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B R O C C O L I

1994-95 SEASON

THIS SEASON MOVEMENT FIGURES WERE IN 23,000 LB UNITS (1000 PACKAGE BASIS) TO MAINTAIN UNIFORMITY WITH CALIFORNIA. THERE WERE 3,800 ACRES OF BROCCOLI PLANTED IN 1994 FOR BOTH THE FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING, REPRESENTING A 12 PERCENT INCREASE FROM THE 3,400 ACRES PLANTED IN 1993. HARVESTED ACREAGE WAS 3,700 ACRES IN 1994 COMPARED TO 3,300 ACRES IN 1993. HARVESTED ACREAGE WAS UP 12 PERCENT. PRODUCTION IN 1,000 CWT WAS 229 FOR 1994, COMPARED TO 158 THE PREVIOUS SEASON.

SHIPMENTS FOR THE SEASON WERE 627, COMPARED TO 517 FOR THE 1993 SEASON, A 20 PERCENT INCREASE. MOVEMENT WAS LIGHTER THAN NORMAL THIS SEASON DUE TO LOW PRICES IN CALIFORNIA FORCING MANY GROWERS TO SEND SUPPLIES TO THE PROCESSORS. PEAK MOVEMENT WAS NOTED THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 4TH WHEN 79,000 PACKAGES WERE SHIPPED. THE LAST SHIPMENTS OF BROCCOLI WERE REPORTED ON THE WEEK ENDING OF APRIL 1ST.

OVER 90 PERCENT OF THE BROCCOLI IS GROWN IN THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY, WITH HIDALGO COUNTY HAVING THE BULK OF THE SUPPLY. LIMITED ACREAGE IS ALSO PLANTED IN LAREDO AND THE SAN ANTONIO-WINTER-GARDEN AREA.

GROWING CONDITIONS WERE GENERALLY FAVORABLE THIS SEASON. HARVESTING PROGRESSED NORMALLY THIS SEASON. HARVESTED BROCCOLI IS NORMALLY PACKED BULK IN FIELD BOXES AND TRANSPORTED TO THE PACKING SHED WHERE IT IS PRESSURE COOLED, TRIMMED, GRADED, BUNCHED, PACKED, AND ICED BEFORE SHIPPING. SOME GROWERS IN RECENT YEARS HAVE BEGUN BUNCHING THE BROCCOLI IN THE FIELD AND PACKING IT IN THE FIELD CARTONS. THE BUNCHED BROCCOLI IS THEN TRANSPORTED TO THE PACKING HOUSE WHERE IT IS PRESSURE COOLED, THAN REPACKED 14-18 BUNCHES TO A CARTON BEFORE ICING AND SHIPPING.

BROCCOLI IS NORMALLY PACKED IN CARTONS WEIGHING ABOUT 23 LBS. THEY ARE PACKED BUNCHED, WITH EITHER 14 OR 18 BUNCHES IN EACH CARTON. A STANDARD 45 FOOT TRUCKS WILL NORMALLY CARRY ROUGHLY 900 CARTONS OF BROCCOLI PLUS TOP ICE.

PRICE PEAKED EXTREMELY EARLY AS THE FIRST BROCCOLI F.O.B., ISSUED THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 16TH, REPORTED BUNCHED 14S OPENING AT \$16.65-\$17.15 ACCOUNT OF LIGHT SUPPLIES FROM THE WEST COAST. BUNCHED 18S ARE NORMALLY \$1.00 MORE THAN BUNCHED 14S. PRICES FELL OFF DRASTICALLY JUST BEFORE THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY WHEN CALIFORNIA AND ARIZONA SUPPLIES INCREASED. AT THE FIRST OF THE YEAR MOST SHIPMENTS WERE GOING TO THE PROCESSOR. HOWEVER, BY MONTH'S END PRICES CLOSED HIGHER. THIS RECOVERY WAS SHORT LIVED AND PRICES FELL AGAIN DURING FEBRUARY. THE LAST F.O.B. WAS REPORTED THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 17TH.

SINCE CALIFORNIA SUPPLIES THE BULK OF THE BROCCOLI IN THE U.S., TEXAS SHIPPERS MUST NORMALLY STAY VERY COMPETITIVE WITH THE CALIFORNIA MARKETS. HIGHS AND LOWS IN TEXAS PRICES ARE NORMALLY DETERMINED BY MARKETING CONDITIONS IN CALIFORNIA.

B R O C C O L I

WEEKLY BROCCOLI MOVEMENT

(INCLUDES RAIL, PIGGYBACK, TRUCK, AIR, BOAT, EXPORT AND IMPORT)

1,000 PACKAGE BASIS (23,000 LBS)

1994-95 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	TEXAS LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY	ARIZONA	CALIFORNIA	MEXICO	TOTAL
NOV					
05	-	-	631	21	652
12	-	1	519	15	535
19	2	13	394	27	436
26	12	18	270	25	325
DEC					
3	20	40	399	46	505
10	37	67	417	67	588
17	28	96	462	55	641
24	25	171	500	40	736
31	15	272	639	33	959
JAN					
7	17	262	567	26	959
14	11	289	744	35	1079
21	15	250	530	35	830
28	54	260	387	58	759
FEB					
4	79	322	438	105	944
11	44	300	398	76	818
18	49	204	318	87	658
25	40	206	406	113	765
MAR					
4	26	166	461	94	747
11	52	109	450	109	720
18	38	76	473	98	685
25	32	47	493	119	691
APR					
1	31	21	446	88	586
TOTAL	627	3190	10342	1372	15531

BROCCOLI

1994

Daily price range

Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas (McAllen)

Sales F.O.B. Shipping point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis

CTNS

	bchd 14s	bchd 18s	20 lb lse Crown Cut
DEC 12	16.65-17.15	17.65-18.15	-
DEC 13	16.65-17.15	17.65-18.15	-
DEC 14	16.65-17.15	17.65-18.15	-
DEC 15	16.65-17.15	17.65-18.15	-
DEC 16	16.65-17.15	17.65-18.15	-
DEC 19	12.65-13.50	-	-
DEC 20	8.65-10.65	-	-
DEC 21	7.65- 8.65	-	-
DEC 22	6.65- 7.15	-	-
DEC 23	4.65- 6.15	-	-
DEC 26	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY	NO REPORT ISSUED	
DEC 27	4.65- 5.50	-	-
DEC 28	4.65- 5.50	-	-
DEC 29	3.65- 5.00	-	-
DEC 30	3.65- 5.00	-	-
JAN 02	NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAY	NO REPORT ISSUED	
JAN 03	-	-	-
JAN 04	- 6.00	-	-
JAN 05	- 6.00	-	-
JAN 06	- 6.00	-	-
MOST SHIPMENTS GOING TO PROCESSING; LAST REPORT UNTIL FRESH SHIPMENTS INCREASE			
JAN 30	13.00-15.00	-	-
JAN 31	11.00-13.00	-	-
FEB 01	9.00-11.00	-	-
FEB 02	6.00- 7.00	-	-
FEB 03	4.65- 6.00	-	-
FEB 06	5.00- 6.00	-	6.00- 8.00
FEB 07	5.00- 6.00	-	6.00- 8.00
FEB 08	5.00- 6.00	-	6.00- 8.00
FEB 09	- 7.00	-	8.00- 9.00
FEB 10	- 7.00	-	8.00- 9.00
FEB 13	- 6.00	-	8.00- 9.00
FEB 14	- 6.00	-	8.00- 9.00
FEB 15	- 6.00	-	8.00- 9.00
FEB 16	- 6.00	-	9.00-11.00
FEB 17	- 6.00	-	9.00-11.00
FEB 20	SUPPLY INSUFFICIENT TO QUOTE; LAST REPORT		

C A B B A G E

1994-95 SEASON

LOWER RIO GRAND VALLEY

ABOUT 35 PERCENT OF ALL THE UNITED STATES CABBAGE SHIPMENTS COME FROM TEXAS. MOVEMENT IS REPORTED IN 50,000 LB UNIT (1,000 PACKAGES) TO EASILY COMPARE WITH SHIPMENTS FROM CALIFORNIA.

ACCORDING TO THE STATISTICAL REPORTING SERVICE, HARVESTED ACREAGE IN TEXAS WAS 11,200 ACRES IN 1994, REPRESENTING A 15 PERCENT INCREASE WHEN COMPARED TO 1993.

SHIPMENTS FOR THE SEASON IN 50,000 LB UNITS (1,000 PACKAGE BASIS) WERE 5,235, AN INCREASE OF 28 PERCENT AS COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS SEASON. THE FIRST SHIPMENTS WERE REPORTED THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 5TH. THEY INCREASED STEADILY UNTIL PEAK SHIPMENTS OF 428 TRUCK WERE REPORTED THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 11TH. THEN SUPPLIES BEGAN TO DECREASE UNTIL THE LAST SHIPMENTS WERE REPORTED THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 24TH.

APPROXIMATELY 50 PERCENT OF TEXAS CABBAGE IS GROWN IN THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY, WITH HIDALGO COUNTY PRODUCING THE BULK OF THESE SUPPLIES. A LITTLE MORE THAN 40 PERCENT COMES FROM THE SAN ANTONIO-WINTER GARDEN AREA. THE REMAINING 10 PERCENT IS PLANTED IN LAREDO, COASTAL BEND AREA, HIGH PLAINS, AND THE TRANS-PECOS AREA.

PLANTING BEGAN ON SCHEDULE THIS SEASON. YIELDS AVERAGE BETWEEN 700-725 SACKS PER ACRE. PLANTING PROGRESSED NORMALLY THIS SEASON. RAINS DURING LATE OCTOBER SLOWED PLANTING AND RESULTED IN A PLANTING GAP. YIELDS WERE ABOUT THE SAME AS LAST SEASON AT 370 CWT/ACRE COMPARED TO 350 CWT/ACRE. HARVESTING STARTED IN EARLY NOVEMBER. RAIN AND COOL TEMPERATURES SLOWED HARVEST LATE DECEMBER - EARLY JANUARY. SLIGHT HAIL AND WIND DAMAGE OCCURRED DURING MARCH. OTHERWISE THE SEASON CONTINUED WITH LITTLE INTERRUPTION.

SIZE RAN MOSTLY MEDIUM-LARGE (17-23 HEADS PER 50-LB CARTONS). MOST CABBAGE IS CUT IN THE FIELD AND LOADED INTO FIELD TRUCKS. IT IS THEN TRANSPORTED TO THE PACKING SHED WHERE IT IS TRIMMED, GRADED, SIZED AND PACKED BEFORE BEING COOLED FOR SHIPMENT. SOME GROWERS FIELD PACK CABBAGE IN 50-LB CARTONS AND SACKS. IT IS THEN TRANSPORTED TO THE SHED FOR COOLING OR SHIPPED DIRECTLY FROM THE FIELD.

CABBAGE IS NORMALLY PACKED IN 50-LB CRATES, CARTONS, OR SACKS AND SOLD BY SIZE. SIZED RANGE FROM 6-40 HEADS FOR CONTAINER. THE 6-14 SIZE CABBAGE IS NORMALLY SOLD IN SACKS AS JUMBO OR SLAW CABBAGE. 14-19 SIZE IS LARGE CABBAGE AND 17-23 SIZE OR MEDIUM-LARGE IS THE PREFERRED SIZE BY CONSUMERS AND NORMALLY BRINGS A PREMIUM PRICE. ANY CABBAGE WITH MORE THAN 25 HEADS PER CONTAINER IS NORMALLY DISCOUNTED IN PRICE DEPENDING UPON HOW MANY HEADS ARE IN THE CONTAINER. THE 3 VARIETIES OF CABBAGE GROWN IN SOUTH TEXAS ARE GREEN (80 PERCENT) RED (15 PERCENT) AND SAVOY (5 PERCENT). SACK CABBAGE IS GENERALLY DISCOUNTED 75 CENTS FROM CARTON OR CRATE CABBAGE ON THE SAME HEAD. A STANDARD 45 FOOT TRAILER WILL NORMALLY CARRY 800-900 CARTONS OF CABBAGE.

THE FIRST F.O.B. WAS REPORTED ON ROUND GREEN CABBAGE DURING THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 26TH. THE PRICES OPENED ON 50-LB CARTONS 17-24 SIZE AT \$7.00. PRICES WERE AS HIGH AS \$8.00-\$10.00 DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF JANUARY. THEY FELL TO MOSTLY 6.50 LATE IN JANUARY AND CONTINUED TO DECLINE UNTIL REACHING THE SEASON LOW \$3.50 LATE MARCH-EARLY APRIL. PRICES CLOSED THE LAST WEEK OF APRIL AT \$5.00-\$7.00.

SAN ANTONIO - WINTER GARDEN DISTRICT

ACCORDING TO TEXAS AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE IN 1994 THERE WERE 3400 HARVESTED ACRES IN THE SAN ANTONIO-WINTER GARDEN AREA COMPARED TO 2800 IN 1993, 1891 (50,000 LB TRUCKLOTS) OF CABBAGE WERE SHIPPED FROM THE WINTER GARDEN DISTRICT SHIPPING POINT AREA DURING THE 1994-1995 SEASON. 1678 (50,000 LB TRUCKLOTS) WERE SHIPPED THE PREVIOUS SEASON. LIGHT SHIPMENTS BEGAN IN MID-LATE OCTOBER AND INCREASED IN NOVEMBER. THE FALL CROP BEGAN ITS DECLINE IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH. SUPPLIES ARE IN FEW HANDS FOR THE SPRING CROP (APRIL-JUNE) AND SHIPMENT INFORMATION IS ONLY AVAILABLE DURING THIS TIME. THE WINTER GARDEN AREA INCLUDES THE COUNTIES OF UVALDE, FRIO, MEDINA, ZAVALA, DIMMIT, KINNEY AND MAVERICK, AND THE SECOND LARGEST PRODUCER OF CABBAGE IN TEXAS.

LAND PREPARATION AND PLANTING OF THE FALL CROP BEGAN IN EARLY JULY AND CONTINUED THROUGH SEPTEMBER. MOST

PLANTING WAS DELAYED UNTIL LATE AUGUST BECAUSE JULY WAS HOT AND DRY. CABBAGE PLANTED IN JULY PRODUCED LIGHT STANDS AND WHITEFLIES WERE SOMEWHAT OF A PROBLEM, AS WELL. OCTOBER WAS A WET MONTH AND CAUSED A PLANTING GAP FOR SUPPLIES IN LATE DECEMBER THROUGH FEBRUARY.

LIGHT HARVESTING BEGAN IN LATE OCTOBER AND INCREASED BY MID-NOVEMBER. SUPPLIES WERE LIGHTER IN JANUARY AND FEBRUARY, WHILE SUPPLIES INCREASED IN MARCH, IN TIME FOR THE MAJOR CABBAGE USING HOLIDAY, ST. PATRICK'S DAY. SPRING SUPPLIES INCREASED IN APRIL-MAY AND WAS MOSTLY COMPLETED BY THE END OF JUNE. TEMPERATURES WERE MOSTLY MILD TO SLIGHTLY WARM DURING THE FALL AND WINTER MONTHS. VERY FEW TEMPERATURES WERE AT OR NEAR FREEZING. SUPPLIES WERE GENERALLY TIGHT FOR THE MOST OF THE SEASON. THE PEAK WEEK OF SHIPMENTS WAS JUST PRIOR TO CHRISTMAS, DECEMBER 18-24 WITH 86 LOADS SHIPPED THAT WEEK AND THE NEXT HEAVY SHIPMENTS WERE DURING THE ST. PATRICK'S HOLIDAY SHIPPING FOR MARCH 5-11 AT 81 LOADS.

THE FIRST F.O.B. REPORT WAS ISSUED NOVEMBER 14, 1994. ROUND GREEN TYPE MEDIUM (18-24S) IN 50-LB CARTONS WAS MOSTLY \$6.50-7.00. EARLY SUPPLIES WERE LIMITED WITH GOOD DEMAND. EVEN LIGHTER SUPPLIES WERE AVAILABLE IN DECEMBER WITH GOOD DEMAND. PRICES IMPROVED IN LATE DECEMBER AND EARLY JANUARY BETWEEN \$8.00-10.00. DEMAND BEGAN TO DECLINE AND THE MARKET BROKE AND SETTLED NEAR \$6.00-7.00 THROUGH LATE JANUARY AND FEBRUARY. THE LAST REPORT WAS ISSUED ON FEBRUARY 14, 1995.

CABBAGE IS PACKED IN 50-LB CARTONS AND 50-LB MESH SACKS. MOST OF THE CABBAGE GROWN IN THE WINTER GARDEN AREA IS CUT, PACKED, AND LOADED DIRECTLY FROM THE FIELD AND TOPPED WITH CRUSHED ICE, IF NEEDED. SOME FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE FOR PRECOOLING. THERE IS GENERALLY 75 CENTS DIFFERENCE IN SACKS OR CARTON. JUMBO OR LARGE CABBAGE IS USUALLY 10-14 HEADS PER SACK AND USED MOSTLY FOR CHOPPING (COLESLAW) BY THE TRADE. THERE IS AN INCREASE USAGE OF BINS FOR SHIPPING JUMBO CABBAGE. THE USUAL LOAD WILL CONSIST OF 800-900 PACKAGES.

SUPPLIES OF TRUCKS WERE ADEQUATE TO A SLIGHT SURPLUS FOR THE 1994-1995 SEASON.

