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SUMMARY OF THE

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SEASON

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MARKETING WESTERN NEW YORK TOMATOES (GREEN)
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Daily Market reports on green tomatoes were issued from the Rochester Office of the Federal-State Market News Service, Genesee Valley Regional Market Bldg., 900 Jefferson Rd., Rochester 23, N.Y. from August 28, 1959 through September 8, 1959. Information contained in this summary was obtained from these reports and from releases issued by the Crop Reporting Board, Agricultural Marketing Service, U.S. D. A. and the office of the Agricultural Statistician, Albany, New York.

UNITED STATES

The total acreage planted for fresh market during 1959 was estimated at 200,120 acres as compared with 222,650 acres in 1958, while the 9-year (1949-57) average for the country was 230,500 acres. Yields this season were considerably higher than last year of the 9-year average; 98 cwt. as compared with 85 cwt. in 1958 while the 9-year average was only 82 cwt. per acre. Total production this season was 19,609,000 cwt. as compared with 18,824,000 last year and the 9-year average of 19,015,000 cwt.

Acreage for processing was considerably lower than last year or the 10-year average; 287,730 as compared with 345,750 acres in 1958 and the 10-year average of 340,300 acres. Yields were about the same as in 1958 but considerably higher than the 10-year average. This year the average yield was 12.3 tons as compared with 12.4 in 1958 and the 10-year average of 9.7 tons. Production in 1959 was lower than in 1958 but higher than the average. During 1959 the estimated production was 3,538,300 tons as compared with 4,287,400 tons in 1958, while the 10-year average for the country was 3,298,300 tons.

NEW YORK STATE

The acreage planted to tomatoes for fresh market in New York State this season was estimated at 4,900 acres, lower than last year or the 9-year average; 5,200 acres in 1958 as compared with 7,760 acres for the 9-year average. Yields per acre during 1959 were estimated at 95 cwt. per acre in comparison with 110 cwt. in 1958 and 118 cwt. for the 9-year average. Total production for fresh market during 1959 was 466,000 cwt. as compared with 572,000 in 1958 and the 9-year average of 918,000 cwt.

The acreage planted to tomatoes for processing in New York State this season was below average; 10,900 acres compared with 11,100 acres during 1958, while the 10-year average for the State was 17,400 acres. Yields were slightly higher than last year; 10.1 tons per acre as compared with 9.6 tons during 1958, while the 10-year average was 9.0. Production this season was estimated at 110,100 tons as compared with 106,600 tons in 1958 and the 10-year average of 156,700 tons.

The weather varied considerably in early spring but the crop was planted about the usual time. Dry weather during August and September limited the size in some sections. The movement of green tomatoes started about mid-August and finished within thirty days.

F.o.b. prices throughout the season averaged about the same as during the 1958 season. 60 lb. wirebound crates of green, waxed sizes 6 x 6 and larger ranged from \$2.25-3.25 this season as compared with \$2.50-3.25 during the 1958 season.

PROCESSING

A large percentage of the crop was contracted for by the processors. This season prices paid for U.S. No. 1, Cannery Grade was mostly \$37.50 and for No. 2's \$25.50. In a few instances an additional \$1.50 was allowed for delivery charges.

TOMATOES FOR FRESH MARKET: ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION

SEASONAL GROUP AND STATE	ACRES FOR HARVEST			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
	9-year average 1949-57	1958	1959	9-yr. av. 1949-57	1958	1959	9-year average 1949-57	1958	1959
	- Acres -			- Cwt. -			- 1,000 cwt. -		
Winter									
Florida	16,070	14,100	16,100	113	45	115	1,833	634	1,852
Early Spring									
Florida	21,030	20,600	14,700	99	85	125	* 2,085	* 1,751	1,838
Texas	29,300	29,000	28,000	36	40	45	1,057	* 1,160	1,260
California	4,090	4,600	4,100	151	195	230	616	897	943
Group Total	54,420	54,200	46,800	69	70	86	3,769	3,808	4,041
Late Spring									
S. Carolina	4,720	6,600	6,600	36	37	45	170	244	297
Georgia	11,740	13,000	9,800	39	45	42	458	* 585	412
Mississippi	1,640	1,800	1,100	30	21	35	47	* 38	38
Louisiana	1,180	1,300	1,100	40	40	40	47	52	44
Texas	20,920	13,000	6,000	29	25	40	638	* 325	240
Group Total	40,210	35,700	24,600	34	35	42	1,360	1,244	1,031
Early Summer									
New Jersey	8,760	8,500	8,000	97	85	95	847	722	760
Ohio	1,270	1,500	1,600	111	95	100	* 140	142	160
Illinois	810	500	500	55	45	60	45	22	30
Missouri	1,890	1,600	1,400	56	100	100	104	160	140
Delaware	540	350	400	87	110	100	48	38	40
Maryland	2,870	2,300	2,400	104	120	105	300	276	252
Virginia	4,870	7,200	5,500	100	80	70	487	576	385
N. Carolina	2,700	3,000	2,800	42	50	45	113	* 150	126
Kentucky	520	650	700	65	80	75	32	52	52
Tennessee	3,670	4,000	3,600	58	80	80	* 213	320	288
Alabama	6,420	5,000	4,900	46	50	45	290	250	220
Arkansas	3,890	3,600	2,900	47	60	100	* 185	216	290
California	9,380	13,000	14,500	146	160	170	1,350	2,080	2,465
Group Total	47,570	51,200	49,200	87	98	106	4,154	5,004	5,208
Late Summer									
Massachusetts	1,660	1,400	1,300	162	180	155	268	252	202
Rhode Island	380	350	350	150	170	140	57	60	49
Connecticut	1,780	1,800	1,700	133	145	125	239	261	212
New York	7,760	5,200	4,900	118	110	95	* 918	572	466
Pennsylvania	3,120	3,400	3,200	102	110	105	317	374	336
Ohio	4,300	4,900	5,300	96	105	90	414	514	477
Indiana	4,420	5,400	4,800	70	70	75	308	378	360
Illinois	1,340	1,100	900	58	60	70	77	66	63
Michigan	7,780	8,500	8,000	91	85	85	703	722	680
Iowa	390	300	270	63	65	75	24	20	20
Colorado	1,180	1,000	950	144	150	150	167	150	142
Utah	220	---	---	116	---	---	25	---	---
Washington	1,830	1,500	1,400	132	130	135	245	195	189
Oregon	830	800	650	134	120	100	114	96	65
Group Total	36,990	35,650	33,720	105	103	97	3,876	3,660	3,261
Early Fall									
California	18,730	20,800	20,500	156	160	180	2,902	3,328	3,690
Late Fall									
Florida	9,690	8,900	8,600	97	125	60	950	1,112	516
Texas	6,810	2,100	600	27	16	16	182	34	10
Group Total	16,500	11,000	9,200	72	104	57	1,132	1,146	526
ALL STATES	230,500	222,650	200,120	82	85	98	19,015	18,824	19,609

* Includes some quantities not marketed and excluded in computing value: Early Spring, Florida, 205,000 cwt. in 1958, Texas, 100,000 cwt. in 1958; Late Spring, Georgia, 150,000 cwt. in 1958, Mississippi, 8,000 cwt. in 1958, Texas 55,000 cwt. in 1958; Early Summer, North Carolina 25,000 cwt. in 1958.

TOMATOES FOR PROCESSING: HARVESTED ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION

