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(Green Wrap)

T O M A T O E S

SUMMARY OF THE 1943 SEASON

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BRIEF REVIEW OF THE 1943 SEASON

The marketing of "Green Wrap" Tomatoes in western and central New York continues to increase in volume season after season. From a modest beginning about ten or twelve years ago until the present time shipments increased each season and during 1943 shipping period approximately 400 cars moved. Nearly all varieties grown in this section are suitable for green wrapping, however, most shippers prefer Rutgers, Marglobes, Stokesdales. The John Baer variety is the least desirable of all and many shippers do not use them for green wrapping. For "Green Wrapping" the tomatoes are picked green, and sent to central packing sheds where they are graded, sized, wrapped in paper and packed by expert packers into standard tomato lugs weighing approximately 30 pounds. The usual load for a refrigerator car is approximately 600 lugs. The green, firm, tomatoes are suitable for shipment in refrigerator cars and trucks to all parts of the United States. Each season sees a wider distribution of the crop from western and central New York. During the 1943 season shippers reported cars moving to points in Texas, Louisiana, Florida, Alabama, Georgia, the Carolinas and other mid-western States as well as to points in the northeastern states. The "Green Wrap" season usually starts in late August and continues until the first heavy frost which usually takes place early in October, approximately 6-8 weeks.

The demand for "Green Wrap" tomatoes during the past season was quite active until about the end of the season, when, due to poor quality caused by too much rain the demand fell off sharply. F.o.b. prices on U.S.No.1, stock in lugs, sizes 6 x 6, ranged from \$1.50-2.00 throughout the season, while No.2's of all sizes brought from \$1.15-1.40. The price paid the growers by shippers ranged from \$50.00-60.00 per ton for U.S.No.1, stock and \$25.00-30.00 per ton for U.S.No.2's.

The total COMMERCIAL production of tomatoes in New York State this season was reported to be 2,070,000 bushels as compared with 1,886,000 bushels in 1942. The ten year (1932-41) average for the State was 1,580,000 bushels. Yields per acre this season were slightly higher, 225 bushels per acre as compared with 205 bushels in 1942. The acreage planted in 1943 was reported to be 9,200, the same as in 1942. The average acreage planted during the ten year period (1932-41) was only 7,390. According to the U.S. Crop Reporting Board the total value of the COMMERCIAL crop for the State was estimated to be \$2,691,000 and for the PROCESSING crop \$3,370,000 for 1943.

In addition to the processing market and the green wrap market large quantities of ripe tomatoes moved from growers on farms and in the market garden areas of the State to dealers and consumers in the larger cities and towns of the State.

A daily market report on "Green Wrap" tomatoes was issued during the shipping season. This report showed the F.o.b. prices at Western and central New York shipping points as well as the carlot movement by States for the country and prices in the larger terminal markets.

