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PREFACE

This publication is a combined marketing summary of the New York 1985 Onion crop from both downstate Orange County and Upstate Western and Central New York.

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**EASTERN NEW YORK + ORANGE COUNTY
1985 ONION CROP**

ACREAGE: Harvested onion acreage in Orange County for 1985 was 7,400 acres compared to 7,500 acres in 1984.

PRODUCTION: Production totaled 2,294,000 CWT in 1985 compared to 1,650,000 in 1984 and 1,486,000 in 1983. The yield per acre increased from 220 CWT in 1984 to 310 CWT in 1985.

GROWING CONDITIONS: Planting began in March and continued with mostly favorable conditions during April. By the week of May 18th some plantings ranged from the flag to the 4-leaf stage. Some farmers began irrigation due to lack of rainfall. Some rain fell in June with plants progressing well. On the first of July early transplants had reached the 8-10 leaf stage and were beginning to bulb. By mid-July seeded onions were beginning to bulb. Overall conditions were mostly favorable throughout the season.

HARVEST AND SHIPMENTS: Harvest of transplanted Reds had begun by the early in July followed by a few early Yellows. Light shipments began by end of July. By the middle of August packers were moving over 200s loads a week and continued to ship heavy volume till the end of September. During the 1985 season, 4,378 units of 40,000 lb (800x50 lb bags) were reported shipped. Peak movement occurred between the weeks ending August 17th and September 21st when 1,401 loads of 40,000 lbs were shipped. Harvest was generally complete by mid-October.

MARKETING: The first of the season, F.O.B. shipping point prices for onions were reported on August 19, 1984 with 50 lb. sacks of medium-size Yellow onions at \$3.25. The price dropped even lower in October and reached the all season low of \$2.25 in November. At the end of November prices began to rise reaching a seasonal high of \$4.65-4.75 at the end of January. Prices then fell gradually to \$2.75-3.25 at the beginning of April.

PACKAGING: The principal containers used in packing Yellow onions in 1986 were 50 lb sacks and consumers with 15x3 lb, 20x2 lb, or 16x3 lb bags. Red onions were packed in 25 lb sacks.

WHOLESALE MARKETS: The principal terminal markets receivers of Orange County onions were New York City, Boston, Philadelphia, and Albany although many were shipped to various markets in the Southeastern United States.

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**WEEKLY F.O.B. PRICE RANGES OF ONIONS AT
ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK 1985 CROP**

SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT

Mesh sacks

WEEK ENDING	Yellow Globes US No. 1		Red Globes		PRICE TO GROWERS PER CWT
	70% or more 2" and larger	40% or more 2" and larger	25 lbs.	Medium- large and larger	

1985

AUG.	3	-	-	-	-	9.00-9.60	-
	10	-	-	-	-	8.00-10.00	-
	17	-	-	-	-	-	-
	24	3.25	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.50	6.00-7.00	7.00-8.00	5.00
	31	3.25	4.00-4.50	4.50-4.75	4.50-7.00	5.50-8.00	5.00
SEP.	7	3.25	4.00-4.50	4.25-4.75	4.00-5.00	4.50-5.50	5.00
	14	3.25	4.00-4.50	4.25-4.75	4.00-4.50	4.50-5.50	5.00
	21	3.25	4.00-4.50	4.25-4.75	4.00-4.50	4.50-4.50	5.00
	28	3.25	4.00-4.50	4.25-4.75	4.00-4.50	4.50-5.50	5.00
OCT.	5	3.25	4.00-4.50	4.25-4.75	4.00-4.50	4.50-5.50	5.00
	12	2.65-3.25	3.50-4.25	3.50-4.50	3.50-4.50	4.50-5.50	4.00-5.00
	19	2.50-3.15	3.50-4.00	3.50-4.25	4.00-4.50	4.00-5.00	4.00-5.00
	26	2.50-2.90	3.50-3.75	3.75-4.00	3.00-4.00	4.00-5.00	4.00
NOV.	2	2.50-2.90	3.50-3.75	3.75-4.00	3.00-4.00	4.00-4.50	4.00
	9	2.50-2.90	3.50-3.75	3.75-4.00	3.00-4.00	4.00-4.50	4.00
	16	2.25-2.75	3.25-3.75	3.50-4.00	2.50-3.50	3.60-4.00	3.00-4.00
	23	2.25-2.75	3.25-3.75	3.50-4.00	2.50-3.50	3.60-4.00	3.00-4.00
	30	2.75-3.25	3.50-4.00	3.75-4.25	2.50-3.50	3.60-4.00	4.00-5.00
DEC.	7	3.25-3.65	4.00-4.50	4.25-4.75	3.00-3.50	3.60-4.00	5.00-6.00
	14	3.25-3.65	4.00-4.50	4.25-4.75	3.00-3.50	3.60-4.00	5.00-6.00
	21	3.25-3.65	4.00-4.50	4.25-4.75	3.00-3.50	3.60-4.00	5.00-6.00
	28	3.25-3.65	4.00-4.50	4.25-4.75	3.00-3.50	3.60-4.00	5.00-6.00

