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1999-2000 SEASON

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## **BEETS & GREENS**

1999-2000 Season

Beets and greens from the Lower Rio Grande Valley were first packed the week ending November 21, 1998. Beet shipments gradually increased until the end of January, where it stabilized at 8-12 40,000 lb truckloads per week. Following a peak in mid-March of 16 truckloads, shipments decreased, finishing up on May 1. Shipment of greens rose throughout December and January and hit its peak in February. As with beets, shipments of greens had ceased as of May 1.

The first f.o.b. on cantaloupes out of the Lower Rio Grande Valley was issued on April 27. Size 9 melons sold for \$10.50-\$11.00, and size 12 melons sold for \$10.00-\$11.00. Due to the shortage of cantaloupes, prices held steady throughout the season. Size 15 melons maintained an approximate range of prices between \$8.75 and \$10.75. There were practically no size 18 melons available during the 1999 season. The last f.o.b. was issued on May 24.

The first f.o.b. on greens out of the Lower Rio Grande Valley was issued on January 27, 1999. The first f.o.b. on greens appeared on February 16. As one would expect with favorable harvesting conditions, the f.o.b. prices on beets and greens remained generally unchanged throughout the season.

BEETS  
1999-2000 Season

WEEK ENDING	TEXAS	CANADA	MEXICO	TOTAL
11/6/1999	1	10	2	13
11/13/1999	4	0	3	7
11/20/1999	11	0	4	15
11/27/1999	6	0	3	9
12/4/1999	10	4	4	18
12/11/1999	10	0	5	15
12/18/1999	11	0	5	16
12/25/1999	7	0	5	12
1/1/2000	8	6	3	17
1/8/2000	10	0	5	15
1/15/2000	11	0	6	17
1/22/2000	10	0	5	15
1/29/2000	11	0	6	17
2/5/2000	9	2	5	16
2/12/2000	11	0	4	15
2/19/2000	11	0	5	16
2/26/2000	12	0	10	22
3/4/2000	17	2	6	25
3/11/2000	11	0	6	17
3/18/2000	11	0	6	17
3/25/2000	14	0	7	21
4/1/2000	13	11	7	31
4/8/2000	18	0	7	25
4/15/2000	16	0	7	23
4/22/2000	10	0	4	14
4/29/2000	4	0	4	8
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>267</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>134</b>	<b>436</b>

\*40,000 lb units

GREENS  
1999-2000 Season

WEEK ENDING	AZ	GA	SC	TX	MX	TOTAL
10/23/1999	0	14	19	2	2	37
10/30/1999	1	14	51	2	3	71
11/6/1999	1	22	32	9	3	67
11/13/1999	7	39	19	20	6	91
11/20/1999	12	89	41	73	7	222
11/27/1999	8	71	0	42	11	132
12/4/1999	6	32	0	40	14	92
12/11/1999	8	47	92	44	16	207
12/18/1999	10	108	0	73	21	212
12/25/1999	14	126	153	43	17	353
1/1/2000	12	92	119	43	17	283
1/8/2000	19	38	16	48	17	138
1/15/2000	20	43	9	52	14	138
1/22/2000	16	52	15	59	19	161
1/29/2000	17	68	8	64	19	176
2/5/2000	17	60	11	62	20	170
2/12/2000	16	56	11	51	16	150
2/19/2000	26	48	11	74	17	176
2/26/2000	20	75	12	54	20	181
3/4/2000	23	62	9	52	18	164
3/11/2000	18	57	13	53	18	159
3/18/2000	20	59	12	31	17	139
3/25/2000	17	61	7	55	19	159
4/1/2000	14	66	13	34	13	140
4/8/2000	21	87	15	33	10	166
4/15/2000	20	108	13	31	7	179
4/22/2000	12	111	14	16	5	158
4/29/2000	12	80	17	4	4	117
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>387</b>	<b>1785</b>	<b>732</b>	<b>1164</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>4438</b>

\*40,000 lb units

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY, TEXAS  
 Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis  
 BEETS - 1999-2000 Season

	ctns/crts bchd	ctns/crts bchd
	12s	24s
04-DEC-1999	5.50-6.50	9.00-9.75
11-DEC-1999	5.50-6.50	9.00-9.75
18-DEC-1999	6.25-6.50	9.75-10.00
25-DEC-1999	6.25-6.50	-9.75
01-JAN-2000	6.25-6.50	-9.75
08-JAN-2000	6.00-6.50	-9.75
15-JAN-2000	6.00-6.50	9.25-9.75
22-JAN-2000	6.00-7.00	9.25-12.75
29-JAN-2000	6.00-7.00	9.25-10.75
05-FEB-2000	5.75-7.00	8.75-10.50
12-FEB-2000	5.75-7.50	8.75-10.75
19-FEB-2000	6.50-7.50	9.75-11.75
26-FEB-2000	6.50-7.50	9.25-11.75
04-MAR-2000	6.50-7.00	-9.75
11-MAR-2000	6.50-7.00	-9.75
18-MAR-2000	6.50-7.00	-9.75
25-MAR-2000	6.50-7.00	-9.75
01-APR-2000	6.50-7.00	9.75-10.75
08-APR-2000	6.50-7.00	9.75-10.75
15-APR-2000	6.50-7.00	8.75-10.75
22-APR-2000	6.75-7.00	8.75-10.75

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY, TEXAS

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

GREENS - 1999-2000 Season

	ctns/crts bchd	ctns/crts bchd	ctns/crts bchd	ctns/crts bchd	ctns/crts bchd	ctns/crts bchd
	COLLARD	KALE	MUSTARD CURLY	MUSTARD FLAT	TURNIP TOPS	DANDELION
	24s	24s	24s	24s	24s	24s
04-DEC-1999	6.75-8.75	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.75	10.75-12.75
11-DEC-1999	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.75	10.75-12.75
18-DEC-1999	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.75	6.00-6.75	6.00-6.75	6.00-6.75	10.75-11.75
25-DEC-1999	6.75-8.75	6.75-8.75	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.75	10.75-12.75
01-JAN-2000	6.75-8.75	6.75-8.75	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.75	10.75-12.75
08-JAN-2000	6.75-8.75	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.50	10.75-13.75
15-JAN-2000	-6.75	-6.75	-6.75	-6.75	-6.75	12.75-13.75
22-JAN-2000	-6.75	-6.75	-6.75	-6.75	-6.75	12.75-13.75
29-JAN-2000	-6.75	-6.75	-6.75	-6.75	-6.75	11.75-13.75
05-FEB-2000	-6.75	-6.75	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.75	-6.75	10.75-12.75
12-FEB-2000	-6.75	-6.75	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.75	-6.75	10.75-12.75
19-FEB-2000	-6.75	-6.75	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.75	-6.75	10.75-12.75
26-FEB-2000	-6.75	-6.75	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.75	6.75-8.75	10.75-12.75
04-MAR-2000	-6.75	-6.75	7.75-8.75	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.75	10.75-12.75
11-MAR-2000	-6.75	-6.75	6.75-8.75	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.75	10.75-12.75
18-MAR-2000	-6.75	-6.75	6.75-8.75	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.75	10.75-12.75
25-MAR-2000	6.75-7.75	-6.75	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.75	10.75-12.75
01-APR-2000	6.75-7.75	-6.75	-	-	-	9.75-12.75
08-APR-2000	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.75	-	-	-	9.75-12.75
15-APR-2000	6.75-7.75	6.75-7.75	-	-	-	9.75-12.75



LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY, TEXAS

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

GREENS - 1999-2000 Season

	ctns/crts bchd	ctns/crts bchd	ctns/crts bchd	ctns/crts bchd	ctns/crts bchd	ctns/crts bchd
	DANDELION	KOHLRABI	KOHLRABI	KOHLRABI	KOHLRABI	SWISS CHARD
	12s	24s	12s	24s	12s	24s
		GREEN	GREEN	RED	RED	RED
04-DEC-1999	6.25-8.00	-12.75	7.75-8.75	-12.75	7.75-8.75	10.75-12.75
11-DEC-1999	6.25-8.00	-12.75	7.75-8.00	-12.75	7.75-8.00	10.75-12.75
18-DEC-1999	6.25-7.50	-12.75	7.75-8.00	-12.75	7.75-8.00	-12.75
25-DEC-1999	7.50-7.75	10.75-12.75	6.75-8.00	-12.75	7.75-8.00	-13.75
01-JAN-2000	7.00-7.75	10.75-12.75	6.75-8.00	12.00-12.75	7.75-8.00	-13.75
08-JAN-2000	7.00-8.25	10.75-13.75	6.75-8.50	12.75-13.75	7.75-8.50	-12.75
15-JAN-2000	8.00-8.50	10.75-13.75	6.75-8.50	-12.75	7.75-8.00	-12.75
22-JAN-2000	8.00-8.50	10.75-13.75	6.75-8.50	12.00-13.75	7.00-8.00	10.75-12.75
29-JAN-2000	7.25-8.25	10.75-12.75	6.75-8.00	-12.75	6.75-8.00	10.75-12.75
05-FEB-2000	6.75-8.00	10.75-12.75	6.75-8.00	-12.75	6.75-8.00	10.75-12.75
12-FEB-2000	6.75-8.00	-10.75	6.75-8.00	10.75-12.75	7.00-8.00	10.75-12.75
19-FEB-2000	6.75-8.00	-10.75	6.75-8.00	10.75-12.75	7.00-8.00	10.75-12.75
26-FEB-2000	6.75-8.00	-10.75	6.75-8.00	-10.75	6.75-8.00	10.75-12.75
04-MAR-2000	6.75-8.00	-10.75	6.75-8.00	-10.75	6.75-8.00	10.75-12.75
11-MAR-2000	6.75-8.00	-10.75	6.75-8.00	-10.75	6.75-8.00	10.75-12.75
18-MAR-2000	6.75-8.00	-10.75	6.75-8.00	-10.75	6.75-8.00	10.75-12.75
25-MAR-2000	6.75-8.00	-10.75	6.75-8.00	-	-	10.75-12.75
01-APR-2000	6.50-8.00	-10.75	6.75-8.00	-	-	10.75-12.75
08-APR-2000	6.50-8.00	10.75-12.75	6.75-8.00	-	-	10.75-12.75
15-APR-2000	6.50-8.00	10.75-12.75	6.75-8.00	-	-	10.75-12.75

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY, TEXAS  
 Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis  
 GREENS - 1999-2000 Season

	ctns/crts bchd	ctns/crts bchd	ctns/crts bchd
	SWISS CHARD	SWISS CHARD	SWISS CHARD
	12s	24s	12s
	RED	WHITE	WHITE
04-DEC-1999	6.75-8.00	10.75-12.75	6.75-8.00
11-DEC-1999	6.75-8.00	10.75-12.75	6.75-8.00
18-DEC-1999	7.75-8.00	-12.75	7.75-8.00
25-DEC-1999	8.00-8.50	-13.75	8.25-8.50
01-JAN-2000	8.00-8.25	-13.75	8.00-8.25
08-JAN-2000	7.75-8.00	-12.75	7.75-8.00
15-JAN-2000	7.75-8.00	-12.75	7.75-8.00
22-JAN-2000	7.00-8.00	10.75-12.75	7.00-8.00
29-JAN-2000	6.50-8.00	10.75-12.75	6.75-8.00
05-FEB-2000	6.50-8.00	10.75-12.75	6.75-8.00
12-FEB-2000	6.75-8.00	10.75-12.75	6.75-8.00
19-FEB-2000	6.75-8.00	10.75-12.75	6.75-8.00
26-FEB-2000	6.75-8.00	10.75-12.75	6.75-8.00
04-MAR-2000	6.75-8.00	10.75-12.75	6.75-8.00
11-MAR-2000	6.75-8.00	10.75-12.75	6.75-8.00
18-MAR-2000	6.75-8.00	10.75-12.75	6.75-8.00
25-MAR-2000	6.75-8.00	10.75-12.75	6.75-8.00
01-APR-2000	6.75-8.00	10.75-12.75	6.75-8.00
08-APR-2000	6.75-7.75	-10.75	6.75-7.00
15-APR-2000	6.75-7.75	-10.75	6.75-7.00

# **C A B B A G E**

## **1999-2000 SHIPPING SEASON**

### **PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS:**

According to Texas Agricultural Statistics Service in 1999 there were 3700 harvested acres in the San Antonio-Winter Garden area compared to 3100 in 1998. 2977 (50,000 lb. trucklots) of cabbage were shipped from the Winter Garden district from October 1999 through June 2000. 2535 (50,000 lb. trucklots) were shipped during 1998-1999 season. Shipments gradually increased in mid November and early January with a sharp increase in mid March. The peak week of shipments was March 5-11 with 189 loads shipped that week. St. Patrick's Day promotions yielded 314 loads during that 2 week shipping period. Shipments were mostly steady throughout most of the season with an average of 83 loads shipped each week during a 36 week shipping season. The Winter Garden area includes the counties of Uvalde, Frio, Medina, Zavala, Dimmit, Bexar, Atascosa, and Maverick counties, as the second largest producing area for cabbage in Texas.

Cabbage shipments for the Lower Rio Grande Valley, Texas numbered 2764 (50,000 lb trucklots) during 1999-2000. This is up slightly from 2283 during 1998-1999. The 1999-2000 season saw more cabbage harvested from Winter Garden than from the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Shipments were light until New Year's Day, when the weekly shipments numbered 116 truckloads. Cabbage shipments peaked the weeks ending March 11 and 18, as the demand was very good for the St. Patrick's holiday. Shipments gradually declined the rest of the season, with the final Valley cabbage shipped the week ending June 10.

### **GROWING CONDITIONS AND HARVESTING:**

Some planting began in July and August, but conditions were very hot and dry and some stands were lost and replanted. Light harvesting began October 15 and the following weekend 2-3 inches of welcome rain fell in the growing area. Harvesting increased momentum in mid November through early December. First official freeze was December 9 with lows in the mid 20s. For several days in mid December, temperatures were in the mid 30s. Uvalde County was heavily hit late February 22. Rain, high winds and golf ball size hail affected many acres. Harvesting continued through mid June.

### **MARKETING AND PACKAGING:**

The first F.O.B. report from the Lower Rio Grande Valley was issued on November 29, 1999. Prices for the season opened at 5.00-5.50 for a 50 pound carton of medium sized, green cabbage. Prices stayed in the 4.50-5.50 range until January. Beginning with January 20, 2000, prices fell to 4.00. By early February, prices had fallen to 3.50-4.00 with light demand. On March 1, the market was 4.00, and it held between 4.00 and 4.50

through the St. Patrick's holiday and into April, when prices started to climb again. The last F.O.B. report out of the Valley was issued on May 1, 2000.

The first F.O.B. report from the Winter Garden area was issued November 8, 1999. Demand was fairly light for 1 ¾ bushel cartons, medium size, at mostly \$5.00. A slight increase in market in early January (\$5.00-5.50), but demand remained light, as various competing areas were also shipping. Demand continued light through February with market prices as low as \$3.75. Movement and demand increased in early March for St. Patrick's Day promotions with only slight change in market at \$4.00-4.50. The final report was May 19, 2000 with cartons at \$4.50-5.50, with a wide range in quality and price. Cabbage (green and red) is packed in 1 ¾ bushel cartons with approximately 18-22 heads and (jumbo) 10-14 heads in 50-lb sacks. Some cabbage is packed in the field, while some shippers actually bring the cabbage to the shed to be run across a moving belt and packed in cartons or sacks. Some precooling may take place at the shed during the hotter part of the season.

#### **TRANSPORTATION:**

Supplies of trucks were plentiful early-mid November. Supplies were just adequate around Thanksgiving, as demand was much improved through December. A slight shortage was reported between Christmas and New Year's. Mid January through February demand was slow and a surplus of trucks were available. They remained adequate until St. Patrick's Day promotions and supplies tightened up through April and May as onion season began in the Valley and Winter Garden area.

