded on July 14.

Shipping point prices for the 1995 fall deal were not reported as there were too few shipping organizations to contact. Federal guidelines prohibit price reporting when supplies are in the hands of only a few shipping organizations as individual operations could be revealed.

Transportation - Trucks are the only commercial means to transport the corn crop. Commercial shipments for the 1995 crop totaled 3,564 truckloads during the spring deal. The industry considers a truckload of corn to contain 1,000 crates. Shipments for the 1994 spring crop totaled 2,994 truckloads. The peak of the 1995 spring deal ran from June 11 to July 1 when 1,917 truckloads were shipped, accounting for fifty-four percent of the total movement. The usual movement is regional to southern chainstore receivers and wholesale terminal markets, along with significant movement to the northeast and midwest.

Packaging - Sweet corn was packaged in wirebound crates containing approximately 4 dozen ears. The average net weight for a crate of corn was forty-two pounds. Hydrocooling was a standard practice during packing as well as palletizing.

SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS

CORN

Spring Crop		Yellow	White	Bi-Color
Date				
May	31	6.00	7.00	6.00
June	1	5.00- 6.00	6.00	6.00
	2	5.00	6.00	6.00
	5	5.00	6.00	6.00
	6	5.00	6.00	7.00
	7	5.00	6.00	7.00
	8	5.00	6.00	7.00
	9	5.00	6.00	7.00
	12	5.00	7.00	7.00
	13	4.50- 5.00	7.00	7.00
	14	4.50- 5.00	8.00	7.00
	15	5.00	8.00	7.00
	16	5.00	10.00	7.00- 8.00
	19	-	10.00	8.00
	20	6.00- 7.00	10.00-11.00	8.00- 9.00
	21	7.00	12.00	-
	22	7.00	12.00-14.00	-
	23	7.00	12.00-14.00	10.00
	26	-	-	-
	27	8.00	-	-
	28	8.00	-	12.00
	29	8.00	14.00	12.00
	30	8.00	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00
July	3	8.00	8.00	8.00
	5	8.00	8.00	8.00
	6	7.00	7.00	7.00
	7	6.00	6.00- 7.00	7.00
	10	5.00	6.00	8.00
	11	5.00	6.00	8.00
	12	5.00	6.00	7.00
	13	5.00	6.00	7.00
	14	5.00	6.00	-

WHOLESALE PRICES FROM SELECTED TERMINAL MARKETS FOR THE 1995 SEASON

		ATLANTA		BALTIMORE		BOSTON	
Date		Yellow	White	Yellow	White	Yellow	Bi-Color
June	5	-	-	8.00	8.00- 9.00	8.50- 9.00	9.00-10.00
	13	-	-	8.00- 9.00	9.00-10.00	8.50- 9.00	9.00-10.00
	19	6.50- 7.00	9.50-11.00	7.50 -8.00	12.00-14.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
	26	10.00-12.00	16.50-17.00	10.00-13.00	17.00-18.00	11.00	13.00-15.00
July	3	10.50	12.00-12.50	10.00-11.00	13.00	10.85-12.00	11.00-13.00
	10	8.00-10.50	8.50-10.50	-	10.00	11.00-12.00	10.00
	17	7.50- 8.75	8.00- 9.50	-	8.50- 9.00	-	-
		CHICAGO		NEW YORK CITY		PHILADELPHIA	
Date		Yellow	White	Yellow	White	Yellow	White
June	5	-	-	7.00- 9.00	10.00-11.00	9.00- 9.50	9.00- 9.50
	13	8.00- 8.50	-	7.00- 8.00	-	-	8.50- 9.50
	19	8.00- 8.50	10.00	7.00- 8.00	-	-	13.00-14.00
	26	12.00-14.00	-	10.00-12.00	-	-	17.00-18.00
July	3	10.00-11.00	-	12.00-14.00	14.00-16.00	-	14.00-15.00
	10	9.00-10.00	-	8.00- 9.00	8.00	8.00-10.00	9.00-12.00
	17	8.00- 9.00	-	-	-	6.00	8.00

GEORGIA CUCUMBERS

Production -The main area of production is located in the southwestern part of the state. According to the Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, harvested acreage in 1995 totaled 12,000 acres compared to 11,500 acres a season ago. Yield per acre amounted to 160 hundredweight (cwt.) compared to last year's 115 cwt. Production in 1995 accounted for 1,920,000 cwt. compared to 1,323,000 cwt. in 1994. Producers received an average price of \$15.00 per cwt. compared to \$18.00 per cwt. the prior season. Value of the 1995 crop was tabulated at 28.80 million dollars. Production a year earlier was valued at 23.81 million dollars. Georgia cucumber producers harvest both a spring and fall crop. The spring crop is planned to harvest after the Florida deal has past its peak, winding down for the season and before the North Carolina deal gets underway with sufficient volume. The fall crop is planned to harvest when the northern deals such as Michigan, New Jersey, New York, and Virginia begin to decline and before volume shipping begins in Florida for their fall deal.

Weather and Crop - Planting of the spring crop usually begins in mid March and will continue into early April. Rain and saturated soils combined to severely limit field operations for the first half of the month. Clear weather, warm temperatures, and drier fields assisted producers in making progress in land preparation and subsequent planting during the second half of the month. Planting continued into April and was generally considered to be completed on time. Weather conditions during the majority of April noted above normal temperatures which stimulated crop development. Falling soil moisture supplies accompanied the above normal temperatures. Initial harvesting of the crop began during the second week of May. Significant harvest levels were reached about a week later. The harvest noted peak production levels from late May to mid June. Weather conditions during May were mostly unfavorable. Falling soil moisture supplies continued into May. Producers in most areas were making maximum use of irrigation facilities for the majority of the month. By the end of May, soil moisture supplies were at their lowest level of the season. The harvest began its seasonal decline towards the end of June. Light volume continued into early July.

Planting of the fall crop usually begins in late July and will continue into mid August. Weather conditions during the planting and growing season were usually hot and dry. Producers were forced to irrigate heavily during the planting and growing season. Dryland fields were under stress most of the period and the hot weather slowed growth. The condition of the crop during the growing season was mostly unfavorable due to the prolonged periods of hot temperatures and moisture stress. Initial harvesting of the crop began around mid September. Significant harvesting was underway towards the end of the month. The harvest reached its peak in early October and continued into late October. Moderate volume continued for the remainder of October and into mid November. Two consecutive frosts on November 12 and 13 brought the season to a close.

Marketing - The first f.o.b. shipping point price report for the 1995 spring crop was issued on May 15. Opening price for medium size was mostly in the range of \$8.00-10.00. These opening prices were the seasonal low of the deal. Prices increased during the majority of the month eventually reaching \$14.00. Following the Memorial Day holiday prices were lower and eventually dropped to \$10.00 in early June. Prices increased in mid June and eventually reached the seasonal high of \$18.00 towards the end of month. Closing prices were recorded on June 26 and were sharply lower at \$14.00.

The first report for the fall crop was issued on September 25. Opening prices for medium size were mostly in the range of \$5.50-6.00. Prices during October were up and down reaching a seasonal low of \$5.00 during the middle of the month and shortly afterwards reaching the seasonal high of \$10.00. Prices during November ranged from \$5.00-7.00. The closing price of \$5.00-6.00 was recorded on November 8.

Transportation - Trucks containing mostly mixed loads of vegetables (beans, peppers, squash, etc.) are the only commercial means to transport the cucumber crop. Truckload equivalents of 652 loads were shipped during the spring deal and 604 loads during the fall deal. The industry considers a truckload equivalent to contain 800 1 1/9 bushel containers. In 1994, the spring crop totaled 622 truckloads while the fall crop totaled 432 truckloads. The peak of the 1995 spring deal ran from May 21 to June 17 when 344 truckload equivalents were shipped, accounting for fifty-three percent of the total volume. The peak of the 1995 fall deal ran from October 1 to October 21 when 294 truckload equivalents were shipped, accounting for forty-nine percent of the total volume. The usual movement is regional, to southern chainstore receivers and wholesale terminal markets along with significant movement to the northeast and midwest.

Packaging -As been the case for many years now, cucumbers are packed primarily in 1 1/9 bushel cartons and occasionally into crates. The average net weight is approximately 55 pounds. The Federal-State Market News Service size designations are based on actual count per 1 1/9 bushel container. Medium size contains seventy-five to ninety cucumbers while small size contains ninety-five to one hundred and twenty-five cucumbers. Cucumbers are also packed into small cartons on a 24 count basis. The average net weight is approximately 22 pounds. Cucumbers were generally washed and waxed prior to being packed.

SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS

CUCUMBERS

Spring Crop

Date	Medium	Fair Quality	Small	Cartons 24s
May 15	8.00-10.00	5.00	6.00- 7.00	3.00- 3.50
16	8.00-10.00	4.00- 5.00	6.00- 8.00	2.50- 3.50
17	8.00-10.00	4.00- 5.00	6.00- 7.00	2.50- 3.50
18	10.00	4.00- 5.00	6.00- 7.00	2.50- 3.50
19	10.00	4.00- 5.00	6.00- 8.00	2.50- 3.50
22	12.00	5.00- 6.00	8.00-10.00	3.50- 4.50
23	12.00	5.00- 6.00	8.00-10.00	3.50- 4.50
24	12.00	5.00- 6.00	8.00-10.00	4.00- 4.50
25	14.00	7.00- 8.00	9.00-10.00	4.00- 5.00
26	14.00-16.00	7.00- 9.00	10.00-12.00	4.50- 5.00
29	Holiday			
30	14.00	6.00- 8.00	8.00-10.00	3.50- 4.50
31	12.00-14.00	6.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00	3.50- 4.00
June 1	12.00	6.00- 7.00	7.00- 8.00	3.50- 4.00
2	10.00	5.00- 6.00	6.00- 8.00	3.00- 3.50
5	10.00	5.00- 6.00	6.00- 8.00	3.00- 3.50
6	10.00	5.00- 6.00	6.00- 8.00	3.00- 3.50
7	10.00	5.00- 6.00	6.00- 8.00	2.50- 3.50
8	10.00-12.00	5.00- 7.00	7.00- 8.00	2.50- 3.50
9	10.00-12.00	6.00- 7.00	7.00- 8.00	3.00- 3.50
12	14.00	6.00- 8.00	8.00-10.00	3.00- 3.50
13	14.00	6.00- 8.00	8.00-10.00	3.00- 3.50
14	-	-	-	-
15	16.00-18.00	10.00	12.00-14.00	3.50- 4.50
16	16.00-18.00	10.00	12.00-14.00	3.50- 4.50
19	18.00	10.00-12.00	12.00-14.00	4.00- 5.00
20	18.00	10.00-12.00	12.00-14.00	4.50- 5.00
21	-	-	-	-
22	18.00	10.00-12.00	12.00-14.00	4.50- 5.00
23	18.00	10.00-12.00	12.00-14.00	4.50- 5.00
26	14.00	8.00	10.00	4.50- 5.00

