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MARKETING WESTERN NEW YORK CELERY - 1956

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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 celery during 1956 was larger than during the previous year but slightly below the 6-year (1949-54) average. This season 35,800 acres were planted as compared with 33,040 during 1955, while the 6-year (1949-54) average was 36,530 acres. The yield per acre this season was 442 cwt. as compared with 451 during 1955 and 383 for the 6-year average. Although the yield per acre was lower, the increase in acreage caused a production greater than last year or the 6-year average. This season, total production was estimated at 15,817,000 cwt. as compared with 14,903,000 cwt. in 1955, while the 6-year average for the country was 13,954,000 cwt.

NEW YORK STATE

The acreage planted to celery in New York State this season was estimated at 1,600 as compared with 1,700 during 1955 and the 6-year (1949-54) average of 2,520 acres. Yields were much higher than last year and the 6-year average; 340 cwt. this season as compared with 295 cwt. during 1955 while the 6-year average was 298 cwt. While the production in the State this season was estimated at 544,000 cwt. in comparison with 502,000 cwt. in 1955, the 6-year average was 748,000 cwt.

The weather during April and May was rather wet but June was comparatively warm and dry. Temperatures averaged slightly above normal, and there was a hot spell during the week ending June 16. This warm weather favored rapid growth of late plantings. July was cool and wet in most of the vegetable areas although most crops made good progress during the month. Favorable weather prevailed during September but frosts occurred early in October which did some damage.

At least 85 percent of the celery this season was Pascal, and because of the scarcity of Golden this variety in some instances sold higher than the Pascal. F. o. b. prices at Western New York shipping points were extremely low in comparison with last season - 16 inch wirebound crates 2-3 dozen ranged from \$1.45-2.00 as compared with \$2.50-4.25 during 1955, all sizes this season ranged from \$1.50-2.00 as compared with \$2.25-5.00 during 1955. Bulk of sales made by growers to shippers this season was on a per-acre basis rather than the usual method of net per packed out crate. Growers of celery have profited very little, if any, during the past five or six seasons, and many are switching to other crops. There has been a continual decline in acreage planted since 1950 when 2,400 acres were planted. Reports from growers indicate they intend to cut acreage rather sharply for the 1957 crop.

Cold storage holdings this season reached 49,536 crates on October 12, the lowest on record. Peak holdings during 1955 reached 56,634 crates on October 19. There has been a continual decline for the past three seasons. Prior to 1954, holdings were considerably heavier than during the last three seasons.

During the shipping season only 85 cars moved by rail as compared with 150 during 1955 and 297 during 1954.

CELERY-Commercial Crop for Fresh Market; Acreage, Yield, Production 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	5,970	5,300	6,200	385	483	410	2/2,307	2,560	2,542
Arizona	300	260	260	389	312	400	2/118	81	104
California	2,580	2,500	4,000	473	546	525	1,691	1,911	2,100
Group total	9,850	9,060	10,460	417	502	454	4,115	4,552	4,746
<u>Spring</u>									
Florida	4,120	3,800	3,900	409	429	375	2/1,676	2/1,630	2/1,462
California	2,330	2,800	3,100	743	830	820	1,737	2,324	2,542
Group total	6,450	6,600	7,000	529	599	572	3,413	3,954	4,004
<u>Early Summer</u>									
Massachusetts	330	200	200	185	180	170	60	36	34
New Jersey	640	550	550	223	255	240	143	140	132
Ohio	440	350	350	264	270	285	118	94	100
Michigan	1,330	1,200	1,100	313	351	340	2/415	421	374
California	1,380	1,900	2,600	544	468	510	739	889	2/1,326
Group total	4,130	4,200	4,800	358	376	410	1,474	1,580	1,966
<u>Late Summer</u>									
New York	2,520	1,700	1,600	298	295	340	2/748	502	544
Colorado	950	600	600	302	300	310	2/288	180	186
Washington	420	350	370	288	345	340	2/120	121	126
Oregon	150	70	70	368	330	320	2/53	23	22
Group total	4,030	2,720	2,640	300	304	333	1,207	826	878
<u>Early Fall</u>									
Massachusetts	350	220	250	174	135	145	60	30	36
New Jersey	440	400	450	242	250	225	106	100	101
Pennsylvania	380	250	250	215	198	225	83	50	56
Ohio	460	350	350	243	250	200	113	88	70
Michigan	2,000	1,500	1,400	286	280	320	2/571	420	448
Utah	400	240	200	357	325	360	147	78	72
Group total	4,040	2,960	2,900	268	259	270	1,080	766	783
<u>Late Fall</u>									
California	8,030	7,500	8,000	334	430	430	2,665	3,225	2/3,440
ALL STATES	36,530	33,040	35,800	383	451	442	13,954	14,903	15,817

1/ Mostly for fresh market but includes production used for processing and for dehydration.