CABBAGE  
1999-2000 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	FL	NC	MX	CD	GA	NY	TX		TOTAL
							LWR GRND	RIO VLY WINTR GARD	
10/16/1999	0	0	21	0	0	175	0	5	201
10/23/1999	0	5	16	0	0	186	0	20	227
10/30/1999	0	4	19	0	0	177	0	25	225
11/6/1999	0	8	12	134	6	187	0	65	412
11/13/1999	0	30	16	0	18	199	0	83	346
11/20/1999	0	53	10	0	73	191	0	120	447
11/27/1999	0	36	8	0	68	128	20	72	332
12/4/1999	0	35	7	79	118	131	33	80	483
12/11/1999	34	44	12	0	117	105	54	88	454
12/18/1999	113	29	10	0	107	118	85	109	571
12/25/1999	120	0	8	0	91	90	62	111	482
1/1/2000	144	0	7	63	112	110	116	131	683
1/8/2000	102	0	13	0	67	98	121	117	518
1/15/2000	177	0	14	0	58	83	132	87	551
1/22/2000	176	0	25	0	29	78	125	65	498
1/29/2000	184	0	15	0	12	85	153	66	515
2/5/2000	188	0	14	27	0	84	165	73	551
2/12/2000	193	0	15	0	0	100	169	85	562
2/19/2000	203	0	19	0	0	93	157	72	544
2/26/2000	211	0	22	0	0	108	142	83	566
3/4/2000	253	0	20	42	0	102	149	88	654
3/11/2000	503	0	24	0	0	108	295	189	1119
3/18/2000	389	0	17	0	0	107	166	125	804
3/25/2000	229	0	18	0	0	99	128	77	551
4/1/2000	224	0	18	29	0	87	111	65	534
4/8/2000	251	0	14	0	28	84	118	86	581
4/15/2000	218	0	11	0	68	100	94	101	592
4/22/2000	176	0	7	0	139	79	60	83	544
4/29/2000	30	0	3	0	155	71	38	78	375
5/6/2000	0	2	2	22	271	66	19	87	469
5/13/2000	0	27	4	0	218	60	24	82	415
5/20/2000	0	40	2	0	164	57	13	81	357
5/27/2000	0	174	1	0	117	45	6	80	423
6/3/2000	0	208	4	49	94	12	7	81	455
6/10/2000	0	251	2	0	43	0	2	68	366
6/17/2000	0	192	6	0	0	0	0	49	247
TOTAL	4118	1138	436	445	2173	3603	2764	2977	17654

\*50,000 lb units

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY, TEXAS  
 Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis  
 CABBAGE - 1999-2000 Season

	50 lb ctns	50 lb ctns	50 lb sks
	ROUND GREEN TYPE	RED TYPE	ROUND GREEN TYPE
	18-24s	18-24s	10-14s
29-NOV-1999	5.00-5.50	7.00-8.50	-
30-NOV-1999	-5.00	7.00-8.00	-
01-DEC-1999	-5.00	7.00-8.00	-
02-DEC-1999	-5.00	7.00-8.00	-
03-DEC-1999	-5.00	7.00-8.00	-
06-DEC-1999	4.50-5.00	7.00-8.00	-
07-DEC-1999	4.50-5.00	7.50-8.50	-
08-DEC-1999	4.50-5.00	-8.00	3.50-3.75
09-DEC-1999	4.50-5.00	-8.00	-3.50
10-DEC-1999	4.50-5.00	7.50-8.00	-3.50
13-DEC-1999	-4.50	7.00-8.50	-3.50
14-DEC-1999	4.50-5.00	8.00-9.50	-3.50
15-DEC-1999	4.50-5.00	-	3.00-3.50
16-DEC-1999	4.50-5.00	10.00-11.00	3.00-3.50
17-DEC-1999	4.50-5.00	10.00-12.00	3.00-3.50
20-DEC-1999	-5.00	10.00-12.00	3.25-3.50
21-DEC-1999	-5.00	10.50-12.00	-3.50
22-DEC-1999	-5.00	11.00-12.00	-3.50
23-DEC-1999	-5.00	11.00-12.00	3.25-3.50
27-DEC-1999	5.00-5.50	11.00-12.00	-
28-DEC-1999	5.00-5.50	-12.00	-3.50
29-DEC-1999	-5.00	11.00-12.00	3.25-3.50
30-DEC-1999	-5.00	11.00-12.00	3.25-3.50
03-JAN-2000	-5.00	11.00-12.00	3.25-3.50
04-JAN-2000	-5.00	11.00-12.00	3.00-3.50
05-JAN-2000	5.50-6.00	11.00-12.00	3.00-3.50
06-JAN-2000	5.50-6.00	11.00-12.00	3.25-3.75
07-JAN-2000	5.50-6.00	11.00-12.00	3.50-4.50
10-JAN-2000	-5.50	10.00-11.00	4.00-4.50
11-JAN-2000	-5.50	-10.00	4.00-4.50
12-JAN-2000	5.00-5.50	-10.00	-
13-JAN-2000	-5.00	-10.00	3.25-4.00
14-JAN-2000	4.50-5.00	-10.00	3.25-3.75
18-JAN-2000	-4.50	9.00-10.00	3.00-3.50
19-JAN-2000	-4.50	9.00-10.00	3.00-3.50
20-JAN-2000	4.00-4.50	9.00-10.00	2.75-3.25
21-JAN-2000	4.00-4.50	8.00-9.00	2.75-3.25
24-JAN-2000	-4.00	8.00-9.00	2.75-3.00
25-JAN-2000	-4.00	8.00-9.00	2.50-3.00
26-JAN-2000	-4.00	8.00-9.00	2.50-3.00
27-JAN-2000	-4.00	8.00-9.00	2.50-3.00
28-JAN-2000	-4.00	-8.00	2.50-3.00
31-JAN-2000	-4.00	-8.00	2.50-3.00
01-FEB-2000	-4.00	-8.00	2.50-3.00
02-FEB-2000	-4.00	-8.00	2.50-3.00
03-FEB-2000	-4.00	8.00-8.50	2.50-3.00
04-FEB-2000	-4.00	8.00-8.50	2.50-3.00
07-FEB-2000	3.50-4.00	-8.00	2.50-2.75
08-FEB-2000	3.50-4.00	-8.00	2.50-2.75
09-FEB-2000	3.50-4.00	-8.00	2.50-2.75
10-FEB-2000	3.50-4.00	-8.00	2.50-2.75

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY, TEXAS

CABBAGE - 1999-2000 SEASON

	ROUND GREEN TYPE	RED TYPE	ROUND GREEN TYPE
11-FEB-2000	3.50-4.00	7.00-8.00	2.25-3.00
14-FEB-2000	3.50-4.00	7.00-8.00	2.75-3.00
15-FEB-2000	3.50-4.00	7.00-8.00	-2.75
16-FEB-2000	3.50-4.00	7.00-8.00	-2.75
17-FEB-2000	3.50-4.00	7.00-8.00	-2.75
18-FEB-2000	3.50-4.00	7.00-8.00	2.50-2.75
22-FEB-2000	3.50-4.00	6.50-8.00	2.50-2.75
23-FEB-2000	3.50-4.00	6.50-8.00	2.50-2.75
24-FEB-2000	3.50-4.00	6.50-7.00	2.50-2.75
25-FEB-2000	3.50-4.00	6.50-7.00	2.50-2.75
28-FEB-2000	3.50-4.00	6.50-7.00	2.75-3.00
29-FEB-2000	3.50-4.00	6.50-7.00	2.75-3.00
01-MAR-2000	-4.00	6.50-7.00	2.75-3.00
02-MAR-2000	-4.00	6.50-7.00	2.75-3.00
03-MAR-2000	-4.00	6.50-7.00	2.75-3.00
06-MAR-2000	4.25-4.50	6.50-8.00	3.00-3.25
07-MAR-2000	4.25-4.50	6.50-8.00	2.75-3.25
08-MAR-2000	-4.50	-7.00	-2.75
09-MAR-2000	-4.50	6.50-7.00	-2.75
10-MAR-2000	-4.50	6.50-7.00	-2.75
13-MAR-2000	-4.50	6.50-7.00	2.75-3.25
14-MAR-2000	-4.50	6.50-7.00	2.75-3.25
15-MAR-2000	-4.50	6.50-7.00	2.75-3.25
16-MAR-2000	-4.50	6.50-7.00	-3.00
17-MAR-2000	-4.50	6.50-7.00	3.00-3.25
20-MAR-2000	-4.50	6.50-7.00	3.00-3.25
21-MAR-2000	-4.50	6.50-7.00	3.00-3.25
22-MAR-2000	-4.50	7.00-7.50	3.00-3.25
23-MAR-2000	-4.50	7.00-7.50	3.00-3.25
24-MAR-2000	4.00-4.50	7.00-7.50	-
27-MAR-2000	4.00-4.50	7.00-8.00	-
28-MAR-2000	4.25-4.50	7.00-7.50	-
29-MAR-2000	4.00-4.50	7.00-7.50	-
30-MAR-2000	4.00-4.50	7.00-7.50	-
31-MAR-2000	4.00-4.50	6.50-7.50	-
03-APR-2000	4.00-4.50	6.50-7.50	-
04-APR-2000	4.00-4.50	7.00-8.00	-
05-APR-2000	-4.00	7.00-7.50	-
06-APR-2000	-4.00	7.00-7.50	-
07-APR-2000	-4.00	7.00-7.50	-
10-APR-2000	4.00-4.50	7.00-8.00	-
11-APR-2000	4.00-4.50	7.00-8.00	-
12-APR-2000	4.50-5.00	7.50-8.00	-
13-APR-2000	4.00-5.00	7.50-8.00	-
14-APR-2000	4.50-5.00	-	-
17-APR-2000	5.00-5.50	-	-
18-APR-2000	5.00-5.50	-	-
19-APR-2000	4.50-5.00	-	-
20-APR-2000	4.50-5.50	-	-
21-APR-2000	5.00-5.50	-	-
24-APR-2000	5.00-5.50	-	-
25-APR-2000	5.00-5.50	-	-
26-APR-2000	5.00-5.50	-	-
27-APR-2000	5.50-6.00	-	-
28-APR-2000	5.50-6.00	-	-
01-MAY-2000	5.50-6.00	-	-

