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GREEN WRAPPED TOMATOES

SUMMARY OF THE 1948 SEASON

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MARKETING WESTERN NEW YORK

TOMATOES

(Green Wraps)

Daily Market Reports on green wrapped tomatoes were issued from the Rochester office of the Federal-State Market News Service from August 28 through October 1, 1948. The information contained in this summary was obtained from these daily reports and from the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture and the State Agricultural Statistician in Albany.

The commercial acreage for the fresh market in New York State this season was estimated at 8,800 acres, slightly higher than the 8,400 acres in 1947 but somewhat lower than the 10-year (1937-46) average of 8,980 acres. Yields were below last season and the 10-year average. This season the average yield was 200 bushels per acre as compared with 210 bushels in 1947 and 219 bushels per acre for the 10-year period (1937-46). Production was just about the same as in 1947, 1,760,000 bushels as compared with 1,764,000 bushels in 1947 while the 10-year average (1937-46) for the State was 1,963,000 bushels.

The acreage planted to tomatoes for processing this season was estimated at 25,000 acres as compared with 23,400 acres in 1947 and the 10-year (1937-46) average for the State of 22,100 acres. Yields this season were far better than last year and just slightly higher than for the 10-year period. This season the indicated production was estimated at 7.4 tons per acre as compared with 4.9 tons in 1947 and 7.2 tons for the 10-year period (1937-46). Production this season was estimated at 185,000 tons as compared with 114,700 tons in 1947 and 156,600 tons for the 10-year period. Transplanting of tomatoes in the Hudson Valley and other important sections of the State was seriously delayed by the rainy weather which continued through May 23. Plants grew too large and developed a yellow color in the cold frames. Early plantings made slow growth until the last week of May. In most sections of the State, yield prospects improved during the month of July. Cool weather during the first half of August slowed development of both green and ripe tomatoes for market. The canning factory acreage in western New York was ahead of normal on August 15 and a considerable volume moved to fresh market from this acreage before all the canneries opened. Blossom end rot seriously reduced yields in Orleans, Niagara, Erie and Chautauqua counties, where the soil was very dry. Very little blight was reported in western New York this season but in several counties in the Hudson Valley District some blight damage was reported. There was considerable loss in all parts of the State from the extreme high temperatures during the week of August 23. A larger percentage of both the green and ripening tomatoes were scalded on the side exposed to the sun. Foliage was burned, particularly where soil conditions were very dry. In Western New York very few tomato set before August and many fields will yield only 2 or 3 pickings. Out-of-State processors were active and paying good prices for ripe tomatoes. This caused a decline in supplies moving as green wrapped.

F.o.b. sales at western New York shipping points on lug boxes, US#1, 6x6 and larger ranged from \$1.75-2.25 from the beginning of the season until the first of September. After that date prices ranged mostly from \$2.25-3.00 until the end of the season September 30. This season the growers received from \$60.00-90.00 per ton for green tomatoes, US#1 grade as compared with \$60.00-70.00 last season.

PROCESSING

Contract prices paid by processors during the season ranged from \$32.00-34.00 mostly \$32.00 for US#1 and from \$22.00-24.00 mostly \$22.00 per ton for US#2. Out-of-State truckers were active during part of the season purchasing tomatoes in hampers at prices ranging slightly higher.