TOMATOES (for Market): COMMERCIAL CROP

ACREAGE, YIELD PER ACRE, AND PRODUCTION FOR 1943 WITH COMPARISONS

GROUP AND STATE	ACREAGE			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
	10-year average 1932-41	1942	1943	10-yr. av. 32-41	1942	1943	10-year average 1932-41	1942	1943
Winter:	- Acres -			- Bushel 1/			- 1,000 bushels -		
Florida, south.....	12,710	14,200	5,900	148	116	140	1,870	1,647	826
Early Spring:									
Florida, other.....	15,200	13,300	11,600	77	96	77	1,189	1,277	893
Texas, Lower Vy.....	13,700	22,000	30,000	68	76	76	939	1,672	2,280
California, Imp.....	3,470	6,900	2,750	148	162	196	523	1,118	539
Group total.....	32,370	42,200	44,350	82	96	84	2,651	4,067	3,712
Late Spring:									
Texas, other.....	27,360	27,300	30,300	71	75	72	2/1,942	2,048	2,182
Louisiana.....	2,690	3,100	2,700	81	72	55	2/213	2/223	148
Mississippi.....	9,000	4,800	5,000	104	120	100	2/946	576	500
South Carolina.....	5,140	5,500	7,000	55	70	60	2/279	385	420
Georgia.....	3,380	3,700	3,500	58	90	88	2/207	333	308
Total group.....	47,570	44,400	48,500	75	80	73	3,587	3,565	3,558
Early Summer:									
California.....	7,370	9,400	9,000	175	158	184	1,260	1,485	1,656
Oregon.....	1,130	1,000	1,300	226	265	275	251	265	358
Arkansas.....	2,980	3,800	4,400	77	100	70	2/233	380	308
Tennessee.....	6,360	4,600	3,800	116	135	125	725	621	475
North Carolina.....	1,720	800	800	63	80	40	102	64	32
Virginia.....	2,340	2,700	4,000	135	100	130	2/318	270	520
Illinois, Union Co.....	750	650	800	76	125	120	50	81	96
Missouri.....	5,570	6,500	6,800	88	110	105	497	715	714
Ohio, southeast.....	970	730	600	187	220	220	183	161	132
Maryland.....	5,090	7,200	7,200	144	190	150	755	1,368	1,080
Delaware.....	210	250	280	124	180	160	27	45	45
Group total.....	34,490	37,630	38,980	128	145	139	4,401	5,455	5,416
Late Summer:									
New Jersey.....	11,400	10,500	11,000	178	190	180	2,022	1,995	1,980
Kentucky.....	1,290	1,100	1,200	94	110	90	120	121	108
Washington.....	1,480	1,200	1,450	219	300	300	327	360	2/435
Pennsylvania.....	2,080	2,700	2,900	176	190	220	368	513	638
Ohio, other.....	4,110	4,200	4,000	168	180	160	687	756	640
Indiana.....	5,520	7,900	9,500	104	120	95	577	948	902
Illinois, other.....	3,850	3,000	3,600	94	100	110	344	300	396
Iowa.....	540	500	600	108	130	120	58	65	72
New York.....	7,390	9,200	9,200	214	205	225	1,580	1,886	2,070
Michigan.....	5,410	5,600	6,000	158	200	160	848	1,120	960
Colorado.....	2,060	2,700	3,000	228	230	270	465	621	810
Utah.....	750	350	600	104	143	217	74	50	130
Group total.....	45,880	48,950	53,050	163	178	172	7,470	8,735	9,141
Early Fall:									
Calif., No. Dist.....	6,350	9,150	14,000	134	150	140	842	1,372	1,960
Calif., So. Dist.....	7,860	4,700	4,500	161	175	165	1,252	822	742
Group total.....	14,210	13,850	18,500	147	158	146	2,094	2,194	2,702
Late Fall:*									
Texas.....	5,430	6,500	7,200	48	70	65	254	455	468
Florida.....	3,710	4,000	3,700	98	125	75	2/350	500	278
Group total.....	9,140	10,500	10,900	66	91	68	604	955	746
TOTAL ALL STATES	196,370	211,730	220,180	115	126	119	22,677	26,618	26,101

1/ Bushel contains approximately 53 pounds.

2/ Includes some quantities not marketed and excluded in computing value: Louisiana - 23,000 bushels in 1942; Washington - 40,000 bushels in 1943.

* Formerly shown in fall group as beginning new season for following calendar year.

