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SUMMARY OF THE 1946 SEASON

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THE NATIONAL SITUATION

The production of celery in the United States during 1946 was estimated at 22,722,000 (half crates of approximately 65 lbs.) as compared with 19,316,000 crates in 1945 while the ten year (1935-44) average for the country was 16,227,000 crates. This season's production was about 18 percent above the 1945 crop and about 40 percent above the ten year average. In the 8 early fall group of states which comprises New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Colorado, Utah and Washington the production was estimated at 6,033,000 crates as compared with 4,406,000 crates in 1945 and the ten year (1935-44) average of 4,889,000 crates. Nearly all of the important celery producing States showed an increase over 1945. The acreage planted to celery in the United States was 49,300 acres compared with 43,890 acres in 1945 and 39,570 acres for the ten year average.

THE STATE SITUATION

The acreage planted to "Early Fall" celery in New York State this season was estimated at 4,100 acres as compared with 3,700 in 1945 and the ten year (1935-44) average of 4,100 acres. Yields this season was nearly 100 crates per acre more than the ten year (1935-44) average and much higher than during 1945. The average yield this season was estimated at 435 crates as compared with 250 crates in 1945 and the ten year average of 349 crates per acre. The production in 1945 was estimated at 1,784,000 half crates of approximately 65 pounds as compared with 925,000 crates in 1945, while the ten year (1935-44) average yield for the State was 1,423,000 crates.

The quality and condition of the 1946 crop was generally good both for Golden Heart and Pascal varieties. Very little blight and seeders were reported. The weather in general was favorable with the exception of excessive heat during June when hot weather made it necessary to restrict planting to the late afternoons and evenings except on cloudy days.

Marketing the 1946 crop proved a difficult task for New York growers and shippers. The demand was very slow throughout the entire shipping season and prices were the lowest ever recorded during a greater portion of the marketing period. F.o.b. prices on 16 inch crates, individually washed, all sizes, Golden Heart, ranged from \$1.25-1.75 from the beginning of the season through November 1, 1946. After stock began moving from cold storage a few sales were made \$1.60-3.00; 2/3 crates, in the rough, from cold storage sold from \$.50-1.50. Thousands of crates were never harvested and were plowed under during the season. Growers lost heavily and did not realize the cost of production at any time during the season. Prices paid growers, net per packed out crate, with buyer furnishing crate, cutting and hauling ranged from 10 to 35 cents per crate as compared with \$1.00-3.00 during the 1945 season.

Because of the extremely low prices, growers started storing earlier than in 1945, but holdings did not reach the peak until November 1, when 278,233 crates were reported in cold storage. Several thousand crates were reported dumped from cold storages in December and January because of the light demand. Cold storage holdings by weeks for the past seven seasons will be found on another page in this summary.

Through January 11, 1947 a total of 1,590 cars had moved from the 1946 crop. While no official estimates are available it is generally believed that the movement by truck this season was much heavier than usual.

ACREAGE, YIELD PER ACRE AND PRODUCTION 1946 WITH COMPARISONS

SEASONAL GROUP AND STATE	CELERY (For Market): COMMERCIAL CROP 1/								
	10-yr.3/ average 1935-44	ACREAGE		YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
		1945	1946	10-yr. av.3/ 35-44	1945	1946	10-yr.3/ average 1935-44	1945	1946
		-Acres-		-Crates4/-			-1,000 crates4/-		
Winter:									
Florida.....	5,060	6,800	8,550	523	545	497	5/2,636	5/3,706	5/4,249
California....	1,780	1,800	2,500	683	750	625	1,213	1,350	1,562
Arizona.....	---	250	930	---	805	475	---	201	442
Group Total...	6,840	8,850	11,980	565	594	522	3,849	5,257	6,253
Spring:									
Florida.....	2,510	4,250	4,900	475	425	447	5/1,186	5/1,806	5/2,190
California....	1,520	1,800	2,250	820	960	840	1,235	1,728	1,890
Group total...	4,030	6,050	7,150	602	584	571	2,421	3,534	4,080
Summer:									
New York.....	430	650	700	386	325	400	176	211	280
New Jersey....	1,170	1,000	1,200	244	250	270	285	250	324
Ohio.....	1,240	850	890	440	450	475	542	382	423
Michigan.....	2,020	2,000	2,200	467	475	500	952	950	1,100
Indiana.....	40	---	---	245	---	---	9	---	---
Oregon.....	490	580	440	560	410	530	273	238	233
Group total...	5,400	5,080	5,430	415	400	435	2,243	2,031	2,360
Early Fall:									
New York.....	4,100	3,700	4,100	349	250	435	1,423	925	5/1,784
Pennsylvania..	990	550	500	336	360	380	334	198	190
Ohio.....	910	600	660	362	425	425	336	255	280
Indiana.....	90	80	80	342	440	560	30	35	45
Michigan.....	4,290	4,550	4,600	370	440	460	1,608	2,002	2,116
Colorado.....	1,290	1,350	1,800	338	330	340	436	446	5/612
Utah.....	480	410	950	312	700	650	153	287	5/618
Washington....	510	470	700	529	550	555	269	258	388
Group total...	12,660	11,710	13,390	363	376	451	4,589	4,406	6,033
Late Fall:									
California....	10,100	11,700	10,750	298	340	360	3,009	3,978	3,870
Idaho.....	15	---	---	367	---	---	7	---	---
New Jersey....	520	500	600	209	220	210	109	110	126
Group total...	10,640	12,200	11,350	294	335	352	3,125	4,088	3,996
ALL STATES....	39,570	43,890	49,300	409	440	461	16,227	19,316	22,722