TOMATOES FOR PROCESSING

ACREAGE AND INDICATED PRODUCTION: 1948, with Comparisons

STATE	ACREAGE			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
	10-year average 1937-46	Har- vested 1947 Rev.	For harvest 1948	10-yr. av. 37-46	1947 Rev.	Indi- cated 1948	10-year average 1937-46	1947 Revised	Indicated 1948
	Acres			Tons			Tons		
New York	22,100	23,400	25,000	7.2	4.9	7.4	156,600	114,700	185,000
New Jersey	35,100	32,800	26,000	5.6	8.9	4.7	195,500	291,900	122,200
Pennsylvania	25,200	27,900	22,500	5.4	6.9	5.8	131,600	192,500	130,500
Ohio	26,400	31,300	30,000	6.2	3.7	6.6	169,200	115,800	198,000
Indiana	90,100	94,500	90,000	5.1	4.4	5.4	459,300	415,800	486,000
Illinois	10,300	11,200	10,000	4.8	4.5	5.2	49,900	50,400	52,000
Michigan	6,200	6,700	7,400	6.0	4.0	7.0	36,700	26,800	51,800
Wisconsin	2,000	1,200	1,200	5.4	4.8	6.3	10,600	5,800	7,600
Iowa	4,300	1,800	1,300	4.7	3.5	5.5	20,200	6,300	7,200
Missouri	13,000	10,800	7,400	2.7	1.2	2.8	35,100	13,000	20,700
Delaware	11,200	9,900	8,500	4.1	5.5	3.2	45,600	54,400	27,200
Maryland	55,800	40,500	28,500	4.0	5.6	3.6	228,700	226,800	102,600
Virginia	27,800	23,000	17,000	3.4	4.6	4.0	95,100	105,800	68,000
South Carolina	2,100	3,000	2,800	1.9	1.7	1.1	4,000	5,100	3,100
Florida	3,400	2,250	3,100	3.2	2.8	3.8	10,400	6,300	11,800
Kentucky	4,400	3,500	2,600	2.9	2.4	3.6	12,300	8,400	9,400
Tennessee	6,500	6,300	4,500	2.0	2.2	3.0	13,300	13,900	14,000
Arkansas	16,400	15,300	10,000	2.4	1.7	2.0	39,200	26,000	20,000
Oklahoma	1,500	2,700	2,100	1.7	1.5	1.8	2,800	4,000	3,800
Texas	15,200	12,100	18,800	2.6	2.6	2.5	40,100	31,500	47,000
Colorado	3,700	4,300	3,400	6.3	8.4	8.6	23,400	36,100	29,200
Utah	7,200	7,500	6,000	9.1	9.7	9.5	65,300	72,800	57,000
California	97,300	142,900	95,000	7.2	10.0	9.0	715,300	1,429,000	855,000
Other States ^{1/}	5,500	3,720	3,700	4.1	4.1	3.7	22,500	15,400	13,800
U. S. TOTAL	492,700	518,570	426,800	5.23	6.30	5.91	2,582,700	3,268,500	2,522,900

^{1/} Alabama, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Washington and West Virginia.

NEW YORK STATE ANNUAL CARLOT TOMATO SHIPMENTS 1932-1948

Year	Carlot Shipments
1948	125
1947	162
1946	205
1945	640
1944	288
1943	572
1942	321
1941	159
1940	163
1939	492
1938	875
1937	373
1936	291
1935	510
1934	564
1933	408
1932	463