SAN ANTONIO-WINTERGARDEN DISTRICT TEXAS  
 Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis  
 CABBAGE - 1999-2000 Season

	1 3/4 bucrts	1 3/4 bucrts	50 lb sks
	ROUND GREEN TYPE	RED TYPE	ROUND GREEN TYPE
	med	med	lge
13-NOV-1999	4.75-5.00	7.00-8.00	3.00-3.50
20-NOV-1999	4.75-5.00	7.00-7.50	3.00-3.50
27-NOV-1999	-5.00	7.00-7.50	3.25-3.50
04-DEC-1999	4.50-5.00	-7.00	3.00-3.50
11-DEC-1999	4.50-5.00	-7.00	2.75-3.25
18-DEC-1999	-4.50	7.00-10.00	2.75-3.00
25-DEC-1999	4.50-5.00	10.00-12.00	2.75-3.00
01-JAN-2000	4.50-5.00	10.00-12.00	2.75-3.50
08-JAN-2000	5.00-5.50	-12.00	3.00-3.50
15-JAN-2000	5.00-5.50	10.00-12.00	3.00-3.50
22-JAN-2000	-4.50	9.00-10.00	-3.00
29-JAN-2000	4.00-4.50	8.00-9.00	2.50-3.00
05-FEB-2000	3.75-4.00	-8.00	2.50-3.00
12-FEB-2000	3.75-4.00	7.00-8.00	2.50-3.00
19-FEB-2000	3.75-4.00	7.00-8.00	2.25-2.75
26-FEB-2000	3.75-4.00	7.00-7.50	2.50-2.75
04-MAR-2000	3.75-4.00	7.00-7.50	2.25-2.75
11-MAR-2000	4.00-4.50	-7.00	2.50-3.00
18-MAR-2000	4.00-4.50	6.50-7.50	2.50-3.25
25-MAR-2000	4.25-4.50	-7.00	2.50-3.00
01-APR-2000	4.00-4.50	-7.00	2.75-3.00
08-APR-2000	4.00-4.50	6.75-7.50	2.75-3.25
15-APR-2000	4.00-4.50	7.00-7.50	3.00-3.75
22-APR-2000	4.50-5.00	8.00-10.00	3.50-4.00
29-APR-2000	4.50-5.00	8.00-10.00	3.50-4.00
06-MAY-2000	4.75-5.50	-9.00	3.75-4.50
13-MAY-2000	4.75-5.00	8.00-9.00	3.75-4.50
20-MAY-2000	4.50-5.50	8.00-9.00	3.50-4.50



## CITRUS 2000 Season

During the 1999-2000 season, the total grapefruit harvest from the Lower Rio Grande Valley was approximately 11,856,000 carton equivalents, down slightly from 12,189,000 cartons the previous year. Fruit quality was outstanding, due to ideal harvesting weather in South Texas. Of those harvested, 7,740,000 carton equivalents were sold on the fresh market, down from 8,164,000 the previous year. Oranges on the other hand experienced an increase in production, with a total harvest of 3,317,000 carton equivalents, up from 2,832,000. The increase can be partially attributed to unfavorable harvesting conditions in competing growing areas, giving the Texas crop an unusually long window of lesser competition of the nationwide market. 2,556,000 carton equivalents of the orange crop were sold on the fresh market, up about 350,000 units from the previous year.

The first grapefruit f.o.b. was issued the week ending October 9, 1999. Rio Star 27s sold for 16.25-18.25, 32s for 14.25-16.25, 36s for 13.25-14.25, 40s for 12.25 and 48s for 10.25-11.25. This represents an increase in price of smaller sizes and a decrease in price of larger sizes from the opening prices of the 1998-1999 season. Due to the nearly perfect harvesting weather and adequate water, the grapefruit crop was heavy towards the larger sizes, and smaller sizes were scarce. With the increase in production from other states, prices gradually came down until mid-January, when they stabilized for the remainder of the season. The last f.o.b. was issued the week of April 29, 2000.

The first orange f.o.b. was also issued the week ending Oct. 9, 1999. Early variety 64s sold for 12.25-13.50, 72s for 11.25-11.50, 88s for 10.25-10.50, 113s for 9.25-9.50 and 138s for 8.25-8.50. This season saw a change in packing counts from previous years, adopting the same scale as California. With the increase in production from other states, especially Florida, prices gradually fell for the remainder season, leveling off in February. The last f.o.b. was issued the week of February 26, 2000.

ORANGES  
1999-2000 Season

WEEK ENDING	TEXAS	MEXICO	FLORIDA	TOTAL
9/18/1999	0	0	1	1
9/25/1999	17	0	11	28
10/2/1995	80	7	90	177
10/9/1999	79	5	168	252
10/16/1999	95	5	166	266
10/23/1999	117	4	283	404
10/30/1999	93	1	414	508
11/6/1999	102	0	466	568
11/13/1999	101	0	522	623
11/20/1999	69	0	679	748
11/27/1999	73	12	366	451
12/4/1999	124	10	986	1120
12/11/1999	122	7	1369	1498
12/18/1999	107	16	1006	1129
12/25/1999	66	9	381	456
1/1/2000	87	12	167	266
1/8/2000	106	15	341	462
1/15/2000	94	19	285	398
1/22/2000	103	29	395	527
1/29/2000	106	21	309	436
2/5/2000	96	23	327	446
2/12/2000	76	21	305	402
2/19/2000	87	30	300	417
2/26/2000	69	28	287	384
3/4/2000	57	32	271	360
3/11/2000	62	20	294	376
3/18/2000	53	35	259	347
3/25/2000	45	30	270	345
4/1/2000	52	31	246	329
4/8/2000	33	24	327	384
4/15/2000	23	25	357	405
4/22/2000	28	9	352	389
4/29/2000	54	0	288	342
5/6/2000	64	1	303	368
5/13/2000	5	5	289	299
5/20/2000	2	5	295	302
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>2547</b>	<b>491</b>	<b>13175</b>	<b>16213</b>

\*40,000 lb units

California shipments unavailable due to lack of co-operation of citrus trade

GRAPEFRUIT  
1999-2000 Season

WEEK ENDING	TEXAS	FLORIDA	BAHAMAS	TOTAL
9/25/1999	5	81	0	86
10/2/1999	68	236	0	304
10/9/1999	111	478	0	589
10/16/1999	179	472	0	651
10/23/1999	219	671	0	890
10/30/1999	230	666	0	896
11/6/1999	370	837	0	1207
11/13/1999	291	1105	0	1396
11/20/1999	295	1050	0	1345
11/27/1999	223	719	0	942
12/4/1999	445	1097	65	1607
12/11/1999	425	1382	0	1807
12/18/1999	279	1058	0	1337
12/25/1999	249	740	0	989
1/1/2000	329	520	78	927
1/8/2000	350	1099	0	1449
1/15/2000	330	884	0	1214
1/22/2000	270	1380	0	1650
1/29/2000	232	1243	0	1475
2/5/2000	236	1233	37	1506
2/12/2000	267	1468	0	1735
2/19/2000	247	1505	0	1752
2/26/2000	248	1495	0	1743
3/4/2000	292	1309	87	1688
3/11/2000	232	1330	0	1562
3/18/2000	228	1268	0	1496
3/25/2000	198	1135	0	1333
4/1/2000	171	873	13	1057
4/8/2000	137	863	0	1000
4/15/2000	144	787	0	931
4/22/2000	96	675	0	771
4/29/2000	85	573	0	658
5/6/2000	41	505	0	546
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>7522</b>	<b>30737</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>38539</b>

\*40,000 lb units

California shipments unavailable due to lack of co-operation of citrus trade.