TOMATOES FOR PROCESSING
ACREAGE, YIELD PER ACRE, AND PRODUCTION FOR 1943 WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	ACREAGE			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
	10-year average 1932-41	1942	1943	10-year average 1932-41	1942	1943	10-year average 1932-41	1942	1943
	Acres			Tons (2,000 lbs.)			Tons		
New York.....	17,300	24,300	22,100	7.6	7.2	6.1	131,500	175,000	134,800
New Jersey.....	32,100	38,800	33,000	5.4	5.8	6.7	172,400	225,000	221,100
Pennsylvania.....	13,500	28,500	28,600	5.4	5.7	6.6	77,600	162,400	188,800
Ohio.....	18,700	33,000	23,100	6.0	6.6	3.8	118,000	217,800	87,800
Indiana.....	77,800	10,300	95,600	4.5	5.6	4.0	353,200	567,300	382,400
Illinois.....	9,000	11,000	9,300	3.6	4.0	3.7	31,100	44,000	34,400
Michigan.....	4,400	8,000	6,000	5.9	6.7	2.7	25,400	53,600	16,200
Iowa.....	5,000	5,100	5,000	3.8	4.6	3.0	17,900	23,600	15,000
Missouri.....	11,400	19,200	15,100	2.0	2.9	1.6	24,800	55,700	24,200
Delaware.....	11,800	11,800	12,900	3.7	4.7	4.3	41,400	55,500	55,500
Maryland.....	52,700	66,800	72,200	4.0	5.0	4.4	202,100	334,000	317,700
Virginia.....	20,600	32,000	36,000	3.2	3.9	3.5	66,700	124,800	126,000
Kentucky.....	4,500	7,200	6,800	2.4	3.1	1.9	10,600	22,300	12,900
Tennessee.....	7,800	10,500	9,000	2.1	2.0	1.0	16,400	21,000	9,000
Arkansas.....	13,000	28,100	21,900	1.9	2.5	1.0	27,400	70,200	21,900
Colorado.....	2,800	3,300	4,800	5.8	6.0	7.5	16,200	19,800	36,000
Utah.....	5,700	8,800	7,600	8.2	9.8	9.6	46,800	86,200	73,000
California.....	61,500	124,680	111,000	5.9	6.4	7.2	373,200	798,000	799,200
Other States ^{1/}	19,700	38,820	31,650	3.2	2.8	2.8	61,100	110,700	89,700
TOTAL ALL STATES	389,300	601,200	551,650	4.64	5.27	4.80	1,813,800	3,166,800	2,645,600

^{1/} "Other States" include: Conn., Fla., Ga., Idaho, Kans., La., Minn., Miss., Nebr., N. Mex., N. Car., Okla., Ore., S. Car., Texas, Wash., W. Va., and Wisconsin.

NEW YORK STATE ANNUAL CARLOT TOMATO SHIPMENTS 1930-1943

Year	Carlot Shipments
1943	570*
1942	321
1941	159
1940	163
1939	492
1938	875
1937	373
1936	291
1935	510
1934	564
1933	408
1932	463
1931	774
1930	514

*Subject to Revision

TOMATOES - CARLOT SHIPMENTS IN 1943
BY MONTHS AND STATES

State	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	8	8	-	-	-	-	-	16
Arkansas	-	-	-	-	-	78	94	9	-	-	-	-	181
Calif. N. D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	41	254	514	45	2	858
Calif. S. D.	-	-	-	-	5	-	34	124	135	178	93	-	569
Calif. C. D.	-	-	-	-	-	319	650	154	780	2040	848	10	4801
Calif. Imp. V.	21	9	-	1	5	2	-	-	-	-	-	13	51
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	116	27	-	-	180
Florida, E. C.	436	722	336	183	361	2	-	-	-	1	166	432	2639
Florida, Oth.	56	31	26	192	1141	70	-	-	-	-	39	158	1713
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	14	-	-	-	-	-	-	14
Illinois	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	10	1	-	-	-	21
Indiana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	122	32	-	-	156
Kansas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Kentucky	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	3	-	-	-	-	23
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	95	10	-	-	-	-	-	105
Md. E. Shore	-	-	-	-	-	-	136	2	-	-	-	-	138
Michigan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	43	29	-	-	79
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	1040	23	-	-	-	-	-	1063
Missouri	-	-	-	-	-	-	14	16	-	-	-	-	30
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	5
New York	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	148	359	63	-	-	570
N. Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	-	-	-	6
Ohio	-	-	-	-	-	6	2	1	107	71	-	-	187
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	6	4	-	-	-	-	-	10
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	23	-	-	-	-	60
Pennsylvania	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	855	814	12	-	-	1681
South Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	32	3	-	-	-	-	-	35
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	168	378	5	-	-	-	-	551
Texas	6	-	-	205	3767	3985	409	-	-	-	486	198	9056
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	245	69	-	-	343
Va. E. Shore	-	-	-	-	-	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	28
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	47	20	3	-	-	78
Wisconsin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	2
TOTAL U. S.	519	762	362	581	5279	5829	1872	1516	3002	3039	1677	813	25251
Origin not specified	825	1007	2658	2535	279	-	1	1	-	10	147	568	8031

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WESTERN NEW YORK SHIPPING POINT PRICES, PRICES PAID GROWERS AND CARLOT SHIPMENTS TOMATOES - - SEASON 1943.