TOMATOES, Commercial crop for fresh market: Acreage, yield and production

SEASONAL GROUP AND STATE	ACREAGE 1/			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION			
	10-yr. 3/ average	1947	1948	10-yr. 3/ av.	1947	1948	10-yr. 3/ average	1947	1948	
	1937-46			37-46			1937-46			
	- Acres -			- Bu. 4/ -			- 1,000 Bu. 4/ -			
Winter:										
Fla., South	13,010	10,100	8,850	144	94	100	5/	1,855	949	885
Early Spring:										
Fla.	14,580	9,450	14,700	95	109	165	5/	1,379	1,030	2,426
Tex., L.V.	30,360	41,600	33,800	73	70	65		2,244	2,912	2,197
Calif.	4,540	4,500	4,400	155	230	187		706	1,035	823
Group Total	49,480	55,550	52,900	88	90	103		4,329	4,977	5,446
Late Spring:										
Tex., Other	30,460	36,000	30,000	69	75	70		2,103	2,700	2,100
La.	2,870	1,800	1,600	69	60	75		200	108	120
Miss.	6,390	3,300	3,800	93	75	67	5/	607	248	255
S. Car.	5,260	3,600	3,400	58	60	65		292	216	221
Ga.	5,470	5,000	5,100	72	76	80	5/	399	380	408
Ala.	6/ 3,000	3,000	3,800	6/ 86	80	80	6/	250	240	304
Group Total	52,840	52,700	47,700	72	74	71		3,800	3,892	3,408
Early Summer:										
Calif.	9,720	10,500	9,400	174	200	214		1,690	2,100	2,012
Ark.	4,010	6,500	5,500	90	70	85		359	455	468
Tenn.	5,000	4,100	3,500	134	145	160	5/	664	594	560
N. Car.	1,090	300	650	68	75	70	5/	77	22	46
Va.	2,180	2,000	1,900	134	190	198		290	380	376
Ky.	1,160	700	500	119	130	150		150	91	75
Ill.	680	1,100	1,200	108	90	125		71	99	150
Mo.	5,740	6,500	5,500	96	110	110		558	715	605
Ohio	690	690	650	205	200	220		140	138	5/ 143
Md.	6,600	7,000	5,600	150	200	180		1,003	1,400	1,008
Del.	250	270	240	141	140	140		36	38	34
Group Total	37,110	39,660	34,640	135	152	158		5,036	5,032	5,477
Late Summer:										
N. J.	11,300	11,000	10,500	168	175	170		1,891	1,925	1,785
Wash.	1,410	1,720	1,900	249	280	140	5/	356	482	266
Pa.	2,600	3,100	3,000	184	190	175		473	589	525
Ohio, Other	3,800	2,700	3,000	172	175	185		653	472	555
Ind.	7,140	8,100	8,100	105	105	120		752	850	972
Ill., Other	3,330	3,700	3,900	107	80	90		355	296	351
Iowa	550	540	540	129	100	140		71	54	76
N. Y.	8,980	8,400	8,800	219	210	200		1,963	1,764	1,760
Michigan	6,130	7,000	7,400	160	135	175		985	945	1,295
Colo.	2,600	2,700	2,500	234	300	240		614	810	5/ 600
Utah	540	250	100	120	100	140		63	25	14
Oreg.	1,210	1,200	1,050	247	290	275		298	348	289
Ala.	6/ 2,050	1,800	2,000	6/ 82	75	80	6/	165	135	160
Group Total	51,220	52,210	52,790	168	167	164		8,607	8,695	8,648
Early Fall:										
Calif., N. Dist.	9,220	10,300	11,000	158	181	205		1,490	1,864	2,255
Calif., S. Dist.	6,790	7,200	7,400	187	224	223		1,245	1,613	1,650
Group Total	16,010	17,500	18,400	170	199	212		2,736	3,477	3,905
Late Fall:										
Tex.	7,680	11,800	14,000	59	70	50		465	826	700
Fla.	4,260	2,500	6,750	129	215	140		541	538	945
Group Total	11,940	14,300	20,750	83	95	79		1,006	1,364	1,645
ALL STATES	231,620	242,020	236,030	118	121	125		27,368	29,386	29,414

1/ Acreage for harvest, including any partially harvested or not harvested because of low prices or other economic factors. 3/ Note that the 10-year average figures ("group" & "all States") are the averages of the yearly totals, not the sum of the State or group averages. 4/ Approximately 53 pounds. 5/ Includes some quantities not marketed and excluded in computing value: Early summer, Ohio-7,000 bushels in 1948; late summer, Colorado-100,000 in 1948. 6/ Late spring, Alabama-8 year average, 1939-46; late summer, Alabama-8 year average, 1939-46.