2/ Includes some quantities not marketed and excluded in computing value: Spring-Florida 66,000 cwt. in 1955 and 29,000 in 1956; Early Summer-California 296,000 cwt. in 1956; Late Fall-California 150,000 cwt. in 1956.

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF CELERY IN WESTERN NEW YORK

(Peak holdings each season underlined)

Week Ending	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950
Sept. 28	---	---	---	---	---	---	46,631
Oct. 5	42,292	---	54,524	77,731	60,787	64,942	59,868
12	49,536	56,478	<u>83,435</u>	100,725	98,307	94,355	61,988
19	48,445	<u>56,634</u>	<u>61,225</u>	116,195	107,568	108,075	66,802
26	44,751	48,860	47,782	<u>117,863</u>	<u>107,959</u>	114,555	<u>70,084</u>
Nov. 2	---	44,575	---	117,235	94,701	<u>117,502</u>	64,134
9	---	---	---	91,688	81,957	<u>87,097</u>	49,315
16	---	---	---	68,245	67,257	57,945	32,429
23	---	---	---	---	54,284	81,736	---
30	---	---	---	---	---	3,730	---

Figures shown are for dates listed for 1956 and corresponding weeks in previous season.

CARLOT SHIPMENTS CELERY BY STATES, CALENDAR YEARS 1951-56
(Rail and Boat only)

State	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Arizona	371	290	115	343	210	303
California N.	2332	2539	1737	1348	1689	1225
California C.	6594	7676	7122	9292	9354	10227
California S.	5973	5058	8477	7180	7095	8262
Colorado	33	54	25	18	7	5
Florida	10,996	11,684	10,225	10,026	9771	8679
Michigan	72	13	20	28	63	1
New York	511	321	347	297	150	85
Oregon	11	11	--	--	--	--
Utah	377	301	148	203	144	69
Washington	17	1	1	5	14	12
TOTAL U. S.	27,291	27,948	28,217	28,740	28,498	28,868

CARLOT SHIPMENTS CELERY BY STATES AND MONTHS CALENDAR YEAR 1956

State	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Arizona, Phoenix	-	33	225	43	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	302
Arizona, Yuma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
California N.D.	73	34	35	-	-	-	-	-	15	66	787	215	1225
California S.D.	1106	1303	946	852	1559	1854	251	14	-	4	63	310	8262
California C.D.	683	194	7	-	-	691	1280	1156	1054	1691	2161	1310	10227
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	5
Florida	1071	1396	1720	1674	1592	419	2	-	-	7	141	657	8679
Michigan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
New York	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	36	37	-	-	85
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	39	-	-	69
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	-	-	12
TOTAL U.S.	2333	2960	2933	2569	3151	2964	1533	1183	1136	1860	3153	2493	28868

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F. O. B. PRICES CELERY AT WESTERN NEW YORK POINTS

Week Ending 1956	Sales f.o.b. shipping point and delivered sales, shipping point basis		
	16" wirebound crates, trimmed tops, individually washed		
	- Pascal -		
	2-3 dozen	4's smaller	all sizes
Aug. 31	1.75-2.00	1.25-1.75	
Sept. 7	1.60-1.75	1.25-1.75	
14	1.75-1.85	1.50-1.75	
21	1.75-1.85	1.50-1.85	1.75
28	1.65	1.75	1.50-1.75
Oct. 5	1.45-1.50	1.35-1.75	1.50-1.60
12			1.50-2.00
19			1.85-2.00
26		1.75	1.75-2.00
Nov. 2		1.50	

WHOLESALE PRICES NEW YORK CELERY IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

NEW YORK CITY

Week Ending 1956	- Western Section -			
	16" wirebound crates, trimmed tops, individually washed			
	Golden Heart		Pascal	
	2-4 dozen	6 dozen & smlr.	2-3 dozen	4 dozen & smlr
Aug. 31	1.75-3.00	1.75-2.50	1.75-2.50	1.75-2.25
Sept. 7	2.25-3.00	3.25	1.50-2.50	2.00-2.25
14	1.50-3.50	2.50-3.50	2.00-3.00	2.00-2.75
21	1.75-2.50	1.75-2.50	2.00-2.50	1.75-2.25
28	2.25-3.00	2.50	1.50-3.00	1.50-2.00
Oct. 5	2.00-3.00	2.25-3.00	1.50-2.00	1.50-1.75
12	2.50-3.50	3.00-3.50	1.75-3.00	2.25-3.00
19	2.25-3.50	2.50-3.50	2.00-2.50	2.00-2.50
26	2.00-3.00	2.25-3.00	1.75-2.75	1.50-2.75
Nov. 2	2.00-3.00	2.50-3.00	2.00-2.50	