STATE	HARVESTED ACREAGE			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
	Average 1948-57	1958	1959	Av. 1948-57	1958	1959	Average 1948-57	1958	1959
	- Acres -			Tons (2,000 lb.)			Tons (2,000 lb.)		
New York	17,400	11,100	10,900	9.0	9.6	10.1	156,700	106,600	110,100
New Jersey	26,900	19,900	14,000	8.1	12.6	12.6	216,900	250,700	176,400
Pennsylvania	21,900	19,500	13,000	7.5	12.5	10.1	164,600	243,800	131,300
Ohio	19,900	22,600	22,300	9.9	9.9	13.3	192,900	223,700	296,600
Indiana	40,000	29,000	26,100	7.6	7.3	10.2	295,900	211,700	266,200
Illinois	10,300	10,300	9,400	9.6	13.6	12.2	98,800	140,100	114,700
Michigan	7,500	7,400	7,500	8.5	12.7	11.0	63,400	94,000	82,500
Wisconsin	1,100	800	600	8.2	8.8	10.5	8,700	7,000	6,300
Iowa	1,500	1,600	1,400	6.8	9.7	16.4	10,100	15,500	23,000
Missouri	3,300	1,400	1,000	2.3	3.0	5.0	8,100	4,200	5,000
Delaware	4,700	2,900	2,600	7.4	11.5	9.0	32,800	33,400	23,400
Maryland	20,100	12,600	10,600	6.7	7.5	6.6	128,800	94,500	70,000
Virginia	14,600	12,000	10,000	4.2	4.0	3.5	60,600	48,000	35,000
S. Carolina	1,600	1,700	1,800	1.9	2.0	2.3	2,900	3,400	4,100
Florida 2/	6,500	8,300	6,100	5.0	4.6	4.9	33,700	38,300	30,000
Kentucky	1,600	1,300	900	3.5	3.7	2.8	5,700	4,800	2,500
Arkansas	4,400	2,700	2,600	2.5	3.0	2.0	11,000	8,100	5,200
Texas	17,200	19,000	12,000	2.5	3.9	3.8	42,200	74,100	45,600
Colorado	3,000	2,900	3,400	8.0	7.2	8.7	23,800	20,900	29,600
Utah	6,500	2,000	3,600	11.6	7.0	8.7	75,600	14,000	33,100
California	105,900	152,900	125,000	15.3	17.2	16.2	1,648,200	2,629,900	2,025,000
Other States 3/	4,400	3,850	2,730	3.9	5.4	8.3	16,900	20,700	22,700
UNITED STATES	340,300	345,750	287,730	9.7	12.4	12.3	3,298,300	4,287,400	3,538,300

2/ Sum of estimates by seasonal groups.

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

CARLOT SHIPMENTS OF TOMATOES CALENDAR YEAR 1959 BY STATES AND MONTHS

State	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
California N.D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	64	54	70	26	-	-	214
California S.D.	-	-	-	-	-	3	47	47	276	209	168	39	789
California C.D.	-	-	-	-	-	727	989	383	901	1774	481	-	5255
California I.V.	-	-	-	11	155	127	-	-	-	-	-	1	294
Florida	497	368	387	615	1066	64	-	-	-	15	259	298	3569
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	38
N. Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	13
S. Carolina	-	-	-	-	4	260	9	-	-	-	-	-	273
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Texas	-	-	-	3	1932	1299	-	-	1	-	1	3	3239
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	-	-	6
Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	2	7	-	-	-	-	-	9
TOTAL	497	368	387	629	3157	2534	1116	484	1251	2027	909	341	13700

WESTERN NEW YORK SHIPPING POINT PRICES-TOMATOES

1959	Sales f.o.b. shipping point and delivered sales, shipping point basis 60 lbs. wirebound, green, waxed, plus crates			
	U.S. #1		U.S. #2	
	6 x 6 & lgr.	6 x 7	7 x 7	6 x 6 & lgr.
Aug. 28	2.25-2.75		1.50-1.75	
Sat. 29				
Sun. 30				
31	2.75-3.00		1.75-2.00	
Sept. 1	2.75-3.00		1.75-2.00	
2	2.75-3.25		1.75-2.25	
3	3.25		2.50	
4	3.25		2.50	
Sat. 5				
Sun. 6				
7				
8			2.75	
			2.25	