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY, TEXAS

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

ORANGES - 1999-2000 Season

	7/10 buctns	7/10 buctns	7/10 buctns	7/10 buctns	7/10 buctns
	EARLY VARIETIES	EARLY VARIETIES	EARLY VARIETIES	EARLY VARIETIES	EARLY VARIETIES
	64s	72s	88s	113s	138s
09-OCT-1999	12.25-13.50	11.25-11.50	10.25-10.50	9.25-9.50	8.25-8.50
16-OCT-1999	12.25-13.25	-11.25	-10.25	-9.25	8.25-8.50
23-OCT-1999	12.25-13.25	-11.25	-10.25	-9.25	-8.25
30-OCT-1999	11.25-12.25	-11.25	-10.25	-9.25	-8.25
06-NOV-1999	10.25-12.25	10.25-11.25	9.25-10.25	8.25-9.25	7.25-8.25
13-NOV-1999	-10.25	-10.25	-9.25	-8.25	-7.75
20-NOV-1999	-10.25	-10.25	-9.25	-8.25	7.50-7.75
27-NOV-1999	-8.75	-8.75	8.00-8.50	8.00-8.25	-7.75
04-DEC-1999	8.25-8.75	8.25-8.75	7.50-8.25	7.50-8.00	7.25-7.75
11-DEC-1999	7.50-8.25	7.50-8.25	7.00-7.50	6.50-7.50	6.50-7.25
18-DEC-1999	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	6.50-7.50	6.50-7.25	6.00-6.50
25-DEC-1999	6.50-7.00	6.50-7.00	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	-6.00
01-JAN-2000	7.00-7.50	7.00-7.50	6.50-7.00	6.50-7.00	6.00-6.50
08-JAN-2000	7.00-7.25	6.75-7.25	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50
15-JAN-2000	-7.00	-7.00	-6.50	-6.50	6.00-6.50
22-JAN-2000	6.50-7.25	6.50-7.00	6.00-6.75	6.00-6.75	6.00-6.50
29-JAN-2000	6.50-7.00	6.50-7.00	6.00-6.75	6.00-6.75	6.00-6.50
05-FEB-2000	6.50-7.00	6.50-7.00	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50
12-FEB-2000	6.50-7.00	6.50-7.00	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.25
19-FEB-2000	6.50-7.00	6.50-7.00	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	-6.00
26-FEB-2000	6.50-7.00	6.50-7.00	6.25-6.50	6.25-6.50	-6.00

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY, TEXAS  
Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis

GRAPEFRUIT - 1999-2000 Season

	7/10 buctns MARKED RIO STAR TXFcy 27s	7/10 buctns MARKED RIO STAR TXFcy 32s	7/10 buctns MARKED RIO STAR TXFcy 36s	7/10 buctns MARKED RIO STAR TXFcy 40s	7/10 buctns MARKED RIO STAR TXFcy 48s
09-OCT-1999	16.25-18.25	14.25-16.25	13.25-14.25	-12.25	10.25-11.25
16-OCT-1999	15.25-16.25	13.25-14.25	12.25-13.25	10.25-11.25	9.25-10.25
23-OCT-1999	15.25-16.25	13.00-14.25	12.25-13.25	10.25-11.25	9.25-10.25
30-OCT-1999	12.25-14.25	11.25-13.25	10.25-12.25	9.25-10.25	8.25-9.25
06-NOV-1999	10.25-12.25	9.25-11.25	9.25-10.25	8.75-9.25	7.50-8.25
13-NOV-1999	-10.25	-9.75	-9.25	8.25-8.75	7.25-7.75
20-NOV-1999	9.75-10.00	9.50-9.75	9.00-9.25	8.25-8.75	7.25-7.75
27-NOV-1999	9.75-10.25	9.25-9.50	-8.75	-8.25	7.25-7.50
04-DEC-1999	9.75-10.25	8.75-9.50	8.25-8.75	7.75-8.25	6.75-7.50
11-DEC-1999	9.50-10.25	8.75-9.25	8.25-8.75	7.75-8.25	7.00-7.50
18-DEC-1999	9.50-10.00	8.75-9.50	8.00-8.25	7.50-7.75	6.50-7.00
25-DEC-1999	9.00-9.75	8.50-9.25	8.00-8.25	7.50-7.75	6.50-6.75
01-JAN-2000	9.00-9.75	8.50-9.00	7.50-8.25	7.00-7.75	6.25-6.75
08-JAN-2000	8.50-9.25	8.25-8.75	7.50-8.25	7.00-7.50	6.25-7.00
15-JAN-2000	8.50-9.25	8.25-8.75	7.50-8.25	7.00-7.50	6.50-7.00
22-JAN-2000	8.50-9.25	8.00-8.75	7.50-8.00	7.00-7.50	6.50-7.00
29-JAN-2000	8.50-9.25	8.00-8.75	7.50-7.75	7.00-7.50	6.50-7.00
05-FEB-2000	8.50-9.25	8.00-8.75	7.50-7.75	7.00-7.50	6.50-7.00
12-FEB-2000	8.75-9.25	8.00-8.50	7.50-7.75	7.00-7.50	6.00-7.00
19-FEB-2000	8.50-9.00	8.00-8.50	7.50-7.75	7.00-7.50	6.00-7.00
26-FEB-2000	8.50-9.00	8.00-8.50	7.50-7.75	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.75
04-MAR-2000	8.50-9.25	8.00-8.50	7.50-7.75	7.00-7.50	6.25-6.75
11-MAR-2000	-9.50	8.50-8.75	-7.75	7.25-7.50	-7.25
18-MAR-2000	-9.50	8.50-8.75	-7.75	7.25-7.50	-7.25
25-MAR-2000	-9.50	8.50-8.75	-7.75	7.25-7.50	7.00-7.25
01-APR-2000	-9.50	8.50-8.75	-7.75	7.25-7.50	7.00-7.25
08-APR-2000	-9.50	8.50-8.75	-7.75	7.25-7.50	7.00-7.25
15-APR-2000	9.25-9.50	8.50-8.75	-7.75	7.25-7.50	7.00-7.25
22-APR-2000	9.25-9.50	8.50-8.75	-7.75	7.25-7.50	7.00-7.25
29-APR-2000	9.00-9.50	8.50-9.00	-7.75	7.25-7.50	7.00-7.25

## **MELONS**

### **2000 Season**

The 2000 Lower Rio Grande Valley melon crop made a nice recovery from the heat-induced disaster of 1999. A total of 2024 truckloads (40,000 lb units) of cantaloups and 1030 honeydews were shipped from the valley between April 16 and June 10. This is up from 1694 and 962 loads, respectively. An additional 413 loads of cantaloups were shipped from Winter Garden, virtually identical to the previous year's 406 loads.

The first f.o.b. on cantaloupes out of the Lower Rio Grande Valley was issued on April 24. Size 12, 15, 1 and 18 melons sold for \$9.85-\$10.85. By the second week of shipping, prices fell drastically, to \$6.75-\$7.85 for 12s, \$7.75-\$8.85 for 15s, and \$7.35-\$7.85 for 18s, which quickly fell as low as \$4.85-\$5.85. The last f.o.b. was issued on May 23.

The first f.o.b. on honeydew melons out of the Lower Rio Grande Valley was issued on April 27. Size 5 honeydews sold for \$7.00-\$7.50, size 6s for \$6.00-\$6.50, and size 8s for \$6.00-\$6.50. By the next week, prices fell about one dollar off each size, a price they more or less maintained throughout the season. The final f.o.b. was issued on May 30.