WHOLESALE PRICES NEW YORK STATE CELERY IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

		BALTIMORE		PITTSBURGH
Week Ending 1956		16" wirebound crates, trimmed tops, individually washed		
		- Pascal -		
		2-4 dozen	4 dozen & smlr.	1 1/2-4 dozen
Aug.	31	2.00-2.50	2.25	
Sept.	7	2.00-2.50	1.75-2.50	
	14	1.75-2.50	1.25-2.00	
	21	2.50-2.75		
	28	2.00-2.50		1.75-2.50
Oct.	5	1.75-2.25		1.50-2.25
	12	1.75-2.25		1.50-2.50
	19	2.00-3.00		1.75-2.00
	26	2.00-2.75		1.50-2.00
Nov.	2	2.00-2.75		1.75-2.00

		PHILADELPHIA		
Week Ending 1956		16" wirebound crates, trimmed tops, individually washed		
		Pascal		Golden
		2-4 dozen	6 dozen & smlr.	all sizes
Aug.	31	1.75-2.25		
Sept.	7	1.75-2.50		3.00-3.50
	14	1.75-3.00		2.75-3.00
	21	2.00-2.50		4.00
	28	1.50-2.50	1.50	3.00-3.50
Oct.	5	1.50-2.50	3.00	3.00
	12	2.00-2.50	3.00-3.25	2.50-3.50
	19	2.25-3.00		
	26	1.75-3.00		2.00-3.50
Nov.	2	2.00-2.75		2.75-3.00

CARLOT UNLOADS OF CELERY IN 100 CITIES BY STATES OF ORIGIN DURING 1956

City	Calif.	Florida	Other	Total
Akron, Ohio	17	21	-	38
Albany, New York	292	9	6	307
Altoona, Pa.	177	1	5	183
Amarillo, Texas	1	-	-	1
Atlanta, Ga.	51	11	-	62
Baltimore, Md.	548	288	29	865
Beaumont, Texas	-	-	-	-
Birmingham, Ala.	35	-	-	35
Boston, Mass.	936	566	15	1517
Bridgeport, Conn.	21	40	-	61
Buffalo, N.Y.	546	148	4	698
Butte, Mont.	-	-	-	-
Charleston, S.C.	5	-	-	5
Charleston, W.V.	24	-	-	24
Charlotte, N.C.	21	-	-	21
Chattanooga, Tenn.	8	-	-	8
Chicago, Ill.	1468	657	45	2170
Cincinnati, Ohio	484	222	10	716
Cleveland, Ohio	797	325	12	1134
Columbia, S.C.	22	-	-	22
Columbus, Ohio	308	56	13	377
Dallas, Texas	15	-	-	15
Davenport, Iowa	43	10	1	54
Dayton, Ohio	60	2	1	63
Decatur, Ill.	15	7	-	22
Denver, Colo.	16	11	-	27
Des Moines, Iowa	91	-	6	97
Detroit, Mich.	1045	440	19	1504
Duluth, Minn.	86	-	-	86
El Paso, Texas	1	-	-	1
Evansville, Ind.	15	1	-	16
Flint, Mich.	98	4	3	105
Fort Wayne, Ind.	118	-	1	119
Fort Worth, Texas	5	-	-	5
Grand Rapids, Mich.	184	31	9	224
Hartford, Conn.	110	124	1	235
Houston, Texas	128	3	-	131
Huntington, W. Va.	26	4	2	32
Indianapolis, Ind.	357	51	4	412
Jackson, Miss.	-	-	-	-
Jacksonville, Fla.	78	1	-	79
Kansas City, Mo.	244	23	5	272
Knoxville, Tenn.	4	-	-	4
Lexington, Ky.	1	3	-	4
Lincoln, Nebr.	-	-	-	-
Little Rock, Ark.	6	-	-	6
Los Angeles, Calif.	20	-	-	20
Louisville, Ky.	118	50	10	178
Lubbock, Texas	-	-	-	-
Madison, Wis.	90	1	3	94
Memphis, Tenn.	27	-	2	29
Miami, Fla.	56	-	-	56
Milwaukee, Wis.	372	24	16	412
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.	747	2	19	768
Mobile, Ala.	1	-	-	1
Nashville, Tenn.	39	4	1	44
Newark, N.J.	144	55	3	202
New Haven, Conn.	34	22	-	56
New Orleans, La.	134	5	1	140
New York, N.Y.	2144	1294	21	3459
Norfolk, Va.	44	3	-	47
Oakland, Calif.	-	-	-	-
Oklahoma City, Okla.	12	1	13	26
Omaha, Nebr.	10	-	-	10
Peoria, Ill.	35	-	-	35
Philadelphia, Pa.	1723	521	53	2297
Phoenix, Ariz.	6	-	-	6
Pittsburgh, Pa.	1034	229	20	1283
Portland, Maine	6	13	-	19