CARLOT SHIPMENTS OF TOMATOES BY STATES AND MONTHS JULY THRU
OCTOBER AND TOTALS ALL STATES - CALENDAR YEAR 1948

State	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Total 1948
Arkansas	91	14	-	-	170
Calif. N. Dist.	-	46	295	789	1138
Calif. C. Dist.	973	462	1096	2231	5348
Calif. S. Dist.	30	129	126	371	824
Calif. Imp. Vly.	3	-	-	-	66
Colorado	-	25	40	4	69
Fla. E. Coast	-	-	-	-	2643
Fla. Other	-	-	-	-	1813
Georgia	1	-	-	-	5
Illinois	28	25	105	-	158
Indiana	1	37	340	18	396
Kansas	1	-	-	-	1
Kentucky	1	-	-	-	1
Louisiana	1	-	-	-	29
Md. E. Shore	32	-	-	-	32
Michigan	-	98	893	26	1017
Mississippi	13	-	-	-	192
Missouri	9	-	-	-	9
New Jersey	-	-	3	-	3
New York	-	34	89	2	125
North Carolina	3	-	-	-	19
Ohio	1	31	711	26	772
Oklahoma	5	-	-	-	16
Oregon	52	41	-	-	93
Pennsylvania	-	157	391	14	562
South Carolina	9	-	-	-	38
Tennessee	449	-	-	-	682
Texas	270	-	-	2	8347
Utah	-	6	20	5	31
Va. E. Shore	11	-	-	-	11
Washington	-	12	2	-	14
Wisconsin	-	18	85	3	106
TOTAL U.S.	1984	1135	4196	3491	24730

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WESTERN NEW YORK SHIPPING POINT PRICES, SHIPPERS PRICE TO GROWERS,

AND CARLOT SHIPMENTS TOMATOES -- SEASON -- 1948

1948	Carlot shipments Commercial and for manufacture		Sales f.o.b. shipping point, and delivered sales, shipping point basis.			Shippers price to growers: bulk per ton.		
	N.Y.	U.S.	Lug boxes, green, wrapped, US#1, 6x6 and larger	6x7, US#1 US#2	Bu. bskts, un- wrapped, green 6x6 and lgr.	US#1	US# 2	
Aug.	23	-	1					
	24	2	71					
	25	2	71	1.75-2.25	2.50-2.75	60.00	30.00	
	26	4	84	1.75-2.00		60.00	30.00	
	27	2	77	1.75-2.00	1.50	60.00	30.00	
	28	0	34	Saturday				
	29	0	17	Sunday				
	30	1	38	2.00	2.75-3.00	60.00-70.00	30.00-35.00	
	31	0	78	2.25	1.75	70.00	35.00	
Sept.	1	1	83	2.25	1.75-2.00	2.75-3.25	70.00	25.00
	2	4	114	2.25	1.75-2.00		70.00	35.00
	3	7	135	2.25-2.50	1.50-2.00		70.00	35.00
	4	7	78	Saturday				
	5	1	47	Sunday				
	6	1	68	Holiday				
	7	3	160	2.25-2.50		3.00	70.00	35.00
	8	3	222	2.25-2.50		3.00	70.00	35.00
	9	5	179	2.25-2.50	1.75-2.25	3.00	70.00	35.00-40.00
	10	1	192	2.25-2.50	1.75-2.25	3.00	70.00	35.00-40.00
	11	4	168	Saturday				
	12	0	67	Sunday				
	13	2	180	2.75-3.00	2.00-2.60		70.00-80.00	35.00-40.00
	14	0	218	2.50-3.00	2.25-2.60		70.00-80.00	35.00-40.00
	15	1	187	2.50-3.25	2.00-2.75		70.00-90.00	35.00-40.00
	16	4	211	2.75-3.25	2.25-2.75	3.75	70.00-90.00	35.00-40.00
	17	9	225	2.75-3.00	1.75-2.75		80.00-90.00	40.00
	18	3	151	Saturday				
	19	0	78	Sunday				
	20	3	143	2.75-3.00	1.75-2.30		75.00-90.00	35.00-40.00
	21	2	139	2.75-3.00	1.75-2.30		75.00-90.00	35.00-40.00
	22	5	165	2.75-3.00	2.00-2.40		70.00-85.00	35.00-40.00
	23	2	150	2.75-3.00	2.00-2.25		70.00-80.00	35.00
	24	7	169	2.75-3.00	2.00-2.25		70.00-80.00	35.00
	25	0	89	Saturday				
	26	0	36	Sunday				
	27	3	109	2.25-2.50	1.75-2.00		70.00	35.00
	28	6	121	2.25-2.50			70.00	35.00
	29	3	90	2.00-2.40			70.00	35.00
	30	0	75					
Oct.	1	2	72					