C A B B A G E

WEEKLY CABBAGE MOVEMENT

(INCLUDES RAIL, PIGGYBACK, TRUCK, AIR, BOAT, EXPORT AND IMPORT)

1,000 PACKAGE BASIS (50,000 LB UNITS)

1994-95 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	TEXAS WINTER GARDEN	TEXAS LOWER RIO GRANDE VLY	ARIZ	CALIF	FLORIDA	GEORGIA	NEW YORK	MEXICO	TOTAL
NOV									
5	48	15	7	1	-	-	114	3	188
12	58	31	7	4	-	-	126	4	230
19	50	22	7	3	-	5	129	2	218
26	39	20	3	-	-	7	101	4	174
DEC									
03	61	38	7	5	1	49	113	8	382
10	79	43	3	6	2	80	129	1	343
17	80	47	5	10	7	106	131	6	392
24	86	59	10	16	17	57	128	12	385
31	51	87	10	24	25	66	133	15	411
JAN									
07	49	47	4	38	50	37	114	18	357
14	47	118	5	38	52	42	110	15	427
21	46	123	4	27	54	36	113	14	417
28	39	142	10	19	79	11	109	15	424
FEB									
04	42	146	3	24	74	-	117	17	423
11	50	178	10	18	72	-	124	15	467
18	44	161	13	9	76	-	136	19	458
25	39	172	13	15	79	-	123	17	458
MAR									
04	42	159	21	11	128	-	107	19	487
11	81	327	23	11	141	-	125	16	724
18	45	260	23	1	145	-	124	17	615
25	32	164	22	1	124	-	114	8	465
APR									
01	44	126	15	-	131	4	99	10	429
08	52	169	23	-	143	10	98	12	507
15	77	189	14	-	154	11	94	9	548
22	75	164	4	-	120	70	86	9	528
29	55	134	24	-	89	99	55	3	459
MAY									
06	76	83	16	-	70	134	-	14	393
13	70	39	5	-	16	190	-	15	335
20	73	41	7	-	11	240	-	10	382
27	41	32	2	-	2	203	-	2	282
JUN									
03	58	16	3	-	-	113	-	5	195
10	69	4	2	-	-	63	-	5	143
17	60	-	5	-	-	17	-	1	83
24	21	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	26
JUL									
01	-	-	2	-	-	-	10	3	15
TOTAL	1879	3356	336	281	1867	1650	2962	344	12670

CABBAGE

1994-95

Weekly price range

Sales F.O.B. Shipping point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis

Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas (McAllen)

	1 3/4 bucrts SAVOY TYPE	50 lb ctns RED TYPE 17-24s	50 lb ctns ROUND GREEN TYPE 17-24s	50 lb sks ROUND GREEN TYPE 17-24s
NOV 26	-	-	- 7.00	- 6.25
DEC 03	-	11.50-14.00	6.00- 6.50	- 5.75
DEC 10	-	-11.50	6.50- 7.00	- 5.75
DEC 17	-	-11.50	- 7.50	- 6.75
DEC 24	8.00-8.50	11.50-13.50	- 7.50	- 6.75
DEC 31	-	-13.50	7.50- 9.50	- 6.75
JAN 07	-	15.00-16.00	8.00-10.00	-
JAN 14	-	-15.50	6.50- 7.50	-
JAN 21	-	-	5.50- 6.50	-
JAN 28	-	16.00-18.00	6.00- 6.50	-
FEB 04	-	-15.50	6.00- 6.50	-
FEB 11	-	11.50-13.50	5.50- 6.00	-
FEB 18	-	11.50-12.00	6.00- 6.50	-
FEB 25	-	9.00-12.00	4.50- 6.00	-
MAR 04	-12.00	7.00- 9.00	- 4.50	- 3.50
MAR 11	-12.00	7.50- 9.50	5.00- 5.50	-
MAR 18	-12.00	6.00- 8.50	- 4.50	-
MAR 25	6.50-12.00	5.50- 7.50	3.50- 4.00	-
APR 01	10.00-12.00	5.50- 7.50	- 3.50	-
APR 08	8.00-12.00	6.00- 7.50	4.00- 4.50	-
APR 15	9.00-10.00	6.00- 7.00	4.00- 4.50	-
APR 22	-	8.00-12.00	4.50- 5.00	-
APR 29	-	-12.00	5.00- 7.00	-

San Antonio - Winter Garden District

WEEK ENDING	50 lb ctns ROUND GREEN TYPE 18-24s	50 lb sks ROUND GREEN TYPE 10-14s
NOV 19	6.50- 7.00	4.50- 5.50
NOV 26	6.50- 7.00	5.00- 5.50
DEC 03	6.00- 6.50	4.50- 5.00
DEC 10	6.50- 7.00	4.50- 5.00
DEC 17	7.50- 8.00	INSUFFICIENT TO QUOTE
DEC 24	- 8.00	6.00- 6.50
DEC 31	- 8.00	- 6.00
JAN 07	8.00-10.00	-
JAN 14	7.00- 7.50	-
JAN 21	6.50- 7.00	-
JAN 28	6.00- 6.50	-
FEB 04	6.50- 7.00	-
FEB 11	6.00- 6.50	-
FEB 18	6.50- 7.00	-
FEB 25	9.00-12.00	-

LAST REPORT - SUPPLIES IN FEW HANDS

C A R R O T S

1994-95 SEASON

MOVEMENT IS REPORTED IN 50,000 LB UNITS (1,000 PACKAGES) TO CONFORM WITH REPORTING FROM CALIFORNIA. LOW FRESH MARKET PRICES SEEM TO ENCOURAGE INCREASED ACREAGE FOR PROCESSED CARROTS.

THERE WERE 9,000 ACRES OF CARROTS PLANTED IN 1994 FOR BOTH THE FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING. THIS COMPARES 8,100 ACRES IN 1993 AND REFLECTS A 10 PERCENT INCREASE IN PLANTED ACREAGE. HARVESTED ACREAGE WAS 7,500 ACRES IN 1993 AND INCREASE ACCORDINGLY TO 8,100 IN 1994. PRODUCTION IN 1,000 CWT PERCENT WAS 1,714 FOR 1994 AND 1,313 FOR 1993, REFLECTING A 30 PERCENT INCREASE IN YIELD.

SHIPMENTS FROM THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY FOR THE 1994-95 SEASON IN 50,000 LB UNITS TOTALED 1052. THIS COMPARED TO 814 FOR THE 1992-93 SEASON. THE 30 PERCENT INCREASE IN SHIPMENTS MAY BE DUE TO LESS CARROTS THIS SEASON BEING DIVERTED TO PROCESSORS. THE FIRST SHIPMENTS WERE THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 19TH. SHIPMENTS INCREASED AND WERE HEAVIEST DURING APRIL. PEAK SHIPMENTS WERE THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 8TH WHEN 66 LOADS WERE SHIPPED. SHIPMENTS BEGAN TO DECLINE SEASONALLY DURING THE THIRD WEEK OF MAY. THE LAST SHIPMENTS WERE REPORTED THE WEEK ENDING JUNE 10TH.

USUALLY 60-70% OF THE STATE'S ACREAGE IS IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY. TWENTY PERCENT COMES FROM THE SAN ANTONIO WINTER-GARDEN AREA, 5% FROM THE HIGH PLAINS, AND 5% FROM LAREDO. HIDALGO COUNTY IS THE LARGEST PRODUCER OF CARROTS IN THE STATE, GROWING MORE THAN 50 % OF THE AVAILABLE SUPPLIES.

SEEDING BEGINS IN LATE JULY AND CONTINUES INTO FEBRUARY WITH MOST ACTIVE SEEDING IN SEPTEMBER THROUGH NOVEMBER. HARVEST USUALLY BEGINS IN NOVEMBER WITH HEAVY SHIPMENTS FROM JANUARY THROUGH APRIL. CARROTS CAN TOLERATE A WIDE RANGE OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS BUT MAXIMUM YIELD AND QUALITY ARE ACHIEVED WHEN TEMPERATURES ARE MODERATE. HIGH TEMPERATURES CAUSE POOR COLOR AND BITTER TASTE. ALTHOUGH CARROTS CAN TOLERATE LIGHT FREEZES, THEY ARE DAMAGED BY TEMPERATURES IN THE LOW 20S; THIS EFFECTIVELY LIMITS WINTER PRODUCTION TO SOUTH TEXAS.

NEARLY ALL CARROTS FOR FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING ARE MACHINE HARVESTED. THE CARROTS ARE MECHANICALLY PULLED THEN THE TOPS ARE CUT OFF AND THE CARROTS ARE DUMPED INTO A TRUCK FOR TRANSPORTATION TO THE PACKING SHED. ONCE IN THE PACKING SHED, THE CARROTS ARE GRADED BY SIZE AND QUALITY AND REJECTED CARROTS ARE TAKEN TO THE PROCESSORS. A FEW MARKETS PREFER CARROTS WITH TOPS INTACT, BUT LABOR COSTS FOR THIS TYPE OF OPERATION ARE COMPETITIVE WITH MARKETS FOR MACHINE HARVESTED CARROTS.

CARROTS ARE NORMALLY PACKED IN SACKS CONTAINING 48 1-LB FILMBAGS; SACKS CONTAINING 24 2-LB FILMBAGS, OR 50-LB SACKS LOOSE. THE LOOSE CARROTS ARE NORMALLY LARGE OR JUMBO CARROTS AND SOLD PRIMARILY TO RESTAURANTS, MILITARY SERVICES, SCHOOLS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS. THE 1-POUND CONSUMER FILMBAGS ARE EITHER SMALL-MEDIUM (9-12 CARROTS PER 1-LB BAG) OR MEDIUM-LARGE (6-8 CARROTS PER 1-LB BAGS) AND USUALLY SOLD IN RENTAL OUTLETS.

THE FIRST F.O.B. ON CARROTS THIS SEASON WAS ISSUED JANUARY 9TH. FILMBAGS OF MEDIUM-LARGE CARROTS OPENED FOR \$9.00-10.00. PRICE ROSE STEADILY TO \$11.00 BY JANUARY 17TH AND REMAINED THERE UNTIL THE WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 3RD. PRICES THEN FLUCTUATED BETWEEN \$7.00-12.00 UNTIL CLOSING AT \$8.00-9.50 THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 13TH.

SINCE CALIFORNIA SUPPLIES THE BULK OF THE CARROTS IN THE U.S., TEXAS SHIPPERS MUST NORMALLY STAY VERY COMPETITIVE WITH THE CALIFORNIA MARKETS. HIGH AND LOWS IN THE TEXAS PRICES ARE NORMALLY DETERMINED BY MARKETING CONDITIONS IN CALIFORNIA.

C A R R O T S

WEEKLY CARROT MOVEMENT

(INCLUDING RAIL, PIGGYBACK, TRUCK, AIR, BOAT, EXPORT)

1,000 PACKAGE BASIS (50,000 LB UNITS)

1994-95 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	TEXAS LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY	ARIZONA	CALIFORNIA	FLORIDA	CANADA	MEXICO	TOTAL
NOV							
19	1	-	529	-	-	5	535
26	2	2	411	-	582	5	1002
DEC							
03	2	4	480	-	-	5	491
10	3	5	552	2	-	13	575
17	8	1	563	1	-	15	588
24	10	2	482	-	-	26	520
31	11	12	444	4	533	20	1024
JAN							
07	20	3	491	6	-	25	545
14	42	1	557	6	-	32	638
21	52	1	502	10	-	20	585
28	51	33	470	121	479	20	1065
FEB							
04	63	23	502	14	-	26	628
11	41	33	522	15	-	24	635
18	35	41	467	19	-	22	584
25	33	26	518	42	171	16	806
MAR							
04	28	40	510	34	-	20	632
11	38	22	554	25	-	30	669
18	62	24	497	20	-	51	654
25	62	47	499	24	106	49	787
APR							
01	55	30	456	18	-	29	588
08	66	32	528	14	-	50	690
15	49	38	516	14	-	41	658
22	52	26	452	20	-	33	583
29	65	47	422	25	36	53	648
MAY							
06	60	21	455	25	-	43	604
13	51	40	475	21	-	64	651
20	45	57	491	22	-	61	676
27	23	30	513	12	7	42	627
JUN							
03	18	31	458	13	-	42	562
10	4	39	529	5	-	44	621
17	-	36	597	1	-	51	685
24	-	20	536	-	3	44	603
JUL							
01	-	27	528	-	-	26	581
TOTAL	1052	794	16506	424	1917	1047	21740

CARROTS

1994-95

Weekly price range

Lower Rio Grande Valley

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis

	50 lb sks lse jbo	sks 48 1-lb flmbgs med-lge
JAN 14	-13.15	9.00-11.00
JAN 21	-11.15	-11.00
JAN 28	9.50-11.50	-11.00
FEB 04	7.15- 9.50	8.15-10.35
FEB 11	6.15- 9.15	8.00- 9.50
FEB 18	6.15- 7.15	8.00- 9.50
FEB 25	5.15- 7.15	7.00- 8.00
MAR 04	- 9.15	9.00- 9.50
MAR 11	11.15-13.15	9.00-10.00
MAR 18	13.15-14.15	9.50-11.50
MAR 25	9.15-11.50	9.00-10.00
APR 01	8.00- 9.15	8.00- 9.50
APR 08	9.00-10.00	8.00-12.00
APR 15	9.15-11.50	8.00- 9.50

C I T R U S

1994-95 SEASON

THE 1994-95 CITRUS SEASON WILL GENERALLY BE THOUGHT OF AS A GOOD SEASON. VOLUME WAS UP SIGNIFICANTLY, REFLECTING THE STEADY RECOVERY FROM THE DEVASTATING FREEZES OF 1983 AND 1989. F.O.B. MARKET PRICES WERE FAIR TO GOOD AND THE WEATHER WAS NOT A PROBLEM.

THE BLOOM IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH OF 1994 SENT A POSITIVE MESSAGE THAT IF SOME TYPE OF NATURAL DISASTER DID NOT OCCUR, VOLUME FOR THE 1994-95 HARVESTING SEASON WAS GOING TO BE UP SIGNIFICANTLY. THIS FORECAST PROVED TO BE CORRECT. WHEN THE FINAL TALLY WAS COMPLETED IN LATE MAY, OVER 7.2 MILLION 7/10 BUSHEL CARTON EQUIVALENTS OF ORANGES AND GRAPEFRUITS HAD BEEN SHIPPED TO THE FRESH MARKET COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS SEASON VOLUME OF SLIGHTLY OVER 4.7 MILLION CARTON EQUIVALENTS.

OTHER EVIDENCE OF A STEADY RECOVERY FROM THE 80'S FREEZES, SHOWED UP IN THE 1995 CITRUS TREE SURVEY WHICH WAS CONDUCTED ON A COOPERATION BASIS BETWEEN THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE. AS OF JANUARY 1995, GRAPEFRUIT TOTALED 23,100 ACRES WHICH WAS 28% MORE THAN 1993. THERE WERE 9,600 ACRES OF ORANGES, WHICH IS ALSO 28% OVER THE 1993 SURVEY. THE RED VARIETIES DOMINATED THE GRAPEFRUIT PRODUCTION WITH 72.1% OF THE TOTAL, WITH THE OLD STANDBY RUBY RED MAKING UP 16.6% OF THE TOTAL. NAVELS ACCOUNTED FOR 28.5% OF THE ORANGE ACREAGE, VALENCIAS TOTALED 13.37%, AND OTHER VARIETIES EQUALED 58.2%. OTHER CITRUS SUCH AS LEMONS, LIMES, TANGERINES, AND TANGELOS ACCOUNTED FOR LESS THAN .5%.

THE F.O.B. PRICES FOR GRAPEFRUIT AND ORANGES WERE GENERALLY LESS THAN THE PREVIOUS SEASON. THIS WAS A RESULT OF MORE FRUIT BEING AVAILABLE FROM TEXAS AND A SIGNIFICANT CROP INCREASE OUT OF FLORIDA. SAMPLING OF PRICES THROUGHOUT THE SEASON APPEAR IN DETAIL IN THIS REPORT.

THE FINAL CROP UTILIZATION REPORT INDICATED THAT 67.3% OF THE GRAPEFRUIT PRODUCTION WENT TO THE FRESH MARKET AND THE BALANCE TO PROCESSING. THE FRESH MARKET CAPTURED 65.9% OF THE ORANGE CROP WHILE 34.1% WENT TO PROCESSING. COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS SEASON, A SLIGHTLY LESS PERCENTAGE OF GRAPEFRUIT WENT TO THE FRESH MARKET IN 1994-95 AND A MUCH HIGHER PERCENTAGE OF ORANGES WENT TO PROCESSORS THIS YEAR.

MENTION SHOULD ALSO BE MADE THAT EXPORT VOLUME ON GRAPEVINE INCREASED SUBSTANTIALLY THIS SEASON. THIS YEAR'S VOLUME WAS 358,509 CARTONS COMPARED TO 105,867 FOR THE PREVIOUS SEASON.

THE TEXAS VALLEY CITRUS COMMITTEE CONTRIBUTES THE MAJOR PORTION OF ITS BUDGET TO PROMOTION AND ADVERTISING THROUGH TEXASWEET CITRUS MARKETING, INC., A CONTINUED STUDY OF POST-HARVEST ARRIVAL PROBLEMS, AND THE LONG TIME PROBLEM OF CONTROLLING THE MEXICAN FRUIT FLY. THE COMMITTEE'S CONTRIBUTION TO TEXASWEET ACTIVITIES TOTALED \$650,000 AND A SUMMARY OF THE PROGRAMS ACTIVITIES ARE ENCLOSED IN THIS REPORT. THE TEXAS A & M UNIVERSITY CITRUS CENTER IN WESLACO CONDUCTED THE POST-HARVEST WORK AND A WORKSHOP HAS NOW BEEN SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 7 TO SHARE THE FINDINGS AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO SHIPPERS AND GROWERS ON HOW THE ARRIVAL QUALITY OF FRUIT CAN BE IMPROVED. THE COOPERATIVELY FUNDED MEX FLY PROGRAM BETWEEN U.S.D.A., T.D.A. AND THE COMMITTEE HAD A TOTAL BUDGET OF \$527,047 FOR THE PAST YEAR, OF WHICH THE COMMITTEE SHARE WAS \$167,105. CONTROL OF THE MEX FLY IS VITAL TO MEX FLY CONTROL PROGRAM, WHICH PRIMARILY CONSISTS OF THE REARING AND RELEASE OF STERILE FLIES, WAS OF QUESTIONABLE BENEFIT THIS SEASON. WILD FLY DETECTIONS BEGAN IN JANUARY WHICH IS VERY EARLY IN THIS YEAR. IN TOTAL, 614 WILD FLIES WERE DETECTED DURING THE SEASON COMPARED TO ONLY 43 THE PREVIOUS SEASON.

LOOKING BRIEFLY AHEAD TO THE 1995-96 SEASON, IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT THE INCREASE IN PRODUCTION WILL BE AS DRAMATIC AS THIS PAST YEAR. A SEVERE DROUGHT IS BEGINNING TO THREATEN ALL OF VALLEY AGRICULTURE WITH VERY LOW RESERVES OF WATER AVAILABLE IN FALCON AND AMISTAD RESERVOIRS. FLORIDA, WITH ITS INCREASING VOLUME, WILL CONTINUE TO PUT PRESSURE ON TEXAS FOR MARKET SHARE, AND PRICES COULD SUFFER AS A RESULT. ON THE POSITIVE SIDE, TEXAS CONTINUES TO REESTABLISH ITSELF IN MANY DOMESTIC MARKETS THAT WERE LOST FOLLOWING THE FREEZES. OPPORTUNITIES IN THE EXPORT MARKET ARENA ALSO LOOK VERY PROMISING. OVERALL, THE INDUSTRY IS COUNTING UPON THE RIO RED VARIETY OF GRAPEFRUIT TO GIVE TEXAS A COMPETITIVE EDGE IN THE MARKET PLACE FOR THE NEXT SEVERAL YEARS.