CANTALOUPS  
2000 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	MEXICO	MEXICO	OTHER	AZ	CA	CENT AMER #	TX		TOTAL
	THROUGH NOGALES	THROUGH SO. TEX	MX				LWR	RIO VLY GARD	
4/22/2000	347	191	11	0	0	0	7	0	556
4/29/2000	496	136	9	0	0	0	240	0	881
5/6/2000	411	51	16	3	1	1488	634	0	2604
5/13/2000	319	52	17	67	387	0	616	0	1458
5/20/2000	179	27	14	211	947	0	306	0	1684
5/27/2000	103	5	0	406	943	0	101	1	1559
6/3/2000	67	1	1	744	682	0	105	46	1646
6/10/2000	15	0	3	705	738	0	15	85	1561
6/17/2000	8	5	0	1000	496	0	0	85	1594
6/24/2000	0	6	0	715	658	0	0	130	1509
7/1/2000	0	0	1	405	598	0	0	66	1070
7/8/2000	0	0	0	182	438	0	0	0	620
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1945</b>	<b>474</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>4438</b>	<b>5888</b>	<b>1488</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>413</b>	<b>16742</b>

\*40,000 lb units; including rail, piggyback, truck, air, boat, export import  
#includes Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Dominican Republic, and Nicaragua

HONEYDEWS  
2000 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	MEXICO	MEXICO	OTHER	AZ	CA	TX		TOTAL
	THROUGH NOGALES	THROUGH SO. TEX	MX			LWR	RIO VLY	
4/22/2000	110	111	1	0	0	12	234	
4/29/2000	174	96	5	0	0	99	374	
5/6/2000	128	60	4	0	0	142	334	
5/13/2000	54	16	6	11	5	222	314	
5/20/2000	51	7	20	21	56	325	480	
5/27/2000	104	16	26	53	85	179	463	
6/3/2000	83	9	19	168	120	49	448	
6/10/2000	23	5	28	208	122	2	388	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>727</b>	<b>320</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>461</b>	<b>388</b>	<b>1030</b>	<b>3035</b>	

\*40,000 lb units; including rail, piggyback, truck, air, boat, export import

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY, TEXAS

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

CANTALOUPE - 2000 Season

	1/2 ctns/crts	1/2 ctns/crts	1/2 ctns/crts	1/2 ctns/crts
	9s	12s	15s	18s
24-APR-2000	-	9.85-10.85	9.85-10.85	9.85-10.85
25-APR-2000	-	9.85-10.85	10.85-11.85	9.85-10.85
26-APR-2000	-	9.35-10.85	9.85-11.85	8.75-9.85
27-APR-2000	-	8.75-9.85	9.75-10.85	-8.85
28-APR-2000	-	7.75-8.85	8.75-9.75	7.75-8.85
29-APR-2000	-	-	-	-
30-APR-2000	-	-	-	-
01-MAY-2000	-	6.75-7.85	7.75-8.85	7.35-7.85
02-MAY-2000	-	5.75-6.75	6.75-7.75	5.75-6.75
03-MAY-2000	-	5.50-6.00	6.00-7.75	5.00-5.75
04-MAY-2000	-	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00	4.85-5.85
05-MAY-2000	-	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00	-
06-MAY-2000	-	-	-	-
07-MAY-2000	-	-	-	-
08-MAY-2000	4.50-5.25	5.00-5.25	5.50-6.00	-
09-MAY-2000	4.50-5.00	5.00-5.50	5.75-6.50	-
10-MAY-2000	5.00-5.35	5.00-5.75	6.00-7.00	5.00-5.75
11-MAY-2000	5.00-5.25	5.00-6.75	6.75-7.75	5.00-5.85
12-MAY-2000	5.00-5.25	6.00-6.75	6.75-7.75	5.00-5.85
13-MAY-2000	-	-	-	-
14-MAY-2000	-	-	-	-
15-MAY-2000	5.00-5.75	6.00-6.75	6.75-7.75	5.75-6.00
16-MAY-2000	5.00-5.75	5.75-6.75	-6.75	5.75-6.00
17-MAY-2000	5.00-5.75	-6.75	-6.75	5.75-6.00
18-MAY-2000	5.00-5.75	-6.75	-6.75	5.75-6.00
19-MAY-2000	5.00-6.00	-6.75	-6.75	5.75-6.00
20-MAY-2000	-	-	-	-
21-MAY-2000	-	-	-	-
22-MAY-2000	-6.00	-6.75	6.75-7.75	5.75-6.00
23-MAY-2000	-5.75	-6.75	-6.75	5.75-6.00



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

HONEYDEWS - 2000 Season

	2/3 ctns	2/3 ctns	2/3 ctns	2/3 ctns
	5s	6s	8s	9s
27-APR-2000	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	-
28-APR-2000	6.00-7.50	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50	-
29-APR-2000	-	-	-	-
30-APR-2000	-	-	-	-
01-MAY-2000	-6.00	-6.00	4.50-6.00	-
02-MAY-2000	-6.00	-6.00	4.50-5.00	-
03-MAY-2000	5.50-6.00	5.00-6.00	4.50-6.00	-
04-MAY-2000	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00	4.00-5.00
05-MAY-2000	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00	-
06-MAY-2000	-	-	-	-
07-MAY-2000	-	-	-	-
08-MAY-2000	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00	-6.00	-
09-MAY-2000	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00	-6.00	-
10-MAY-2000	5.00-6.00	-5.00	5.00-6.00	-
11-MAY-2000	4.50-6.00	-5.00	5.00-6.00	-
12-MAY-2000	5.00-6.00	-5.00	5.00-6.00	4.50-5.00
13-MAY-2000	-	-	-	-
14-MAY-2000	-	-	-	-
15-MAY-2000	5.00-6.00	5.00-5.50	5.00-6.00	4.50-5.00
16-MAY-2000	5.00-6.00	5.00-5.50	5.50-6.00	-5.00
17-MAY-2000	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00	5.50-6.00	-5.00
18-MAY-2000	5.00-6.00	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00	-5.00
19-MAY-2000	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00	-5.00
20-MAY-2000	-	-	-	-
21-MAY-2000	-	-	-	-
22-MAY-2000	5.50-6.00	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00	-5.00
23-MAY-2000	5.00-6.00	5.00-5.50	5.00-6.00	-5.00
24-MAY-2000	5.00-6.00	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00	-5.00
25-MAY-2000	5.00-6.00	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00	-5.00
26-MAY-2000	5.00-6.00	-6.00	-6.00	-5.00
27-MAY-2000	-	-	-	-
28-MAY-2000	-	-	-	-
29-MAY-2000	-	-	-	-
30-MAY-2000	5.50-6.00	-6.00	-6.00	-5.00

# **O N I O N S – D R Y**

## **SPRING 2000 SHIPPING SEASON**

### **PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS:**

According to Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the Winter Garden-Laredo area planted 4800 and harvested 4500 acres for spring 2000. In comparison, 3100 acres were harvested for the 1999 season. The yield per acre in 2000 was 309 cwt. compared to 240 cwt. in 1999. The production in 2000 was 1.4 million cwt. compared to 746,000 cwt. in 1999. Onion acreage in the Lower Rio Grande Valley was reported by TASS to be 15200 acres, an increase of 10 percent over the 1999 season, and 26.7 percent over the 1998 season. Of the planted acreage, 10,600 acres were harvested.

Truck shipments for the 2000 season from the Winter Garden area, as reported to the Federal-State Market News Service, was 2743 (40,000 lb units) compared to 1371 in 1999. This is compared to 5695 truck loads shipped from the Lower Rio Grande Valley, up from 5530++++The Presidio area (West Texas area) began shipping mid May and continued into June. The remainder of the Trans-Pecos area began in late May and continued through July. Total shipments for the Trans-Pecos area were 1272 (40,000 lb units) compared to 1104 in 1999.

### **GROWING CONDITIONS AND HARVESTING:**

Land preparation and direct seeding began in the Laredo area in September and continued in the Winter Garden during October through December. Some heavy rains in mid October slowed planting. Fall weather was very mild. A light frost in the Winter Garden on November 23 and mid 20s in early December. Later in February the area was hit with high winds, hail, and some rain. No apparent damage reported. Some fields in early March got heavy rains. Harvest began in early –mid April, mainly in Laredo, with the Winter Garden area starting mid April and May. Mid May did bring more hail and losses to some fields. Rains came again in early June slowing the final harvest. The peak week of shipments was May 7-13 with 397 (40,000-LB) loads shipped that week. Shipments continued into early July. Some fields in the Lower Rio Grande Valley were weakened by rain during planting, but this seemed to have little effect on the quality. In fact, growing conditions in the Valley were said to be the best in decades. This is partially to blame for low prices during the year, as there was a greater yield of high-quality onions than in years past.

### **MARKETING AND PACKAGING:**

The first F.O.B report was issued April 25, 2000. Yellow grano type jumbo brought \$4.00-4.50, medium mostly \$7.00. and repacker size \$7.00-8.00, white jumbo \$8.00-10.00, medium \$8.00-10.00, and repacker size \$8.00-10.00. The demand for larger

onions was fairly good, while medium and repacker size was fairly light. Supplies were heavier to larger onions also. The market on jumbos did increase slightly in May at \$4.50-5.00 and late May and early June at \$5.00-6.00. The last report was June 19, 2000, yellow jumbo and medium were \$5.00 and few repacker size \$5.50. Yellow and white onions are packed in 50-lb mesh sacks with some 1015s also packed in 40-lb cartons; reds are packed in 25-lb mesh sacks.

**TRANSPORTATION TRENDS:**

The usual load of onions will consist of 800-900 packages. Truck availability was generally adequate for the shipping season.