WHOLESALE PRICES FROM SELECTED TERMINAL MARKETS FOR THE 1995 SEASON

Spring Crop

Date	Medium	Fair Quality	Small	Medium	Fair Quality	Small	Medium	Fair Quality	Small
	ATLANTA			BALTIMORE			BOSTON		
May 22	-	-	-	18.00	13.50-14.50	-	13.00-16.00	9.00	-
30	14.00	7.50- 8.50	-	16.00-18.00	10.00-12.00	-	18.00-20.00	13.00	-
June 5	16.00	8.50- 9.50	10.00-12.00	-	9.00-11.00	-	12.00	8.00	-
13	12.50	7.50- 8.50	9.00- 9.50	15.00-17.00	10.00-12.00	-	16.00-18.00	8.00	16.00
19	21.50-23.00	13.50	17.25-17.50	-	12.00-14.00	-	-	-	-
26	20.50-21.00	12.00-13.00	14.00-16.00	-	-	-	20.00	-	-
	CHICAGO			NEW YORK CITY			PHILADELPHIA		
May 22	14.00	-	11.00-12.00	12.00-14.00	8.00- 9.00	-	-	7.00- 8.00	8.00
30	19.00-20.00	14.00-15.00	14.00-15.00	16.00-19.00	10.00-13.00	-	17.00-18.00	11.00-12.00	13.00
June 5	16.00-18.00	12.00-14.00	12.00	14.00-16.00	8.00-10.00	-	13.00-14.00	8.00-10.00	10.00-12.00
13	13.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-	15.00-18.00	12.00-14.00	8.00-10.00	-	9.00-10.00	-
19	-	14.00-15.00	-	14.00-18.00	12.00-14.00	-	-	-	-
26	22.00-23.00	14.00-15.00	-	-	12.00-14.00	-	-	-	-

SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS

CUCUMBERS

Fall Crop

Date	Medium	Fair Quality	Small	Cartons 24s
SEP 25	5.50-6.00	3.00-4.00	4.00-5.00	2.00-2.25
26	5.50-6.00	3.00-4.00	4.00-5.00	1.75-2.25
27	5.00-6.00	3.00	4.00-4.50	1.50-2.00
28	5.00-6.00	3.00	4.00-4.50	1.50-1.75
29	5.00-6.00	3.00	4.00-4.50	1.50-1.75
OCT 2	5.00-5.50	3.00	4.00-4.50	1.25-1.75
3	5.00-6.00	3.00-3.50	4.00-4.50	1.25-1.75
4	-	-	-	-
5	8.00	4.00-5.00	6.00	1.80-2.00
6	7.00	3.00-4.00	4.00-5.00	1.75-2.00
9		Holiday		
10	5.00	3.00-3.50	4.00	1.50-1.75
11	5.00	3.00-3.50	4.00	1.50-1.75
12	5.00	3.00-3.50	4.00	1.50-1.75
13	5.00	3.00-3.50	4.00	1.50-1.75
16	6.00-7.00	3.00-4.00	4.00-5.00	1.75-2.25
17	6.00-7.00	3.50-4.00	5.00-6.00	2.00-2.25
18	-	-	-	-
19	10.00	4.00-5.00	6.00-7.00	3.00-3.50
20	10.00	4.00-5.00	6.00-7.00	3.00
23	8.00-10.00	4.00-5.00	6.00-7.00	3.00
24	8.00	4.00-5.00	6.00-7.00	2.50-3.00
25	8.00	4.00	5.00-6.00	2.25-3.00
26	7.00-8.00	4.00	5.00-6.00	2.25-3.00
27	7.00-8.00	4.00	5.00-6.00	2.25-2.75
30	6.00-8.00	3.50-4.00	5.00	2.25-2.75
31	6.00-7.00	3.00-4.00	4.00-5.00	2.00-2.50
NOV 1	6.00-7.00	3.00-4.00	4.00-5.00	2.00-2.50
2	6.00	3.00-3.50	4.00-4.50	2.00-2.50
3	6.00	3.00-3.50	4.00-4.50	2.00-2.50
6	5.00	3.00	4.00-4.50	1.50-2.00
7	5.00	3.00	4.00-4.50	1.50-2.00
8	5.00-6.00	3.00-3.50	4.00-4.50	1.50-2.00

WHOLESALE PRICES FROM SELECTED TERMINAL MARKETS FOR THE 1995 SEASON

Date	Medium	Fair Quality	Small	Medium	Fair Quality	Small	Medium	Fair Quality	Small
ATLANTA									
Sept 25	8.50- 9.50	6.00- 8.00	7.00-10.00	-	-	-	8.00- 9.00	5.00- 6.00	-
Oct 2	7.00- 9.00	5.50- 6.50	6.50- 8.50	-	-	-	9.00-10.00	7.00	-
10	8.50- 9.00	6.00- 7.50	7.00- 8.50	9.00- 9.50	7.00- 8.00	-	-	7.00- 8.00	-
16	8.00- 9.00	6.50- 7.00	8.00	9.00-10.00	7.00- 8.00	-	9.00	5.00- 6.00	6.00
23	11.00-11.50	6.00- 7.50	8.00- 9.00	12.00	8.00- 9.00	-	12.00-14.00	7.00-10.00	8.00
30	9.50-10.50	5.50- 7.50	7.00- 8.50	9.50-10.50	7.00- 8.50	-	10.00-13.00	6.00- 7.00	-
Nov 6	8.50- 9.50	5.00- 5.50	6.00- 7.00	10.00-10.50	7.00- 8.50	-	11.00	6.00- 8.00	-
BALTIMORE									
BOSTON									
CHICAGO									
Sept 25	-	-	8.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oct 2	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	11.00-12.00	8.00- 9.00	-	8.00-10.00	6.00- 8.00	-	8.00-10.00	5.00- 8.00	-
16	10.00-11.00	7.00- 8.00	-	-	-	-	6.00- 7.00	4.00- 6.00	-
23	11.00-12.00	10.00	-	10.00	6.00- 7.00	5.00	10.00-12.00	7.00- 8.00	-
30	11.00-12.00	8.00- 9.00	-	-	5.00	-	9.00-10.00	5.00- 6.00	-
Nov 6	10.00-11.00	8.00- 9.00	9.00	6.00- 7.00	3.00	-	-	5.00- 6.00	-
NEW YORK CITY									
PHILADELPHIA									

GEORGIA GREENS

Production - The largest area of production on a commercial basis is located in the southwestern and south central part of the state. There are no estimates available on acreage, yield, or production as the Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service does not report greens on their state program. Varieties of greens planted and shipped commercially include collards, hanover salad (rape), kale, mustard, and turnip tops. Collards and Kale represent the largest percentage.

Weather and Crop - Greens grown for fresh market consumption were planted during several different intervals. This practice is performed to ensure a constant supply of greens throughout the season. The first plantings, which is considered the winter crop, usually begins around the late August-early September period. The bulk of the crop is planned to be in during September and to be finished by mid October. Planting of the traditional smaller spring crop is usually planned to begin in early January, weather permitting.

Weather conditions during the planting season were generally favorable. During the growing season there was more than adequate rainfall. Temperatures were generally at seasonable expectations. Initial harvesting of the crop began in early October. During the majority of October very light to moderate shipping was noted by a few shippers to mostly nearby and southeast destinations. Towards the end of the month, shipping was beginning to take place to midwestern destinations. By the middle of November, harvesting reached active levels as promotional orders for the Thanksgiving Day holiday shipping period took place to the northeast as well as the midwest and southeast. Weather conditions from October thru early February were generally favorable. On February 9, freezing temperatures entered into the production district which caused varying degrees of damage and significantly lowered production levels. The majority of the damage was centered around flat type (slick) mustard and turnip tops. For the remainder of the harvest season weather conditions were mostly favorable and temperatures were generally at seasonable expectations. The overall production of greens remained below seasonable expectations until mid March when the presence of mild temperatures promoted crop development and stimulated harvesting. Above normal temperatures in late March accelerated plant growth beyond marketable quality on many of the older plantings. Harvesting began to seasonably decline in late April and by mid May was practically complete. Very light harvesting continued into late May, by a few producers, to mostly nearby destinations.

Marketing - The first f.o.b. shipping point price report of the season was issued on November 14, 1994 when commercial shipping to midwestern markets began on a regular basis. Movement prior to that date had been light due to the availability of ample supplies in several competitive growing areas. Prices ranged from \$4.50-5.00 per container for all major varieties. Prices remained mostly unchanged through mid January. Prices weakened slightly in mid January and continued to decline for the duration of the month. At the end of January, prices ranged from \$4.00-4.50 per containers. Towards the middle of February, following the cold damaging temperatures of February 9, prices were higher at \$4.50-5.00. There was little deviation in price for the remainder of the season on all varieties with the exception of collards. From mid February through the majority of March prices on collards were generally in the range of \$4.00-5.00. Collard prices were slightly higher at \$4.25-5.00 in early April and by late April advanced to \$4.50-5.00. Closing prices were recorded on May 12, 1995.

Transportation - Trucks are the only commercial means to transport the greens crop. Commercial shipments for the 1995 crop totaled 2,761 truckloads. The industry considers a truckload of greens to contain around 1,200 containers. Commercial shipments for the 1994 crop totaled 3,104 truckloads. Georgia greens were transported throughout the south, along the east coast and into the midwest. The usual competition comes from Arizona and Texas during the winter months. These states usually prohibit volume movement westward. Virginia and North Carolina are the major competitors for the eastern markets in both the fall, at the start of the deal, and again in late spring at its conclusion.

Packaging -The most common package is the one piece standard carton. Growing in popularity over the past few years to some receiving locations is the two piece lidded corrugated carton. The wirebound greens crate is another significantly used container and is primarily shipped to mid-Atlantic and northeast locations. Greens are packed primarily by bunch count and sold on such basis. Shipments to most locations contain generally 24 bunches. Bunches of 16-18s are normally shipped to the mid-Atlantic and northeast. Greens are also sold loose in various crates or baskets. The average weight for bunched and loose greens are around 20 pounds.

SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS

GREENS

Date (1994)	Collards	Hanover Salad	Kale	Mustard	Turnip Tops
Nov 14	4.50- 5.00	-	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00
21	4.50- 5.00	-	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00
28	4.50- 5.00	-	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00
Dec 5	4.50- 5.00	-	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00
12	4.50- 5.00	-	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00
19	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00
27	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00
(1995)					
Jan 3	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00
9	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00
17	4.50- 4.75	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 4.75	4.50- 4.75	4.50- 4.75
23	4.25- 4.50	4.25- 4.50	4.25- 4.50	4.25- 4.50	4.25- 4.50
30	4.00- 4.50	4.00- 4.50	4.00- 4.50	4.00- 4.50	4.00- 4.50
Feb 6	4.00- 4.50	4.00- 4.50	4.00- 4.50	4.00- 4.50	4.00- 4.50
13	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	-
21	4.00- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	-
27	4.00- 4.50	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00
Mar 6	4.00- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00
13	4.00- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00
20	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00
27	4.00- 5.00	4.25- 4.75	4.50- 5.00	4.25- 5.00	4.25- 5.00
Apr 3	4.25- 5.00	4.25- 4.75	4.50- 5.50	4.25- 5.00	4.50- 5.00
10	4.25- 5.00	4.25- 4.75	4.50- 5.50	4.25- 5.00	4.50- 5.00
17	4.25- 5.00	-	4.50- 5.00	4.25- 5.00	4.50- 5.00
24	4.50- 5.00	-	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00
May 1	4.50- 5.00	-	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00
8	4.50- 5.00	-	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00
12	4.50- 5.00	-	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	4.75- 5.50

WHOLESALE PRICES FROM SELECTED TERMINAL MARKETS FOR THE 1995 SEASON

Date	Collards	Hanover Salad	Kale	Mustard	Turnip Tops
ATLANTA					
Nov 14	9.00-10.00	-	-	6.00- 6.50	6.00- 6.50
21	9.50-10.00	-	-	6.00- 7.00	6.00- 6.50
28	10.00-11.00	-	7.00	7.00	6.00- 7.00
Dec 5	9.50-10.00	-	7.00	6.00- 7.00	6.00- 7.00
12	9.50-10.00	-	6.50- 7.00	7.00	6.00- 7.00
19	9.50-10.00	-	-	6.00- 7.00	6.00- 7.00
23	9.50-10.00	-	6.50- 7.00	6.00- 7.00	6.00- 7.00
Jan 3	9.50-10.00	-	7.00	6.00- 7.00	6.00- 7.00
9	8.50- 9.00	-	7.00	6.00- 7.00	6.00- 7.00
17	8.50- 9.00	-	7.00	6.50- 7.00	6.50- 7.00
23	9.50	-	6.50- 7.00	6.00- 7.00	6.00- 7.00
30	8.50-10.00	-	6.50- 7.00	6.00- 7.00	6.00- 7.00
Feb 6	8.50- 9.50	-	6.00- 7.00	6.00- 7.00	5.50- 6.50
13	9.00-10.00	-	7.00- 8.00	6.50- 8.00	6.00- 8.00
21	9.00-10.00	-	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00	10.00-10.50
27	8.50-10.00	-	8.00- 8.50	8.00- 8.50	9.00-10.00
Mar 6	8.50- 9.50	-	7.50- 8.00	7.50- 8.50	7.50- 8.50
13	8.50-10.00	-	7.50- 8.00	7.50- 8.50	7.50- 8.50
20	8.50-10.00	-	7.50- 8.00	7.50- 8.50	7.50- 8.50
27	8.50-10.00	-	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.50	7.00- 8.00
Apr 3	8.50-10.00	-	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.50	7.00- 8.00
10	8.00- 9.00	-	8.00- 9.50	7.00- 8.50	7.00- 8.00
17	8.00- 9.00	-	8.00- 9.50	7.00- 8.50	7.00- 8.00
24	8.00- 9.00	-	7.00	7.00- 8.50	7.00- 8.00
May 1	8.00- 9.00	-	7.00	7.00- 8.50	7.00- 8.00
8	10.00-12.00	-	7.00	7.00- 8.50	7.00- 8.00
15	10.00-12.00	-	7.00	7.00- 8.50	7.00- 8.00
BOSTON					
Jan 17	6.50- 7.00	-	6.50- 7.00	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
23	6.50- 7.00	-	6.50- 7.00	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
30	6.50- 7.00	-	6.50- 7.00	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
Feb 6	7.00	-	6.50- 7.00	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
13	7.50- 9.00	-	7.50- 9.00	-	-
21	7.50- 8.00	-	7.50- 8.00	-	-
27	7.00- 8.00	-	7.50- 8.00	-	-
Mar 6	8.00	-	7.50- 8.00	9.00	-
13	7.00- 8.00	-	7.00- 8.00	8.00- 9.00	8.00- 9.00
20	7.00- 8.00	-	7.00- 8.00	8.00	8.00
27	7.00- 8.00	-	7.00- 8.00	8.00	8.00
Apr 3	7.00- 7.50	-	7.00- 7.50	8.00	8.00
10	7.00- 8.00	-	7.00	8.00	8.00
17	7.00	-	7.00	7.50- 8.00	7.50- 8.00
24	6.50- 7.00	-	6.50- 7.00	7.00- 8.00	8.00
May 1	7.00	-	7.00	8.00	8.00
8	7.00	-	6.50- 7.00	-	-
15	-	-	-	-	-

WHOLESALE PRICES FROM SELECTED TERMINAL MARKETS FOR THE 1995 SEASON

Date	Collards	Hanover Salad	Kale	Mustard	Turnip Tops
CHICAGO					
Nov 14	8.00	-	-	8.00	8.00
21	8.00	-	-	8.00	8.00
28	-	-	8.00	-	-
Dec 5	7.00- 8.00	-	8.00	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
12	7.00- 8.00	-	-	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
19	8.00	-	8.00	8.00	8.00
27	8.00	-	8.00	8.00	8.00
Jan 3	7.50- 8.00	-	7.50- 8.00	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
9	7.50- 8.00	-	7.50- 8.00	7.50- 8.00	7.50- 8.00
17	7.50- 8.00	-	8.00	7.50- 8.00	7.50- 8.00
23	7.50- 8.00	-	7.50- 8.00	7.50- 8.00	7.50- 8.00
30	7.50- 8.00	-	7.50- 8.00	7.50- 8.00	7.50- 8.00
Feb 6	7.00- 7.50	-	7.50- 8.00	7.00- 7.50	7.00- 7.50
13	9.00	-	-	9.00	9.00
21	10.00-11.00	-	-	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
27	10.00	-	-	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
Mar 6	8.00- 8.50	-	-	8.00- 9.00	8.00- 9.00
13	7.00- 7.50	-	7.50- 8.00	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
20	7.00- 7.50	-	7.50- 8.00	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
27	7.50- 8.00	-	8.00	8.00	8.00
Apr 3	7.50- 8.00	-	8.00	8.00	8.00
10	7.50- 8.00	-	8.00	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
17	7.50- 8.00	-	8.00	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
24	7.50- 8.00	-	8.00	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
May 1	7.50- 8.00	-	8.00	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
8	7.50- 8.00	-	8.00	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
15	6.50- 7.00	-	6.50- 7.00	-	7.00- 8.00
NEW YORK CITY					
Nov 14	-	-	-	-	-
21	7.00- 8.00	-	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
28	7.00- 8.00	-	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
Dec 5	7.00- 8.00	-	7.00- 8.00	-	-
12	7.00- 7.50	-	7.00- 7.50	-	-
19	7.00- 8.00	-	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
27	7.00- 7.50	-	7.00- 7.50	7.00- 7.50	7.00- 7.50
Jan 3	7.00	-	7.00- 7.50	7.00- 7.50	7.00- 7.50
9	7.00- 7.50	-	7.50- 8.00	7.50- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
17	7.00- 7.50	-	7.00- 7.50	7.00- 7.50	7.00- 7.50
23	6.50- 7.00	-	6.50- 7.00	6.50- 7.00	6.50- 7.00
30	6.50- 7.50	-	7.50	6.50- 8.00	6.50- 8.00
Feb 6	7.00- 8.00	-	7.00- 8.00	6.00- 7.00	6.00- 7.00
13	7.00- 8.00	-	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
21	7.00- 8.00	-	8.00- 9.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00
27	7.50- 8.00	-	8.00	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00
Mar 6	6.50- 7.50	-	7.00- 8.00	8.00- 9.00	8.00- 9.00
13	6.50- 8.00	-	7.00- 8.00	8.00- 9.00	-
20	6.50- 7.50	-	7.50- 8.00	7.50- 9.00	7.50- 9.00
27	7.00- 7.50	-	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
Apr 3	7.00- 7.50	-	7.50- 8.00	7.00- 9.00	7.50- 9.00
10	7.00- 7.50	-	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 9.50	7.00- 8.00
17	7.00- 7.50	-	8.00	8.00	8.00
24	7.00- 7.50	-	7.00- 8.00	8.00	8.00
May 1	6.00- 7.00	-	6.50- 7.00	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
8	7.00- 7.50	-	7.00- 8.00	7.50- 8.00	7.50- 8.00
15	7.00- 7.50	-	7.00- 7.50	7.50- 8.00	7.50- 8.00
PHILADELPHIA					
Jan 3	-	-	-	-	-
9	6.50	-	6.50	6.50	6.50
17	6.50	-	6.50	6.50	6.50
23	6.00- 6.50	-	6.00- 6.50	-	-
30	6.00	-	6.00	-	-
Feb 6	6.00- 6.50	-	6.00- 6.50	-	-
13	6.00- 7.00	-	6.00- 7.50	-	-
21	6.50- 7.50	7.00- 7.50	8.00	7.50	7.00- 7.50
27	7.00- 8.00	-	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
Mar 6	6.50- 7.50	8.00	6.50- 7.50	7.50- 8.00	-
13	7.00	8.00	7.00- 7.50	7.50- 8.00	-
20	6.50- 7.00	-	6.50- 7.00	6.50- 7.50	6.50- 7.50
27	6.50- 7.00	-	6.50- 7.00	6.50	-
Apr 3	5.50- 6.50	-	6.00- 7.00	6.50- 7.00	6.50- 7.00
10	6.50- 7.00	-	6.50- 7.00	-	-
17	6.50- 7.50	7.50	6.50- 7.50	7.50	7.50
24	6.50- 7.50	7.00- 7.50	6.50- 7.50	7.00- 7.50	7.00- 7.50
May 1	6.50- 7.50	7.00	5.00- 7.00	7.00	7.00
8	-	-	-	-	-
15	6.50	-	6.50	-	-

GEORGIA (VIDALIA DISTRICT) ONIONS

Production - The Vidalia District production area is located in the southeastern section of the state. The Georgia Department of Agriculture first defined the production area in 1986 to include all or parts of approximately twenty southeastern counties. Legislation requires onions to be of the granex type in order to carry the Vidalia Sweet Onion label. According to the Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, onion acreage increased for the sixth consecutive year. Harvested acreage in 1995 reached a record high 12,500 acres compared to the previous record of 10,300 acres set a year earlier. Yield per acre amounted to 190 hundredweight (cwt.) equaling 1994's level. Total production in 1995 amounted to 2,375,000 cwt., a record high, compared to the record high last year of 1,957,000 cwt. Prices per cwt. averaged \$28.10 in 1995 compared to \$20.70 per cwt. in 1994. The value of Georgia onions produced in 1995 amounted to a record high 66.73 million dollars compared to 40.51 million dollars in 1994.

Weather and Crop - Onions were planted without any serious problems as weather conditions were generally favorable. Most producers have their planting schedule spread out over a long period of time. The onion season begins for many producers in September with seed bed preparation. Transplanting will begin as early as mid October and end as late as early March. The majority of the producers attempt to have most of their crop planted by late December. On December 11, the Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service estimated seventy-two percent of the crop was transplanted. This was slightly below the five year average pace of eighty-one percent. The pace was slowed by a somewhat wet November and December. The remaining percentage of the crop proceeded slowly dragging on into mid January. The winter months of January, February and March generally noted favorable weather conditions. There was more than adequate rainfall while temperatures generally maintained seasonal expectations. Initial harvesting of the crop took place during the week of April 2 on widely scattered early maturing acreage. Significant harvesting was noted during the middle of the month. The harvest was at peak production from late April through mid May. Many producers were finished with their harvesting in late May, a few dragged on into early June. During the harvest season weather conditions were generally less than favorable. The month of April noted above normal temperatures. Falling soil moisture supplies accompanied the above normal temperatures. The month of May continued to note falling soil moisture supplies and by the end of the month supplies were at their lowest level of the season. Most producers experienced disappointing packouts in reference to size with many fields producing an over abundance of medium size. The Georgia Agricultural Statistics generally rated crop condition from fair to good during the majority of the harvest.

