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MARKETING WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK CARROTS
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Units for vegetable estimates changed. In this annual summary as well as in all future releases, yield and production estimates for fresh market vegetables are on a weight basis.

UNITED STATES

The acreage planted to carrots during 1956 was less than 1955 and the 6-year (1949-54) average. During 1956, 77,890 acres were planted as compared with 79,230 acres in 1955, while the 6-year average was 82,760 acres. Yields for the country were higher, 200 cwt. per acre during 1956 as compared with 180 cwt. in 1955, while the 6-year average was 183 cwt. Although the acreage was lower than last year, yields higher, a total production of 15,574,000 cwt. as compared with 14,293,000 cwt. in 1955, while the 6-year (1949-54) average was estimated at 14,979,000 cwt. These figures include productions for processing and for dehydration.

NEW YORK STATE

The acreage planted to carrots both for fresh market and for processing this season was estimated at 3,300 acres, slightly more than the 3,000 acres planted in 1955, but considerably lower than the 6-year (1949-54) average of 4,200 acres. Yields this season were estimated at 320 cwt. per acre as compared with 290 cwt. during 1955, while the 6-year average for the State was only 283 cwt. Total production this season was estimated at 1,056,000 cwt. as compared with 870,000 cwt. in 1955, while the 6-year average was 1,189,000 cwt.

After the cool, wet weather of April and May, June was comparatively warm and dry. Temperatures averaged slightly above normal during most of the month with a hot spell during the week ending June 16. Total rainfall was well below normal for June in most areas. During July the weather was cool and wet in most of the carrot growing areas, and this delayed planting to some extent. At the end of July condition of the carrot crop was fairly good although some fields had thin stands due to excess water damage and high temperatures when the plants were small.

The demand for 50 pound sacks of washed Coreless was very light throughout the season, and f.o.b. sales ranged from \$1.20-1.50 as compared with \$1.50-2.50 during the 1955 season. Bulk Red Core Chantenays sold from \$20.00-26.00 per ton as compared with \$35.00-55.00 during the 1955 season. Prices paid growers for both Coreless and Red Core Chantenays was much lower than a year ago. This season prices ranged from \$18.00-25.00 per ton as compared with \$25.00-60.00 last season. In recent years some growers have changed to the Imperator variety especially for consumer-type packages, although Coreless are used to some extent. Prepackaging is on the increase at shipping points. This season a few shippers pay as high as \$40.00 per ton for small Imperators for prepackaging.

PROCESSING

Processors continue to reduce their contracted acreage. This season they paid from \$18.00-25.00 per ton for Red Core Chantenays which was about the same as last season but the open market prices at the end of 1955 season reached as high as \$50.00-65.00 per ton.

CARROTS ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION 1956 WITH COMPARISONS 1/

SEASONAL GROUP AND STATE	ACRES FOR HARVEST			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
	6-year average 1949-54	1955	1956	6-year average 1949-54	1955	1956	6-year average 1949-54	1955	1956
	-- Acres --			-- Cwt. --			-- 1,000 cwt. --		
<u>Winter</u>									
Florida	80	---	---	100	---	---	2/ 8	---	---
Louisiana	410	---	---	30	---	---	12	---	---
Texas	27,500	29,500	28,000	87	95	120	2/ 2,390	2,802	3,360
Arizona	2,680	2,400	900	189	175	160	2/ 513	2/ 420	144
California	9,580	7,300	6,400	223	225	240	2/ 2,079	1,642	1,536
Group total	40,260	39,200	35,300	127	124	143	5,001	4,864	5,040
<u>Spring</u>									
Arizona	2,730	2,900	2,400	224	150	180	610	435	432
<u>Early Summer</u>									
California	6,900	7,800	7,500	258	245	265	1,767	1,911	1,988
<u>Late Summer</u>									
Massachusetts	500	400	450	164	140	170	82	56	76
New Jersey	1,230	1,700	1,800	179	180	270	229	306	486
Ohio	830	450	300	251	250	255	210	112	76
Colorado	1,550	1,900	2,000	126	130	135	195	247	270
Group total	4,120	4,450	4,550	174	162	200	715	721	908
<u>Early Fall</u>									
Massachusetts	480	550	600	191	150	200	92	82	120
New York	4,200	3,000	3,300	283	290	320	2/ 1,189	870	1,056
Pennsylvania	1,130	850	850	180	185	240	200	157	204
Illinois	1,770	900	800	221	232	250	392	209	200
Michigan	3,070	2,300	2,000	248	230	225	2/ 765	529	450
Wisconsin	2,450	2,100	2,200	243	265	310	596	556	682
Minnesota	650	650	650	243	175	260	156	114	169
Texas	---	1,000	3,400	---	165	160	---	165	544
Idaho 3/	270	230	280	115	110	80	31	25	2/ 22
New Mexico	2,270	1,800	1,300	179	190	150	410	342	195
Utah	470	200	360	173	170	160	81	34	58
Washington	1,250	1,100	1,200	264	330	355	331	363	426
Oregon	1,130	1,000	1,200	313	340	400	360	340	480
Group total	18,910	15,680	18,140	242	241	254	4,575	3,786	4,606
<u>Late Fall</u>									
California	9,850	9,200	10,000	236	280	260	2,312	2,576	2,600
ALL STATES	82,760	79,230	77,890	183	180	200	14,979	14,293	15,574