WEEKLY ONION SHIPMENTS 2000 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	CA	CO	GA	ID	NM	NY	OR	TEXAS	TEXAS	TEXAS	WA	MX	TOTAL
								SAN ANT WNTR GD	TRNS PECO PRESIDIO	LWR RIO GRND VL			
3/4/2000	0	0	0	324	0	191	678	0	0	25	233	454	1905
3/11/2000	0	0	0	217	0	250	466	0	0	155	272	625	1985
3/18/2000	0	0	0	249	0	122	541	0	0	148	237	617	1914
3/25/2000	0	0	0	159	0	173	329	0	0	398	234	742	2035
4/1/2000	0	0	0	88	0	242	216	0	0	736	235	453	1970
4/8/2000	0	0	23	56	0	192	132	24	0	897	263	384	1971
4/15/2000	14	0	118	47	0	225	101	60	0	983	252	276	2076
4/22/2000	220	0	718	22	0	191	27	93	0	938	246	266	2721
4/29/2000	366	0	484	12	0	197	13	285	0	635	169	142	2303
5/6/2000	862	0	511	1	0	174	0	323	0	201	150	153	2375
5/13/2000	860	0	473	2	0	151	0	397	1	22	121	159	2186
5/20/2000	1015	0	429	0	2	119	0	379	55	7	101	166	2273
5/27/2000	856	0	420	2	154	119	0	304	168	4	74	155	2256
6/3/2000	683	0	354	0	228	168	0	215	133	5	53	104	1943
6/10/2000	596	0	305	1	500	177	0	214	215	0	60	3	2071
6/17/2000	662	0	225	1	597	135	0	162	189	0	72	0	2043
6/24/2000	651	0	226	1	575	129	0	119	161	0	106	31	1999
7/1/2000	770	0	184	1	226	119	0	117	116	10	138	26	1707
7/8/2000	674	0	154	1	493	124	1	51	78	82	210	18	1886
7/15/2000	622	0	143	1	799	83	0	0	82	110	232	14	2086
7/22/2000	664	23	143	0	868	38	1	0	50	90	157	2	2036
7/29/2000	646	123	138	0	838	0	4	0	24	105	209	1	2088
8/5/2000	807	380	133	2	573	0	11	0	0	84	205	0	2195
8/12/2000	946	561	112	8	235	0	1	0	0	36	224	0	2123
8/19/2000	698	543	88	36	131	0	969	0	0	24	486	0	2975
TOTAL	12612	1630	5381	1231	6219	3319	3490	2743	1272	5695	4739	4791	53122

\*40,000 lb units

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

ONIONS DRY - 2000 Season

	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb sks
	YELLOW GRANO	YELLOW GRANO	YELLOW GRANO	YELLOW GRANO	YELLOW GRANO	WHITE
	col	jbo	med	rpkr sz	Super Colossal	jbo
14-MAR-2000	-	3.25-3.50	5.00-6.00	-	-	-
15-MAR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-MAR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
17-MAR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
18-MAR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
19-MAR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-MAR-2000	4.00-4.50	-3.50	5.00-5.50	5.00-6.00	-	-
21-MAR-2000	-4.00	3.25-3.50	-5.00	5.00-6.00	-	-
22-MAR-2000	-4.00	3.25-3.50	4.50-5.00	-	-	-
23-MAR-2000	-4.00	3.25-3.50	-4.50	4.50-6.00	-	-
24-MAR-2000	-4.00	3.25-3.50	-4.50	5.00-5.50	-	-
25-MAR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
26-MAR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
27-MAR-2000	-4.00	3.25-3.50	-4.50	5.00-5.50	-	-
28-MAR-2000	-4.00	3.25-3.50	4.25-4.50	-5.00	-	-
29-MAR-2000	4.00-4.50	3.50-4.00	-4.50	4.50-5.00	-	5.00-6.00
30-MAR-2000	4.50-5.50	4.00-5.00	4.50-5.00	-5.00	-	-6.00
31-MAR-2000	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00	-5.00	5.00-6.00	-	-6.00
01-APR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
02-APR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
03-APR-2000	6.00-7.00	-6.00	-6.00	-6.00	-	-6.00
04-APR-2000	6.00-6.50	5.00-6.00	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00	7.00-7.50	-6.00
05-APR-2000	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	5.50-6.00	6.00-6.50	-7.00	-6.00
06-APR-2000	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	-6.00	6.00-6.50	6.00-7.00	5.50-6.00
07-APR-2000	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.50	-6.00	-6.00	6.00-7.00	-6.00
08-APR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
09-APR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-APR-2000	5.00-5.50	-5.00	5.50-6.00	-6.00	6.00-7.00	7.00-8.00
11-APR-2000	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	-6.00	6.00-7.00	-6.00	7.50-9.00
12-APR-2000	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	7.00-8.00	8.00-9.00	-6.00	8.00-10.00
13-APR-2000	6.00-6.50	5.00-6.00	-8.00	8.00-10.00	6.00-7.00	-10.00
14-APR-2000	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50	-10.00	-10.00	7.00-8.00	-10.00
15-APR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-APR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
17-APR-2000	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.00	9.00-10.00	-10.00	6.00-7.00	-10.00
18-APR-2000	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.00	8.00-9.00	-10.00	6.00-7.00	-10.00
19-APR-2000	5.00-6.00	4.50-5.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-10.00	6.00-7.00	9.00-10.00
20-APR-2000	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	-8.00	8.00-9.00	6.00-6.50	8.00-10.00
21-APR-2000	5.00-5.50	-4.50	-8.00	8.00-9.00	6.00-7.00	8.00-10.00
22-APR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
23-APR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
24-APR-2000	5.00-5.50	-4.50	7.00-7.50	-8.00	6.00-7.00	8.00-10.00
25-APR-2000	5.00-5.50	4.00-4.50	7.00-7.50	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	8.00-10.00
26-APR-2000	5.00-5.50	4.00-4.50	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	-6.00	-
27-APR-2000	4.50-5.00	4.00-4.50	-6.00	6.00-7.00	-6.00	-
28-APR-2000	-5.00	-4.50	-6.00	6.00-7.00	-6.00	-
29-APR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
30-APR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
01-MAY-2000	-5.00	4.00-5.00	-5.00	5.00-6.00	-6.00	-
02-MAY-2000	5.00-6.00	4.50-5.00	-5.00	5.00-6.00	-	-
03-MAY-2000	-	4.50-5.00	-5.00	-5.00	-	-
04-MAY-2000	-	4.50-5.00	-5.00	-5.00	-	-
05-MAY-2000	-	-	-5.00	-5.00	-	-

LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY, TEXAS

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

	ONIONS DRY - 2000 Season					
	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	40 lb ctns	40 lb ctns	40 lb ctns	25 lb sks
	WHITE med	WHITE rpkr sz	YELLOW GRANO col	YELLOW GRANO jbo	YELLOW GRANO jbo	RED GLOBE jbo
14-MAR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-MAR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-MAR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
17-MAR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
18-MAR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
19-MAR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-MAR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
21-MAR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
22-MAR-2000	-	-	-	-	-6.00	-
23-MAR-2000	-	-	-	-	5.50-6.00	-
24-MAR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-MAR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
26-MAR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
27-MAR-2000	-	-	-	-	-6.00	-
28-MAR-2000	-	-	7.50-8.00	-7.00	-	-
29-MAR-2000	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00	7.50-8.00	7.00-8.00	-	-
30-MAR-2000	-6.00	-6.00	7.50-8.00	7.00-8.00	-	-
31-MAR-2000	-6.00	-6.00	-	7.00-8.00	-	-
01-APR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
02-APR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
03-APR-2000	-6.00	-6.00	-	-9.00	-	-
04-APR-2000	-6.00	-6.00	-	7.50-8.00	-	4.00-5.00
05-APR-2000	-6.00	-6.00	-	7.50-8.00	-	4.00-5.00
06-APR-2000	-6.00	-6.00	-	7.50-8.00	-	4.00-5.00
07-APR-2000	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	-	7.00-8.00	-	4.00-5.00
08-APR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
09-APR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-APR-2000	7.00-8.00	-8.00	-	7.00-8.00	-	4.00-5.00
11-APR-2000	7.50-9.00	-8.00	-	7.00-8.00	-	4.00-4.50
12-APR-2000	8.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	-	7.00-8.00	-	4.00-4.50
13-APR-2000	-10.00	10.00-12.00	-	7.00-8.00	-	4.50-5.00
14-APR-2000	-10.00	10.00-12.00	-	-8.00	-	4.50-5.00
15-APR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-APR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
17-APR-2000	10.00-12.00	10.00-12.00	-	7.00-8.00	-	4.50-5.00
18-APR-2000	-10.00	-10.00	-	7.00-8.00	-	4.00-5.00
19-APR-2000	9.00-10.00	-10.00	-	7.00-8.00	-	4.00-4.50
20-APR-2000	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	-	7.00-8.00	-	4.00-4.50
21-APR-2000	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	-	7.00-8.00	-	4.00-4.50
22-APR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
23-APR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
24-APR-2000	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	-	-7.00	-	4.00-4.50
25-APR-2000	9.00-10.00	-10.00	-	-7.00	-	4.00-4.50
26-APR-2000	-	-	-	-7.00	-	4.00-4.50
27-APR-2000	-	-	-	6.50-7.00	-	4.00-4.50
28-APR-2000	-	-	-	-7.00	-	4.00-4.50
29-APR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
30-APR-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
01-MAY-2000	-	-	-	-7.00	-	4.50-5.00
02-MAY-2000	-	-	-	-	-	4.50-5.00
03-MAY-2000	-	-	-	-	-	5.00-6.00
04-MAY-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-
05-MAY-2000	-	-	-	-	-	-