Date	Carlot Shipments: Sales f.o.b. shipping point, Com'l & For Mfr		Del'd sales shipping pt basis; US1, 6X6 and larger		US No. 2 all sizes		Shippers price to growers, bulk per ton.	
	N.Y.	U.S.	6X6 and larger	6 X 7	U.S. No. 2	US No. 1	US No. 2	
Aug. 25	13	139	1.50-1.75		1.25			
26	9	91	1.50-1.75		1.25			
27	14	71	1.50-1.75		1.00-1.25			
28	12	43	1.50-1.75		1.00-1.25			
29	-	8						
30	15	53	1.50-1.75		1.25		50.00	
31	14	85	1.60-1.75		1.25	1.25	50.00	25.00
Sept. 1	23	121	1.60-1.75		1.25	1.25	50.00	25.00
2	15	104	1.65-1.75		1.25	1.25	50.00	25.00
3	17	106	1.65-1.75		1.25	1.25	50.00	25.00
4	15	64	1.65		1.25	1.25		
5	1	4						
6	6	41						
7	14	109	1.60-1.75		1.25		50.00	25.00
8	14	111	1.45-1.75		1.15-1.25		40-50.00	20-25.00
9	16	129	1.40-1.65		1.15-1.25		40-50.00	20-25.00
10	14	140	1.50-1.65		1.15-1.25		40-50.00	20-25.00
11	16	58	1.50-1.65		1.15-1.25		40-50.00	20-25.00
12		14						
13	8	55	1.50-1.75		1.25		50.00	25.00
14	12	74	1.65-1.75		1.25-1.35	1.25	50-60.00	25-30.00
15	15	104	1.65-1.85		1.15-1.40	1.15-1.40	50-60.00	25-30.00
16	16	102	1.65-1.85		1.15-1.40	1.15-1.40	50-60.00	25-30.00
17	9	119	1.85		1.40	1.25	60.00	30.00
18	15	72					60.00	30.00
19		26						
20	10	81	1.85-2.00		1.40-1.50	1.25-1.40	60.00	30.00
21	19	98	1.75-1.90		1.40-1.50	1.25-1.50	60.00	30.00
22	19	121	1.75-1.95		1.40-1.55	1.25	60.00	30.00
23	22	144	1.85-2.00			1.25-1.30	60.00	30.00
24	15	94	1.85-2.00		1.35-1.45	1.25	50-60.00	25-30.00
25	8	147	1.85-2.00		1.35-1.45	1.35	50-60.00	25-30.00
26		39						
27	7	119	1.85-1.90		1.25-1.40	1.25	50-60.00	25-30.00
28	10	160	1.85-1.90		1.35	1.25	50-60.00	25-30.00
29	8	166	1.85				40-60.00	20-30.00
30	9	147	1.80-1.85		1.30-1.35		50-60.00	25-30.00
Oct. 1*	7	153	1.85-1.95		1.35	1.25	50-60.00	25-30.00
2	6	161	1.85		1.35	1.25	50-60.00	25-30.00
3		42						
4	9	122	1.85-1.90		1.25-1.35	1.25	60.00	30.00

* After this date all sales were 85% or more U.S. No. 1 quality.