COURTESY OF THE TEXAS VALLEY CITRUS COMMITTEE

TVCC RULES & REGULATIONS:

**A. LIMITATION OF SHIPMENTS
REGULATIONS: EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 1994
GRADE AND SIZE REGULATIONS AND EFFECTIVE TIME PERIODS**

GRAPEFRUIT - ALL VARIETIES

EFFECTIVE DATE: AUGUST 1, 1994

TERMINATION DATE: AT RECOMMENDATION OF TVCC AND APPROVAL BY SECRETARY

PERMITTED GRADES OR MARKS: U.S. FANCY; TEXAS FANCY*; U.S. NO. 1; U.S. NO. 1 BRIGHT; U.S. NO. 1 BRONZE; TEXAS CHOICE**

PERMITTED SIZES: 46; 54; 64; 70; 80; 96; (3 9/16 INCHES MIN.) AND 112 (3 5/16 INCHES MIN.)

MINIMUM DIAMETER: SUCH GRAPEFRUIT ARE A LEAST PACK SIZE 96, EXCEPT THAT THE MINIMUM DIAMETER LIMIT FOR PACK SIZE 96 GRAPEFRUIT IN ANY LOT SHALL BE 3 9/16 INCHES: PROVIDED, THAT ANY HANDLER MAY HANDLE GRAPEFRUIT, EXCEPT DURING THE PERIOD NOVEMBER 16 THROUGH JANUARY 31 EACH SEASON, WHICH ARE SMALLER THAN PACK SIZE 96, IF SUCH GRAPEFRUIT GRADE AT LEAST U.S. NO. 1 AND THEY ARE AT LEAST PACK SIZE 112, EXCEPT THAT THE MINIMUM DIAMETER LIMIT FOR PACK SIZE GRAPEFRUIT IN ANY LOT SHALL BE 3 5/16 INCHES: PROVIDED FURTHER, THAT FOR THE PERIOD BEGINNING OCTOBER 15, 1994, AND ENDING JULY 31, 1995, ANY HANDLER MAY HANDLE GRAPEFRUIT IF SUCH GRAPEFRUIT GRADE AT LEAST U.S. NO. 1 AND THEY ARE AT LEAST PACK SIZE 112, EXCEPT THAT THE MINIMUM DIAMETER LIMIT FOR PACK SIZE 112 GRAPEFRUIT IN ANY LOT SHALL BE 3 5/16 INCHES IN DIAMETER.

***TEXAS FANCY GRAPEFRUIT - MARKETING ORDER 906 IDENTIFYING MARK THAT MEETS ALL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A U.S. NO. 1 EXCEPT THE ALLOWANCE FOR DISCOLORATION IS REDUCED SO THAT NOT MORE THAN 40 PERCENT OF THE SURFACE, IN THE AGGREGATE, MAY BE AFFECTED BY DISCOLORATION.**

****TEXAS CHOICE GRAPEFRUIT- MARKETING ORDER 906 IDENTIFYING MARK THAT MEETS ALL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR A U.S. NO. 2 EXCEPT THE ALLOWANCE FOR DISCOLORATION IS REDUCED SO THAT NOT MORE THAN 60 PERCENT OF THE SURFACE, IN THE AGGREGATE, MAY BE AFFECTED BY DISCOLORATION.**

COURTESY OF THE TEXAS VALLEY CITRUS COMMITTEE

ORANGES - ALL VARIETIES

EFFECTIVE DATE: AUGUST 1, 1994

TERMINATION DATE: AT RECOMMENDATION OF TVCC AND APPROVAL BY SECRETARY

PERMITTED GRADES OR U.S. FANCY: U.S. NO. 1; U.S. NO. 1 BRIGHT; U.S. NO. 1 BROWZE; U.S. COMBINATION (WITH **MARKS:**
NOT LESS THAN 60 PERCENT, BY COUNT, OF THE ORANGES IN ANY LOT THEREOF GRADING AT LEAST
U.S. NO. 1); TEXAS CHOICE* AND U.S. NO. 2.

PERMITTED SIZES: 100; 125; 163; 200; 252; AND 288

MINIMUM DIAMETER: SUCH ORANGES ARE AT LEAST PACK SIZE 288, AS SUCH SIZE IS SPECIFIED IN 51.691(C) OF THE
U.S. STANDARDS FOR ORANGES (TEXAS AND STATES OTHER THAN FLORIDA, CALIFORNIA, AND
ARIZONA), EXCEPT THAT THE MINIMUM DIAMETER LIMIT FOR PACK SIZE 288 ORANGES IN ANY LOT
SHALL BE 2 6/16 INCHES.

*TEXAS CHOICE ORANGES - MARKETING ORDER 906 IDENTIFYING MARK THAT MEETS ALL THE REQUIREMENTS FOR U.S.
NO. 2 EXCEPT THE DEFINITION FOR "REASONABLY WELL COLORED" IS REDEFINED TO MEAN THAT THE YELLOW OR
ORANGE COLOR PREDOMINATES OVER THE GREEN COLOR ON AT LEAST 75 PERCENT OF THE FRUIT SURFACE IN THE
AGGREGATE WHICH IS NOT DISCOLORED.

AN APPROPRIATE INSPECTION CERTIFICATE MUST HAVE BEEN ISSUED FOR SUCH FRUIT WITHIN 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE TIME OF SHIPMENT.
NO HANDLER MAY TRANSPORT BY MOTOR VEHICLE OR CAUSE THE TRANSPORTATION OF FRUIT FOR WHICH AN INSPECTION CERTIFICATE IS
REQUIRED UNLESS EACH SUCH SHIPMENT IS ACCOMPANIED BY A COPY OF THE INSPECTION CERTIFICATE APPLICABLE THERETO, AND A COPY
OF SUCH INSPECTION CERTIFICATE IS SURRENDERED UPON REQUEST TO TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE PERSONNEL DESIGNED BY THE
COMMITTEE.

FOR MINIMUM AND MAXIMUM DIAMETER AND PACK ARRANGEMENTS ON VARIOUS SIZES OF GRAPEFRUIT AND ORANGES, REFER TO CONTAINER,
PACK AND CONTAINER MARKING REGULATIONS.

COURTESY OF THE TEXAS VALLEY CITRUS COMMITTEE

SUMMARY OF CONTAINERS 1994-95

(FOR DETAILS REFER TO 906.340 OF "CONTAINER, PACK AND CONTAINER MARKING REGULATIONS")

CONTAINERS

(A) NO HANDLER SHALL HANDLE ANY VARIETY OF ORANGES OR GRAPEFRUIT GROWN IN THE PRODUCTION AREA UNLESS SUCH FRUIT IS IN ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CONTAINERS, AND THE FRUIT IS PACKED AND THE CONTAINERS ARE MARKED AS SPECIFIED IN THIS SECTION:

- (1) CLOSED FIBERBOARD CARTON WITH INSIDE DIMENSIONS OF 13 1/4 X 10 1/2 X 7 1/4 INCHES: **PROVIDED**, THAT THE CONTAINER HAD A MULLEN OR CADY TEST OF AT LEAST 200 POUNDS;
- (2) CLOSED FULLY TELESCOPIC FIBERBOARD CARTON WITH INSIDE DIMENSIONS OF 16 1/2 X 10 3/4 X 9 1/2 INCHES, DESCRIBED IN FREIGHT CONTAINER TARIFF 2G AS CONTAINER NO. 6506;
- (3) CLOSED FIBERBOARD CARTON WITH INSIDE DIMENSIONS OF 20 X 13 1/4 INCHES AND A DEPTH FROM 9 3/4 TO 13 INCHES: **PROVIDED**, THAT THE CONTAINER HAS A MULLEN OR CADY TEST OF AT LEAST 250 POUNDS: **PROVIDED FURTHER**, THAT THE CONTAINER MAY BE USED TO PACK ANY POLY OR MESH BAGS AUTHORIZED IN THIS SECTION.
- (4) BAGS HAVING A CAPACITY OF FIVE OR EIGHT POUNDS OF FRUIT.
- (5) BAGS OF MESH OR WOVEN TYPE HAVING A CAPACITY OF 18 POUNDS OF FRUIT.
- (6) WIRE CRIB WITH INSIDE DIMENSIONS OF 46 1/2 X 37 X 30 INCHES: **PROVIDED**, THAT SUCH CRIBS BE CONSTRUCTED OF EITHER 4 X 4 MESH WIRE AT LEAST 0 GAUGE, OR 2 X 2 INCH MESH WIRE AT LEAST 2 GAUGE, AND THAT A NEW LINER IS PLACED IN THIS CONTAINER EACH TIME IT IS FILLED FOR SHIPMENT;
- (7) RECTANGULAR OR OCTAGONAL BULK FIBERBOARD CRIB WITH APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS OF 46 TO 47 1/2 INCHES IN LENGTH BY 37 TO 38 INCHES IN WIDTH BY 36 INCHES IN HEIGHT: **PROVIDED**, THAT THIS CONTAINER HAS A MULLEN OR CADY TEST OF AT LEAST 1,300 POUNDS AND THAT IT IS USED ONLY ONCE FOR SHIPMENT OF CITRUS FRUIT; **PROVIDED FURTHER**, THAT THE CONTAINER MAY BE USED TO PACK ANY POLY OR MESH BAGS AUTHORIZED IN THIS SECTION OR BULK FRUIT.
- (8) RECTANGULAR OR OCTAGONAL 2/3 FIBERBOARD CRIB WITH DIMENSIONS OF 46 TO 47 1/2 INCHES LONG, 37 TO 38 INCHES WIDE, BY 24 INCHES HIGH: **PROVIDED**, THAT THE CRIB HAS A MULLEN OR CADY TEST OF AT LEAST 1,300 POUNDS, AND THAT IT IS USED ONLY ONCE FOR THE SHIPMENT OF CITRUS FRUIT; **PROVIDED FURTHER**, THAT THE CONTAINER MAY BE USED TO PACK ANY POLY OR MESH BAGS AUTHORIZED IN THIS SECTION OR BULK FRUIT.
- (9) OCTAGONAL FIBERBOARD CRIB WITH APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS OF 46 TO 47 1/2 INCHES IN WIDTH BY 37 TO 38 INCHES IN DEPTH BY 26 TO 26 1/2 IN HEIGHT: **PROVIDED**, THAT THE CRIB HAS A MULLEN OR CADY TEST OF AT LEAST 1,300 POUNDS, AND THAT IT IS USED ONLY ONCE FOR THE SHIPMENT OF CITRUS FRUIT; **PROVIDED FURTHER**, THAT THE CRIB MAY BE USED TO PACK ANY APPROVED POLY OR MESH BAGS AUTHORIZED IN THIS SECTION OR BULK FRUIT.
- (10) POLY OR VEXAR BAG HAVING CAPACITY OF FOUR POUNDS OF FRUIT: **PROVIDED**, THAT ONLY ORANGES ARE TO BE PACKED IN THIS BAG.
- (11) MESH TYPE BAG HAVING A CAPACITY OF TEN POUNDS OF FRUIT.
- (12) SUCH TYPES AND SIZED OF CONTAINERS AS MY BE APPROVED BY THE COMMITTEE FOR TESTING IN CONNECTION WITH A RESEARCH PROJECT CONDUCTED BY OR IN COOPERATION WITH THE COMMITTEE: **PROVIDED**, THAT THE HANDLING OF EACH LOT OF FRUIT IN SUCH TEST CONTAINERS SHALL BE SUBJECT TO PRIOR APPROVAL AND UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF THE TEXAS VALLEY CITRUS COMMITTEE.

COURTESY OF THE TEXAS VALLEY CITRUS COMMITTEE

C I T R U S
WEEKLY CITRUS MOVEMENT
(INCLUDES RAIL, PIGGYBACK, TRUCK, AIR, BOAT, AND EXPORT)
1,080 PACKAGE BASIS (40,000 LB UNITS)
1994-95 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	GRAPEFRUIT	EARLY ORANGES	NAVEL ORANGES	LATE ORANGES
OCT				
07	24	25	16	0
14	62	13	10	0
21	99	19	8	0
28	136	19	11	0
NOV				
04	182	23	12	0
11	218	33	6	0
18	201	24	12	0
25	172	16	12	0
DEC				
02	263	31	30	0
09	306	48	59	0
16	185	50	35	0
23	187	47	23	0
31	172	37	11	0
JAN				
06	214	36	9	0
13	235	59	11	0
20	232	56	20	-
28	234	55	8	0
FEB				
03	233	56	2	0
10	244	48	-	1
17	203	31	2	6
24	186	10	-	16
MAR				
03	206	3	-	23
10	209	2	-	12
17	141	-	-	14
24	163	-	-	12
31	170	-	-	12
APR				
07	160	-	-	9
14	126	-	-	10
21	89	-	-	9
28	85	-	-	9
MAY				
05	72	-	-	7
12	58	-	-	7
31	58	-	-	14
TOTAL	5525	741	297	161

GRAPEFRUIT

1994-95

Weekly price range

Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas (McAllen)

Sales F.O.B. Shipping point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis

**7/10 buctns
MARKED RIO STAR
TxFcy**

	32s	36s	40s	48s	56s
OCT 22	- 9.00	- 7.00	- 6.50	- 6.00	- 5.50
OCT 29	- 9.00	- 7.00	- 6.50	- 6.00	- 5.50
NOV 05	8.00- 9.00	- 7.00	- 6.50	- 6.00	5.00- 5.50
NOV 12	- 8.00	6.50- 7.00	6.00- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	- 5.00
NOV 19	6.50- 8.00	6.50- 7.00	5.50- 6.00	5.50- 6.00	4.50- 5.00
NOV 26	- 7.50	- 6.50	- 6.00	- 5.50	4.00- 5.00
DEC 03	7.00- 7.50	- 6.50	- 6.00	- 5.50	- 4.50
DEC 10	- 7.50	- 6.50	- 6.00	- 5.50	- 4.50
DEC 17	- 7.50	- 6.50	- 6.00	- 5.50	- 4.50
DEC 24	7.00- 7.50	6.00- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	5.00- 5.50	4.50- 5.50
DEC 31	7.00- 7.50	6.00- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	5.00- 5.50	- 4.50
JAN 07	7.00- 7.50	6.00- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	5.00- 5.50	4.00- 4.50
JAN 14	- 7.50	- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	5.50- 6.00	- 5.00
JAN 21	- 7.50	- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	5.50- 6.00	- 5.00
JAN 28	- 7.50	- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	5.50- 6.00	- 5.00
FEB 04	7.00- 7.50	- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	5.50- 6.00	4.50- 5.00
FEB 11	7.00- 7.50	- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	5.00- 6.00	4.50- 5.00
FEB 18	7.00- 7.50	6.00- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	5.00- 6.00	- 5.00
FEB 25	6.75- 7.50	5.75- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	5.50- 6.00	- 5.00
MAR 04	6.75- 7.50	5.75- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	5.50- 6.00	- 5.00
MAR 11	6.75- 7.50	5.75- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	5.50- 6.00	- 5.00
MAR 18	7.00- 7.50	6.00- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	4.50- 6.00	4.50- 5.00
MAR 25	7.00- 7.50	6.00- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	5.00- 6.00	- 5.00
APR 01	7.00- 7.50	6.00- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	5.00- 6.00	- 5.00
APR 08	7.00- 7.50	6.00- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	5.00- 6.00	- 5.00
APR 15	- 7.50	6.00- 6.50	5.75- 6.00	6.00- 6.25	- 5.00
APR 22	6.50- 7.50	6.00- 6.50	- 6.00	- 6.00	- 5.00
APR 29	6.50- 7.50	6.00- 6.50	- 6.00	- 6.00	- 5.00

GRAPEFRUIT

1994-95

Weekly price range

Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas (McAllen)

Sales F.O.B. Shipping point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis

**7/10 buctns
MARKED RUBY SWEET
TxFcy**

	32s	36s	40s	48s	56s
OCT 22	- 8.00	6.50- 7.00	- 5.50	5.00- 5.50	- 5.00
OCT 29	- 8.00	- 6.00	- 5.50	- 5.00	- 5.00
NOV 05	- 8.00	- 6.00	- 5.50	- 5.00	- 5.00
NOV 12	6.00- 8.00	- 6.00	- 5.50	- 5.00	4.50- 5.00
NOV 19	6.00- 7.50	- 6.00	5.00- 5.50	- 5.00	4.00- 5.00
NOV 26	6.50- 7.00	- 6.00	- 5.50	5.00- 5.50	3.75- 4.50
DEC 03	5.50- 6.50	- 6.00	5.00- 5.50	- 5.00	- 4.00
DEC 10	6.00- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	5.00- 5.50	- 5.00	4.00- 4.50
DEC 17	6.00- 6.50	- 6.00	- 5.50	- 5.00	4.25- 4.50
DEC 24	6.00- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	- 5.50	- 5.00	-
DEC 31	6.00- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	- 5.50	- 5.00	-
JAN 07	6.00- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	5.00- 5.50	4.50- 5.00	- 4.00
JAN 14	- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	5.25- 5.50	5.00- 5.50	4.50- 4.75
JAN 21	- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	5.25- 5.50	5.00- 5.50	4.50- 4.75
JAN 28	- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	5.25- 5.50	5.00- 5.50	4.50- 4.75
FEB 04	6.00- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	5.00- 5.50	5.00- 5.50	4.25- 4.50
FEB 11	6.00- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	5.00- 5.50	5.00- 5.50	- 4.50
FEB 18	- 6.00	- 5.50	5.00- 5.50	5.00- 5.50	4.25- 4.50
FEB 25	- 6.00	- 5.50	5.00- 5.50	5.00- 5.50	- 4.50
MAR 04	-	-	-	-	-
MAR 11	-	-	-	-	-
MAR 18	-	-	-	-	-
MAR 25	-	-	-	-	-
APR 01	5.00- 6.50	5.00- 5.50	5.00- 5.50	- 5.00	4.25- 5.00
APR 08	5.00- 6.50	5.00- 5.50	5.00- 5.50	- 5.00	4.25- 5.00
APR 15	5.00- 5.50	- 5.00	- 5.00	- 5.00	4.25- 5.00
APR 22	- 5.00	- 5.00	- 5.00	- 5.00	4.25- 5.00
APR 29	- 5.00	- 5.00	- 5.00	- 5.00	-

ORANGES

1994-95

Weekly price range

Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis

7/10 buctns

EARLY VARIETIES

Comb U.S. One - U.S Two

	56s	64s	80s	100s	125s
OCT 15	-	-	-	-	-
OCT 22	-	-10.00	9.00-10.00	-8.00	-7.00
OCT 29	-	-	8.00-9.00	-7.00	-6.00
NOV 05	-	-	-8.00	-7.00	-6.00
NOV 12	-	-	-8.00	-7.00	-6.00
NOV 19	-	-	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	5.50-6.00
NOV 26	-	-	-7.00	-6.00	-5.50
DEC 03	-	7.00-8.00	6.50-7.00	5.00-6.00	5.00-5.50
DEC 10	-	6.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	-6.00	5.00-5.50
DEC 17	-	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	-6.00	5.00-5.50
DEC 24	-	6.00-7.00	6.00-6.50	5.00-6.00	5.00-5.50
DEC 31	-	-	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00	5.00-5.50
JAN 07	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	6.50-7.00	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50
JAN 14	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50
JAN 21	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	-6.50	5.50-6.00	-5.00
JAN 28	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50
FEB 04	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50
FEB 11	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	-6.50	5.50-6.00	-5.50
FEB 18	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	-6.50	-6.00	5.00-6.00
FEB 25	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	-6.50	-6.00	5.00-6.00

ORANGES

1994-95

Weekly price range

Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis

7/10 buctns

NAVEL

Comb U.S. One - U.S Two

	48s	56s	64s	80s	100s
OCT 15	-	-	-	-	-
OCT 22	-	-11.00	-11.00	-10.00	-8.00
OCT 29	-	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	8.00-9.00
NOV 05	-9.00	-9.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	-8.00
NOV 12	-9.00	-9.00	9.00-10.00	-9.00	-8.00
NOV 19	7.00-9.00	7.50-9.00	7.50-9.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00
NOV 26	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.00-7.50
DEC 03	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	-7.50
DEC 10	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00
DEC 17	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00
DEC 24	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	6.00-8.00
DEC 31	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	6.00-8.00
JAN 07	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-7.50	6.00-7.00
JAN 14	-7.50	-7.50	-7.50	-	-
JAN 21	-7.50	-7.50	-7.50	-	-
JAN 28	-7.50	-7.50	-7.50	-6.00	-6.00

ORANGES

1994-95

Weekly price range

Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis

7/10 buctns

VALENCIA

Comb U.S. One - U.S Two

	56s	64s	80s	100s	125s
FEB 25	-	-	7.50-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00
MAR 04	-	-	7.50-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00
MAR 11	-	-	7.50-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00
MAR 18	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00
MAR 25	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00
APR 01	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00
APR 08	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.50-8.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00

CUCUMBERS

1994-95 SEASON

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS: HARVESTING ACREAGE IN TEXAS FOR 1994 WAS 2,200 ACRES. AN INCREASE OF 15 PERCENT AS COMPARE TO 1993. THE INCREASED ACREAGE WAS COMPARABLE TO THE 1992-93 SEASON AND IS THE FIRST INCREASE IN A DECADE. HOWEVER, YIELD PER ACRE DECREASED FROM 120 CWT TO 110 CWT.