Marketing - The first f.o.b. shipping point price report of the season was issued on April 19. Opening prices for yellow granex type jumbo size in fifty pound cartons ranged from \$18.00-20.00. Prices were slightly lower at mostly \$18.00 within a weeks time. During the second full week of price reporting, the harvest intensified and reached active shipping levels. Price returns were mostly \$16.00. At the start of the third full week of price reporting, following two weeks of heavy shipments for promotional orders, f.o.b. returns were lower at \$14.00-16.00 on light to very light demand. By the middle of May, f.o.b. returns reached their seasonal low of the season at \$14.00-15.00. Prices remained generally unchanged for the remainder of the month. At the start of June, with the harvest practically completed, f.o.b. prices advanced quickly in price on supplies from cold storage facilities. These supplies were packed by producers in early to mid May to combat the usual May demand glut experienced the past few years. Prices in June advanced in steady increments reaching \$20.00-22.00 by the middle of the month. Controlled atmosphere storage (CA) onions were also available from a few producers at \$22.00-24.00. For the remainder of June f.o.b. returns noted little deviation in prices until the final days of the month.

On June 28, supplies from cold storage facilities were exhausted and for the remainder of the marketing season supplies were secured from CA facilities. Prices on June 28 were mostly in the range of \$24.00-26.00. Prices in September were generally in the range of \$25.00-26.00. Closing prices recorded on September 11 improved to \$26.00-28.00. Onions continued to be marketed until mid November. During the period from mid September to mid November there were too few shipping organizations to contact on a daily basis. Federal guidelines prohibit price reporting when supplies are in the hands of only a few shipping organizations. During the majority of the CA season orderly marketing of the crop was noted. Producers prevented a surplus of supplies entering into the market by strategically placing their offerings into the market following the departure of a competitive producer.

GEORGIA (VIDALIA DISTRICT) ONIONS CONTINUED

Transportation - Onions from the Vidalia District are shipped commercially by truck but a considerable volume is also moved retail via mail order and roadside stand. Commercial shipments is the only feasible method in which shipments were collected. Shipments for the 1995 crop totaled 4,461 truckloads. The onion industry considers a truckload to contain 800 fifty pound packages. Shipments for the 1994 crop totaled 3,920 truckloads. The peak of the 1995 shipping season ran from April 23 to May 13 when 1,744 loads were shipped. This accounted for thirty-nine percent of the total volume. Georgia onions were transported throughout the south, northeast and midwest. Movement on a limited basis has been noted the past few years to mountain and pacific states.

The collection of truck shipments during the CA marketing season ran from approximately June 25 to November 11. Shipments for this period totaled 1,095 truckloads. The 1994 CA season totaled 693 truckloads and ran from approximately July 3 to December 31.

Packaging - The most widely used package was the fifty pound carton followed by the fifty pound mesh sack. Consumer packages also moved well, the most widely used pack was the 16-3 pound mesh bag housed in a fifty pound master container. The Federal-State Market News Service onion size designations vary slightly from U.S.D.A. inspection standards. Large size onions were 2 3/4 inches and larger in diameter. Medium size onions ranged from 2-3 1/4 inches in diameter with forty percent or more 2 inches and larger. A few shippers pack a jumbo size which were 3 inches and larger in diameter. Repacker size onions are used primarily in consumer packages and were 1 3/4-3 inches in diameter with sixty percent or more 2 inches in diameter.

SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS

ONIONS

Date	50 lb cartons		50 lb sacks		16-3 lb mesh sacks
	Jumbo	Jumbo	Medium	Medium	
Apr 19	18.00-20.00	17.00-19.00	12.00-14.00		-
20	18.00-20.00	17.00-19.00	12.00-14.00		-
21	18.00-20.00	17.00-19.00	12.00-13.00		-
24	18.00-20.00	17.00-19.00	12.00-14.00		-
25	18.00-20.00	17.00-19.00	12.00-13.00		14.00-16.00
26	18.00	17.00	10.00-12.00		13.00-15.00
27	16.00-18.00	15.00-17.00	10.00-12.00		13.00-15.00
28	16.00	15.00	10.00-12.00		12.00-14.00
May 1	16.00	15.00	10.00-12.00		12.00-14.00
2	16.00	15.00	10.00-12.00		12.00-14.00
3	16.00	15.00	10.00-12.00		12.00-14.00
4	16.00	15.00	10.00-12.00		12.00-14.00
5	14.00-16.00	13.00-15.00	10.00-12.00		12.00-14.00
8	14.00-16.00	13.00-15.00	8.00-10.00		11.00-13.00
9	14.00-16.00	13.00-15.00	8.00-10.00		11.00-13.00
10	14.00-16.00	13.00-15.00	8.00-10.00		11.00-13.00
11	14.00-16.00	13.00-15.00	8.00-10.00		10.00-13.00
12	14.00-16.00	13.00-15.00	8.00-10.00		10.00-13.00
15	14.00-16.00	13.00-15.00	8.00-10.00		10.00-13.00
16	14.00-15.00	13.00-14.00	8.00-10.00		10.00-13.00
17	14.00-15.00	13.00-14.00	8.00-10.00		10.00-13.00
18	14.00-15.00	13.00-14.00	8.00- 9.00		10.00-12.00
19	14.00-15.00	13.00-14.00	8.00- 9.00		10.00-12.00
22	14.00-15.00	13.00-14.00	8.00- 9.00		10.00-12.00
23	14.00-15.00	13.00-14.00	7.00- 9.00		10.00-12.00
24	14.00-15.00	13.00-14.00	7.00- 8.00		9.00-11.00
25	14.00-15.00	13.00-14.00	7.00- 8.00		9.00-11.00
26	14.00-15.00	13.00-14.00	7.00- 8.00		9.00-11.00
29		Holiday			
30	15.00-16.00	13.00-14.00	8.00-10.00		10.00-13.00
31	16.00	15.00	8.00-10.00		10.00-13.00

SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS (Continued)

ONIONS

Date	50 lb cartons	50 lb sacks		16-3 lb mesh sacks
	Jumbo	Jumbo	Medium	Medium
Jun 1	16.00	15.00	8.00-10.00	10.00-13.00
2	16.00	15.00	8.00-10.00	10.00-13.00
5	18.00	17.00	10.00-12.00	12.00-14.00
6	18.00	17.00	10.00-12.00	12.00-14.00
7	18.00-20.00	17.00-19.00	12.00-14.00	14.00-16.00
8	18.00-20.00	17.00-19.00	12.00-14.00	14.00-16.00
9	18.00-20.00	17.00-19.00	12.00-14.00	14.00-16.00
12	20.00-22.00	19.00-21.00	12.00-14.00	14.00-16.00
13	-	-	-	-
14	20.00-22.00	19.00-21.00	-	-
16	20.00-22.00	19.00-21.00	-	-
19	20.00-24.00	19.00-23.00	-	-
21	20.00-22.00	19.00-21.00	-	-
	22.00-24.00*	21.00-23.00*	-	-
23	20.00-22.00	19.00-21.00	-	-
	22.00-24.00*	21.00-23.00*	-	-
26	20.00-22.00	19.00-21.00	-	-
	22.00-24.00*	21.00-23.00*	-	-
28**	24.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	-	-
29	-	-	-	-
30	24.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	-	-
Jul 3	24.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	-	-
5	24.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	-	-
7	24.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	-	-
10	24.00	23.00	-	-
12	24.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	-	-
14	24.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	-	-
17	24.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	-	-
19	24.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	-	-
21	24.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	-	-
24	24.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	-	-
26	24.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	-	-
28	24.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	-	-
31	24.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	-	-
Aug 2	24.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	-	-
4	24.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	-	-
7	24.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	-	-
9	24.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	-	-
11	24.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	-	-
14	24.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	-	-
16	24.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	-	-
18	24.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	-	-
21	24.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	-	-
23	24.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	-	-
25		No Report		
28	24.00-25.00	23.00-24.00	-	-
30	24.00-26.00	23.00-25.00	-	-
Sep 1	25.00-26.00	24.00-25.00	-	-
5	25.00-26.00	24.00-25.00	-	-
6	25.00-26.00	24.00-25.00	-	-
8	25.00-26.00	24.00-25.00	-	-
11	26.00-28.00	25.00-27.00	-	-

*Controlled Atmosphere Storage

**Controlled Atmosphere Storage through balance of season

WHOLESALE PRICES FROM SELECTED TERMINAL MARKETS FOR THE 1995 SEASON

ONIONS

50 LB CARTONS

Date	ATLANTA		BALTIMORE		BOSTON	
	Jumbo	Medium	Jumbo	Medium	Jumbo	Medium
Apr 24	24.00	20.00	-	-	23.00-25.00	17.00
May 1	18.00	12.00-14.00	20.00-23.00	-	20.00-22.00	15.50
8	16.00	10.00	20.00	17.00-18.00	15.00-18.00	-
15	15.00-16.00	9.00-10.00	17.00-20.00	14.00	17.00-20.00	14.50
22	16.00-17.00	9.00-10.00	14.00-17.00	-	15.00-18.00	-
30	16.00-17.00	-	14.00-15.00	-	16.00-20.00	10.50-12.50
June 5	16.00-17.00	-	14.00	-	18.00-20.00	-
13	16.00-17.00	-	23.00	-	25.00	15.00
19	16.00-17.00	-	23.00	-	26.00	-
26	16.00-17.00	-	20.00	-	25.00-28.00	-
July 3	-	-	27.00-28.00	-	25.00-28.00	-
10	-	-	27.00-28.00	20.00	30.00	-
17	-	-	-	-	28.00-30.00	22.00
24	-	-	30.00	-	30.00	-
31	-	-	30.00	-	30.00	-
Aug 7	-	-	30.00	-	30.00	-
14	-	-	30.00	-	30.00	-
21	-	-	30.00	-	30.00	-
28	-	-	30.00	-	30.00	-
Sep 5	-	-	30.00	-	30.00	-
11	-	-	30.00	-	35.00	-

Date	CHICAGO		NEW YORK CITY		PHILADELPHIA	
	Jumbo	Medium	Jumbo	Medium	Jumbo	Medium
Apr 24	30.00	-	28.00-30.00	-	22.00-25.00	-
May 1	25.00	-	25.00-30.00	-	18.00-22.00	-
8	20.00-21.00	-	18.00-20.00	-	16.00-18.00	-
15	-	-	16.00-18.00	-	16.00-19.00	-
22	-	-	16.00-18.00	7.00- 8.00	16.00-18.00	-
30	-	-	16.00-18.00	7.00- 8.00	18.00	-
June 5	-	-	16.00-18.00	-	18.00	-
13	20.00	-	25.00	-	-	-
19	24.00-25.00	-	25.00	-	24.00-25.00	-
26	24.00-25.00	-	-	-	28.00	-
July 3	-	-	25.00-30.00	-	28.00	-
10	-	-	25.00-30.00	-	27.00-28.00	-
17	-	-	30.00-33.00	-	30.00	-
24	-	-	31.00-34.00	-	27.00	-
31	-	-	33.00-34.00	-	-	-
Aug 7	-	-	32.00-34.00	-	28.00	-
14	-	-	32.00-34.00	-	-	-
21	-	-	32.00-34.00	-	-	-
28	-	-	32.00-34.00	-	28.00-30.00	-
Sep 5	-	-	32.00-34.00	-	32.00	-
11	-	-	32.00-34.00	-	-	-

GEORGIA PEPPERS

Production - The main area of production is located in the southwestern part of the state. There are no estimates available on acreage, yield, or production as the Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service does not report peppers on their state program. Georgia pepper producers try to time their crop to harvest while the Florida spring pepper deal is winding down for the season and before the North Carolina spring pepper deal reaches significant harvest levels. A much smaller fall deal of light volume is usually harvested in the month of October.