SAN ANTONIO-WINTER GARDEN-LAREDO DISTRICT TEXAS  
 Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis  
 ONIONS DRY - 2000 Season

	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb sks
	YELLOW GRANO U.S. One Super Col	YELLOW GRANO U.S. One col	YELLOW GRANO U.S. One jbo	YELLOW GRANO U.S. One med	YELLOW GRANO U.S. One rpkz sz	WHITE U.S. One jbo
29-APR-2000	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00	4.00-4.50	6.00-7.00	6.00-8.00	8.00-10.00
06-MAY-2000	6.00-7.00	5.50-6.00	-5.00	-5.00	5.00-7.00	8.00-10.00
13-MAY-2000	6.00-7.00	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.00	4.50-5.00	4.50-5.00	8.00-10.00
20-MAY-2000	7.00-8.00	5.00-6.00	4.50-5.00	4.50-5.00	4.50-5.00	-10.00
27-MAY-2000	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00	-
03-JUN-2000	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	-5.00	-5.00	5.00-5.50	-
10-JUN-2000	8.00-9.00	6.00-7.00	-5.00	-5.00	5.00-5.50	-
17-JUN-2000	-	5.50-6.00	-5.00	-5.00	5.00-5.50	-

	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	40 lb ctns	25 lb sks	25 lb sks
	WHITE U.S. One med	WHITE U.S. One rpkz sz	YELLOW GRANO U.S. One jbo	RED U.S. One jbo	RED U.S. One med
29-APR-2000	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	-7.00	4.00-5.00	3.00-3.50
06-MAY-2000	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	-7.00	4.50-5.00	3.50-4.00
13-MAY-2000	8.00-10.00	7.00-9.00	-7.00	4.50-5.00	3.50-4.00
20-MAY-2000	-10.00	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	4.25-5.50	3.50-4.00
27-MAY-2000	-	-	-	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.50

**ONIONS, DRY**

**TRANS-PECOS SHIPPING POINT  
(Presidio, Fabens, Tornillo, Pecos)**

**WEEKLY F.O.B. PRICES 2000 SEASON**

**YELLOW GRANO TYPE  
50-LB SACKS**

<b>Week Ending</b>	<b>COLOSSAL</b>	<b>JUMBO</b>	<b>MEDIUM</b>	<b>REPACKER SIZE</b>
<b>May</b>				
27	\$6.00	\$5.00	\$5.00	\$5.00
<b>June</b>				
3	\$6.00	\$4.50-5.00	\$4.50-5.00	\$5.00
10	\$5.50-6.00	\$4.50	\$4.00-4.50	\$4.50-5.00
17	\$5.00-6.00	\$4.50	\$4.00-4.50	\$4.00-5.00
24	\$6.00-7.00	\$4.50-5.00	\$4.50-5.00	\$4.50-5.50
31	\$6.00-8.00	\$5.00-6.50	\$5.00-7.00	\$6.00-7.00
<b>July</b>				
8	\$8.00-9.00	\$7.00-8.00	\$7.00-8.00	\$7.00-8.00
15	\$7.00-8.00	\$6.00-7.00	\$7.00-8.00	\$8.00
22	\$6.00-7.00	\$5.00-6.00	\$5.00-7.00	\$5.00-7.00
29	\$5.50-6.00	\$4.00-5.00	\$4.00-5.00	\$4.00-5.00

**WHITE TYPE  
50-LB SACKS**

<b>May</b>				
27		\$8.00-10.00	\$8.00-10.00	
<b>June</b>				
3		\$8.00-10.00	\$8.00	\$6.00-8.00



# SPINACH

## SAN ANTONIO-WINTER GARDEN DISTRICT

### 1999 – 2000 Shipping Season

#### **PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS:**

According to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the state of Texas harvested 2100 acres in 1999 compared to 2500 in 1998 for fresh market. The yield per acre was 70 cwt. compared to 90 cwt. in 1998 and the production in 1999 was 147,000 cwt. compared to 225,000 cwt. in 1998. For processing, there were 4900 acres harvested in 1999 compared to 5000 acres in 1998. The major spinach producing area is the San Antonio-Winter Garden area, which includes the counties of Frio, Uvalde, Zavala, Kinney, Medina, and Dimmit and Maverick. The San Antonio-Winter Garden District shipped 491 (30,000 lb. trucklots) during the 1999-2000 season. This compares to 384 trucklots shipped during the 1998-1999 season. The peak week of shipments was January 9-15 with 51 loads shipped during that week. Texas ranked 3<sup>rd</sup> in the U.S. production behind California and New Jersey during 1999.

#### **GROWING CONDITIONS AND HARVESTING:**

Planting began in early October and continued into November. Light harvesting began in the Winter Garden area in late November and very light trading, as mild weather on the East Coast caused their crop to linger much longer. The first official freeze was December 9, 1999 with the lows in the mid 20s. This caused damage to some of the crop and slowed growth in some young fields. This also caused supplies to be very tight for late December, as they were caught between freeze damaged supplies and young supplies. January was the most active month. Arizona supplies began increasing in late January and slowing the movement from Texas. The decline had actually begun in late February through March as harvest was slowing and quality was variable from Texas.

#### **MARKETING AND PACKAGING:**

The first F.O.B. was issued on November 29, 1999. Demand was fairly light at \$6.00 (ice extra) per bushel basket or plastic crate at \$8.80-8.85 (including ice). Demand continued light throughout the season. The last report was issued on March 3, 2000 at \$6.00-6.50 (ice extra) per bushel basket or plastic crate \$9.00-9.10 (including ice).

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 (21 lbs.) Some root spinach (leaves and root) is also packed in baskets or crates. A new type of container becoming more available and used to a great extent this season, is a plastic reusable

container (30 lbs.) This spinach is shipped to repackers mainly on the East Coast and Canada to be repacked in cello packages.

**TRANSPORTATION:**

The normal truck will usually hold 1100-1200 bushel baskets/crates or near 910 reusable plastic containers. Truck availability or rates are not collected since most of the spinach is not sold on a terminal market, except for some root spinach that is often sold sporadically on the New York City terminal market.

SPINACH  
1999-2000 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	WINTER GARDEN DISTRICT
11/27/1999	14
12/4/1999	24
12/11/1999	25
12/18/1999	30
12/25/1999	16
1/1/2000	35
1/8/2000	42
1/15/2000	51
1/22/2000	39
1/29/2000	33
2/5/2000	24
2/12/2000	28
2/19/2000	35
2/26/2000	25
3/4/2000	21
3/11/2000	22
3/18/2000	22
3/25/2000	5
TOTAL	491

\*30,000 lb units

**S P I N A C H**  
**SAN ANTONIO-WINTER GARDEN DISTRICT**  
**WEEKLY SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS**  
**1999-2000 SEASON**

**BUSHEL BASKETS SAVOY TYPE LOOSE CLIPPED**

04-DEC-99	\$6.00
11-DEC-99	\$6.00
18-DEC-99	\$6.00
25-DEC-99	\$6.00
01-JAN-2000	\$6.50
08-JAN-2000	\$6.50
15-JAN-2000	\$6.50
22-JAN-2000	\$6.50
29-JAN-2000	\$6.50
05-FEB-2000	\$6.50
12-FEB-2000	\$6.50
19-FEB-2000	\$6.50
26-FEB-2000	\$6.00-6.50
04-MAR-2000	\$6.00-6.50