SHIPMENTS FOR THE FALL SEASON IN 40,000 LB UNITS WERE 211. LAST SEASON, SHIPMENTS ONLY TOTALED 141. THE 50 PERCENT INCREASE IN SHIPMENTS IS DIRECTLY RELATED TO INCREASED PLANTED ACREAGE. THE FIRST SHIPMENTS FROM THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY WERE REPORTED THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 22ND. VOLUME PEAKED AT 33 LOADS THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 12TH. SUPPLIES THEN STARTED TO DECLINE UNTIL THE LAST CUCUMBERS WERE SHIPPED THE WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 31ST.

THE SPRING CROP SHIPPED 106 TRUCKS OF CUCUMBERS (40,000 LBS EACH). 58 TRUCKS WERE SHIPPED LAST SEASON. THE SPRING CROP GOT UNDERWAY THE WEEK OF APRIL 8TH WITH SHIPMENTS INCREASING TO A PEAK OF 30 TRUCKS THE WEEK ENDING MAY 20TH. THE LAST SHIPMENTS WERE REPORTED THE WEEK ENDING JUN 10TH.

LOCATION: FRESH MARKET CUCUMBERS ARE GROWN STATEWIDE, BUT THE MAJOR PRODUCTION AREAS ARE THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY, COASTAL BEND, WINTER GARDEN AND HIGH PLAINS AREAS. EARLY SPRING PLANTING BEGINS IN JANUARY IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY AND CONTINUES NORTHWARD THROUGH APRIL. HARVESTING IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY BEGINS EARLY APRIL WITH PRODUCTION FROM OTHER AREAS BEGINNING DURING MAY FROM SPRING PLANTING AND CONTINUING THROUGH JUNE. LATE SUMMER AND EARLY FALL PLANTING BEGINS IN THE LATER HALF OF MAY AND CONTINUES INTO AUGUST. SUPPLIES ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE HIGH PLAINS FROM JULY THROUGH SEPTEMBER. HARVEST BEGINS IN THE SAN ANTONIO-WINTER GARDEN AREA IN SEPTEMBER. THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY HARVEST BEGINS IN OCTOBER AND CONTINUES PRODUCING UNTIL A KILLING FROST IN DECEMBER.

GROWING CONDITIONS AND HARVESTING: CUCUMBER ARE A WARM SEASON CROP AND PLANTS ARE INJURED BY FROST OR COLD WINDS. QUALITY AND PRODUCTION ARE BEST SERVED BY DAYTIME TEMPERATURES OF 80° AND 90°F AND NIGHT TEMPERATURES BETWEEN 60° AND 70°F. CUCUMBER PRODUCTION FAVOR LOW HUMIDITY BECAUSE OF THE REDUCED RISK OF DISEASE.

CUCUMBERS ARE NORMALLY PICKED AND TRANSPORTED TO A PACKING SHED IN BULK TRUCKS WHERE THEY ARE GRADED, SIZED AND WAXED BEFORE SHIPPING.

PACKAGING AND MARKETING: CUCUMBER ARE PACKED IN A 1-1/9 BUSHEL CARTON OR CRATE WEIGHING ABOUT 55 LBS. THEY ARE PACKED MEDIUM (SUPER SELECT); MEDIUM-FAIR QUALITY (SELECT); SMALL AND LARGE. A FEW GROWERS ALSO PACK A SMALL CARTON OF 24 CUCUMBERS (MEDIUM-LARGE SIZE) THAT WEIGHS ABOUT 22 LBS.

THE FIRST F.O.B. OF THE FALL SEASON WAS ISSUED ON NOVEMBER 2ND WHEN MEDIUM CUCUMBERS OPENED AT \$9.35-10.35. THE PRICE DROPPED A DOLLAR DURING THE SECOND WEEK OF NOVEMBER AND THEN RECOVERED THE FOLLOWING WEEK WHEN THE SAME SIZE CLOSED AT \$12.50.

THERE WERE NO F.O.B. PRICES IN THE SPRING SEASON AS SUPPLIES WERE WITH TOO FEW SHIPPERS TO ESTABLISH THE MARKET, NEVER-THE-LESS SHIPMENT INFORMATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE.

C U C U M B E R S

WEEKLY CUCUMBER MOVEMENT

(INCLUDES RAIL, PIGGYBACK, TRUCK, AIR, BOAT, EXPORT AND IMPORT)

1,000 PACKAGE BASIS (40,000 LB UNITS)

1994-95 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	TEXAS LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY	TEXAS SAN ANTONIO WINTER GARDENS	FLORIDA	GEORGIA	VA	HONDURAS	MEXICO	TOTAL
F A L L C R O P								
OCT								
01	-	7	2	75	123	-	30	237
08	-	9	16	95	106	-	22	248
15	-	8	47	63	87	-	16	221
22	1	8	62	77	76	-	32	256
29	24	11	91	78	7	-	47	258
NOV								
05	21	16	191	55	-	-	101	384
12	33	14	209	11	-	-	129	396
19	29	12	193	-	-	-	234	468
26	27	2	120	-	-	17	275	441
DEC								
03	27	2	161	-	-	-	334	524
10	17	-	210	-	-	-	380	607
17	17	-	125	-	-	-	398	540
24	11	-	68	-	-	-	379	458
31	4	-	73	-	-	112	386	575
TOTAL	211	89	1568	454	399	129	3763	5313
S P R I N G C R O P								
APR								
01	-	-	181	-	-	-	398	579
08	4	-	227	-	-	-	289	520
15	-	-	277	-	-	-	258	535
22	1	-	263	-	-	-	206	470
29	7	-	365	-	-	80	113	565
MAY								
06	13	-	355	-	-	-	149	517
13	24	-	385	17	-	-	132	558
20	30	-	271	136	-	-	107	544
27	19	-	174	123	-	25	83	454
JUN								
03	7	-	150	144	-	-	81	382
10	1	-	56	111	-	-	60	228
17	-	-	30	95	-	-	72	197
24	-	-	22	68	34	1	90	215
JUL								
01	-	-	4	24	123	-	89	240
TOTAL	106	0	2760	718	157	106	2127	5974

CUCUMBERS

1994-95

Daily price range

Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis

	1 1/9 buctns med	1 1/9 buctns med FR QUAL	1 1/9 buctns sml
NOV 02	9.35-10.35	- 6.35	- 7.35
NOV 03	9.50-10.50	5.50- 6.50	7.35- 7.50
NOV 04	9.35-10.35	- 6.35	- 7.35
NOV 07	- 9.35	5.35- 6.35	6.35- 7.35
NOV 08	8.50- 9.35	- 5.35	6.35- 7.35
NOV 09	8.50- 9.35	- 5.35	6.35- 7.35
NOV 10	8.50- 9.35	- 5.35	6.35- 6.50
NOV 13	-	-	-
NOV 14	9.00-10.00	5.35- 7.00	6.35- 8.50
NOV 15	-12.50	8.50-10.50	7.00- 8.50
NOV 16	-	-	-

M I S C E L L A N E O U S V E G E T A B L E S

1994-95 SEASON

MISCELLANEOUS VEGETABLES ARE THOSE VEGETABLES WHOSE ACREAGE AND VOLUME ARE TOO SMALL TO WARRANT DAILY F.O.B. PRICES BUT ARE LARGE ENOUGH IN VOLUME THAT THERE IS INTEREST AMONG GROWERS, BROKERS, AND OTHER MEMBERS OF THE INDUSTRY IN AT LEAST SEMI-WEEKLY REPORTS ON THESE ITEMS. MISCELLANEOUS VEGETABLES THIS SEASON INCLUDE BEETS, GREEN ONIONS, GREENS (COLLARD, KALE, MUSTARD, TURNIP TOPS, KOHLRABI, & DANDELION), MISCELLANEOUS HERBS, AND PARSLEY. SINCE THESE ARE MINOR COMMODITIES IN SOUTH TEXAS ONLY THE INFORMATION THAT IS READILY AVAILABLE IS INCLUDED IN THIS SUMMARY AND IT MAY, AT TIMES, BE INCOMPLETE.

NO PRODUCTION INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE ON MOST OF THESE VEGETABLES. SHIPMENTS OF ALL MISCELLANEOUS AND GREENS THIS SEASON IN 40,000 LB UNITS WERE 970. THIS COMPARES TO 1,086 ON THE SAME VEGETABLES FOR LAST SEASON. JUST OVER HALF OF THESE SHIPMENTS WERE GREENS. MOST OF THESE VEGETABLES ARE NORMALLY MARKETED FROM LATE NOVEMBER UNTIL MID-MARCH. PRODUCTION IS SMALL ON EACH VEGETABLE AS THEY ARE ALL USED FOR MIXED LOADS GOING TO DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE COUNTRY.

GROWING CONDITIONS WERE GENERALLY FAVORABLE ALL SEASON AND HARVESTING PROGRESSED NORMALLY. RAIN IN SEPTEMBER SLOWED SOME PLANTING. MOST HARVESTING WAS COMPLETED BY THE END OF APRIL. ONLY LIMITED SUPPLIES OF BEETS, PARSLEY, AND TURNIPS WERE AVAILABLE IN MAY.

SINCE THESE ITEMS VARY IN THE WAY THEY ARE PACKED, PLEASE REFER TO THE WEEKLY F.O.B. PRICES THAT FOLLOW FOR THE MOST COMMON CONTAINER AND PEAK MARKETING TIME ON EACH ITEM. MARKETING IS NORMALLY FROM LATE NOVEMBER THROUGH MID-APRIL ON MOST ITEMS. THESE ITEMS ARE NORMALLY SOLD IN MIXED LOADS AND VERY FEW STRAIGHT LOADS OF ANY OF THESE ITEMS ARE EVER SHIPPED FROM THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY. MOST SHIPPERS WILL PACK AND BUNCH THESE VEGETABLES TO SUIT THE CUSTOMERS NEEDS.

M I S C E L L A N E O U S V E G E T A B L E S
WEEKLY MISCELLANEOUS VEGETABLE MOVEMENT FROM THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY
(INCLUDES RAIL, PIGGYBACK, TRUCK, AIR, BOAT, AND EXPORT)
40,000 LB UNITS
1994-95 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	BEETS	GREEN ONIONS	MISC HERB	TURNIPS	TOTAL
Nov					
05	0	0	0	0	0
12	2	0	2	0	4
19	5	1	2	0	8
26	3	1	2	0	6
Dec					
03	3	1	2	0	6
10	8	2	5	2	17
17	9	1	6	1	17
24	6	2	4	1	13
31	13	1	5	2	21
Jan					
07	8	3	4	3	18
14	12	3	5	2	22
21	15	4	5	7	31
28	16	5	6	7	34
Feb					
04	12	6	5	5	28
11	10	3	4	3	20
18	11	2	4	3	20
25	8	1	4	2	15
Mar					
04	8	1	3	2	14
11	15	2	7	3	27
18	18	2	6	2	28
25	9	2	3	3	17
Apr					
01	8	1	5	1	15
08	14	0	7	1	22
15	5	0	3	2	10
22	5	0	4	1	10
29	9	0	1	2	12
May					
06	5	0	1	1	7
13	4	0	1	0	5
20	3	0	0	1	4
27	1	0	0	0	1
TOTAL	245	44	106	57	452

MISCELLANEOUS HERBS

1994-95

Weekly price range

Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas (McAllen)

Sales F.O.B. Shipping point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis

	CILANTRO ctns bchd 30s	DILL ctns bchd 24s	ONIONS, GREEN crts bchd bulb type 24s
NOV 19	-	7.50- 8.00	-
NOV 26	-	6.00- 7.50	-
DEC 03	-	5.50-10.50	-
DEC 10	5.50- 7.50	7.00- 8.00	-
DEC 17	4.50- 7.00	6.50- 8.00	-
DEC 24	5.50- 6.50	7.00- 8.00	-
DEC 31	6.00- 8.00	-	-
JAN 07	-11.00	7.50- 8.50	-
JAN 14	11.50-12.50	8.00-10.00	11.50-12.00
JAN 21	6.50- 9.50	7.00- 9.00	9.00-10.00
JAN 28	4.00- 5.00	7.50- 8.50	9.50-14.50
FEB 04	3.25- 6.00	6.00- 9.00	9.00-12.00
FEB 11	4.25- 6.00	5.00- 9.00	9.00-10.00
FEB 18	4.25- 6.50	7.00- 9.00	9.00-12.00
FEB 25	4.00- 6.50	6.00- 8.00	-12.00
MAR 04	3.75- 6.00	6.00- 8.00	-12.00
MAR 11	4.00- 5.50	- 7.50	-12.00
MAR 18	4.00- 5.50	7.50- 8.00	-12.00
MAR 25	-	-	10.00-12.50
APR 01	-	-	10.00-12.50
APR 08	-	-	10.00-12.00

BEETS

	ctns/crts bchd 12s	ctns/crts bchd 24s	25 lb sks lse
NOV 19	6.00-6.50	10.00-10.50	5.75-6.50
NOV 26	-6.00	8.25-10.00	-6.00
DEC 03	6.00-6.50	10.00-10.50	5.50-6.00
DEC 10	5.50-6.00	9.50-10.00	-5.50
DEC 17	5.50-6.00	9.50-10.00	5.00-6.00
DEC 24	5.50-6.00	9.00-10.00	5.50-6.00
DEC 31	-6.00	-10.00	-5.50
JAN 07	6.00-6.50	-	-6.00
JAN 14	5.50-6.00	9.00-10.00	5.00-6.00
JAN 21	5.50-6.00	9.00- 9.50	5.50-6.00
JAN 28	-6.50	9.50-10.50	6.00-6.50
FEB 04	-6.00	9.00-10.00	5.50-6.00
FEB 11	5.00-6.00	7.00-10.00	4.50-6.00
FEB 18	-6.00	-10.00	5.50-6.00
FEB 25	-6.00	-10.00	5.50-6.00
MAR 04	-5.50	-	-5.50
MAR 11	-5.50	- 8.50	-5.50
MAR 18	-5.50	8.50- 9.50	-5.50
MAR 25	-5.50	8.50- 9.50	-5.50
APR 01	-5.50	9.00- 9.50	-5.50
APR 08	5.50-6.00	9.00- 9.50	5.50-6.50

G R E E N S

WEEKLY GREENS MOVEMENT

(INCLUDES RAIL, PIGGYBACK, TRUCK, AIR, BOAT, EXPORT AND IMPORT)

1,000 PACKAGE BASIS (40,000 LB UNITS)

1994-95 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	TEXAS LOWER GRANDE VALLEY	ARIZ.	CALIF.	FLORIDA	GEORGIA	MEXICO	TOTAL
OCT 29	-	2	-	-	22	2	26
NOV 5	6	3	-	-	39	3	51
12	2	6	-	-	38	4	50
19	12	13	-	-	65	5	95
26	11	10	-	-	79	6	106
DEC 3	14	10	2	-	26	10	62
10	19	16	4	-	37	13	89
17	27	19	3	1	74	14	138
24	17	18	2	-	134	17	188
31	19	13	4	-	101	20	157
JAN 7	19	12	2	4	61	23	121
14	26	11	3	-	56	25	121
21	38	15	2	1	59	24	139
28	52	27	3	2	69	25	178
Feb 4	43	16	2	3	67	23	154
11	28	37	1	1	74	22	163
18	27	41	2	2	42	22	136
25	24	41	2	1	39	23	130
MAR 4	18	47	1	1	48	21	136
11	24	43	1	-	64	20	152
18	19	28	1	-	66	19	133
25	17	34	1	1	82	15	150
APR 1	11	27	-	1	88	13	140
8	17	20	1	-	108	13	159
15	10	14	-	-	127	11	162
22	4	9	-	-	84	11	108
29	4	2	-	1	75	8	90
MAY 6	3	1	-	-	74	8	86
13	4	2	-	-	70	5	81
20	1	2	-	-	58	7	68
27	2	2	-	-	-	6	10
TOTAL	518	541	37	19	2026	438	3579

GREENS

1994-95

Weekly price range

Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas (McAllen)

Sales F.O.B. Shipping point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis

1 2/5 buctns/crts, bchd 24s

Week Ending	Collard	Dandelion	Kale	Kohlrabi	Mustard	Swiss Chard	Turnip Tops
NOV 19	6.50- 8.50	7.75- 9.00	6.50- 8.50	7.75-10.50	6.50- 7.50	7.75-10.50	6.50- 7.50
NOV 26	8.00- 8.50	8.00- 8.75	8.00- 8.50	9.75-10.50	7.00- 8.00	8.75-10.00	- 8.00
DEC 03	7.50- 8.50	7.50- 9.00	7.00- 7.50	10.50-14.00	6.50- 7.50	8.50-10.50	6.50- 7.50
DEC 10	7.00- 7.50	8.00-10.00	7.00- 7.50	-	6.00- 7.00	8.00-10.00	6.00- 7.00
DEC 17	- 7.00	8.00- 9.50	- 7.00	-	- 7.00	8.00-10.00	- 7.00
DEC 24	- 7.00	7.00-10.00	- 7.00	12.00-14.00	5.50- 7.00	8.00- 9.50	5.50- 7.00
DEC 31	- 7.00	- 8.00	- 7.00	12.00-14.00	5.50- 7.00	8.00- 9.50	5.50- 7.00
JAN 07	6.00- 7.00	6.50- 7.50	7.00- 7.50	12.00-14.00	6.00- 7.00	6.00- 8.00	6.00- 7.00
JAN 14	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 9.00	- 7.00	9.50-12.00	6.00- 7.00	8.00- 9.50	6.00- 7.00
JAN 21	6.50- 7.00	8.00- 9.00	6.50- 7.00	9.50-10.00	6.00- 7.00	9.50-10.00	6.00- 7.00
JAN 28	- 7.50	8.50- 9.50	- 7.50	10.00-12.50	6.50- 7.50	10.50-12.50	6.50- 7.50
FEB 04	- 7.00	8.00- 9.00	- 7.00	9.00-10.00	5.50- 7.00	8.00-10.00	5.50- 7.00
FEB 11	7.00- 8.00	8.00- 9.00	7.00- 8.00	9.00-10.00	5.50- 8.00	8.00-10.00	5.50- 8.00
FEB 18	6.50- 8.00	8.00- 9.00	6.50- 8.00	8.00-10.00	7.00- 8.00	8.00-10.00	7.00- 8.00
FEB 25	7.00- 8.00	- 9.00	7.00- 8.00	8.50-10.00	7.00- 8.00	8.00-10.00	- 8.00
MAR 04	7.00- 8.00	8.00- 9.00	7.00- 8.00	8.50-10.00	7.00- 8.00	8.00-10.00	- 8.00
MAR 11	7.00- 8.00	7.50- 9.50	7.00- 8.00	7.50- 9.50	7.00- 8.00	8.00-10.00	7.00- 8.00
MAR 18	7.00- 8.00	7.50-10.00	7.00- 8.00	7.50-10.00	7.00- 8.00	8.00-10.00	7.00- 8.00
MAR 25	7.00- 8.00	8.50-10.00	7.00- 8.00	9.50-10.00	7.00- 8.00	8.50-10.00	-
APR 01	7.00-8.00	9.00-10.00	7.00- 8.00	-10.00	-	-10.00	-
APR 08	7.00-8.00	9.00-10.00	7.00- 8.00	-10.00	-	10.00-10.50	-

Last Report

MELONS

1995 SEASON

FAVORABLE GROWING CONDITIONS, AS WELL AS, IMPROVED GROWING METHODS, PARTICULARLY PLASTIC AND DRIP IRRIGATION, PROVIDED FOR CONSISTENT QUALITY OF SOUTH TEXAS MELONS. COOL WEATHER SLOWED DEVELOPMENT SLIGHTLY DURING LATE MARCH AND EARLY APRIL BUT SHIPMENTS BEGAN THE FIRST OF MAY.

A MARKETING ORDER WAS INITIATED IN 1979 TO STANDARDIZE AND IMPROVE THE QUALITY OF MELONS SHIPPED TO CONSUMERS. THE SOUTH TEXAS MELON COMMITTEE, UNDER THE AUTHORITY OF THE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING AGREEMENT ACT PROVIDES REGULATION FOR GRADE, QUALITY, CONTAINER, AND INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS. COMMITTEE OPERATIONS ARE FINANCED BY AN ASSESSMENT PER CONTAINER COLLECTED FROM HANDLERS.

CANTALOUPE:

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY

THERE WERE 6375 ACRES OF CANTALOUPE PLANTED IN THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY AND LAREDO DURING THE SPRING OF 1995. PLANTED ACREAGE WAS DOWN SIXTEEN PERCENT FROM 1994. AVERAGE YIELDS WERE APPROXIMATELY 475 CARTONS PER ACRE. THE INCREASE IN YIELD WAS EXPECTED AND HELP OFFSET REDUCED ACREAGE. HOWEVER, SHIPMENTS FROM SOUTH TEXAS DURING THE 1995 SEASON ONLY TOTALED 3151 (40,000 LB UNITS), A DECREASE OF TEN PERCENT AS COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS SEASON.

THE FIRST CANTALOUPE F.O.B. PRICE REPORT WAS ISSUED MAY 8TH WHEN FIFTEEN COUNT MELONS SOLD FOR \$13.00. TWELVE COUNT CANTALOUPE OPENED A DOLLAR LOWER. PRICES FLUCTUATED SLIGHTLY BETWEEN \$11.00 AND \$14.00 THROUGHOUT MID-MAY WITH THE BULK OF THE SALES MADE AT \$12.00. DURING THE LAST FULL WEEK OF SHIPMENTS PRICES FELL AS LOW AS \$6.00-\$7.00, BUT THE SEASON CLOSED SEVERAL DOLLARS HIGHER ON JUNE 5TH.

SAN ANTONIO-WINTER GARDEN-LAREDO

THE SAN ANTONIO-WINTER GARDEN-LAREDO SHIPPING POINT AREA SHIPPED 524 (40,000 LB UNITS) DURING THE MAJOR SUMMER SHIPPING SEASON THROUGH JULY 8, 1995. THIS COMPARES TO 334 LOADS SHIPPED IN 1994 AND 391 IN 1993. THE PEAK WEEK OF SHIPMENTS WAS JUNE 18-JUNE 24 AND 160 LOADS WERE SHIPPED THAT WEEK. THE LARGEST DAY OF SHIPPING WAS JUNE 23 WHEN 42 LOADS WERE SHIPPED. VERY LIGHT HARVESTING CONTINUED INTO LATE JULY.

PLANTING BEGAN IN FEBRUARY AND CONTINUED THROUGH MARCH INTO EARLY APRIL. PLANTING WAS INTERRUPTED IN EARLY MARCH BY COOL TEMPERATURES IN THE MID TO UPPER 30S, AND AGAIN IN THE MIDDLE OF THE MONTH BY RAINS IN THE WINTER GARDEN AREA.

HARVESTING BEGAN IN THE LAREDO AREA IN LATE MAY AND THE WINTER GARDEN AREA BEGAN IN JUNE AND CONTINUED INTO JULY. MOST WERE BEGINNING TO FINISH THE SEASON AND SOME EVEN FINISHED EARLY BECAUSE OF HEAVY RAINS IN LATE JUNE CONTRIBUTING TO DETERIORATING QUALITY.

CANTALOUPE ARE PACKED IN 1/2 CARTONS (APPROXIMATELY 40 POUNDS) AND SIZED FROM 6S, 9S, 12S, 15S, 18S, 23S, AND 30S. SUPPLIES WERE HEAVY TO 12S AND 15S DURING THE SEASON. TRADING WAS MOSTLY ACTIVE THROUGHOUT THE SEASON FOR THE LIMITED SUPPLIES. THE FIRST F.O.B. WAS ON JUNE 16, 1995, 9S BROUGHT \$12.50-\$13.35, 12S \$12.50-\$14.35, 15S \$11.50-\$13.50, 18S \$10.50-\$11.35, AND A FEW 23S BROUGHT \$9.35-10.50 (\$1.35 INCLUDED FOR COOLING AND PELLETIZING). THE FINAL REPORT WAS ISSUED ON JUNE 28TH.

HONEYDEWS:

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY

THERE WERE 2281 ACRES OF HONEYDEWS PLANTED IN THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY AND LAREDO DURING THE SPRING OF 1995. PLANTED ACREAGE WAS DOWN NEARLY THIRTY PERCENT FROM 1994. AVERAGE YIELDS WERE GENERALLY UNCHANGED AS COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS SEASON AT APPROXIMATELY 444 CARTONS PER ACRE. SHIPMENTS FROM SOUTH TEXAS DURING 1995 DURING 1995 TOTALED 1060 (40,000 LB UNITS), TWENTY PERCENT LESS THAN THE 1994 SHIPMENTS. THE DECREASED ACREAGE MAY ACCOUNT FOR THE REDUCTION OF HONEYDEWS SHIPPED.

THE FIRST HONEYDEW F.O.B. PRICE REPORT WAS ISSUED MAY 8TH WHEN FIVE AND SIX COUNT MELONS SOLD FOR \$10.00-\$11.00. EIGHT COUNT HONEYDEWS OPENED \$2.00-\$3.00 LOWER. PRICES FLUCTUATED LITTLE THROUGHOUT THE SEASON. HOWEVER, AS THE SEASON CLOSED THE PRICE OF FIVE AND SIX COUNT MELONS FELL AS LOW AS \$7.00 AND \$8.00 RESPECTIVELY. THE LAST F.O.B. PRICE REPORT WAS ISSUED ON JUNE 5TH.

SECTION 979.304 HANDLING REGULATIONS

(FOR DETAILS REFER TO SECTION 979.304 HANDLING REGULATIONS)

(A) GRADE REQUIREMENTS

- (1) CANTALOUPE SHALL BE U.S. COMMERCIAL GRADE OR BETTER, EXCEPT THAT NOT MORE THAN 8 PERCENT SERIOUS DAMAGE INCLUDING NOT MORE THAN 5 PERCENT DECAY SHALL BE PERMITTED.
- (2) INDIVIDUAL PACKAGES MAY CONTAIN NOT MORE THAN DOUBLE THE SPECIFIED LOT TOLERANCE.
- (3) AT LEAST 50 PERCENT OF THE HONEYDEW MELONS IN ANY LOT SHALL MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF U.S. COMMERCIAL GRADE EXCEPT THAT NOT MORE THAN 20 PERCENT SERIOUS DAMAGE SHALL BE ALLOWED INCLUDING NOT MORE THAN 10 PERCENT FOR MELONS AFFECTED BY DECAY. IN ADDITION, THE COMBINED JUICE FROM THE EDIBLE PORTION OF A SAMPLE OF HONEYDEW MELONS SELECTED AT RANDOM SHALL CONTAIN NOT LESS THAN 8 PERCENT SOLUBLE SOLIDS AS DETERMINED BY AN APPROVED REFRACTOMETER. INDIVIDUAL CARTONS SHALL CONTAIN NOT LESS THAN 25 PERCENT U.S. COMMERCIAL OR BETTER QUALITY.

(B) CONTAINER REQUIREMENTS

- (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPHS (B)(4), (D) OR (E) AND (F) OF THIS SECTION ALL CANTALOUPE SHALL BE PACKED IN FIBERBOARD CARTONS WITH INSIDE DIMENSIONS OF NOT MORE THAN 17 1/4 NOR LESS THAN 16 3/4 INCHES IN LENGTH, NOR MORE THAN 13 NOR LESS THAN 12 3/4 INCHES IN WIDTH, AND NOT MORE THAN 10 3/8 NOR LESS THAN 9 3/4 INCHES IN DEPTH. ALL HONEYDEW MELONS SHALL BE PACKED IN FIBERBOARD CARTONS WITH INSIDE DIMENSIONS OF 17 INCHES LONG BY 15 1/4 INCHES WIDE AND NOT MORE THAN 7 1/2 INCHES NOR LESS THAN 6 1/2 INCHES DEEP. A TOLERANCE OF 1/4 INCH FOR EACH DIMENSION SHALL BE PERMITTED.
- (2) EACH CARTON SHALL BE MARKED TO INDICATE THE COUNT; THE NAME, ADDRESS, AND ZIP CODE OF THE SHIPPER; THE NAME OF THE PRODUCT; AND THE WORDS "PRODUCE OF U.S.A." OR "PRODUCT OF U.S.A."
- (3) IF THE CARTON IN WHICH THE MELONS ARE PACKED IS NOT CLEAN AND BRIGHT IN APPEARANCE WITHOUT MARKS, STAINS, OR OTHER EVIDENCE OF PREVIOUS USE, THE CARTON SHALL BE CONSPICUOUSLY MARKED WITH THE WORDS "USED BOX" IN LETTERS NOT LESS THAN THREE-FOURTHS (3/4) INCH HIGH.
- (4) HONEYDEW MELONS MAY BE PACKED IN BULK CONTAINERS OF 48 INCHES LONG BY 40 INCHES WIDE BY 24 INCHES DEEP OR SIMILAR DIMENSIONS.
- (5) THESE CONTAINER REQUIREMENTS SHALL NOT BE APPLICABLE TO MELONS SOLD TO FEDERAL AGENCIES.

CANTALOUPE
WEEKLY CANTALOUPE MOVEMENT
TRUCKLOTS (40,000 LBS)
(INCLUDES RAIL, PIGGYBACK, TRUCK, AIR, BOAT, EXPORT, AND IMPORT)
1995 SEASON

WEEK ENDING TOTAL	TEXAS LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY	TEXAS SAN ANTONIO WINTER GARDEN LAREDO	ARIZONA	CALIF	COSTA RICA	GUATEMALA	HONDURAS	MEXICO	TOTAL
MAY									
6	67	-	-	9	-	-	-	321	397
13	515	-	-	107	-	-	-	281	903
20	785	-	2	469	-	-	-	165	1421
27	683	-	27	1044	290	260	132	175	2611
JUN									
3	356	30	133	914	-	-	-	108	1514
10	201	106	245	548	-	-	-	84	1184
17	-	135	496	624	-	-	-	145	1400
24	-	160	628	639	-	-	-	164	1591
JUL									
1	-	76	794	1046	-	-	-	97	2013
8	-	17	607	691	-	-	-	13	1328
15	-	-	606	517	-	-	-	5	1128
22	-	-	272	182	-	-	-	15	471
29	-	-	147	128	-	-	-	10	285
AUG									
5	-	-	127	95	-	-	-	3	228
12	-	-	118	98	-	-	-	-	216
19	-	-	161	100	-	-	-	-	261
26	-	-	129	70	-	-	-	4	203
SEP									
2	-	-	107	44	-	-	-	1	152
TOTAL	2607	524	4599	7328	290	260	132	1591	17333

HONEYDEW MELONS
WEEKLY HONEYDEW MELONS MOVEMENT
TRUCKLOTS (45,000 LBS)
(INCLUDES RAIL, PIGGYBACK, TRUCK, AIR, BOAT, EXPORT, AND IMPORT)
1995 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	TEXAS LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY	TEXAS SAN ANTONIO WINTER GARDEN LAREDO	ARIZONA	CALIFORNIA	MEXICO	TOTAL
MAY						
6	31	-	-	38	104	173
13	87	-	1	50	100	238
20	298	-	2	37	87	303
27	277	-	16	52	49	384
JUN						
3	196	2	21	19	47	326
10	94	39	20	33	36	277
17	10	58	54	59	60	239
24	12	38	100	97	74	309
JUL						
1	-	4	135	88	65	292
8	3	-	129	72	32	234
15	-	-	136	78	17	231
22	-	-	62	50	22	134
29	-	-	31	18	1	51
AUG						
5	-	-	15	16	-	31
12	-	-	20	9	-	29
19	-	-	12	17	-	29
26	-	-	16	7	-	23
SEP						
2	-	-	13	34	-	47
TOTAL	919	141	813	774	694	3342

CANTALOUPE

1995

Daily price range

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis

1/2 CTNS

Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas (McAllen)

	9s	12s	15s	18s	23s
MAY 08	- 9.00	-12.00	-13.00	11.00-12.00	- 9.00
MAY 09	- 9.00	-12.00	-13.00	11.00-12.00	- 9.00
MAY 10	- 9.00	-12.00	-13.00	10.00-12.00	8.00- 9.00
MAY 11	- 9.00	-11.00	-11.00	9.00-11.00	- 9.00
MAY 12	- 9.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	9.00-11.00	8.00- 9.00
MAY 15	8.00- 9.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	-
MAY 16	- 9.00	12.00-14.00	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-
MAY 17	9.00-11.00	12.00-13.00	12.00-13.00	10.00-12.00	-
MAY 18	9.00-11.00	12.00-13.00	12.00-13.00	-11.00	-
MAY 19	9.00-11.00	12.00-13.00	12.00-13.00	-11.00	-
MAY 22	8.00-10.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	9.00-11.00	8.00- 9.00
MAY 23	8.00-10.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	9.00-11.00	8.00- 9.00
MAY 24	8.00-10.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	9.00-11.00	8.00- 9.00
MAY 25	- 9.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	9.00-11.00	8.00- 9.00
MAY 26	- 9.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	9.00-11.00	8.00- 9.00
MAY 29	- 9.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	9.00-11.00	8.00- 9.00
MAY 30	- 8.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	7.00- 8.00	8.00- 9.00
MAY 31	- 8.00	8.00- 9.00	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 7.00	- 5.00
JUN 01	7.00- 8.00	8.00- 9.00	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 7.00	- 5.00
JUN 02	5.00- 8.00	6.00- 7.00	6.00- 7.00	6.00- 7.00	- 5.00
JUN 05	7.00- 9.15	8.00-10.15	7.00-10.15	5.00- 8.15	4.00- 6.15

San Antonio-Winter Garden-Laredo District

	9s	12s	15s	18s	23s
JUN 16	12.50-13.35	12.50-14.35	11.50-13.50	10.50-11.35	9.35-10.50
JUN 19	-	-	-	-	-
JUN 20	-	-	-	-	-
JUN 21	10.35-10.50	-10.50	10.50-11.50	10.35-10.50	7.35-8.35
JUN 22	10.35-10.50	10.35-12.50	11.35-12.50	10.35-10.50	7.35-8.35
JUN 23	10.35-10.50	10.35-12.50	10.50-12.50	10.35-10.50	7.35-8.35
JUN 26	-10.50	10.50-12.50	11.00-11.50	10.00-10.50	-
JUN 27	-10.50	10.50-12.50	10.50-12.50	-10.50	-
JUN 28	10.35-10.50	9.50-10.50	9.50-10.50	-	-

HONEYDEWS

1995

Daily price range

Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas (McAllen)

