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MARKETING WESTERN NEW YORK TOMATOES (GREEN)
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UNITED STATES

The acreage planted to tomatoes for fresh market during 1957 was estimated at 220,950 acres as compared with 226,930 in 1956, while the 7-year average was 232,060 acres. Although the yield per acre was slightly higher this season than a year ago, the increased acreage for the country produced 19,651,000 cwt. as compared with 20,045,000 cwt. during 1956 and the 7-year average (1949-55) was 18,709,000 cwt.

The acreage planted to tomatoes for processing in the United States this season was estimated at 300,220 acres, slightly lower than the 354,880 in 1956, while the 10-year average for the country was 379,920 acres. Yields per acre were lower than a year ago but higher than the 10-year average. During 1957 the average yield per acre was 11.0 tons as compared with 13.1 tons in 1956, while the 10-year average for the country was 8.6 tons. Production this season was estimated at 3,287,800 tons as compared with 4,638,300 tons in 1956, while the 10-year average was 3,162,700 tons.

NEW YORK STATE

The acreage planted to tomatoes for fresh market in New York State showed a decrease this season, 5,100 acres as compared with 6,400 last season, while the 7-year (1949-55) average was 8,330 acres. Yields per acre were considerably higher than a year ago, 120 cwt. per acre as compared with 95 cwt. in 1956 and 121 cwt. during the 7-year period. Although the acreage showed a reduction, yields were much higher. The production during 1957 was 612,000 cwt. as compared with 608,000 cwt. during 1956, while the 7-year average was 1,007,000 cwt.

The acreage planted for processing this season was estimated at 12,300 as compared with 16,300 in 1956, while the 10-year (1946-55) average for the State was 19,470 acres. Yields this season were the same as the 10-year average but slightly higher than a year ago. This season the estimated yield per acre was 8.6 tons as compared with 6.3 in 1956, while the 10-year average was 8.6. Total production for processing this season was estimated at 105,800 tons as compared with 102,700 tons in 1956 and the 10-year average of 163,000 tons.

Weather during May was relatively favorable for planting, but late in May and early June weather was unfavorable for growth of plants. Planting was completed later than usual about mid-June. Hot, dry weather during July and August coupled with early frost in late September had its effect on the total production this season, and the green-wrapped deal closed earlier than was previously expected.

F.o.b. prices at Western New York shipping points were slightly higher than during 1956. 60 lb. wirebound crates, green, waxes, US No. 1, 6 x 6 and larger ranged from \$3.50-4.50 this season, as compared with \$3.00-3.50 during the same period last season. Prices paid growers for field crates of approximately 60 lbs. US No. 1, 6 x 6 and larger ranged from \$2.50-3.00 this season as compared with \$2.00-2.25 last season.

PROCESSING

Processors were active during the entire season, paying for US No. 1 Cannery Grade \$39.00 and for No. 2's \$27.00, as compared with \$36.50 for No. 1's last season and \$24.50 for US No. 2's. Many processors added \$1.50 to their contract price in order to obtain more supplies.

TOMATOES FOR FRESH MARKET: ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION

SEASONAL GROUP AND STATE	ACRES FOR HARVEST			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
	7-yr. av. 1949-55	1956	1957	7-yr. av. 1949-55	1956	1957	7-yr. av. 1949-55	1956	1957
	- Acres -			- Cwt. -			- 1,000 cwt. -		
<u>Winter</u>									
Florida	14,710	18,500	23,100	112	115	115	1,673	2,128	2,656
<u>Early Spring</u>									
Florida	21,430	22,300	17,000	97	115	100	*2,072	*2,564	1,700
Texas	30,530	28,000	22,000	36	32	43	1,096	896	946
California	4,010	4,200	4,500	144	170	175	578	714	788
Group total	55,970	54,500	43,500	67	77	79	3,746	4,174	3,434
<u>Late Spring</u>									
S. Carolina	4,310	6,000	6,300	36	37	34	157	222	214
Georgia	11,590	12,000	12,600	39	40	39	448	480	491
Mississippi	1,570	1,500	2,300	26	45	40	37	68	92
Louisiana	1,210	1,000	1,100	39	40	41	48	40	45
Texas	22,470	15,000	16,000	31	25	22	717	375	352
Group total	41,160	35,500	38,300	34	33	31	1,407	1,185	1,194
<u>Early Summer</u>									
New Jersey	9,040	7,500	8,000	95	115	100	857	862	800
Ohio	1,240	1,300	1,400	110	120	105	* 137	156	147
Illinois	890	500	550	53	64	69	48	32	38
Missouri	2,000	1,600	1,700	50	69	60	101	110	102
Delaware	550	550	500	89	82	80	49	45	40
Maryland	2,940	2,600	2,700	106	100	97	312	260	262
Virginia	4,700	4,400	5,400	107	71	100	503	312	540
N. Carolina	2,660	2,800	2,900	42	45	40	111	126	116
Kentucky	510	550	550	62	80	70	29	44	38
Tennessee	3,600	3,900	3,900	58	70	45	* 210	273	176
Alabama	6,690	5,800	5,200	43	53	54	284	307	281
Arkansas	4,030	3,300	3,500	43	53	75	* 176	175	262
California	8,540	12,200	12,400	145	140	135	1,208	1,708	1,674
Group total	47,390	47,000	48,700	85	94	92	4,025	4,410	4,476
<u>Late Summer</u>									
Massachusetts	1,690	1,600	1,500	159	180	170	267	288	255
Rhode Island	390	330	350	150	160	140	59	53	49
Connecticut	1,770	1,800	1,900	130	140	150	233	252	285
New York	8,330	6,400	5,100	121	95	120	*1,007	608	612
Pennsylvania	3,070	3,300	3,300	103	100	100	313	330	330
Ohio	4,200	4,500	4,800	95	100	100	399	450	480
Indiana	4,390	4,600	4,500	69	75	70	302	345	315
Illinois	1,400	1,200	1,100	57	61	62	79	73	68
Michigan	7,740	8,000	7,800	90	95	90	696	760	702
Iowa	410	300	300	63	61	60	26	18	18
Colorado	1,260	900	900	138	170	160	172	153	144
Utah	260	200	---	111	150	---	27	30	---
Washington	1,900	1,700	1,500	136	130	100	261	221	150
Oregon	930	400	600	133	150	120	127	60	72
Group total	37,740	35,230	33,650	105	103	103	3,968	3,641	3,480
<u>Early Fall</u>									
California	17,940	21,500	21,000	156	150	155	2,794	3,225	3,255
<u>Late Fall</u>									
Florida	9,260	11,800	9,500	95	100	115	886	1,180	1,092
Texas	7,890	2,900	3,200	27	35	20	210	102	64
Group total	17,140	14,700	12,700	67	87	91	1,096	1,282	1,156
ALL STATES	232,060	226,930	220,950	81	88	89	18,709	20,045	19,651

* Includes some quantities not marketed and excluded in computing value: Early Spring, Florida 100,000 cwt. in 1956.

TOMATOES FOR PROCESSING: HARVESTED ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION

STATE	HARVESTED ACREAGE			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
	Average	1956	1957	Average	1956	1957	Average	1956	1957
	1946- 1955			1946- 1955			1946- 1955		
	- Acres -			- Tons (2,000 lb.) -			- Tons (2,000 lb.) -		
New York	19,470	16,300	12,300	8.6	6.3	8.6	163,600	102,700	105,800
New Jersey	29,350	24,300	21,000	7.5	12.6	8.2	220,100	306,200	172,200
Pennsylvania	24,020	22,100	18,500	6.9	9.2	6.1	162,100	203,300	112,800
Ohio	22,470	19,800	19,900	9.0	11.4	9.0	190,000	225,700	179,100
Indiana	49,670	32,000	27,600	6.8	10.9	7.5	319,200	348,800	207,000
Illinois	10,990	10,000	9,000	8.3	14.1	10.8	90,200	141,000	97,200
Michigan	7,380	7,500	8,200	7.8	9.3	9.1	57,400	69,800	74,600
Wisconsin	1,180	1,000	600	7.5	9.0	8.8	8,400	9,000	5,300
Iowa	1,650	1,700	1,600	6.1	8.9	6.7	9,900	15,100	10,700
Missouri	4,920	1,200	1,600	2.4	2.7	1.7	12,200	3,200	2,700
Delaware	5,440	3,600	3,400	6.5	12.0	8.7	33,500	43,200	29,600
Maryland	26,840	10,400	9,900	6.2	10.0	5.3	156,400	104,000	52,500
Virginia	17,580	14,000	10,100	4.0	4.2	3.8	70,300	58,800	38,400
S. Carolina	1,700	1,400	1,800	1.8	2.5	2.0	3,000	3,500	3,600
Florida 2/	5,380	9,100	7,600	4.6	5.5	5.6	26,700	49,800	42,400
Kentucky	2,150	1,200	1,300	3.3	4.1	3.7	6,800	4,900	4,800
Tennessee	2,330	400	300	2.6	2.0	2.3	6,500	800	700
Arkansas	6,980	3,200	1,800	2.5	2.6	3.0	17,300	8,300	5,400
Oklahoma	1,120	200	200	2.0	2.5	3.0	2,500	500	600
Texas	20,860	12,000	9,500	2.4	2.6	3.0	51,800	31,200	28,500
Colorado	3,300	3,400	2,600	7.5	10.9	9.0	24,400	37,100	23,400
Utah	6,810	5,900	5,900	10.9	14.4	12.0	74,100	85,000	70,800
California	105,590		123,000		18.3		1,444,800		2,004,900
Other States 3/	2,740	151,500	2,520	13.9		16.3	2,772,400		
		2,680		4.3	5.2	5.9	11,700	14,000	14,800
UNITED STATES	379,920		300,220		13.1		3,162,700		3,287,800
		354,880		8.6		11.0	4,638,300		

2/ Sum of estimates by seasonal groups.