1959 TRUCK UNLOADS IN 39 CITIES BY STATES OF ORIGIN
(in carlot equivalents)

City	TOMATOES															Total
	Ala.	Calif.	Fla.	Ga.	Mich.	N.J.	N.Y.	Ohio	Pa.	S.C.	Tex.	Va.	Cuba	Mex.	Other	
Albany N.Y.	-	2	1	-	-	1	103	35	-	-	-	-	-	-	90	232
Atlanta Ga.	27	229	641	252	22	-	16	26	32	13	29	6	43	67	48	1451
Baltimore Md.	-	39	271	19	-	11	40	31	43	50	5	54	29	10	302	904
Birmingham Ala.	793	122	600	4	14	-	16	1	2	4	59	-	42	57	21	1735
Boston Mass.	-	24	282	-	-	8	1	-	4	47	-	55	17	2	309	749
Buffalo N.Y.	-	16	35	1	-	3	74	127	-	1	-	7	-	-	1	265
Chicago Ill.	-	630	397	7	234	2	2	119	-	19	100	4	46	45	393	1998
Cincinnati Ohio	5	99	199	3	7	-	3	294	-	-	4	3	4	7	115	743
Cleveland Ohio	-	47	92	-	10	4	2	1650	4	4	-	1	19	1	222	2056
Columbia S. Car.	1	119	810	52	8	2	42	4	40	347	10	21	-	3	45	1504
Dallas Texas	-	482	94	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	406	-	4	337	28	1351
Denver Colorado	-	439	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	56	-	-	170	109	783
Detroit Michigan	1	137	164	-	48	10	-	236	-	21	5	11	1	15	44	693
Fort Worth Texas	-	191	32	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	122	-	-	106	7	458
Houston Texas	-	417	87	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	93	-	-	119	14	730
Indianapolis Indiana	-	124	125	-	3	-	4	1	2	7	43	9	2	87	240	647
Kansas City Missouri	-	136	65	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	37	108	371
Los Angeles Calif.	-	284	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	1299	-	11586
Louisville, Ky.	2	53	132	16	8	-	1	23	-	3	40	-	17	8	105	408
Memphis Tenn.	-	164	40	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	27	-	1	50	112	402
Miami Fla.	-	137	127	2	-	-	1	-	1	5	7	3	-	7	2	292
Milwaukee Wis.	-	16	8	-	38	-	-	48	-	-	-	-	3	-	52	165
Minneapolis- St. Paul, Minn.*	161	22	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	-	-	66	7	273
Nashville Tenn.	-	72	64	16	2	-	-	-	4	1	9	-	-	8	52	228
New Orleans La.	7	226	124	2	-	-	-	-	-	2	41	3	4	86	84	579
New York N.Y.*	-	317	2047	9	2	459	143	66	417	352	4	325	104	14	112	4371
Philadelphia Pa.	-	34	473	2	-	569	18	13	168	34	3	87	55	7	61	1524
Pittsburgh Pa.	-	85	333	3	11	29	25	390	89	15	47	23	33	30	50	1163
Portland Ore.	-	517	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	15	101	634
Providence R.I.	-	-	9	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	-	89	104
St. Louis Mo.	-	161	92	-	44	-	-	1	-	-	14	-	6	76	556	950
Salt Lake City Utah	-	442	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	61	7	516
San Antonio Texas	-	447	48	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	100	-	2	267	7	871
San Francisco Calif.*	-	2872	36	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	357	-	3265
Washington D.C.	-	23	134	3	-	7	11	7	45	22	1	55	2	1	32	343
Wichita Kans.	-	56	21	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	30	-	-	13	16	139
TOTAL	836	9320	7619	394	463	1107	502	3072	851	948	1296	670	436	3428	3541	44483
* Minneapolis includes St. Paul, New York includes Newark and San Francisco includes Oakland.																
Montreal, Que.	-	-	68	-	-	-	4	42	-	-	-	18	-	-	151	283
Ottawa, Ont.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	77	80
Toronto, Ont.	-	4	4	-	-	-	-	25	-	-	-	11	1	-	651	696
Vancouver, B.C.	-	291	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	10	120	422
Winnipeg, Man.	-	10	9	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	1	59	86
	-	305	81	-	-	-	4	68	-	-	8	31	1	11	1058	1567