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis

2/3 CTNS

	5s	6s	8s	9s	10s
MAY 08	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	7.00- 9.50	6.00- 7.50	4.50- 5.00
MAY 09	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00	7.00- 9.50	6.00- 7.50	4.50- 5.00
MAY 10	9.00-11.00	9.00-11.00	7.00- 8.50	5.00- 6.00	4.00- 5.00
MAY 11	-	-	7.00- 8.50	4.40- 6.00	3.40- 5.00
MAY 12	9.00-11.00	9.00-11.00	7.00- 8.50	4.00- 6.00	3.00- 5.00
MAY 15	9.00-11.00	9.00-11.00	7.00- 8.00	5.00- 6.00	- 4.00
MAY 16	9.50-11.00	9.50-11.00	7.50- 8.00	5.00- 6.00	4.00- 4.50
MAY 17	10.00-10.50	10.00-10.50	7.50- 8.00	5.00- 6.00	4.00- 4.50
MAY 18	10.00-10.50	10.00-10.50	7.00- 8.00	5.00- 6.00	4.00- 4.50
MAY 19	10.00-10.50	10.00-10.50	7.00- 8.00	5.00- 6.00	4.00- 4.50
MAY 22	- 9.50	9.50-10.50	7.50- 8.50	-	-
MAY 23	- 9.50	9.50-10.50	7.50- 8.50	-	-
MAY 24	9.50-10.00	9.00-10.50	7.50- 9.00	-	-
MAY 25	9.50-10.00	9.00-10.50	7.50- 9.00	-	-
MAY 26	9.50-10.00	9.00-10.50	7.50- 9.00	-	-
MAY 29	9.50-10.00	9.00-10.50	7.50- 9.00	-	-
MAY 30	8.00- 8.50	8.50- 9.50	7.00- 7.50	- 6.00	-
MAY 31	8.00- 8.50	8.50- 9.50	7.00- 7.50	5.50- 6.00	3.50- 5.00
JUN 01	7.50- 8.50	8.00- 9.50	7.00- 7.50	5.50- 6.00	3.50- 5.00
JUN 02	7.00- 8.50	7.50- 9.50	7.00- 7.50	5.50- 6.00	3.50- 5.00
JUN 05	7.00- 7.50	8.00- 8.50	7.50- 8.00	5.50- 6.50	-

WATERMELONS

1995

Daily price range

West Texas

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis

Bulk Per Cwt (mostly prices)

	ALLSWEET TYPE 16-24 LB	ALLSWEET TYPE 24-32 LB	OTHER RED MEAT VARIETIES 16-24 LB	OTHER RED MEAT VARIETIES 24-32 LB
AUG 11	11.00-12.00	12.00-13.00	10.00-12.00	-
AUG 14	10.00-11.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
AUG 15	10.00-11.00	-	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
AUG 16	10.00-11.00	-	-	-
AUG 17	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	-11.00	-
AUG 18	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
AUG 21	-12.00	-12.00	-11.00	-
AUG 22	-12.00	-12.00	11.00-12.00	11.00-12.00
AUG 23	-12.00	-12.00	12.00-13.00	-
AUG 24	-12.00	-12.00	-12.00	-12.00
AUG 25	12.00-14.00	12.00-14.00	-	-
AUG 28	12.00-14.00	12.00-14.00	-12.00	-12.00
AUG 29	12.00-14.00	12.00-14.00	-	-
AUG 30	12.00-13.00	-12.00	-	-
AUG 31	12.00-13.00	-12.00	-12.00	-12.00
SEP 01	12.00-13.00	-12.00	-12.00	-12.00
SEP 05	10.00-12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00
SEP 06	10.00-11.00	11.00-12.00	-10.00	-10.00
SEP 07	-10.00	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00
SEP 08	-10.00	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00
SEP 11	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	-	-
SEP 12	- 8.00	- 8.00	- 8.00	-8.00
SEP 13	- 8.00	8.00- 9.00	- 8.00	-8.00
SEP 14	7.00- 8.00	- 8.00	-	-
SEP 18	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00	-	-
SEP 19	6.00- 7.00	- 8.00	-	-
SEP 20	5.00- 6.00	5.50- 6.50	-	-

WATERMELONS

1995

Daily price range

South Texas

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis

Bulk Per Cwt (mostly prices)

	ALLSWEET TYPE 18-26 lb avg	OTHER RED MEAT VARIETIES 12-14 lb avg	OTHER RED MEAT VARIETIES 12-18 lb avg	OTHER RED MEAT VARIETIES 16-24 lb avg	OTHER RED MEAT VARIETIES 24-32 lb avg
MAY 08	-18.00	-	-	17.00-18.00	-
MAY 09	-18.00	-	-	16.00-17.00	-
MAY 10	-16.00	-	-	14.00-15.00	-
MAY 11	13.00-14.00	-	-	12.00-14.00	-
MAY 12	-13.00	-	-	-12.00	-
MAY 15	-11.00	7.00- 8.00	-	9.00-10.00	-
MAY 16	-11.00	7.00- 8.00	-	9.00-10.00	-
MAY 17	10.00-11.00	7.00- 8.00	-	9.00-10.00	-
MAY 18	-10.00	7.00- 8.00	-	9.00-10.00	-
MAY 19	10.00-11.00	7.00- 8.00	-	9.00-10.00	9.00
MAY 22	-	- 6.00	-	- 9.00	-
MAY 23	-	-	6.00- 7.00	- 9.00	-
MAY 24	- 9.00	-	- 6.00	- 9.00	-
MAY 25	-	-	- 6.00	- 9.00	-
MAY 26	-	-	- 6.00	8.00- 9.00	-
MAY 30	-	-	6.00- 7.00	-	8.00- 9.00
MAY 31	-	-	6.00- 7.00	8.00- 9.00	-
JUN 01	-	-	5.00- 6.00	- 8.00	-
JUN 02	-	-	5.00- 6.00	- 8.00	-
JUN 05	-	-	-	8.00- 9.00	-

SOUTH & SAN ANTONIO-WINTER GARDEN-LAREDO DISTRICTS AND EAST TEXAS

	ALLSWEET TYPE 18-26 lb avg	OTHER RED MEAT VARIETIES 14-16 lb avg	OTHER RED MEAT VARIETIES 18-24 lb avg	OTHER RED MEAT VARIETIES 24-32 lb avg
JUN 13	10.00-11.00	-	-10.00	-10.00
JUN 14	10.00-11.00	-	-10.00	-10.00
JUN 15	11.00-12.00	-	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
JUN 16	11.00-12.00	-	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
JUN 19	11.00-12.00	-	9.00-11.00	9.00-10.00
JUN 20	-12.00	-	-11.00	9.00-10.00
JUN 21	-	-	-11.00	9.00-10.00
JUN 22	-	-	-11.00	9.00-10.00
JUN 23	11.00-12.00	-	11.00-12.00	9.50-10.50
JUN 26	-	-	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00
JUN 27	-	-	11.00-12.00	10.00-11.00
JUN 28	-	- 9.00	-11.00	10.00-11.00
JUN 29	-	- 9.00	11.00-12.00	-
JUN 30	-	- 9.00	11.00-12.00	-

EAST TEXAS

	VARIOUS RED MEAT VARIETIES 14-16 lb avg	VARIOUS RED MEAT VARIETIES 18-24 lb avg	VARIOUS RED MEAT VARIETIES 18-24 lb avg
JUL 06	-	9.00-10.00	-
JUL 07	- 6.00	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00
JUL 10	5.00- 6.00	8.00- 9.00	8.00- 9.00
JUL 11	5.00- 6.00	8.00- 9.00	8.00- 9.00
JUL 12	-	- 9.00	9.00- 9.50
JUL 13	-	- 9.00	-
JUL 14	-	- 9.00	-
JUL 17	-	- 9.00	-
JUL 18	- 6.00	- 9.00	-

ONIONS, DRY

1995 SEASON

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY

PLANTED ACREAGE IN SOUTH TEXAS WAS DOWN THIS SEASON IN RESPONSE TO OVERPRODUCTION AND UNDESIRABLE MARKET CONDITIONS DURING THE 1994 ONION SEASON. HIGHER PRICES HELPED PRODUCERS COPE WITH A LIGHTER CROP THAN WAS EXPECTED. THE CROP WAS THOUGHT TO BE LIGHT ACCOUNT OF WET WEATHER IN SOME AREAS WHICH MAKE ONIONS MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO DISEASE SUCH AS GUMMY BLIGHT DISEASE. IN ADDITION ABNORMAL GROWTH OF SEED STEMS CAUSED SOME GROWERS TO CULL A LARGE AMOUNT OF ONIONS. IN 1995, TEXAS VEGETABLE PRODUCTION OF 21.13 MILLION HUNDREDWEIGHT (CWT) PLACED THE STATE FIFTH ON THE LIST OF LEADING FRESH MARKET VEGETABLE PRODUCERS. ONION PRODUCTION REMAINS SECOND ONLY TO WATERMELON PRODUCTION IN TEXAS. FARMERS HARVESTED 4.42 MILLION CWT OF ONIONS. THE TEXAS ONION CROP RETURNED 81 MILLION TO THE STATE'S AGRICULTURAL CASH RECEIPTS, 25 PERCENT MORE THAN THE PREVIOUS YEAR. DURING 1995 THE PRICE OF SPRING ONIONS AVERAGED \$19.20 PER CWT WHILE SUMMER ONIONS AVERAGED \$13.30, COMPARED TO \$10.70 AND \$17.30 RESPECTIVELY IN 1994.

A MARKETING ORDER WAS INITIATED IN 1961 TO HELP REGULATE SOUTH TEXAS ONION QUALITY. QUALITY STANDARDS ARE ENFORCED THROUGH GRADE AND CONTAINER REQUIREMENTS AND INSPECTIONS. FUNDS TO ENFORCE THE ORDER WERE COLLECTED FROM HANDLERS OF ONIONS REGULATED UNDER THE ORDER.

SPRING ONION PRODUCTION IN SOUTH TEXAS WAS ESTIMATED AT 3.76 MILLION CWT, A DECREASE OF 20 PERCENT AS COMPARED TO 1994 ACCORDING TO THE TEXAS AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE. PRODUCTION IN THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY WAS ESTIMATED TO BE 2.91 MILLION CWT, 23 PERCENT LESS THAN 1994. OF THE 15,100 ACRES PLANTED IN SOUTH TEXAS, 14,200 ACRES WERE HARVESTED. ELEVEN THOUSAND TWO HUNDRED ACRES WERE HARVESTED IN THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY ALONE, WITH MORE THAN 75 PERCENT OF THE VALLEY'S ONIONS PRODUCED IN HIDALGO COUNTY. THERE WERE 16,800 HARVESTED ACRES IN ALL OF SOUTH TEXAS IN 1994.

SHIPMENTS FOR THE 1995 SEASON (40,000 POUND UNITS, INCLUDING EXPORTS) FROM THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY WERE 5,875. THIS SEASON'S SHIPMENTS INDICATE A 17 PERCENT DECREASE WHEN COMPARED TO THE PREVIOUS SEASON. THE FIRST VALLEY ONIONS WERE SHIPPED DURING THE WEEK ENDING MARCH 4TH. SHIPMENTS PEAKED THE WEEK ENDING APRIL 23TH, WHEN 1,288 LOADS WERE SHIPPED.

TEXAS ONION PRODUCTION CAN BE DIVIDED INTO TWO CLASSES - EARLY SPRING AND EARLY SUMMER PRODUCTION. EARLY SPRING PRODUCTION IS CONCENTRATED IN SOUTH TEXAS AND INCLUDES THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY, COASTAL BEND, LAREDO, AND WINTER GARDEN AREAS. EARLY SUMMER PRODUCTION INCLUDES THE TRANS-PECOS, EL PASO, AND HIGH PLAINS AREAS. NEARLY 70 PERCENT OF TOTAL TEXAS ONION ACREAGE IS PRODUCED IN THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY AND ALMOST 20 PERCENT IS GROWN IN THE SAN ANTONIO-WINTER GARDEN AREA.

MOST OF THE ONIONS WERE PLANTED IN THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY BETWEEN THE FIRST OF SEPTEMBER AND THE END OF DECEMBER. PLANTING PROGRESSED NORMALLY THIS SEASON. ALTHOUGH SHORT RAINS DELAYED HARVEST IN SOME AREAS DURING EARLY MARCH, MANY PRODUCERS WERE ABLE TO BEGIN HARVESTING. THE HARVEST OF 1015S BEGAN IN EARLY TO MID-APRIL. HARVEST WAS VIRTUALLY COMPLETE IN THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY BY LATE MAY. YIELDS IN THE REGION AVERAGED 265 CWT PER ACRE.

ONIONS ARE PULLED, CLIPPED, AND PLACED IN BURLAP SACKS AND FIELD CURED FOR AS MANY AS SEVEN DAYS. AFTER DRYING IN THE FIELDS, THE ONIONS ARE BULK LOADED INTO TRUCKS FOR TRANSPORTATION TO THE PACKING SHED WHERE THEY ARE SIZED, GRADED AND PACKED FOR SHIPMENT.

YELLOW AND WHITE ONIONS ARE NORMALLY PACKED IN 50 POUND SACKS WHILE RED ONIONS AND WHITE BOILERS ARE PACKED IN 25 POUND SACKS. MANY 1015 ONIONS ARE PACKED IN 50 POUND HIGH GRAPHIC CARTONS. BOTH WHITE AND YELLOW ONIONS HAVE FOUR GENERAL SIZES: COLOSSAL, JUMBO, MEDIUM AND REPACKER SIZE.

THE FIRST F.O.B. FOR YELLOW GRANO ONIONS WAS ISSUED MARCH 4TH WHEN JUMBOS OPENED AT \$12.00. BY THE END OF THE WEEK PRICES HAD SOFTENED AND DROPPED SEVERAL DOLLARS BY THE END OF THE SECOND WEEK. THREE WEEKS INTO THE DEAL PRICES RECOVERED AND PEAKED AT \$18.00 DURING THE FIRST WEEK OF APRIL. MID-APRIL PRICES SLIPPED AGAIN, AN AVERAGE OF \$2.00 EACH WEEK UNTIL THE FINAL F.O.B. PRICE REPORT WAS ISSUED MAY 9TH.

SAN ANTONIO-WINTER GARDEN AREA

ACCORDING TO THE TEXAS AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE, THE WINTER GARDEN-LAREDO AREA PLANTED 3200 ACRES AND HARVESTED 3000 ACRES FOR SPRING 1995. COMPARED TO 1994, HARVESTED ACRES WERE 3300. THE YIELD PER ACRE IN 1995 WAS 284 CWT COMPARED TO 282 CWT IN 1994. THE PRODUCTION IN 1995 WAS 853,000 CWT AND 929,000 IN 1994.

TRUCK SHIPMENTS FOR THE 1995 SEASON AS REPORTED TO THE FEDERAL-STATE MARKET NEWS SERVICE WAS 2516 (40,000 LB UNITS) COMPARED TO 1438 IN 1994. GROWING CONDITION WERE MUCH MORE FAVORABLE IN WINTER GARDEN, IN ADDITION TO 3600 LESS ACREAGE PLANTED FOR THE TEXAS SPRING CROP IN 1995 COMPARED TO 1994.

ONION PLANTING BEGAN IN LATE SEPTEMBER TO MOSTLY MID-OCTOBER AND CONTINUED THROUGH MID-JANUARY. OCTOBER WAS COOL AND PLANTING CONTINUED BETWEEN SHOWERS. DECEMBER WAS A RATHER WET MONTH AND EARLY JANUARY WAS COOLER BUT NEVER EXTREME (MOSTLY MID-UPPER 30S). FEBRUARY WAS RATHER MILD AND GOOD GROWTH PROGRESS WAS MADE. SOME FIELDS DID HAVE SOME MILD HAIL DAMAGE IN MARCH. PROGRESS CONTINUED GOOD DURING APRIL FROM SOME LATE PLANTED FIELDS.

HARVESTING BEGAN APRIL 7TH IN THE LAREDO AREA WITH THE WINTER GARDEN AREA BEGINNING IN A LIGHT WAS IN MID-APRIL AND BOTH AREAS CONTINUED TO INCREASE IN MAY. THE PEAK WEEK OF SHIPMENT WAS MAY 14-20 WITH 391 LOADS SHIPPED. SEASONAL DECLINE BEGAN IN JUNE AND HARVESTING WAS COMPLETED IN EARLY JULY.

THE FIRST F.O.B. REPORT WAS ISSUED APRIL 25, 1995. THE YELLOW GRANO TYPE JUMBO BROUGHT \$0.00, MEDIUM AND REPACKER SIZE MOSTLY \$6.00. TRADING WAS VERY ACTIVE ON JUMBOS, SLOWER ON SMALLER SIZES. WHITES BROUGHT \$10.00 ON ALL SIZES IN LATE APRIL. DURING MAY AND JUNE TRADING WAS MOSTLY MODERATE. PRICES VARIED WIDELY AND TUMBLED MOSTLY ON JUMBOS. JUMBOS REACHED A BOTTOM OF \$4.00-\$5.00 BY THE LAST REPORT ON JUNE 16, 1995. MOST MEDIUM AND REPACKERS HELD NEAR \$5.00 FOR MOST OF THE SEASON. YELLOW AND WHITE ONIONS ARE PACKED IN 50-LB MESH SACKS, SOME 1015S ARE ALSO PACKED IN 50 LB CARTONS. RED AND WHITE BOILERS ARE PACKED IN 25-LB MESH SACKS.

THE USUAL LOAD OF ONIONS WILL CONSIST OF 800-900 50-LB MESH SACKS. TRUCKS WERE GENERALLY ADEQUATE FOR SHIPPERS NEEDS.

SUMMARY OF SECTION 959.322 HANDLING REGULATIONS

(FOR DETAILS REFER TO SECTION 959.322 HANDLING REGULATIONS)

(A) GRADE REQUIREMENTS

NOT TO EXCEED 20 PERCENT DEFECTS OF U.S. NO. 1 GRADE. IN PERCENTAGE GRADE LOTS, TOLERANCES FOR SERIOUS DAMAGE SHALL NOT EXCEED 10 PERCENT INCLUDING NOT MORE THAN 2 PERCENT DECAY. DOUBLE THE LOT TOLERANCE SHALL BE PERMITTED IN INDIVIDUAL PACKAGES IN PERCENTAGE GRADE LOTS. APPLICATION OF TOLERANCES IN THE UNITED STATES ONION STANDARDS SHALL APPLY TO IN-GRADE LOTS.