ARRIVALS AND WHOLESALE PRICES OF TOMATOES IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

NEW YORK CITY						PHILADELPHIA					
DATE	Carlot	Truck	Western NY	Lugs, green	Carlot	Truck	New Jersey	Carlot	Truck	Receipts	5/8 Bushel
	Unloads	Receipts		wrapped	Arrivals	Receipts					bskts
	N.Y. U.S.	N.Y. U.S.	6X6 & larger	6 X 7	N.Y. U.S.	N.Y. U.S.					
Aug. 25	1	1	10	26	1.00-1.50	75-1.25	2	2	0	12	50-1.00 few 1.25
26	-	-	7	19	1.00-1.50	1.00-1.25	-	-	10	15	50-1.00 best 1.10 few 1.25
27	2	2	7	19	1.00-1.37 $\frac{1}{2}$	75-1.00	2	2	-	-	50-1.00 few 1.25-1.50
28	1	1	6	20			1	1	0	10	75-1.25 some best 1.50
30	-	-	7	19	1.00-1.50	75-1.00	1	1	0	12	75-1.25, best 1.50
31	2	2	4	17	1.00-1.50	75-1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	22	75-1.00 few 1.25-1.50
Sept. 1	3	3	8	18	1.00-1.50	75-1.00	1	1	0	12	75-1.00 few 1.15-1.25
2	3	3	9	16	1.00-1.50	75-1.25	0	0	0	13	75-1.00 few 1.25-1.50
3	2	2	10	24	1.00-1.50	75-1.00	0	0	0	11	75-1.00 few 1.25-1.50
4	3	3	5	18			1	2	0	10	75-1.50 few 1.75
5	Sunday						Sunday				
6	Holiday										
7	5	5	9	23	1.25-1.50	1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$	4	4	-	-	75-1.25 few 1.50
8	3	3	12	22	1.00-1.50	90-1.25	1	-	0	11	75-1.25 few 1.50
9	3	3	8	17	1.00-1.62 $\frac{1}{2}$	75-1.37 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	-	0	13	75-1.25 few 1.50-2.00
10	5	5	11	23	1.00-1.50	1.00-1.25	0	0	0	11	1.00-1.50 few 1.75-2.00
11	0	0	10	24			0	0	0	15	75-1.25 few 1.50-1.75
12	Sunday						Sunday				
13	4	4	12	22	1.75-2.00	1.62 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	1	0	14	1.00-1.50
14	5	5	9	19	1.75-2.00	1.50-1.75	1	1	0	17	75-1.25 few 1.50
15	3	3	9	14	1.75-2.50	1.75-2.25	0	0	0	10	75-1.25
16	6	6	10	15	1.50-2.75	1.50-2.12 $\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	13	50-1.00 few 1.25
17	1	1	8	24	1.50-2.00	1.25-1.75	0	0	0	11	50-1.00 few 1.25
18	8	8	10	21			0	0	0	10	75-1.25 few 1.50
19	Sunday						Sunday				
20	6	6	18	30	1.50-2.75	1.25-1.75	0	0	0	8	75-1.25 few 1.50
21	1	1	8	17	1.75-2.50	1.75	0	0	0	15	75-1.25 few 1.40-1.50
22	5	5	9	17	1.50-2.00	1.25-1.75	0	0	0	9	75-1.00 few 1.50
23	3	3	10	22	1.75-2.25	1.50-2.00	0	0	0	9	75-1.25 few 1.50
24	4	4	8	17	1.75-2.25	1.25	0	0	0	9	75-1.00 few 1.15-1.50
25	4	4	7	15			1	1	0	9	75-1.25 few 1.50
26	Sunday						Sunday				
27	6	6	7	18	2.00-3.00	1.75	3	4	0	8	75-1.25 few 1.50-1.75
28	8	10	10	17	1.50-2.00	1.00	1	1	0	8	75-1.25 few 1.50-2.00
29	7	7	4	13	1.75-3.00	1.25-1.37 $\frac{1}{2}$	1	3	0	8	75-1.25 few 1.50-2.25
30	0	0	1	3	1.00-1.25		0	0	0	3	1.00-1.50
Oct. 1	0	0	4	8	1.12 $\frac{1}{2}$	75	1	1	0	6	1.00-1.50 few 1.75-2.00
2	2	2	4	13			2	3	0	7	1.25-2.00 few 2.25-2.50
3	Sunday						Sunday				
4	7	10	8	17	2.25-3.00	1.75	0	3	0	11	1.50-2.00 few 2.25-2.50

*Aug. 29 Sunday

New York City truck receipts do not include farmer's markets