Weather and Crop - Bell peppers are normally transplanted as young plants. Transplanting usually takes place between the period from late March to early April. These transplants are set out after the weather and ground have warmed sufficiently in order to reduce the possibility of frost or freeze damage or destruction. Planting of the spring crop began during the usual time period and was generally considered to be completed on time. Weather conditions during the majority of April noted above normal temperatures which stimulated crop development. Falling soil moisture supplies accompanied the above normal temperatures. Weather conditions during May were mostly unfavorable. Falling soil moisture supplies continued into May. Producers in most areas were making maximum use of irrigation facilities for most of the month. By the end of May, soil moisture supplies were at their lowest level of the season. Initial harvesting of the crop began during the latter part of May. The harvest noted peak production levels from mid June and continuing for the remainder of the month. The seasonal decline began shortly afterwards, light volume continued into mid July.

Planting for the fall crop usually occurs during the month of August. Weather conditions during the planting and growing season were usually hot and dry. Producers were forced to irrigate heavily during the planting and growing season. Dryland fields were under stress most of the period and the hot weather slowed growth. Initial harvesting of the crop was underway during the first week of October. Significant harvesting was reached during the middle of the month. The harvest reached its peak from mid October to a few days into November. Moderate volume continued into mid November. Light volume, by a handful of producers, continued into early December.

Marketing - The first f.o.b. shipping point price report for the 1995 spring crop was issued on May 30. Opening prices for green bell type peppers were \$10.00-11.00 on extra large and \$8.00-9.00 on large size. Between the period of June 1 to June 7, prices advanced to an eventually season high of \$20.00 on extra large and \$18.00 on large. For approximately two weeks, an up and down market took place. Extra large prices ranged from \$12.00-18.00 while large prices ranged from \$10.00-16.00. Towards the end of June, prices were lower and continued lower for the remainder of the season. Closing prices recorded on July 5 returned \$10.00 on extra large and \$7.00-8.00 on large. The closing prices were the seasonal low of the spring deal.

The first report for the fall crop was issued on October 16. Opening prices were \$12.00 on extra large and \$9.00-10.00 on large size. Prices generally remained unchanged until the final days of October. Seasonal low prices were received for a short period of time between October 25-27. During that period prices were \$10.00 on extra large and \$7.00 on large. On October 30 prices were higher and continued higher for the remainder of the season. Closing prices recorded on November 9 returned \$16.00-18.00 on extra large and \$12.00 on large. The closing prices were the seasonal high of the fall deal.

Transportation - Trucks containing mostly mixed loads of vegetables (beans, cucumbers, squash, etc.) are the only commercial means to transport the pepper crop. An equivalent of 935 truckloads were shipped during the spring deal and 423 loads during the fall deal. The trade considers a truckload equivalent to contain 1,300 1 1/9 bushel containers. In 1994, shipments totaled 1,091 truckloads during the spring deal and 287 truckloads during the fall deal. The peak of the 1995 spring deal ran from June 11 to July 1 when 642 truckload equivalents were shipped, accounting for sixty-nine percent of the total volume. The peak of the 1995 fall deal ran from October 15 to November 4 when 279 truckload equivalents were shipped, accounting for sixty-six percent of the total volume. The usual movement is regional to southern chainstore receivers and southern wholesale terminal markets along with significant movement to the northeast and midwest.

Packaging - As been the case for many years now, peppers are packed in 1 1/9 bushel cartons and occasionally into crates. The average net weight for a carton is approximately 28 pounds. The Federal-State Market News Service pepper size designations are based on actual count per 1 1/9 bushel container. Extra large size contains fifty-five to sixty-five peppers, large seventy to eighty peppers, medium eighty-five to ninety-five peppers, small one hundred to one hundred ten peppers, and very small in excess of one hundred ten peppers.

SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS

PEPPERS

Spring Crop					
Date	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small	
May 30	10.00-11.00	8.00- 9.00	-	-	-
31	10.00-11.00	8.00- 9.00	-	-	-
June 1	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-	-	-
2	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-	-	-
5	16.00	14.00	12.00	-	-
6	20.00	18.00	16.00	-	-
7	20.00	18.00	16.00	-	-
8	16.00	14.00-15.00	12.00-14.00	-	-
9	14.00	12.00	10.00	-	-
12	12.00-14.00	10.00	8.00-10.00	-	-
13	14.00	10.00	8.00-10.00	-	-
14	-	-	-	-	-
15	16.00-18.00	14.00-16.00	10.00-12.00	-	-
16	16.00	14.00	10.00-12.00	-	-
19	16.00	14.00	10.00-12.00	-	-
20	16.00	14.00	10.00-12.00	-	-
21	-	-	-	-	-
22	16.00	14.00	10.00-12.00	-	-
23	14.00-16.00	12.00	10.00	-	-
26	14.00	10.00	8.00	-	-
27	12.00-14.00	8.00-10.00	8.00	-	-
28	12.00	8.00-10.00	7.00- 8.00	-	-
29	10.00-12.00	8.00	6.00- 7.00	-	-
30	10.00	7.00- 8.00	6.00- 7.00	-	-
July 3	-	-	-	-	-
5	10.00	7.00- 8.00	6.00- 7.00	-	-

WHOLESALE PRICES FROM SELECTED TERMINAL MARKETS FOR THE 1995 SEASON

Date	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Extra Large	Large	Medium
	ATLANTA			BOSTON		
May 30	-	-	-	12.00-14.00	10.00	10.00
June 5	20.00-23.00	20.00	16.00-17.50	17.00-18.00	14.00-16.00	12.00-14.00
13	15.00	12.00-13.00	10.00-10.50	14.00-16.00	12.00-13.00	12.00
19	16.00-19.50	14.00-17.50	11.00-14.00	18.00-20.00	16.00-18.00	14.00-16.00
26	13.00-16.00	12.00-14.00	11.00-14.00	16.00-18.00	13.00-16.00	12.00-14.00
July 3	13.00	12.00	10.00-11.50	12.00-13.00	10.00-11.00	8.00
	CHICAGO			NEW YORK CITY		
May 30	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00	10.00-12.00	-	-
June 5	16.00-18.00	12.00-14.00	10.00	15.00-18.00	-	10.00-12.00
13	17.00-18.00	15.00-16.00	14.00-15.00	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	9.00-10.00
19	20.00	18.00	13.00-15.00	15.00-18.00	14.00-16.00	12.00-14.00
26	20.00	18.00	13.00-15.00	17.00-19.00	14.00-16.00	12.00-14.00
July 3	14.00-16.00	11.00-13.00	11.00	10.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	7.00- 8.00
	PHILADELPHIA			BALTIMORE		
May 30	10.00-12.00	8.50- 9.00	-	10.00	-	-
June 5	15.00	14.00	-	17.00-18.00	15.50-16.00	14.00-15.00
13	12.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	8.00-10.00	16.00-17.50	15.00-16.00	13.00-14.00
19	18.00-20.00	15.00-16.00	12.00-14.00	19.00-20.00	16.00	14.00
26	15.00-17.00	12.00-15.00	11.00-13.00	16.00-18.00	15.00-16.00	12.00-13.00
July 3	10.00-12.00	8.00-10.00	7.00- 8.00	12.00	-	9.00

SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS

PEPPERS

Fall Crop

Date	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Small
Oct 16	7.00- 8.00	12.00	9.00-10.00	-
17	7.00- 8.00	12.00	9.00	-
18	7.00- 8.00	12.00	9.00-10.00	-
19	7.00- 8.00	12.00	9.00-10.00	-
20	7.00- 8.00	12.00	8.00- 9.00	-
23	7.00- 8.00	12.00	8.00- 9.00	-
24	7.00	12.00	8.00	-
25	6.00- 7.00	10.00	8.00	-
26	6.00	10.00	7.00- 8.00	-
27	5.00	10.00	7.00	-
30	6.00	12.00	8.00	-
Nov 1	7.00- 9.00	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-
2	9.00-10.00	16.00	12.00	-
3	8.00-10.00	16.00	12.00	-
6	8.00	16.00	12.00	-
7	7.00- 8.00	16.00	11.00-12.00	-
8	7.00- 8.00	16.00	11.00-12.00	-
9	7.00- 8.00	16.00-18.00	12.00	-

WHOLESALE PRICES FROM SELECTED TERMINAL MARKETS FOR THE 1995 SEASON

Date	Extra Large	Large	Medium	Extra Large	Large	Medium
	ATLANTA			BALTIMORE		
Oct 16	14.50	12.50	9.00- 9.50	-	10.00	-
23	14.50-15.00	10.50-12.00	7.50- 9.00	13.50-14.00	11.00-12.00	9.00- 9.50
30	14.50-15.00	10.50-11.00	7.50- 8.00	12.50	9.50-11.00	7.00- 8.00
Nov 6	15.50-16.00	13.50-14.00	10.00-10.50	18.50	15.50	-
	BOSTON			CHICAGO		
Oct 16	12.00	10.00	8.00	10.00	10.00	9.00
23	-	10.00-11.00	8.00- 9.00	10.00-12.00	10.00	9.00
30	-	9.00-10.00	8.00- 9.00	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00	8.00- 9.00
Nov 6	-	-	10.00-12.00	-	12.00	9.00
	NEW YORK CITY			PHILADELPHIA		
Oct 16	-	-	-	-	-	-
23	-	-	-	-	7.00	-
30	10.00	6.00- 7.00	6.00	-	-	6.00
Nov 6	9.00	-	-	-	-	-

GEORGIA SQUASH

Production -The main area of production is located in the southwestern part of the state. There are no estimates available on acreage, yield, or production as the Georgia Agricultural Statistics Service does not report squash on their state program. Georgia squash producers harvest both a spring and fall crop. The spring crop is planned to harvest after the Florida deal has past its peak, winding down for the season and before the North Carolina deal gets underway with sufficient volume. The fall crop is planned to harvest when competitive growing areas to the north begin to decline and before volume shipping begins in Florida for their fall deal.

Weather and Crop - Planting of the spring crop usually gets underway as soon as the weather turns warm when the chance of frost is minimal. Planting can begin as early as late February and can continue over several weeks as producers seek to have new fields come into production throughout the deal. The crop got off to a slow start as rain and saturated soils combined to severely limit field operations for the first half of March. Clear weather, warm temperatures, and drier fields assisted producers in making good progress in land preparation and subsequent planting during the second half of the month. The favorable weather continued into the following week which permitted an active week of planting. Planting continued into April and was generally considered to be completed on time. Weather conditions during the majority of April noted above normal temperatures which stimulated crop development. Falling soil moisture supplies accompanied the above normal temperatures. Initial harvesting of the crop was underway during the week of April 16 on widely scattered early maturing acreage. Significant harvest levels were reached in early May. Weather conditions during May were mostly unfavorable. Falling soil moisture supplies continued into May. By the end of May, soil moisture supplies were at their lowest level of the season. The harvest noted peak production levels from mid May to the end of the month. Beginning in June the harvest began its seasonal decline. Light volume continued for the majority of the month.