CARLOT UNLOADS OF CELERY 1956 (Continued)

City	Calif.	Florida	Other	Total
Portland, Oreg.	52	4	6	62
Providence, R.I.	187	-	3	194
Raleigh, N.C.	27	-	-	27
Richmond, Va.	73	1	-	74
Roanoke, Va.	24	-	-	24
Rochester, N.Y.	52	56	-	108
St. Louis, Mo.	447	327	6	780
Salt Lake City, Utah	39	9	-	48
San Antonio, Texas	2	-	-	2
San Diego, Calif.	-	-	-	-
San Francisco, Calif.	15	-	-	15
Scranton, Pa.	211	69	7	287
Seattle, Wash.	101	6	2	109
Shreveport, La.	1	-	-	1
Sioux City, Iowa	1	1	-	2
Sioux Falls, S.D.	7	-	-	7
South Bend, Ind.	38	-	4	42
Spokane, Wash.	2	-	-	2
Springfield, Mass.	70	64	-	134
Springfield, Mo.	2	-	-	2
Syracuse, N.Y.	269	16	4	289
Tacoma, Wash.	-	-	-	-
Tampa, Fla.	40	-	-	40
Terre Haute, Ind.	11	-	-	11
Toledo, Ohio	246	20	5	271
Topeka, Kans.	1	-	1	2
Tulsa, Okla.	2	3	2	7
Washington, D.C.	186	132	10	328
Wichita, Kans.	8	18	14	40
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	116	9	2	127
Youngstown, Ohio	152	11	8	171
TOTAL	17,685	6,033	427	24,125

1956 TRUCK UNLOADS IN IMPORTANT CITIES BY STATES OF ORIGIN IN CARLOT EQUIVALENTS

City	Calif.	Fla.	Mich.	N. J.	N. Y.	Ohio	Other	Total
Atlanta, Ga.	3	206	84	-	-	-	1	294
Baltimore, Md.	-	117	-	43	82	9	4	255
Birmingham, Ala.	20	148	64	-	-	-	-	232
Boston, Mass.	-	1	4	6	135	-	152	298
Buffalo, N.Y.	-	9	2	-	51	-	-	62
Chicago, Ill.	-	99	492	-	-	7	32	630
Cincinnati, Ohio	-	15	30	-	2	35	34	116
Cleveland, Ohio	-	3	-	-	3	145	2	153
Dallas, Texas	375	137	3	-	-	-	3	518
Denver, Colo.	124	21	-	-	-	-	134	279
Detroit, Mich.	4	4	103	-	1	-	2	114
Fort Worth, Texas	75	39	-	-	-	-	4	118
Houston, Texas	229	162	-	-	-	-	11	402
Indianapolis, Ind.	-	78	2	-	-	2	4	86
Jackson, Miss.	8	21	8	-	-	-	-	37
Kansas City, Mo.	172	118	-	-	-	-	8	298
Los Angeles, Calif.	9651	-	-	-	-	-	-	9651
Louisville, Ky.	4	26	30	-	-	-	-	60
Milwaukee, Wis.	2	6	37	-	-	-	3	48
Minneapolis-St. Paul, Minn.	99	3	1	-	-	-	9	112
New Orleans, La.	34	220	18	-	-	-	11	283
New York, N.Y.	3	625	2	225	708	-	-	1563
Oakland, Calif.	519	-	-	-	-	-	-	519
Philadelphia, Pa.	-	210	2	120	188	14	19	553
Pittsburgh, Pa.	1	7	-	-	19	65	2	94
Portland, Oreg.	307	-	-	-	-	-	61	368
St. Louis, Mo.	4	29	29	-	-	1	13	76
Salt Lake City, Utah	251	5	-	-	-	-	21	277
San Antonio, Texas	206	140	-	-	-	-	11	357
San Francisco, Calif.	735	-	-	-	-	-	-	735
Seattle, Wash.	326	-	-	-	-	-	245	571
Washington, D.C.	1	123	1	41	58	-	9	233
TOTAL	13,153	2,572	912	435	1,247	278	795	19,392