1/ Includes celery used for processing.
 2/ Value is for the marketing season or crop year and should not be confused with calendar year income.
 3/ Note that the total 10-year average figures ("group" and "all States") are the averages of the yearly totals, not the sum of the State or group averages.
 4/ Equivalent 1/2 crates of approximately 65 pounds.
 5/ Includes some quantities not marketed and excluded in computing value; Florida, winter-82,000 crates in 1945 and 77,000 in 1946; spring-20,000 in 1945 and 74,000 in 1946; New York, early fall-268,000 in 1945; Colorado-50,000 in 1946; Utah-208,000 in 1946.

CELERY - CARLOT SHIPMENTS IN 1946
BY MONTHS & STATES

STATE	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Arizona	-	7	214	199	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	420
Calif. N. D.	144	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	1051	880	2168
Calif. S. D.	349	341	472	590	776	1081	213	20	-	1	3	79	3925
Calif. C. D.	1069	220	225	26	-	15	83	170	213	503	1138	1361	5023
Calif. Imp. Vly.	-	-	10	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	11
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-	34	44	36	14	4	1	133
Florida	2303	2105	2791	2366	286	295	-	-	-	-	16	478	12540
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Michigan	2	-	-	-	-	34	240	242	171	162	80	15	946
NEW YORK	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	240	419	526	306	93	1586
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	14	118	91	69	120	32	-	444
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	299	245	2	-	562
Virginia N.S.	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	8
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	9	33	46	-	-	91
TOTAL U. S.	3867	2673	3712	3182	2952	1447	693	832	1240	1710	2633	2907	27858

TRUCK SHIPMENTS (INCOMPLETE)

Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	-	5
Florida	130	136	147	69	46	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	533
1/ Obtained from Florida State Mktg. Bureau													
Subject to revision													

CARLOT SHIPMENTS CELERY BY STATES, CALENDAR YEARS 1940-46

STATE	1940.	1941.	1942.	1943.	1944.	1945.	1946.
Arizona	-	-	-	-	44	177	420
California, N.D.	3053	3417	3172	3580	3051	3398	2168
California, S.D.	3717	3267	3548	1396	2016	3266	3925
California, C.D.	2436	2354	2368	2270	3319	3994	5023
California, Imp. V.	-	-	-	2	13	16	11
Colorado	46	42	58	130	136	160	133
Florida	8244	8480	9120	8164	9566	11073	12540
Idaho	39	6	7	33	16	6	1
Illinois	-	-	1	2	1	-	-
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	255	487	587	826	820	1272	946
Minnesota	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEW YORK	1146	1167	2326	1786	2166	1152	1586
Ohio	-	-	-	-	3	1	-
Oregon	622	699	373	467	517	501	444
Pennsylvania	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Utah	5	16	19	185	292	419	562
Virginia, Norfo. Section	65	58	13	7	7	13	8
Washington	346	421	57	121	139	82	91
TOTAL UNITED STATES	19,975	20,414	21,649	18,969	22,106	25,531	27,858

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF CELERY IN WESTERN NEW YORK

(Peak holdings each season underlined)

	<u>1946</u>	<u>1945</u>	<u>1944</u>	<u>1943</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1940</u>
Sept. 27	86,834	44,606	93,090	155,222	214,294	158,005	132,971
Oct. 4	129,270	80,008	184,468	244,497	274,908	216,988	216,591
Oct. 11	200,356	138,012	247,314	295,394	<u>309,724</u>	249,962	<u>282,410</u>
Oct. 18	233,801	<u>168,342</u>	290,610	314,989	306,376	<u>255,101</u>	281,129
Oct. 25	263,779	159,682	<u>295,985</u>	<u>317,827</u>	271,994	232,010	270,230
Nov. 1	<u>278,233</u>	132,590	266,654	303,392	218,465	200,307	242,154
Nov. 8	270,881	115,642	207,362	269,152	150,020	134,440	187,162
Nov. 15	236,391	79,387	130,615	200,519	65,815	100,131	134,873
Nov. 22	190,631	64,536	98,809	155,969	41,442	83,904	106,778
Nov. 29	167,538	51,736	80,102	152,622	26,264	70,452	89,857
Dec. 6	149,319	---	62,228	127,159	---	50,627	67,398
Dec. 13	125,693	---	---	90,945	---	---	41,869
Dec. 20	99,204	---	---	---	---	---	---

Figures shown are for dates listed for 1946 and corresponding weeks in previous seasons.