Planting for the fall crop usually takes place from mid July to mid August. Weather conditions during the planting and growing season were usually hot and dry. Producers were forced to irrigate heavily during the planting and growing season. Dryland fields were under stress most of the period and the hot weather slowed growth. The condition of the crop during the growing season was mostly unfavorable due to the prolonged periods of hot temperatures and moisture stress. Initial harvesting of the crop began around the middle of September. Significant harvesting was underway by the final week of September. The harvest reached its peak shortly afterwards and for the first two weeks of October. Moderate volume continued into the second week of November. Light volume, by a handful of producers, continued into the end of the month.

Marketing - The dominant varieties of squash grown in South Georgia are Zucchini, Yellow Straightneck and Yellow Crookneck. The first f.o.b. shipping point price report for the 1995 spring crop was issued on May 1. Opening prices for small size were \$6.00 on Yellow Crookneck, \$6.00 on Zucchini, and \$5.00-6.00 on Yellow Straightneck. Price returns during the remainder of the month and the first two days of June ranged from \$5.00-8.00 on Yellow Crookneck, \$4.00-7.00 on Zucchini, and \$4.00-6.00 on Yellow Straightneck. Prices were generally at their highest in early May on Zucchini and late May on Yellow types. Lowest prices were generally received around late May on Zucchini, mid May on Yellow Straightneck, and early and late May on Yellow Crookneck. Closing prices were recorded on June 2.

The first report for the fall crop was issued on September 25. Opening prices on small size were \$6.00 on Yellow Crookneck, \$5.00 on Zucchini and Yellow Straightneck. Price returns during the remainder of the month ranged from \$5.00-6.00 on Yellow Crookneck and \$4.00-5.00 on Zucchini and Yellow Straightneck. During October and early November, price returns ranged from \$5.00-18.00 on Yellow Crookneck, \$4.00-10.00 on Zucchini, and \$4.00-14.00 on Yellow Straightneck. Prices were generally at their highest in mid October. Lowest prices were generally received during the period of late September-early October. Closing prices were recorded on November 9.

Transportation - Trucks containing mixed loads of vegetables (beans, cucumbers, peppers, etc.) are the only commercial means to transport the squash crop. The movement for both deals is mostly regional to southern supermarket chainstore receivers and southern wholesale terminal markets along with some movement to the northeast and midwest.

Packaging - Zucchini was usually packed in either 5/9 or 1/2 bushel cartons. Some crates were also used and the average net weight is about twenty-one pounds. Yellow Crookneck was packed in 3/4 bushel crates along with some cartons. The average net weight is about thirty pounds.

SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS

SQUASH

Date	ZUCCHINI		YELLOW STRAIGHTNECK		YELLOW CROOKNECK	
	Small	Medium	Small	Medium	Small	Medium
Spring Crop						
May 1	6.00	4.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00	6.00	4.00
2	6.00	4.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00	6.00	4.00
3	6.00	4.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00	6.00	4.00
4	6.00	4.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00
5	6.00	4.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00
8	6.00	4.00- 5.00	5.00	3.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00
9	6.00- 7.00	4.00- 5.00	4.00- 5.00	2.00- 3.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00
10	6.00- 7.00	4.00- 5.00	4.00- 5.00	2.00- 3.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00
11	6.00- 7.00	4.00- 5.00	5.00	3.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00
12	6.00- 7.00	4.00- 5.00	5.00	3.00	6.00	4.00
15	6.00	4.00	5.00	3.00	6.00	4.00
16	6.00	4.00	5.00	3.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00
17	6.00	4.00	5.00	3.00	6.00	4.00
18	6.00	4.00	5.00	3.00	7.00	4.00
19	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00	5.00	3.00	7.00	4.00
22	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00	5.00	3.00	6.00- 8.00	4.00- 6.00
23	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00	5.00	3.00	6.00	3.00- 4.00
24	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00	5.00	3.00	6.00	3.00- 4.00
25	5.00	3.00	5.00	3.00	6.00	3.00- 4.00
26	4.00- 5.00	3.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00
29	Holiday					
30	4.00- 5.00	2.00- 3.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00
31	4.00- 5.00	2.00- 3.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00
Jun 1	4.00- 5.00	2.00- 3.00	5.00	3.00- 4.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00
2	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00	6.00- 8.00	4.00- 6.00
Fall Crop						
Sept 25	5.00	3.00	5.00	3.00	6.00	4.00
26	5.00	3.00	5.00	3.00	6.00	4.00
27	4.00- 5.00	2.50- 3.00	4.00- 5.00	2.50- 3.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00
28	4.00- 5.00	2.50- 3.00	4.00- 5.00	2.50- 3.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00
29	4.00- 4.50	2.50- 3.00	4.00- 4.50	2.50- 3.00	5.00- 5.50	3.00- 4.00
Oct 2	4.00- 4.50	2.50- 3.00	4.00- 4.50	2.50- 3.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00
3	4.00- 4.50	2.50- 3.00	4.00- 4.50	2.50- 3.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00
4	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	6.00	4.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00	8.00	5.00
6	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00	8.00	5.00
9	Holiday					
10	6.00- 7.00	4.00- 5.00	5.00- 6.00	4.00	12.00-14.00	6.00- 8.00
11	7.00- 8.00	5.00- 6.00	6.00	4.00	14.00-16.00	7.00-10.00
12	8.00-10.00	6.00- 8.00	6.00- 8.00	4.00- 6.00	16.00	10.00
13	8.00-10.00	6.00- 8.00	6.00- 8.00	4.00- 6.00	16.00	10.00
16	10.00	8.00	10.00	8.00	16.00	10.00
17	10.00	8.00	10.00	8.00	16.00	10.00
18	10.00	8.00	10.00	8.00	16.00	10.00-12.00
19	10.00	8.00	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	16.00-18.00	12.00
20	10.00	8.00	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	16.00-18.00	12.00
23	8.00	6.00	12.00	10.00	16.00-18.00	14.00
24	6.00	4.00	12.00	10.00	16.00	12.00-14.00
25	5.00- 6.00	3.00- 4.00	10.00-12.00	8.00-10.00	16.00	10.00-12.00
26	4.00	2.50- 3.00	10.00-12.00	8.00-10.00	14.00	10.00
27	4.00	2.50- 3.00	10.00-12.00	8.00-10.00	12.00	9.00-10.00
30	4.00	2.50- 3.00	10.00-12.00	8.00-10.00	10.00	8.00
31	4.00	2.50- 3.00	10.00	8.00	8.00-10.00	6.00- 8.00
Nov 1	4.00	2.50- 3.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	6.00
2	4.00	2.50- 3.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	6.00
3	4.00	2.50- 3.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	6.00
6	4.00	2.50- 3.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	6.00- 7.00
7	4.00	2.50- 3.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	6.00- 7.00
8	4.00- 4.50	2.50- 3.00	10.00	8.00	8.00	6.00- 7.00
9	5.00	3.00	8.00-10.00	6.00- 8.00	-	-

WHOLESALE PRICES FROM SELECTED TERMINAL MARKETS FOR THE 1995 SEASON

SQUASH

Date	Small	Medium	Small	Medium
SPRING				
Yellow Crookneck			Zucchini	
ATLANTA				
May 1	-	-	-	-
8	7.00- 9.00	5.00- 6.00	8.00	6.00- 6.50
15	8.00- 9.50	5.00- 6.50	9.00	6.00- 8.00
22	8.00- 9.00	5.00- 6.50	8.00- 9.00	5.00- 6.00
30	8.00	5.00- 6.00	7.50- 8.00	5.50- 6.00
June 5	-	-	9.00-10.00	7.50- 8.00
Yellow Straightneck			Zucchini	
CHICAGO				
May 1	-	-	8.00- 8.50	7.00
8	-	-	9.00-10.00	8.00
15	-	-	9.00-10.00	8.00
22	-	-	9.50-10.00	7.00
30	10.00	8.00	9.00- 9.50	6.50- 7.00
June 5	10.00	8.00	7.00- 8.00	-
Yellow Straightneck			Zucchini	
NEW YORK CITY				
May 1	-	-	-	-
8	7.00	5.00	10.00	6.00- 7.00
15	5.00	-	9.00-12.00	6.00- 8.00
22	7.00- 8.00	7.00	7.00- 9.00	5.00- 7.00
30	6.00- 8.00	4.00	5.00- 7.00	4.00- 5.00
June 5	6.00- 7.00	-	5.00- 7.00	-
FALL				
Yellow Crookneck			Zucchini	
ATLANTA				
Sept 25	6.00- 8.00	-	5.00- 6.00	4.50- 5.00
Oct 2	8.00-10.00	-	5.00- 8.00	4.50- 6.00
10	14.00-15.00	-	7.00- 8.00	5.00- 6.50
16	18.50-19.50	-	10.00-12.00	9.00-10.00
23	19.50-22.00	-	11.50-13.00	10.00-11.50
30	14.50-16.50	-	7.00- 7.50	5.00- 6.00
Nov 6	10.50-12.00	-	6.50- 7.50	4.50- 5.50
Yellow Straightneck			Zucchini	
CHICAGO				
Sept 25	8.00-10.00	6.00- 8.00	8.00	6.00
Oct 2	7.00- 9.00	5.00- 6.00	6.00- 8.00	5.00- 6.00
10	7.00- 8.00	-	6.00- 8.00	5.00- 6.00
16	9.00-10.00	8.00- 9.00	8.00- 9.00	7.00- 7.50
23	16.00-17.00	14.00-15.00	11.00-12.00	9.00-10.00
30	14.00-15.00	12.00-13.00	8.00- 9.00	7.50- 8.00
Nov 6	14.00-15.00	12.00-13.00	7.00- 8.00	5.50- 6.00
Yellow Straightneck			Zucchini	
NEW YORK CITY				
Oct 2	5.00- 7.00	4.00	4.00- 5.00	4.00
10	4.00- 6.00	4.00- 5.00	4.00- 6.00	4.00- 5.00
16	10.00-12.00	-	10.00-11.00	-
23	-	-	10.00-12.00	8.00
30	10.00	8.00	3.00- 5.00	3.00
Nov 6	12.00-14.00	-	4.00- 6.00	3.00

MARKETING NORTH CAROLINA VEGETABLES

Fresh Market Vegetables - Acreage, Yield, Production, and Value

1993, 1994, 1995

	Area Harvested			Yield per Acre			Production		
	Acres			Cwt			1,000 Cwt		
	1993	1994	1995	1993	1994	1995	1993	1994	1995
Beans, Snap	7,000	7,000	6,600	32	35	33	224	249	218
Cabbage	5,300	5,000	5,100	180	200	190	954	1,000	969
Corn, Sweet	5,800	5,700	5,700	55	60	55	319	342	314
Cucumbers	5,800	5,700	5,900	40	40	39	232	228	230
Peppers, Green	7,400	6,600	6,500	27	35	25	200	231	163

Value

	Per Cwt			Total		
	Dollars			1,000 Dollars		
	1993	1994	1995	1993	1994	1995
Beans, Snap	26.00	29.00	29.00	5,824	7,221	6,322
Cabbage	9.00	9.50	8.50	8,586	9,500	8,237
Corn, Sweet	17.80	15.30	14.70	5,678	5,233	4,616
Cucumbers	11.50	11.00	12.50	2,668	2,508	2,875
Peppers, Green	20.00	20.50	22.50	4,000	4,736	3,668

Source: North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service - USDA, NASS

REVIEW OF THE 1995 EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA VEGETABLE SEASON

GROWING AND HARVESTING

Field preparation and planting of eastern North Carolina spring vegetables got underway the beginning of March. By mid-April below average rainfall began to concern farmers but scattered showers the end of April offered minor relief. Parts of the state received some beneficial rain the beginning of May but more precipitation was needed to ensure good growth of the crops. During the week ending May 22, rain showers occurred throughout most of the state. Some areas had storms with hail and high winds, causing some damage to crops. Precipitation was spotty in most areas of the state during the next week (week ending May 30). Although rains provided some relief, soil was still dry and more rainfall was needed to aid growth of the spring planted crops. The months of June and July brought the needed moisture and then some. The excessive rainfall and cool conditions resulted in fungus and mold growth. By the beginning of July some of the vegetables that hadn't been harvested were drowning and rotting in the fields.