(B) SIZE REQUIREMENTS

- (1) "SMALL" - 1 TO 2-1/4 INCHES IN DIAMETER, AND LIMITED TO WHITES ONLY;
- (2) "REPACKER" OR "PREPACKER" - 1-3/4 TO 3 INCHES IN DIAMETER, WITH 60 PERCENT OR MORE 2 INCHES IN DIAMETER OR LARGER;
- (3) "MEDIUM" - 2 TO 3-1/2 INCHES IN DIAMETER; OR
- (4) "JUNBO" OR "LARGE" - 3 INCHES OR LARGER IN DIAMETER; OR
- (5) "EXTRA LARGE" - 3-3/4 INCHES OR LARGER IN DIAMETER;

(6) TOLERANCE FOR SIZE IN THE U.S. ONION STANDARDS SHALL APPLY EXCEPT THAT FOR "REPACKER" AND "MEDIUM" SIZES NOT MORE THAN 20 PERCENT, BY WEIGHT, OF ONIONS IN ANY LOT MAY BE LARGER THAN THE MAXIMUM DIAMETER SPECIFIED. APPLICATION OF TOLERANCE IN U.S. ONION STANDARDS SHALL APPLY.

(C) CONTAINER REQUIREMENTS

EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH(F), THIS SECTION, ONLY THE FOLLOWING CONTAINERS MAY BE USED:

- (1) 25-POUND BAGS, WITH AN AVERAGE NET WEIGHT IN ANY LOT OF NOT MORE THAN 27-1/2 POUNDS PER BAG, AND WITH INSIDE DIMENSIONS NOT LARGER THAN 29 INCHES BY 31 INCHES; OR
- (2) 50-POUND BAGS, WITH AN AVERAGE NET WEIGHT IN ANY LOT OF NOT MORE THAN 55 POUNDS PER BAG, AND WITH INSIDE DIMENSIONS NOT LARGER THAN 33 INCHES BY 39-1/2 INCHES.
- (3) 2-POUND, 3-POUND, 5-POUND AND 10-POUND BAGS, THE AVERAGE GROSS WEIGHT PER LOT OF ONIONS PACKED IN MASTER CONTAINERS SHALL NOT EXCEED 115 PERCENT OF THE DESIGNATED NET CONTENTS.
- (4) 20-POUND CARTONS, WITH APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS OF 22-1/4 INCHES (LENGTH) X 11 INCHES (WIDTH) X 2-1/2 INCHES (HEIGHT); OR
- (5) 25-POUND CARTONS, WITH APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS OF 19-1/8 INCHES (LENGTH) X 11-1/2 INCHES (WIDTH) X 7 INCHES (HEIGHT); OR
- (6) 40-POUND CARTONS, WITH AN AVERAGE NET WEIGHT IN ANY LOT OF NOT MORE THAN 45-POUNDS PER CARTON; OR
- (7) 50-POUND CARTONS, WITH AN AVERAGE NET WEIGHT IN ANY LOT OF NOT MORE THAN 55-POUNDS PER CARTON.
- (8) THESE CONTAINER REQUIREMENTS SHALL NOT BE APPLICABLE TO ONIONS SOLD TO FEDERAL AGENCIES OR FOR EXPORT.

COURTESY OF THE SOUTH TEXAS ONION COMMITTEE

SPECIFICATIONS FOR OBTAINING INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION

UNITED STATES INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS FOR IMPORTED COMMODITIES (AVOCADOS, FILBERTS, GRAPEFRUIT, TABLE GRAPES, LIMES, ONIONS, ORANGES, IRISH POTATOES, TOMATOES, AND WALNUTS) REGULATED UNDER SECTION 8E (7 U.S.C. 6083-1) OF THE AGRICULTURAL MARKETING AGREEMENT ACT OF 1937, AS AMENDED (AMAA), ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(A) THE FEDERAL OR FEDERAL-STATE INSPECTION SERVICE, FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION, AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA), IS HEREBY DESIGNATED AS THE GOVERNMENTAL INSPECTION AGENCY FOR THE PURPOSE OF CERTIFYING THE GRADE, SIZE, QUALITY, AND MATURITY OF THE REGULATED COMMODITIES PRIOR TO IMPORTATION INTO THE UNITED STATES. IN ADDITION, THE FOOD PRODUCTION AND INSPECTION BRANCH, AGRICULTURE CANADA, IS AUTHORIZED TO MAKE SUCH INSPECTIONS AND CERTIFICATIONS WITH RESPECT TO ONIONS, IRISH POTATOES, AND TOMATOES. INSPECTION BY ONE OF THESE AUTHORIZED INSPECTION AGENCIES, WITH EVIDENCE THEREOF IN THE FORM OF AN OFFICIAL INSPECTION CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY SUCH AGENCY, IS REQUIRED FOR ALL REGULATED COMMODITIES PRIOR TO IMPORTATION.

(B) USDA INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE UPON APPLICATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION OF FRESH FRUITS, VEGETABLES, AND OTHER PRODUCTS (7 CFR PART 51). THE COST OF THE INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION SHALL BE BORNE BY THE APPLICANT.

(C) THE TERM "IMPORTATION" MEANS RELEASE FROM CUSTODY OF THE UNITED STATES CUSTOMS SERVICE.

(D) EACH INSPECTION CERTIFICATION ISSUED FOR THE COMMODITY TO BE IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES SHALL SET FORTH AMONG OTHER THINGS: (1) THE NAME AND PLACE OF INSPECTION; (2) THE NAME OF THE SHIPPER OR APPLICANT; (3) THE COMMODITY INSPECTED; (4) THE QUANTITY OF THE COMMODITY COVERED BY THE CERTIFICATE; (5) THE PRINCIPAL IDENTIFYING MARKS ON THE CONTAINER; (6) THE RAILROAD CAR INITIALS AND NUMBER, THE TRUCK AND THE TRAILER LICENSE NUMBER, THE NAME OF THE VESSEL, THE NAME OF THE AIR CARRIER, OR OTHER IDENTIFICATION OF THE SHIPMENT; AND (7) THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT AS FACTS WARRANT: AGREEMENT ACT OF 1937, AS AMENDED. INSPECTION CERTIFICATES SHALL COVER ONLY THE QUANTITY OF THE COMMODITY THAT IS BEING IMPORTED AS A PORT OF ENTRY BY AN IMPORTER.

(E) IMPORTERS OF SUCH COMMODITIES SHOULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR INSPECTION AND CERTIFICATION AT THE FOLLOWING OFFICES. SUCH ARRANGEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE AT LEAST ONE DAY PRIOR TO ENTRY AT PORT INSPECTION OFFICES, TWO DAYS PRIOR TO ENTRY AT REGIONAL OFFICES, AND THREE DAYS PRIOR TO ENTRY AT THE WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS OFFICE.

WASHINGTON HEADQUARTERS INSPECTION OFFICE: CHIEF, FRESH PRODUCTS BRANCH, ROOM 2056-S, FRUIT AND VEGETABLE DIVISION, AME U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20250, PHONE: 202-447-5870.

EASTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR, SKYLINE OFFICE BUILDING, 5205 LEESBURG PIKE-SUITE 806, FALLS CHURCH, VA 22041, PH: 703-756-6781.

CENTRAL REGIONAL DIRECTOR, ROOM 1012, 610 SOUTH CANAL STREET, CHICAGO, IL 60607, PH: 312-353-6225.

WESTERN REGIONAL DIRECTOR, POST OFFICE BOX 214287, SACRAMENTO, CA 95821, PH: 916-978-4254.

EASTERN REGION INSPECTION PORTS OF ENTRY OFFICES:

MOBILE, AL, PH: 205-690-6154

MIAMI, FL, PH: 305-592-1375

EVERETT, MA, PH: 617-389-2480

NEWARK, NJ, PH: 201-645-2670

JACKSONVILLE, FL, PH: 904-354-5983

JESSUP, MD, PH: 301-799-5899

BUFFALO, NY, PH: 716-824-1585

BRONX, NY, PH: 212-991-7665

NORFOLD, VA, PH: 804-441-6218
SANTURCE, PR, PH: 809-783-2230

PHILADELPHIA, PA, PH: 215-336-0845
TAMPA, FL, PH: 813-272-2470

CENTRAL REGION INSPECTION PORTS OF ENTRY OFFICES:

DETROIT, MI, PH: 313-226-6059
ST. PAUL, MN, PH: 612-296-8557
HOUSTON, TX, PH: 713-923-2557
LAS CRUCES, NM, PH: 505-646-4929

NEW ORLEANS, LA, PH: 504-589-6741
EL PASO, TX, PH: 915-541-7723
ALAMO, TX, PH: 512-787-4091

WESTERN REGION INSPECTION PORTS OF ENTRY OFFICES:

NOGALES, AZ, PH: 602-281-0783
HONOLULU, HI, PH: 808-548-7138
SALEM, OR, PH: 503-378-3775

LOS ANGELES, CA, PH: 213-894-2489
BURLINGAME, CA, PH: 415-876-9313 & 9314
SEATTLE, WA, PH: 206-764-3500

O N I O N S , D R Y
WEEKLY ONION MOVEMENT
(INCLUDES RAIL, PIGGYBACK, TRUCK, AIR, BOAT, EXPORT AND IMPORT)
40,000 POUND UNITS
1995 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	TEXAS LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY	TEXAS SAN ANTONIO WINTER GARDEN	PRESIDIO	TRANS-PECOS	ARIZONA	CALIFORNIA	COLORADO	GEORGIA
FEB								
18	-	-	-	-	-	18	77	-
25	-	-	-	-	-	21	51	-
MAR								
4	23	-	-	-	-	5	7	-
11	95	-	-	-	-	18	-	-
18	184	-	-	-	-	14	-	-
25	443	-	-	-	-	9	-	-
APR								
1	341	-	-	-	-	8	-	-
8	587	11	-	-	-	25	-	4
15	940	47	-	-	7	133	-	35
22	1288	59	-	-	5	311	-	270
29	902	170	-	-	25	611	-	689
MAY								
6	697	172	27	-	60	867	-	611
13	278	254	39	-	95	1045	-	444
20	64	234	53	31	116	923	-	373
27	28	347	75	69	141	716	-	280
JUN								
3	17	172	49	86	186	569	-	201
10	5	254	34	180	100	476	-	170
17	1	234	10	203	60	539	-	160
24	-	205	2	232	43	506	-	129
JUL								
1	-	115	-	213	45	458	-	141
8	-	35	-	209	23	429	-	83
15	-	-	-	192	-	523	-	77
22	-	-	-	161	-	490	-	91
29	-	-	-	108	-	561	-	78
AUG								
5	-	-	-	152	-	517	-	82
12	-	-	-	102	1	562	172	90
19	-	-	-	36	-	378	382	74
26	-	-	-	9	-	196	428	53
SEP								
2	-	-	-	-	-	29	546	62
TOTAL	5875	2309	289	1983	907	10957	1663	4197

O N I O N S , D R Y
WEEKLY ONION MOVEMENT
(INCLUDES RAIL, PIGGYBACK, TRUCK, AIR, BOAT, EXPORT AND IMPORT)
40,000 POUND UNITS
1995 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	IDAHO	MICHIGAN	NEW MEX	NEW YORK	OREGON	WASHINGTON	MEXICO	TOTAL
FEB								
18	339	132	-	250	482	114	214	1626
25	203	122	-	227	515	66	232	1437
MAR								
4	191	81	-	218	544	85	384	1538
11	116	59	-	197	505	69	695	1754
18	95	28	-	213	258	14	1105	1911
25	25	-	-	239	115	12	980	1823
APR								
1	16	-	-	195	34	6	869	1469
8	3	-	-	183	42	5	451	1311
15	5	-	-	126	13	3	245	1554
22	2	-	-	110	51	3	140	2239
29	1	-	-	-	16	2	94	2510
MAY								
6	-	-	-	-	16	3	52	2487
13	1	-	-	-	-	-	85	2241
20	-	-	-	-	-	3	86	1883
27	-	-	-	-	-	-	104	1760
JUN								
3	-	-	155	-	-	-	54	1489
10	-	-	422	-	-	-	62	1703
17	-	-	726	-	-	-	9	1942
24	-	-	773	-	-	33	2	1925
JUL								
1	-	-	584	-	-	146	14	1716
8	-	-	539	-	-	151	13	1482
15	-	-	753	-	-	305	12	1862
22	-	-	681	-	-	211	9	1643
29	-	-	755	-	-	153	5	1660
AUG								
5	-	-	795	-	-	100	10	1656
12	-	-	730	20	-	164	13	1854
19	-	11	411	88	46	267	3	1696
26	15	31	284	127	120	301	2	1566
SEP								
2	108	63	322	141	141	410	2	1824
TOTAL	1120	527	7930	2334	2898	2626	5946	51561

ONIONS, DRY

1995

Daily Price range

Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas (McAllen)

Sales F.O.B. Shipping point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis

Yellow Grano Type

	50 LB SKS COLOSSAL	50 LB SKS JUNBO	50 LB SKS MEDIUM	50 LB SKS REPACKER SIZE	50-LB CTN JUNBO
MAR					
13	-	-	-	-	-
14	-15.00	-12.00	-12.00	7.00- 8.00	-
15	-	-10.00	10.00-11.00	- 8.00	-
16	-	-10.00	9.00-10.00	7.00- 8.00	-
17	-	-10.00	- 8.00	- 7.00	-
20	-	- 9.00	- 7.00	- 7.00	-
21	-	- 9.00	- 7.00	- 7.00	-
22	-	- 9.00	- 7.00	- 7.00	-
23	-	- 9.00	- 7.00	- 7.00	-
24	-	12.00-14.00	- 7.00	- 7.00	-
27	-17.00	-14.00	- 7.00	- 7.00	-
28	-17.00	-14.00	- 7.00	- 7.00	-
29	-17.00	-14.00	-	-	-
30	17.00-18.00	14.00-15.00	-	-	-
31	17.00-18.00	15.00-16.00	10.00-12.00	8.00-10.00	-
APR					
03	20.00-22.00	-18.00	-14.00	-10.00	-
04	20.00-22.00	-18.00	-14.00	-10.00	-
05	20.00-22.00	-18.00	-14.00	-10.00	-
06	-20.00	-18.00	-14.00	-10.00	-
07	-20.00	-18.00	-14.00	-10.00	-
10	-20.00	-18.00	-16.00	-14.00	-
11	-18.00	-16.00	-14.00	-12.00	-
12	-18.00	-16.00	-14.00	-12.00	-
13	-18.00	-16.00	-14.00	-12.00	-
14	-18.00	-16.00	-14.00	-12.00	-
17	16.00-18.00	14.00-15.00	12.00-14.00	-12.00	16.00-18.00
18	-16.00	-14.00	-12.00	-12.00	-16.00
19	-16.00	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	-16.00
20	-16.00	10.00-12.00	- 8.00	- 8.00	-16.00
21	-	10.00-12.00	- 8.00	- 8.00	-14.00
24	14.00-16.00	-10.00	- 8.00	7.00- 8.00	-14.00
25	-16.00	-10.00	7.00- 8.00	7.00- 8.00	-14.00
26	12.00-14.00	- 9.00	5.00- 6.00	- 6.00	12.00-14.00
27	12.00-14.00	- 8.00	- 5.00	- 5.00	-12.00
28	-14.00	- 8.00	4.00- 5.00	4.00- 5.00	-12.00
MAY					
01	12.00-14.00	- 7.00	4.00- 5.00	4.00- 5.00	-12.00
02	-12.00	6.00- 7.00	4.00- 5.00	4.00- 5.00	-12.00
03	-12.00	- 6.00	- 4.00	- 4.00	10.00-12.00
04	-	6.00- 7.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	10.00-12.00
05	-	6.00- 7.00	4.50- 5.00	4.50- 5.00	-
08	-	- 7.00	- 5.00	- 5.00	-
09	-	- 8.00	5.00- 6.00	5.00- 6.00	-

LAST REPORT

ONIONS, DRY

1995

Daily Price range

Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas (McAllen)

Sales F.O.B. Shipping point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis

	WHITE 50 LB SACKS			RED 25 LB SACKS	
	JUMBO	MEDIUM	REPACKER	JUMBO	LARGE
APR					
10	-18.00	15.00-16.00	12.00-14.00	12.00-14.00	- 6.00
11	-18.00	-16.00	-14.00	10.00-12.00	6.00- 8.00
12	16.00-18.00	-16.00	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	6.00- 8.00
13	-16.00	-16.00	14.00-15.00	-12.00	6.00- 8.00
14	-16.00	14.00-16.00	-14.00	-12.00	6.00- 8.00
17	-16.00	15.00-16.00	-14.00	10.00-12.00	6.00- 8.00
18	-16.00	-14.00	-14.00	10.00-12.00	6.00- 8.00
19	-16.00	-14.00	-14.00	-10.00	- 6.00
20	14.00-16.00	13.00-15.00	-14.00	-10.00	- 6.00
21	-14.00	12.00-14.00	-14.00	-10.00	- 6.00
24	-14.00	-12.00	-	-10.00	5.00- 6.00
25	-14.00	-12.00	-	-10.00	5.00- 6.00
26	-12.00	10.00-12.00	-	- 9.00	5.00- 6.00
27	-14.00	-12.00	-	- 9.00	5.00- 6.00
28	-12.00	-10.00	-	7.00- 9.00	5.00- 6.00
MAY					
01	-12.00	-10.00	-	7.00- 8.00	- 5.00
02	10.00-12.00	-10.00	-	7.00- 8.00	- 5.00
03	-10.00	-10.00	-	7.00- 8.00	- 5.00
04	-	-	-	7.00- 8.00	- 5.00
05	-	-	-	7.00- 8.00	- 5.00

LAST REPORT

ONIONS, DRY

1995

Daily price range

San Antonio-Winter Garden-Laredo District

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis

YELLOW GRANO TYPE

50 LB SKS

	COLOSSAL	JUNBO	MEDIUM	REPACKER SIZE
APR 25	-	-10.00	-6.00	-6.00
APR 26	-	-10.00	-6.00	-6.00
APR 27	-	-8.00	-5.00	-5.00
APR 28	-	-8.00	-5.00	-5.00
MAY 01	-	7.00-8.00	-5.00	-5.00
MAY 02	-	-7.00	-4.00	-4.00
MAY 03	-	6.00-7.00	-4.00	4.00-5.00
MAY 04	-	-7.00	-4.00	-4.00
MAY 05	-	-7.00	-4.00	-4.00
MAY 08	-	-7.00	4.50-5.00	4.50-5.00
MAY 09	-	-7.00	-5.00	-5.00
MAY 10	-12.00	-8.00	-6.00	-6.00
MAY 11	-	-9.00	-6.00	-6.00
MAY 12	-14.00	-9.00	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00
MAY 15	12.00-14.00	9.00-10.00	-7.00	-7.00
MAY 16	10.00-14.00	8.00-9.00	-7.00	-7.00
MAY 17	12.00-14.00	-8.00	-7.00	-7.00
MAY 18	12.00-14.00	7.00-8.00	-6.00	-6.00
MAY 19	12.00-14.00	-7.00	-6.00	-6.00
MAY 22	12.00-14.00	6.00-7.00	-5.00	-5.00
MAY 23	12.00-14.00	6.00-7.00	-5.00	-5.00
MAY 24	10.00-12.00	-6.00	-5.00	-5.00
MAY 25	8.00-10.00	-6.00	-5.00	-5.00
MAY 26	8.00-10.00	5.00-6.00	-5.00	-5.00
MAY 29	-	-	-	-
MAY 30	-	-6.00	-5.00	-5.00
MAY 31	-	-6.00	-5.00	-5.00
JUN 01	-	-6.00	-5.00	-5.00
JUN 02	-	-6.00	-5.00	-5.00
JUN 05	-	5.00-6.00	4.50-5.00	-5.00
JUN 06	-	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	-5.00
JUN 07	-	-	-	-
JUN 08	-	4.50-5.00	4.50-5.00	-5.00
JUN 09	-	-	-	-
JUN 12	6.00-8.00	4.50-5.00	-5.00	5.00-6.00
JUN 13	6.00-8.00	4.50-5.00	5.00-5.50	5.50-6.00
JUN 14	6.00-8.00	4.00-4.50	5.00-5.50	5.50-6.00
JUN 15	6.00-8.00	-4.00	5.00-5.50	6.00-6.50
JUN 16	6.00-8.00	-4.00	5.00-5.50	-6.00