WEEKLY CARLOT SHIPMENTS
OF CELERY
WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK SHIPPING POINT INFORMATION
AND
SHIPPERS PRICE TO GROWERS

Week Ending	Carlot Shipments		Sales f.o.b. shipping point and delivered sales, shipping point basis.		Shippers price to growers: 2/3 crates in the rough, for washing, net per packed out crate, buyer furnishing crate, cutting and hauling
	N.Y.	Total U.S.	16 inch wirebound crates trimmed, tops, individually washed, all sizes	2/3 crates in the rough	
1946 Aug. 30	82	220	1.35-1.50		.15- .45
Sept. 6	95	228	1.35-1.60		.10- .25
13	103	253	1.25-1.60		.10- .25
20	118	300	1.25-1.60		.15- .20
27	107	359	1.25-1.60		.10- .20
Oct. 4	97	380	1.50-1.75		.10- .35
11	167	418	1.50-1.90		.20- .35
18	119	348	1.50-1.75		.15- .25
25	102	348	1.50-1.75		.15- .25
Nov. 1	92	420	1.50-1.75		.15- .25
8	65	618	1.60-2.00	1.40-1.50	.20
15	88	979	2.25-3.00	1.35-1.50 #	
22	92	491	2.50-3.00	1.00-1.50	
29	16	392			
Dec. 6	24	721		.65-1.25	
13	35	941		.60-1.00	
20	26	631			
27	8	309		.50-1.00	

Starting November 12 prices are for cold storage stock on 2/3 crates.

SUMMARY OF CARLOT SHIPMENTS - NEW YORK AND COMPETING STATES

Week Ending	NEW YORK	MICHIGAN	CALIFORNIA	FLORIDA
Aug. 3	3	57	46	-
Aug. 10	43	58	41	-
Aug. 17	36	47	35	-
Aug. 24	72	48	35	-
Aug. 31	82	45	50	-
Sept. 7	95	35	44	-
Sept. 14	103	32	41	-
Sept. 21	118	44	44	-
Sept. 28	107	41	72	-
Oct. 5	97	47	95	-
Oct. 12	167	39	91	-
Oct. 19	119	25	104	-
Oct. 26	102	33	147	-
Nov. 2	92	30	257	-
Nov. 9	65	20	53	-
Nov. 16	88	20	850	-
Nov. 23	92	24	370	-
Nov. 30	16	7	355	14
Dec. 7	24	6	629	62
Dec. 14	35	6	799	101
Dec. 21	26	2	453	150
Dec. 28	8	1	245	55
Jan. 4	6	1	427	281

WHOLESALE PRICES NEW YORK CELERY IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

(Prices given below are from Monday through Friday, inclusive)

NEW YORK CITY			BALTIMORE	
Week Ending 1946	Western New York,	Golden Heart	Golden Heart	
	16 inch crates trimmed tops individually washed	2/3 crates in the rough	16 inch crates, trimmed tops, individually washed	2/3 crates in the rough
	-2 to 10 dozen-		-all sizes-	
Aug. 30	.75-2.00		1.50-1.75	1.25-1.75
Sept. 6	1.00-2.25	1.00-1.50	1.50-1.75	1.25-1.75
13	1.00-2.25		1.50-2.25	1.25-1.75
20	.75-2.25	1.50-1.75	1.50-2.00	1.25-1.75
27	1.00-2.50		1.00-1.75	1.00-1.75
Oct. 4	1.25-3.00	2.00-2.50	1.50-2.75	1.50-2.25
11	1.50-3.00		2.00-2.75	1.50-2.50
18	1.40-2.25		1.50-2.25	1.00-2.25
25	1.75-2.00		1.25-1.75	1.00-2.00
Nov. 1	1.30-2.50	1.50-2.00	1.75-2.25	1.75-2.50
8	2.00-3.75	2.75-3.00	1.50-2.25	1.75
15	2.50-3.50	2.25-2.50	2.00-2.75	2.25-2.50
22	2.50-3.00	2.00-3.00	2.00-3.25	1.25-2.50
29		.75-1.00	1.75-2.00	1.75-2.00
Dec. 6		1.00#		1.25-2.00
13		.50-.75#	1.00-1.50#	1.00-2.00##
20		1.00-1.75##		1.00-2.00##
27				1.00-1.50 ord.cond.

Includes poor to ordinary condition.
Includes some wasty.

Includes fair quality and condition.
According to quality and condition.

PHILADELPHIA

Week Ending 1946	Golden Heart	
	16 inch crates trimmed tops individually washed, all sizes	2/3 crates in the rough
	-Street and Terminal sales-	
Aug. 30	1.00-2.50	
Sept. 6	1.25-2.25	
13	1.00-2.25	
20	1.00-2.00	
27	1.25-2.50	
Oct. 4	1.75-2.50	
11	1.50-3.00	
18	1.25-2.50	
25	1.00-2.50	
Nov. 1	1.00-1.50	
8	1.25-3.00	
15	1.75-2.50	
22		2.25-2.75
29	2.00-3.00	1.00-1.25
Dec. 6		1.00-1.50
13		1.25-1.50
20		1.50-1.75
27		