Beans (Round Green, Wax, Kentucky Wonder, and Cranberry Type) are grown in Duplin, Sampson, and Chowan counties and also in a few coastal areas. Harvest began the end of May but with all the rain that fell, the season was extremely short.

Sweet corn is grown mainly in the coastal and southeastern areas, with some grown near Faison. Harvest began June 12 and ended approximately July 18. This crop wasn't as effected as some of the others by the excessive amounts of rain.

Cucumbers are grown in Wayne and Duplin counties with a few grown in the coastal areas. Harvest began the beginning of June and ended around the 4th of July. This crop also seemed to survive the above average moisture better than some of the other crops, however, there were a higher number of fair quality cucumbers than anticipated.

Eggplant is grown in the Faison area. This is a relatively small crop and the season only lasted a couple of weeks, from June 27 through July 6.

Bell type peppers are grown around the Faison area with a few grown in the coastal areas. Harvest began around June 12 and ended around July 17. Shipments, yields and quality were affected by the excessive amounts of rain.

Squash are grown in the area of Duplin and Sampson counties surrounding Faison. Zucchini and Yellow Straightneck harvest began the end of May and was complete by the first part of July. This crops shipments, yields, and quality were also effected by the rain.

REVIEW OF THE 1995 EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA VEGETABLE SEASON

MARKETING VEGETABLES AT THE PACKINGHOUSES

CABBAGE

Cabbage is primarily grown in the Coastal Plains area. According to the North Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service, 5,100 total acres were harvested in 1995, compared to 5,000 acres in 1994. Yield per acre was slightly lower in 1995 at 190 cwt., compared to 200 cwt in 1994.

Spring transplanting usually takes place near the end of January until the beginning of March. Late spring transplanting dates are from the end of March through mid April. Initial harvest of the spring crop began in the third week of April.

Fall transplanting normally begins the last week in July and ends by the last week of August. Harvest is under way by mid October, sometimes extending into January before completion.

Growing areas received sporadic rainfall during the month of May. However, tremendous amounts of rainfall flooded most growing areas over the Memorial Day holiday. Rains continued throughout the entire month of June and by the second week of July, growing areas were in the sixth consecutive week of above average rainfall. This excessive rainfall impeded harvest during what would have been the most active harvesting time.

Round green and red cabbage is packed in 1 3/4 bushel crates and 50 lb cartons, Savoy cabbage is packed 40 lb mesh cartons. A small amount of round green cabbage is packed in 50 lb mesh sacks.

The first shipping point price report for the spring crop was released May 22nd. Prices for round green type ranged from \$6.50-7.00, until the heavy rains Memorial Day and afterward dropped to \$6.00-6.50. By June 22nd, prices hit a season low of \$4.50. Limited supplies were reported until July 14th. Product was still available after this date, but quality was questionable.

June rainfall also interfered with fall transplanting, therefore delaying harvest. The first price report for the fall crop was released on November 1st. Round green type ranged from \$5.00-5.75. By mid November the price had climbed to \$6.00-7.00 and hit a season high of \$8.00, around Thanksgiving. The last price for the season was issued on December 11th, and had fallen back to mostly \$6.00. A minimal amount of movement continued through December.

REVIEW OF THE 1995 EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA VEGETABLE SEASON

MARKETING VEGETABLES AT THE PACKINGHOUSES (CONTINUED)

CORN, SWEET

Packed in wirebound crates with a minimum of 4 dozen ears. The first report for corn was on June 29. Yellow was 8.00, White was 10.00-12.50 with most sales at 12.00-12.50, and Bicolor at 10.00. The price on Yellow declined slowly but steadily to end the season at 5.00-5.50 with few sales at 6.00 on July 18. White and Bicolor followed the same trend but the season was much shorter. The last report on White and Bicolor was issued on July 7 with both White and Bicolor bringing 7.00-8.00 with few sales at 9.00.

CUCUMBERS

Waxed and packed in 1 1/9 bushel cartons and the medium-large size in a carton of 24. The first report was on June 7 with medium at 10.00-11.00, small 7.00-8.00, and carton 24s 3.00. The season ended on June 22 at 16.00-18.00 on medium and the carton 24s ended on June 21 at 4.00-5.00, mostly 4.50-5.00.

PEPPERS, BELL TYPE

Packed in 1 1/9 bushel cartons. The first report for Green type was issued on June 26. Extra large were 14.00-14.35, large 12.00-12.35, medium 10.00. The prices dropped to 10.00-10.35 on Extra Large, 8.00-10.35 mostly 8.00-9.00 on Large, 6.00-8.00 mostly 6.00-7.00 on medium on June 29. The season ended on July 3 with Extra Large at 10.00-10.35, Large 7.00-8.35, and Medium 6.00-6.35.

SQUASH

Zucchini and Yellow Straightneck squash were packed primarily in 1/2 bushel containers. The first f.o.b. was issued on June 8. Zucchini small-medium was 8.00-12.00 mostly 10.00-12.00, medium-large was 6.60-8.00. Yellow Straightneck small-medium was 10.00-12.00. The last f.o.b. was issued on June 14. Zucchini small-medium was 11.00-12.00 mostly 12.00, medium-large was 9.00-10.00 mostly 10.00. Yellow Straightneck small-medium was 11.00-12.00 mostly 12.00, medium-large was 9.00-10.00 mostly 10.00.

REVIEW OF THE 1995 EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA VEGETABLE SEASON

SHIPMENTS

Shipments of vegetables from Eastern North Carolina were exclusively by truck.
The breakdown of shipments by commodity were as follows.

Vegetables	Shipping Season	Shipments-10,000 Lb units				
		1995	1992	1993	1994 1995	
Beans	June 6 - June 23	147	234	171	81	
Cabbage	Spring	May 10 - July 13	3,250	3,074	5,049	3,843
	Fall	October 23 - December 15	*	3,257	3,871	2,270
Corn, Sweet	June 13 - July 18	1,064	1,242	1,344	1,277	
Cucumbers	June 3 - July 5	2,238	3,101	657	4,178	
Eggplant	June 27 - July 6	28	44	78	68	
Peppers, Bell	June 12 - July 17	2,151	1,917	1,906	1,369	
Squash	June 3 - July 3	165	220	268	179	

* Unavailable

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA PACKING HOUSE PRICES

F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS

CABBAGE

DATE	ROUND GREEN 50 lb cartons (med-lge)	RED 50 lb cartons (med-lge)	SAVOY 40 lb cartons (med-lge)	ROUND GREEN 50 lb sacks (lge)
SPRING CROP				
MAY 22	6.50-7.00	-	11.00-13.00	-
24	6.00-7.00	14.00-15.00	12.00-14.00	5.50
25	6.00-7.00	12.00-15.00	11.00-13.00	5.50
26	6.00-7.00	12.50-15.00	10.00-12.00	5.50
30	6.00-6.50	11.00-15.00	11.00-12.00	5.50
31	6.00-6.50	11.00-15.00	11.00-12.00	5.00-5.50
JUNE 1	6.00-6.50	11.00-15.00	10.00-12.00	5.00-5.50
2	6.00-6.50	11.00-15.00	10.00-12.00	5.00-5.50
5	6.00-6.50	11.00-15.00	10.00-12.00	5.00-5.50
6	6.00-6.50	11.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	5.00-5.50
8	6.00-6.50	10.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	5.00
9	6.00-6.50	10.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	5.00
12	5.00-6.00	10.00-12.00	7.00- 9.00	4.00-4.50
13	5.00-5.50	10.00-11.00	7.00- 9.00	4.00-4.50
14	5.00	10.00-11.00	7.00- 8.00	too few
15	5.00	9.00-11.00	7.00- 9.00	too few
16	5.00	8.00-10.00	5.00- 6.00	3.50-4.00
19	5.00	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 8.00	too few
20	4.50-5.00	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 8.00	too few
21	4.50	-	-	-
22	4.50	-	-	-

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA PACKING HOUSE PRICES

F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS

CABBAGE

DATE	ROUND GREEN	RED	SAVOY	ROUND GREEN
	50 lb cartons	50 lb cartons	40 lb cartons	50 lb sacks
	(med-lge)	(med-lge)	(med-lge)	(lge)
FALL CROP				
NOV 1	5.00-5.75	6.50-7.50	5.00-6.00	4.50-5.00
2	5.00-5.50	6.50-7.00	5.00-5.50	4.50
3	5.00	6.50-7.00	5.00-5.50	4.50
6	5.00-5.50	6.50-7.00	5.00-5.50	4.00-4.50
7	5.00-5.50	6.00-7.00	5.00-7.00	4.00-4.50
8	5.00-5.50	6.00-7.00	5.00-7.00	3.50-4.50
9	5.00-5.50	6.00-7.00	5.00-7.00	3.50-4.50
13	5.50-6.00	6.50-7.00	6.00-7.00	3.50-4.50
14	5.50-6.00	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	3.50-4.50
15	5.50-6.50	6.00-7.00	5.00-7.00	3.50-4.50
16	6.00-7.00	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	4.00-5.00
17	6.50-7.00	6.50-7.00	6.00-6.50	4.00-5.00
20	6.50-7.00	6.50-7.00	6.00-6.50	4.00-5.00
21	6.50-7.00	6.00-7.00	5.50-7.00	4.00-5.00
22	7.00-7.50	6.50-7.00	5.50-7.00	4.00-5.00
27	7.00-8.00	6.50-7.00	6.00-7.00	4.00-5.00
28	7.00-7.50	6.50-7.00	6.00-7.00	3.50-4.00
29	7.00	6.00-7.00	6.00-6.50	3.50-4.00
30	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	6.00	3.50-4.00
DEC 1	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	6.00	3.50-4.00
4	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	6.00	-
5	6.00	6.00-6.50	-	-
6	6.00	6.00-6.50	5.00-6.00	-
7	6.00	6.00-6.50	5.00-6.00	-
8	5.50-6.00	6.00-6.50	5.00-6.00	-
11	6.00	6.00-6.50	-	-