ONIONS, DRY

1995

Daily price range

San Antonio-Winter Garden-Laredo District

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis

	50 lb sks WHITE jbo	50 lb sks WHITE med	50 lb sks WHITE rpkz sz	25 lb sks RED jbo	25 lb sks RED med
APR 28	-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	8.00- 9.00	5.00- 6.00
MAY 01	10.00-12.00	-10.00	-10.00	- 8.00	5.00- 6.00
MAY 02	10.00-12.00	-10.00	8.00-10.00	- 8.00	- 5.00
MAY 03	-10.00	9.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	- 8.00	5.00- 6.00
MAY 04	-10.00	9.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	- 7.00	- 5.00
MAY 05	-10.00	9.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	7.00- 8.00	5.00- 6.00
MAY 08	-10.00	9.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	7.00- 8.00	4.00- 6.00
MAY 09	-10.00	9.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	7.00- 8.00	4.00- 6.00
MAY 10	-10.00	8.00- 9.00	8.00- 9.00	7.00- 8.00	4.00- 6.00
MAY 11	10.00-12.00	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	7.00- 8.00	5.00- 6.00
MAY 12	-12.00	- 9.00	8.00- 9.00	7.00- 8.00	4.00- 5.00
MAY 15	-12.00	-10.00	8.00- 9.00	7.00- 8.00	- 5.00
MAY 16	-	-	-	7.00- 8.00	5.00- 6.00
MAY 17	-	-	-	-	-
MAY 18	-	-	-	7.00- 8.00	5.00- 6.00
MAY 19	-	-	-	7.00- 8.00	5.00- 6.00
MAY 22	-	-	-	7.00- 8.00	5.00- 6.00
MAY 23	-	-	-	7.00- 8.00	5.00- 6.00
MAY 24	-	-	-	7.00- 8.00	5.00- 6.00
MAY 25	-	-	-	- 7.00	- 5.00
MAY 26	-	-	-	- 7.00	- 5.00

PEPPERS , BELL TYPE

1994-95 SEASON

APPROXIMATELY 4600 ACRES WERE HARVESTED STATEWIDE IN 1994, REPRESENTING AN INCREASE (10%) COMPARED TO HARVESTED ACREAGE IN 1993. HOWEVER, YIELD PER ACRE DECREASED FROM 200 CWT/ACRE IN 1993 TO 140 CWT/ACRE IN 1994. PRODUCTION DECREASED FROM 1000 (1000 CWT) IN 1993 TO 644 (1000 CWT) IN 1994.

FALL SHIPMENTS WERE 745 (40000 LB UNITS), GENERALLY UNCHANGED FROM 743 DURING THE PREVIOUS SEASON. THE FIRST SHIPMENTS WERE REPORTED THE WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 22ND. VOLUME PEAKED EARLY IN THE SEASON AT 147 LOADS THE WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 5TH. SUPPLIES FLUCTUATED UNTIL MID-DECEMBER AND THEN BEGAN TO DECLINE STEADILY. THE LAST SHIPMENTS WERE REPORTED WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 18TH.

THE PRINCIPLE AREA OF PEPPER PRODUCTION IN TEXAS IS IN THE LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY, WITH SCATTERED PRODUCTION IN THE SAN-ANTONIO-WINTER GARDEN, TRANS-PECOS, AND HIGH PLAINS AREAS. PLANTING FOR THE FALL CROPS BEGINS IN MAY IN THE HIGH PLAINS AREA AND CONTINUES INTO AUGUST IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY AND THE TRANS-PECOS AREAS. HARVEST BEGINS IN MID-AUGUST IN THE HIGH PLAINS AND CONTINUES THROUGH OCTOBER. TRANS-PECOS HARVEST BEGINS IN MID OCTOBER AND CONTINUES UNTIL FROST. PRODUCTION USUALLY IS AVAILABLE FROM SOUTH TEXAS UNTIL DECEMBER OR UNTIL A KILLING FROST OCCURS.

PEPPERS SUCCUMB TO A LIGHT FROST AND DO POORLY WHEN TEMPERATURES RANGE BETWEEN 40 TO 60. FRUIT THAT SET AT TEMPERATURES ABOVE 80 DEGREES USUALLY ARE SMALL OR POORLY SHAPED. VERY LITTLE FRUIT SET OCCURS AT TEMPERATURES ABOVE 90 DEGREES. BEST YIELDS OCCUR WHEN TEMPERATURES RANGE BETWEEN 65 AND 80 DEGREES DURING FRUIT SETTING.

HARVESTING PROGRESSED SMOOTHLY THROUGH MID-DECEMBER AND THEN SLOWED ACCOUNT OF DIMINISHING SUPPLIES. ONLY MINOR INSECT PRESSURE WAS REPORTED IN SOME FIELDS.

PEPPERS ARE NORMALLY HARVESTED WHEN THEY ARE ABOUT FULL SIZE AND BEFORE THEY TURN RED OR YELLOW. QUALITY PEPPERS ARE FIRM TO FEEL, HAVE THICK WALLS, AND SHOULD HAVE A DARK GREEN COLOR. THE PEPPERS ARE PICKED IN FIELD BASKETS AND HAULED TO THE SHED FOR GRADING AND PACKING.

BELL PEPPERS ARE PACKED IN 1-1/9 BUSHEL CARTONS OR CRATES WEIGHING ABOUT 28-30 POUNDS. THEY ARE SIZED JUMBO (50 OR LESS PEPPERS PER CONTAINER), EXTRA LARGE (55-65 PEPPERS PER CONTAINER), LARGE (70-80 PEPPERS PER CONTAINER), MEDIUM (85-90 PEPPERS PER CONTAINER), OR SMALL (100-110 PEPPERS PER CONTAINER). JALAPENOS ARE NORMALLY PACKED IN 20 AND 10 POUND CARTONS. SOME JALAPENOS ARE PACKED IN 50 POUND SACKS AND SOLD TO PROCESSORS OR REPACKERS.

TEXAS GROWN PEPPERS ARE SOLD MAINLY F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT AT PREVAILING MARKET PRICES. LARGE PEPPERS ARE PREFERRED BY CONSUMERS AND BRING THE PREMIUM PRICE. THE FALL CROP IN THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY OPENED DURING LATE OCTOBER AT \$16.35-\$16.50 FOR LARGE PEPPERS. ALTHOUGH F.O.B. PRICES FLUCTUATED THROUGHOUT THE SEASON, THE MARKET WAS STRONGEST DURING THE SECOND HALF OF NOVEMBER. LARGE BELLS CLOSED IN LATE DECEMBER AT \$13.00-\$14.00.

PEPPERS, BELL TYPE
WEEKLY PEPPER MOVEMENT
(INCLUDES RAIL, PIGGYBACK, TRUCK, AIR, BOAT, EXPORT AND IMPORT)
1,000 PACKAGE BASIS (40,000 LB UNITS)
1994-95 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	TEXAS LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY	TEXAS SAN ANTONIO WINTER GARDENS	CALIF.	FLORIDA	GEORGIA	NL	MEXICO	TOTAL
FALL CROP								
OCT								
1	-	-	-	-	14	-	3	17
8	-	-	-	1	32	-	14	47
15	-	-	1	11	41	-	16	69
22	17	-	-	21	63	-	13	114
29	57	-	-	28	37	85	24	231
NOV								
5	147	3	-	79	50	-	25	304
12	103	5	-	116	14	-	16	254
19	111	9	-	120	-	-	23	263
26	42	7	-	141	-	114	62	366
DEC								
3	51	6	-	230	-	-	59	346
10	69	-	-	239	-	-	90	398
17	28	-	-	196	-	-	175	399
24	20	-	-	119	-	-	181	320
31	16	-	-	129	-	55	277	477
JAN								
7	14	-	-	113	-	-	320	447
14	18	-	-	106	-	-	272	396
21	12	-	-	110	-	-	317	439
28	18	-	-	103	-	1	304	426
FEB								
4	13	-	-	134	-	-	324	471
11	7	-	-	116	-	-	347	470
18	2	-	-	98	-	-	566	666
TOTAL	745	30	1	2210	251	255	3428	6920

PEPPER

1994

Daily price range

Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas (McAllen)

Sales F.O.B. Shipping point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis

BELL TYPE (GREEN), 1 1/9 BUCTNS

	extra large	large	medium
OCT 31	16.35-16.50	14.35-14.50	12.00-12.50
NOV 01	14.50-16.50	12.50-14.50	10.00-10.50
NOV 02	13.35-14.50	12.00-12.35	10.00-10.30
NOV 03	12.00-12.50	10.00-10.50	8.00- 8.50
NOV 04	11.50-12.35	9.50-10.35	7.50- 8.35
NOV 07	10.00-12.35	8.00-10.35	7.00- 7.35
NOV 08	10.00-10.35	8.00- 8.35	7.00- 7.35
NOV 09	10.00-10.35	7.00- 8.35	6.00- 7.35
NOV 10	10.00-10.35	8.00- 8.35	6.00- 7.35
NOV 11	VETERAN'S DAY HOLIDAY NO REPORT ISSUED		
NOV 14	12.00-14.50	10.00-12.35	8.00-10.50
NOV 15	14.00-16.35	12.00-14.35	10.00-12.00
NOV 16	18.00-18.50	14.35-16.00	12.50-14.00
NOV 17	20.00-21.35	17.50-20.35	14.50-18.35
NOV 18	18.00-21.35	17.50-18.50	14.50-16.50
NOV 21	18.00-20.50	16.00-18.50	16.35-16.50
NOV 22	18.00-20.50	16.00-18.50	16.35-16.50
NOV 23	SUPPLIES IN TOO FEW HANDS TO QUOTE		
NOV 24	THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY NO REPORT ISSUED		
NOV 25	■		■
NOV 28	12.50-14.50	10.50-12.50	9.50-10.50
NOV 29	12.35-12.50	10.00-10.50	9.35- 9.50
NOV 30	10.35-12.50	10.00-10.50	8.50- 9.50
DEC 01	9.00-11.50	9.00- 9.15	7.00- 7.15
DEC 02	-11.00	9.00- 9.15	7.00- 7.15
DEC 05	- 9.00	- 8.00	5.00- 6.00
DEC 06	- 9.00	- 8.00	5.00- 6.00
DEC 07	SUPPLIES INSUFFICIENT TO QUOTE		
DEC 08	■		■
DEC 09	■		■
DEC 12	■		■
DEC 13	-17.00	15.00-17.00	13.00-15.00
DEC 14	-17.00	15.00-17.00	13.00-15.00
DEC 15	15.00-17.00	-13.00	11.00-13.00
DEC 16	15.00-17.00	-13.00	11.00-13.00
DEC 19	14.00-15.00	12.00-13.00	10.00-11.00
DEC 20	13.00-14.00	10.65-12.65	8.65-10.15
DEC 21	13.00-14.00	10.65-12.65	8.65-10.15
DEC 22	13.00-14.00	10.65-12.65	8.65-10.15
DEC 23	SUPPLY INSUFFICIENT TO QUOTE		LAST REPORT

PEPPERS, OTHERS

1994

Daily price range

Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas (McAllen)

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis

Jalapeno

	1/2 buctns	10 lb ctns
NOV 16	8.00-10.00	-
NOV 17	8.00-10.00	5.00-6.00
NOV 18	9.00-10.00	5.00-6.00
NOV 19	-	-
NOV 21	9.00-10.00	4.50-6.00
NOV 22	9.00-10.00	4.50-6.00
NOV 23	-9.00	4.00-5.00
NOV 24	-	-
NOV 25	-	-
NOV 28	-8.00	4.00-5.00
NOV 29	-8.00	4.00-5.00
NOV 30	-8.00	4.00-5.00
DEC 01	-8.00	-4.00
DEC 02	7.00-8.00	3.50-4.00
DEC 05	8.00-9.00	4.00-5.00
DEC 06	-7.00	3.50-4.50
DEC 07	6.00-7.00	3.00-3.50
DEC 08	6.00-7.00	3.00-3.50
DEC 09	6.00-7.00	3.00-3.50
DEC 12	7.50-8.00	4.50-6.00
DEC 13	7.00-8.00	3.50-5.50
DEC 14	7.50-8.00	3.50-5.50
DEC 15	7.50-8.00	3.50-5.50
DEC 16	7.50-8.00	3.50-5.50
DEC 19	-	5.00-5.50
DEC 20	8.00-9.00	5.00-5.50
DEC 21	-8.00	4.00-5.00
DEC 22	-	4.00-5.00
DEC 23	-8.00	4.00-5.00
DEC 26	-	-
DEC 27	-8.00	4.00-5.00
DEC 28	-8.00	4.00-5.00
DEC 29	-8.00	4.00-5.00
DEC 30	-8.00	4.00-5.00
JAN 02	-	-
JAN 03	8.00-9.00	4.00-5.00
JAN 04	8.00-9.00	4.00-5.00
JAN 05	8.00-9.00	4.00-5.00
JAN 06	8.00-9.00	-

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1994-95

SAN ANTONIO - WINTER GARDEN DISTRICT

THE SAN ANTONIO-WINTER GARDEN DISTRICT SHIPPED 751 (25,000 LB) TRUCKLOTS DURING THE 1994-1995 SEASON. THIS COMPARES TO 742 TRUCKLOTS SHIPPED DURING THE 1993-94 SEASON.

ACCORDING TO THE TEXAS AGRICULTURAL STATISTICS SERVICE, THE STATE OF TEXAS HARVESTED 2300 ACRES IN 1994 COMPARED TO 2800 ACRES IN 1993. THE MAJOR SPINACH PRODUCING AREA IS THE SAN ANTONIO-WINTER GARDEN AREA WHICH INCLUDES THE COUNTIES OF FRIO, UVALDE, ZAVALA, MAVERICK, KINNEY, MEDINA, AND DIMMIT.

PLANTING BEGAN IN MID-SEPTEMBER AND CONTINUED INTO OCTOBER. PLANTING WAS INTERRUPTED IN OCTOBER BECAUSE OF RAINY CONDITIONS. NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER WERE UNSEASONABLY WARM MONTHS CAUSING THE SPINACH TO LACK GOOD BODY CONSISTENCY. DECEMBER WAS ALSO A VERY WET MONTH (SAN ANTONIO REPORTED THE WETTED MONTH - 10 INCHES ABOVE NORMAL). THE WET COMBINED WITH WARM WEATHER CAUSED WHITE RUST TO DEVELOP IN MANY FIELDS AND SOME FIELDS HAD TO BE ABANDONED OR PLOWED UP BECAUSE OF THIS DISEASE. LOSSES ALSO OCCURRED IN MARCH FROM HAIL IN SOME PARTS OF THE GROWING AREA.

HARVESTING BEGAN IN A LIGHT WAY THE WEEK OF THANKSGIVING, NOVEMBER 21-26. HARVESTING IN DECEMBER CONTINUED LIGHT DUE TO THE GOOD WEATHER ON THE EAST COAST OF THE U.S. DELAYING THE START OF THE TEXAS CROP. FINALLY IN JANUARY, TEMPERATURES GOT COOLER (MID-UPPER 30S), AND THIS HELPED THE QUALITY OF THE CROP AND DEMAND BEGAN TO IMPROVE. HARVESTING INCREASED IN JANUARY AND THEN BEGAN ITS SEASONAL DECLINE IN MARCH. THE PEAK WEEKS OF SHIPMENTS WERE JANUARY 1-7, 8-14, AND FEBRUARY 5-11 WITH 71-72 TRUCKLOTS SHIPPED DURING THOSE WEEKS. JANUARY SUPPLIES WERE LIGHT TO FAIRLY LIGHT AND DEMAND WAS GOOD TO MODERATE FOR THE MONTH. SUPPLIES WERE PLENTIFUL IN FEBRUARY, HOWEVER DEMAND WAS LIGHT AND SOME OF THE CROP GOT TOO LARGE FOR SUITABLE SHIPPING TO REPACKERS. MARCH CONTINUED TO BE SLOW. MOST SHIPPERS HAD COMPLETED HARVESTING BY THE CLOSE OF MARCH 1995.

THE SAVOY TYPE (CURLY LEAF) IS THE MOST POPULAR TYPE GROWN IN TEXAS FOR FRESH MARKET. SOME FLAT LEAF IS GROWN FOR PROCESSING. MOST OF THE SAVOY TYPE HARVESTED IN THE WINTER GARDEN AREA IS CLIPPED (LEAVES ONLY) AND PACKED LOOSE IN BUSHEL BASKETS (25 LBS) FOR DISTRIBUTION TO MAJOR REPACKERS MAINLY ON THE EAST COAST AND CANADA. SOME ROOT SPINACH (LEAVES AND ROOT) IS ALSO SHIPPED FROM THIS GROWING AREA. THE FIRST F.O.B. WAS ISSUED ON DECEMBER 6, 1994 AT \$6.00 PER BUSHEL. JANUARY SUPPLIES WERE TIGHTER (DUE TO RAINS DURING THE OCTOBER PLANTING) AND DEMAND WAS GOOD. THE MARKET INCREASED SLIGHTLY, MOSTLY AT \$6.50-7.00 PER BUSHEL UNTIL MID FEBRUARY, THEN DEMAND SLOWED, AS WELL AS THE QUALITY AND PRICE. FEBRUARY AND MARCH PRICES HELD MOSTLY AT \$6.00-6.50 PER BUSHEL WITH THE LAST REPORT ISSUED ON MARCH 10, 1995.

SPINACH

1994-95

Weekly price range

San Antonio - Winter Garden District

Extra Services Included

WEEK ENDING	BUSHEL BASKETS SAVOY TYPE CLIPPED
DEC 10	- 6.00
DEC 17	- 6.00
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