- 1/ Mostly for fresh market but includes production for processing and for dehydration.
- 2/ Includes some quantities not marketed and excluded in computing value: Winter- Arizona 116,000 cwt. in 1955; Early Fall- Idaho 5,000 cwt. in 1956.
- 3/ Short-time average, 1954 only.

CARROT SHIPMENTS OF CARROTS BY STATES AND MONTHS CALENDAR YEAR 1956

State	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Arizona, Phoenix	44	15	17	44	247	559	195	8	-	-	4	21	1154
Arizona, Yuma	30	1	4	10	15	15	-	-	-	-	1	16	92
California N.D.	5	11	1	-	-	7	3	-	-	1	22	11	61
California S.D.	140	88	55	72	166	172	181	122	71	87	97	106	1357
California C.D.	68	48	5	17	24	597	999	588	557	608	680	460	4651
California I.V.	152	214	281	385	608	234	-	-	-	-	4	70	1948
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	32	41	45	15	-	134
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	9	4	7	5	29
Michigan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	9	4	1	-	16
Nevada	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	42	133	122	34	9	340
New York	40	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	78
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	8	1	10
Texas	861	1562	1599	1195	859	170	1	20	28	24	147	276	6742
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15	57	13	17	-	102
TOTAL U.S.	1340	1977	1962	1723	1919	1755	1380	833	905	909	1037	975	16715

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F.O.B. PRICES AT WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK SHIPPING POINT

Week Ending Friday	Sales f.o.b. shipping point and delivered sales, shipping point basis	Bulk per ton,	Shippers price to growers: bulk per ton,	
	50 lb. sacks, topped washed, Coreless	Red Core Chantenays	Coreless	Red Core Chantenays
Oct. 12	1.50	25.00-26.00	25.00	
19	1.35-1.50	25.00-26.00	25.00	20.00
26	1.25-1.40	25.00	25.00	18.00-20.00
Nov. 2	1.20-1.30	20.00-25.00	20.00-25.00	18.00-20.00
9	1.25-1.35		20.00	18.00-20.00
16	1.25	23.00	20.00	18.00
23	1.25	20.00-23.00	20.00	18.00-20.00
30	1.25		20.00-25.00	25.00
Dec. 7	1.25		20.00-25.00	
14	1.25		25.00	20.00
21	1.25		20.00-25.00	20.00
28	1.20-1.25		20.00	
Jan. 4	1.25		20.00-25.00	
11	1.25		20.00	
18				
25	1.20-1.25		20.00	
Feb. 1				

WEEKLY JOBBING PRICES NEW YORK STATE CARROTS IMPORTANT MARKETS

Week Ending Friday	NEW YORK CITY			BALTIMORE
	Western & Central Sect. Ctns. 24 1-lb. film bags topped, washed	Orange County Bushel Bskts.	50 lb. sks.	50 lb. sacks topped, washed
Oct. 12		.75-1.00	.75-1.00	
19		.75-1.25	.75	1.25-1.50
26	1.50-1.62 ¹ / ₂	.75-1.00	.75	1.10-1.25
Nov. 2		.75-1.25	.75-1.00	1.25
9		1.00-1.25	.75-.85	1.15-1.25
16		1.25-1.50	1.00-1.25	1.25
23	1.50-1.75	1.25		1.25
30	1.00-1.50	1.00-1.25		
Dec. 7		.75-1.25		1.25
14	1.25-1.50	.75-1.00		1.15-1.25
21	1.25-1.50	.75-1.00		1.10-1.15
28	1.1 ¹ / ₂ -1.25	1.00-1.25		
Jan. 4	1.00-1.25	1.00-1.25		1.15-1.25
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