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA PACKING HOUSE PRICES

F.O.B. PRICES SHIPPING POINT BASIS

CORN

(CRATES 4-4 1/2 DOZEN)

DATE	YELLOW	WHITE
JUNE 29	8.00	10.00-12.50
30	8.00	10.00-12.50
JULY 3	8.00	10.00-12.00
5	8.00	8.00-10.00
6	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
7	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00
8	-	-
9	-	-
10	6.00- 7.00	-
11	6.00- 7.00	-
12	6.00	-
13	6.00	-
14	5.00- 6.00	-
17	5.00- 6.00	-
18	5.00- 5.50	-

CUCUMBERS

(1 1/9 Bushel Cartons, Waxed)

DATE	MEDIUM	FAIR QUALITY	SMALL	CARTON 24S
JUNE 7	10.00-11.00	-	7.00- 8.00	3.00
8	11.00-12.00	-	8.00-10.00	-
9	10.00-12.00	8.00- 9.00	8.00-10.00	3.00-3.50
12	14.00	-	12.00	4.00-4.50
13	14.00	-	10.00-12.00	4.00-4.50
14	14.00-16.00	8.00-10.00	12.00-14.00	4.00-4.50
15	16.00-18.35	8.00-10.00	12.00-14.00	3.00-5.00
16	16.00-18.35	8.00-10.00	12.00-14.00	4.00-5.00
19	16.00-18.35	-	-	-
20	16.00-18.00	10.00	-	4.00-5.00
21	16.00-18.00	10.00	-	4.00-5.00
22	16.00-18.00	10.00-10.35	-	-

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA PACKING HOUSE PRICES

F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis

PEPPERS, CALIFORNIA WONDER TYPE GREEN

(1 1/9 bushel cartons)

Date	Extra-large	Large	Medium	Small
June 26	14.00-14.35	12.00-12.35	10.00	-
27	14.00-14.35	10.00-10.35	8.00-10.00	-
28	-	-	-	-
29	10.00-10.35	8.00-10.35	6.00- 8.00	-
30	10.00-10.35	7.00- 8.35	6.00- 7.00	-
July 3	10.00-10.35	7.00- 8.35	6.00- 6.35	6.00- 7.00

SQUASH

(1/2 bushel cartons and crates)

Date	Zucchini		Yellow Straightneck	
	small-medium	medium-large	small-medium	medium-large
June 8	8.00-12.00	6.60- 8.00	10.00-12.00	-
9	8.00-10.00	6.00- 8.00	10.00-12.50	8.00-10.00
12	10.00	8.00	10.00	8.00
13	10.00	8.00	10.00	8.00
14	11.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	11.00-12.00	9.00-10.00

MARKETING EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA POTATOES

PRODUCTION - According to the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Statistics, growers in the spring of 1995 harvested 16,500 acres of potatoes, slightly below 1994's acreage of 17,000 acres. Yield per acre was 185 hundredweight (cwt) which was higher than 1994's yield of 180 cwt. Total potato production of 3,053 thousand cwt was slightly below 1994's production of 3,060 thousand cwt.

GROWING AND HARVESTING - Potatoes grown in eastern North Carolina are generally Round White varieties used for both chip and table purposes with the chip stock the dominant usage, but a few Round Reds and Russets are grown for table use. Potatoes are generally grown in the coastal areas of North Carolina from the Beaufort area north to Elizabeth City area. A limited supply of Round Reds are grown in the Faison area.

Planting of the crop began the first week of March and was slightly delayed due to rain. By the end of March planting activity increased and was 79 percent complete which was higher than the previous year's 55 percent and the average of 62 percent. Planting was generally complete by the week ending April 24.

Harvest began about June 18 under good conditions. As a matter of fact, while the rest of eastern North Carolina was getting hammered with rain, the fields in the Elizabeth City area were beginning to harden because of a lack of moisture. Harvest progressed smoothly with the help of seasonal thunder showers and was generally complete by the end of July.

MARKETING -

Table - Packed in 50 pound sacks, baled 5-10 pound sacks, and baled 10-5 pound sacks. The first report on Round Whites U.S. No. One, Size A was on June 19. The 50 pound sacks were 6.00-7.00, baled 5-10 pound sacks were 7.50-8.60, and baled 10-5 pound sacks were 8.50-9.60. The prices declined slowly but steadily until the season ended July 25. 50 pound sacks were 3.50-4.00, baled 5-10 pound sacks were 6.00-6.50.

Chip - These are sold bulk per hundred weight and sold mostly on a contract basis. The first report of the season on the Atlantic type 85% or better U.S. No. One 1 1/2 or 1 5/8 inch and up unwashed was on June 27 at 6.00-6.75 mostly 6.00-6.50. On July 3 it was 6.00-6.50 where it remained until the last report on July 25.

TRANSPORTATION - Trucks are the main commercial means to transport the potato crop. Shipments of table stock potatoes reported to the Market News Service totaled 6,579 10,000 lb. units during the reporting period. Movement was fairly steady through the selling season with no peak periods noted. Shipment of chip potatoes reported to the Market News Service amounted to 14,090 10,000 lb. units during the reporting period.

MARKETING EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA POTATOES

F.O.B SHIPPING POINT PRICES

TABLE STOCK-50 LB. SACKS

POTATOES FOR PROCESSING

U.S.#1 SIZE A WASHED

CONTRACT PRICES
BULK PER CWT 85% OR BETTER

ROUND WHITES

U.S.#1 ROUND WHITES, UNWASHED

50 lb Sacks Baled 5-10 lb Sacks Baled 10-5 lb Sacks 1 7/8 INCH MINIMUM

DATE

June 19	6.00-7.00	7.50-8.60	8.50- 9.60	-
20	6.00-7.00	7.50-8.60	8.50- 9.50	-
	mostly 7.00	mostly 8.50	mostly 9.50	-
21	6.00	7.50	8.50	-
22	6.00	7.50	8.50	-
23	6.00	7.50	8.50	-
26	6.00	7.50	8.50	-
27	5.00-5.50	6.50	7.50	6.00-6.75
	mostly 5.00			mostly 6.00-6.50
28	5.00	6.50	7.50	6.00-6.75
				mostly 6.00-6.50
29	5.00	6.50	7.50	6.00-6.75
				mostly 6.00-6.50
30	5.00	6.50	7.50	6.00-6.75
				mostly 6.00-6.50
July 3	5.00	6.50	7.50	6.00-6.50
5	4.75-5.00	6.25-6.50	7.25- 7.50	6.00-6.50
6	4.75-5.00	6.25-6.50	7.25- 7.50	6.00-6.50
7	4.50-5.00	6.00-6.50	7.00- 7.50	6.00-6.50
		few 5.75		
8	-	-	-	-
9	-	-	-	-
10	4.50-4.75	6.00-6.25	7.00- 7.25	6.00-6.50
	few 5.00			
11	4.50-4.75	6.00-6.25	7.00- 7.25	6.00-6.50
	few 5.00			
12	4.50-4.75	6.00-6.25	7.00- 7.25	6.00-6.50
	few 5.00			
13	4.50	6.00	7.00	6.00-6.50
14	4.50	6.00	7.00	6.00-6.50
17	4.00-4.50	5.50-6.00	6.50- 7.00	6.00-6.50
18	4.00	5.50	6.50	6.00-6.50
19	4.00	5.50-6.00	6.50- 7.00	6.00-6.50
20	4.00	5.50-6.00	6.50- 7.00	6.00-6.50
21	4.00	5.50-6.00	6.50- 7.00	6.00-6.50
24	3.50-4.00	5.00-5.50	6.00- 6.50	6.00-6.50
25	3.50-4.00	5.00-5.50	6.00- 6.50	6.00-6.50

MARKETING SOUTH CAROLINA VEGETABLES 1995 CROP

SOUTH CAROLINA TOMATOES

Production - The fresh market tomato crop is located primarily in Beaufort and Charleston counties. According to the South Carolina Agricultural Statistics Service, harvested acreage in 1995 totaled 3,800 acres compared to 3,500 acres in 1994 and 3,200 acres in 1993. Yield per acre was established at 210 hundredweight (cwt.) compared to 300 cwt. in 1994 and 360 cwt. in 1993. Total tomato production amounted to 79.8 million pounds, 105.0 million pounds in 1994, and 115.2 million pounds in 1993. Value of production in 1995 was estimated at 31.12 million dollars compared to 35.70 million dollars in 1994 and 40.32 million dollars in 1993.

Weather and Crop - Initial transplanting of the 1995 season was in mid March. By the end of June sixty-five percent of the crop was harvested. Harvested was slow the first couple of days of July, but quickly resumed to its normal pace.

Marketing - The first F.O.B. shipping point report was issued on June 9. Opening prices for 25 lb cartons mature greens 85% U.S. one or better were \$9.00-11.00, mostly \$10.00 for extra large, large and medium. These prices were the same as last year this time. The prices began to incline the following week reaching a high of \$16.00 on all sizes. The following week prices opened at \$18.00-20.00 on all sizes but began to weaken as the week progressed. Market decline continued for the remainder of the season. The last report was issued on June 29 returning \$14.00 on extra large, \$12.00 on large, and \$11.00-12.00 on medium.

Transportation - The South Carolina tomato crop is primarily transported by trucks. One truck load contains 1,600 25 lb cartons. In 1995, approximately 1,638 truckload equivalents and 5 rail trucks were shipped, compared to 1,758 truckload equivalents and 3 by rail in 1994.

Packaging - Tomatoes are mostly packed in twenty-five pound cartons.

MARKETING SOUTH CAROLINA VEGETABLES 1995 CROP

CONTINUED

SOUTH CAROLINA TOMATOES CONTINUED

Date		85 % or more U. S. # 1		
		extra large	large	medium
SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS				
June	9	9.00-11.00	9.00-11.00	9.00-11.00
	12	-	-	-
	13	16.00	16.00	16.00
	14	16.00	16.00	16.00
	15	16.00	16.00	16.00
	16	16.00	16.00	16.00
	19	-	-	-
	20	18.00-20.00	17.00-19.00	16.00-17.00
	21	18.00-20.00	17.00	16.00
	22	18.00-19.00	17.00	16.00
	23	19.00	17.00	16.00
	26	17.00-18.00	15.00-16.00	13.00-14.00
	27	16.00-17.00	15.00-16.00	14.00-16.00
	28	14.00	12.00	11.00-12.00
	29	14.00	12.00	11.00-12.00

WHOLESALE PRICES FROM SELECTED TERMINAL MARKETS FOR THE 1995 SEASON

ATLANTA

June	13	11.50	12.00	-
	19	12.00-14.50	12.00-14.50	-
	26	17.00-20.50	16.00-20.50	16.00-20.50
July	3	17.00-18.50	15.00-16.00	14.50-16.00

CHICAGO

June	13	-	-	-
	19	18.00-19.00	18.00-19.00	-
	26	18.00	18.00	16.00
July	3	15.00-16.00	14.00-15.00	-

NEW YORK CITY

June	13	12.00-14.00	-	-
	19	15.00-16.00	13.00	-
	26	18.00-20.00	18.00-19.00	-
July	3	13.00-15.00	13.00-14.00	-