3/ Alabama, Arizona, Connecticut, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Washington and West Virginia.

CARLOT SHIPMENTS OF TOMATOES CALENDAR YEAR 1957 BY STATES AND MONTHS
(Rail and Boat only)

State	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Arizona, Yuma	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1
Calif. N. D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1	-	23	-	-	26
Calif. S. D.	-	-	-	-	-	30	39	55	36	74	39	5	278
Calif. C. D.	-	-	-	-	-	414	1116	298	1132	1970	446	-	5376
Calif. Imp. V.	-	-	-	1	44	98	-	-	-	-	-	-	143
Florida	1126	792	1065	944	637	108	-	-	-	4	657	742	6075
Georgia	-	-	-	-	2	99	-	-	-	-	-	-	101
Illinois	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	4
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	17
New York	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
S. Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
N. Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	150	4	-	-	-	-	-	154
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	-	-	-	7
Texas	-	-	-	16	2054	1294	4	-	22	3	9	9	3411
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	1	-	-	7
Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	23	14	-	-	-	-	-	37
TOTAL	1126	792	1065	961	2738	2241	1185	354	1197	2075	1151	756	15641

WESTERN NEW YORK SHIPPING POINT PRICES AND SHIPPERS PRICE TO GROWERS

1957	Sales f.o.b. shipping point and delivered sales, shipping point basis		Shippers price to growers: Field crates, approx. 60 lbs.	
	60 lb. wirebound crates green, waxed U.S. No. 1		U.S. No. 1	U.S. No. 2
	6x6 & larger	6x7	6x6 & larger	6x7
Aug. 23	3.50-3.75	2.50-2.75	2.50	1.50
Sat. 24				
Sun. 25				
26	3.50-3.75	2.50-2.75	2.50	1.50
27	3.50-4.00	2.75-3.00	2.50	1.50
28	3.75-4.00	2.75-3.00	2.50	1.50
29	3.75-4.00	3.00	2.50	1.50
30	3.75-4.00	3.00	2.50	1.50
Sat. 31				
Sept. 1				
2				
3	3.75-4.00	2.50-3.00	2.50	1.50
4	3.75-4.25	2.75-3.00	2.50-3.00	1.50-1.75
5	4.00-4.25	2.75-3.00	2.75-3.00	1.50-1.75
6	4.00-4.50	3.00-3.50	2.75-3.00	1.50-1.75
Sat. 7				
Sun. 8				
9	4.25-4.50	3.00-3.50	3.00	1.75-2.00
10	4.25-4.50	3.00-3.50	3.00	1.75-2.00
11	4.25-4.50	3.25-3.50	3.00	1.75
12	4.25-4.50	3.25-3.50	3.00	1.75-2.00
13	4.25-4.50	3.25-3.50	3.00	1.75-2.00
Sat. 14				
Sun. 15				
16				
17	4.25	3.00	3.00	1.75
18	4.25	3.00	3.00	1.75
19	4.25	3.00	3.00	1.75
20	4.25	3.00	3.00	1.75

WEEKLY AUCTION PRICES NEW YORK STATE GREEN TOMATOES 1957 SEASON

NEW YORK CITY				
1957	- 60 pound crates, U.S. #1 -			
	5x6	6x6	6x7	7x7
Aug. 23				
Sat. 24				
Sun. 25				
26	3.50	3.50	2.60	2.00
27	5.20	5.20	3.20-3.80	2.70
28				
29	4.20-5.50	4.20-5.10	3.10-4.00	1.80-3.20
30	4.90	4.30	3.30	2.80
Sat. 31				
Sept. 1				
2				
3	4.50-5.25	4.30-5.00	3.20-3.80	1.90-2.80
4	6.10	6.00	5.10	4.00
5	5.80	5.80	4.30-4.60	3.20
6	5.50	5.50		2.50
Sat. 7				
Sun. 8				
9	5.40-5.50	5.00-5.40	3.90-4.00	2.60
10			4.00	
11	4.50	4.50		4.00
12	3.30	3.30	3.00	1.80
13	4.20-5.50	4.60-5.40	3.40-4.00	1.90-3.70
Sat. 14				
Sun. 15				
16				
17				
18	5.00	5.00	3.10	2.00
19	4.80	2.60-4.80	2.10-2.70	1.40
20				