WHOLESALE PRICES NEW YORK STOCK TOMATOES IN IMPORTANT MARKETNEW YORK CITY

		Western New York stock - Lug boxes, green, wrapped				
1948		: 6x6 & larger :	6x7	: 5x5	: 5x6	: 7x7
Aug.	23					
	24					
	25	1.25-1.50				
	26	1.25-2.00				
	27					
	28	Saturday				
	29	Sunday				
	30	1.50-2.25	1.00-1.50			
	31	2.00-3.00	1.50-2.00			
Sept.	1	3.00	2.00			
	2	2.00-2.75				
	3	2.50-3.25	1.50-2.00			
	4	Saturday				
	5	Sunday				
	6	Holiday				
	7	2.00-2.25	1.50-1.75			
	8	1.75-2.25	1.50-1.75			
	9	2.25-3.00		2.75	2.25-3.00	
	10	2.00-2.50				
	11	Saturday				
	12	Sunday				
	13	2.00-3.50				
	14	2.00-3.50	2.00-3.00			
	15	2.00-3.50	2.00-2.50		2.00-3.50	
	16	3.25-4.00	2.50-3.50			3.00
	17	3.00-4.00	2.25-3.50			2.00
	18	Saturday				
	19	Sunday				
	20	2.50-4.00	2.25-3.50			2.00-3.00
	21	3.00-4.00				
	22	2.50-2.75	2.00			
	23	2.00-4.00	2.00-3.00			
	24	2.00-3.00	1.50-1.75			
	25	Saturday				
	26	Sunday				
	27	1.75-3.50	1.50-2.50			
	28	1.25-1.50		1.25-1.50		
	29	2.00-3.25	1.00-2.50			1.00-1.50
	30					
Oct.	1			1.50	1.50	

WHOLESALE PRICES NEW YORK STOCK TOMATOES IN IMPORTANT MARKET

		BALTIMORE						
		:Lug boxes, green, ripen & turning, wrapped:			12 Quart Climax Baskets			
1948	:	US#1	:	US#2	:	US#1,	:	green, ripen & turning
	:	6x6 & larger	:	6x6 & larger	:	6x7	:	wrapped & unwrapped
Aug.								
	23							
	24							
	25	2.00						1.25
	26	2.00						
	27	1.50						
	28	Saturday						
	29	Sunday						
	30	2.00						.75-1.25
	31	1.25-1.50						
Sept.								
	1							
	2							
	3	2.25-2.50						
	4	Saturday						
	5	Sunday						
	6	Holiday						
	7							
	8	2.00-2.50						
	9		1.50-1.75					
	10							
	11	Saturday						
	12	Sunday						
	13	2.25-2.50	2.00			1.75		
	14	2.00-2.50				1.75		
	15	2.25-2.75				2.00-2.25		1.10-1.25
	16							1.50
	17	2.75-3.00	2.00-2.25			2.25		1.25-1.50
	18	Saturday						
	19	Sunday						
	20	3.00-3.50	2.25					1.00-1.50
	21							
	22	3.00-3.25				2.50-2.75		1.50-1.75
	23	2.50-3.00						1.00-1.50
	24	2.50-3.00						1.00-1.50
	25	Saturday						
	26	Sunday						
	27							
	28	2.00-2.50	1.00			2.00		
	29	2.00-2.50				.75-1.00		
	30	1.50-2.25				1.00		.75- .85
Oct.								
	1	1.50-2.00				1.00		.75-1.00