1986

JAN.	4	3.25-3.65	4.00-4.50	4.25-4.75	3.00-3.50	3.60-4.00	5.00-6.00
	11	3.50-3.65	4.25-4.50	4.50-4.75	3.00-3.50	3.60-4.00	6.00
	18	3.65-4.25	4.25-5.25	4.50-5.65	3.00-3.50	3.60-4.00	6.00-7.00
	25	4.65-4.75	5.50-5.75	5.75-6.15	3.00-3.50	3.60-4.00	8.00
FEB.	1	4.65-4.75	5.50-5.75	5.75-6.15	3.00-3.50	3.60-4.00	8.00
	8	4.15-4.75	5.00-5.75	5.25-6.00	3.00-3.50	3.75-4.25	7.00-8.00
	15	3.75-4.25	4.65-5.75	4.90-5.75	3.00-3.50	3.75-4.25	6.00-7.00
	22	3.65-4.25	4.25-5.15	4.75-5.40	3.00-3.50	3.75-4.25	6.00-7.00
MAR.	1	3.15-3.75	4.00-4.75	4.25-5.10	3.00-3.50	3.75-4.25	5.00-6.00
	8	3.15-3.25	4.00-4.25	4.25-4.75	3.00-3.50	3.75-4.25	5.00
	15	3.15-3.25	4.00-4.25	4.25-4.75	-	7.00-8.00	5.00
	22	3.15-3.25	4.00-4.25	4.25-4.75	-	6.00-7.00	5.00
	29	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25	4.25-4.75	-	-	5.00
APR.	5	2.75-3.00	3.75-4.25	3.25-4.00	-	-	4.00-5.00

WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK ONIONS

1985 CROP

ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION

According to the NYS Crop Reporting Service, New York's 1985 onion crop was 3.96 million cwt., 17% above last year's crop of 3.38 million cwt. Western New York growing areas produced 1.63 million cwt. from 5800 harvested acres.

GROWING CONDITIONS

A dry spring enabled growers to get an early start on field work, with onion planting finished well ahead of normal. Strong winds in early May resulted in many growers, especially in Orleans and Genesee counties, having to replant onion fields. Weather through the summer was generally favorable, although somewhat dry, except in Orleans and Genesee counties, where a severe dry spell during most of the growing season cut size and yields.

MARKETING

The principal market packs for yellow onions were 50-lb sacks and 2 or 3-lb consumer packs. Red onions were packed in 25-lb sacks.

The first f.o.b. shipping point prices were released on Wednesday, September 11, with 50-lb sacks of medium yellows at \$3.25-3.50. Prices soon declined to a range of \$2.75-3.00, remaining in this range until January. Prices peaked the last week of January at \$4.25-4.75, and then declined through February and March to the \$3.00-3.25 range. Prices generally remained at that level through April.

Truck shipments for the 1985-86 season totaled 3956 trucklots (40,000 lbs), compared to 3202 trucklots for the 1984-85 season.

WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK WEEKLY F.O.B. PRICE RANGE

Week	:	Yellow Globe U.S. No. 1				:	Red Globe	
ending	:	70 percent:				:	U.S. No.1	
Friday	:	or more	:	40 percent or more		:		
	:	2 inch &	:	2 inch and larger		:	25-1b sack	
	:	larger	:	:	:	:	:	:
	:	50-1b	:	15-3 1b	:	16-3 1b	:	20-2 1b
	:		:		:		:	large
	:		:		:		:	medium

1985

Sept	13	3.25-3.50	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.75	4.00-4.75	-	-
	20	3.25-3.50	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.75	4.00-4.25	-	-
	27	3.25-3.50	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.75	4.00-4.25	-	-
Oct	4	3.25-3.50	4.00-4.25	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.25	-	-
	11	2.75-3.50	4.00-4.25	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.25	-	-
	18	2.75-3.25	4.00-4.25	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.25	-	-
	25	2.75-3.00	4.00-4.25	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.25	4.50-5.00	3.50-4.00
Nov	1	2.75-3.00	4.00-4.25	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.25	4.50-5.00	3.50-4.00
	8	2.75-3.00	4.00-4.25	4.00-4.25	4.00-4.25	4.50-5.00	3.75-4.00
	15	2.75-3.05	4.00-4.25	4.00-4.25	4.00-4.25	4.50-5.00	3.75-4.00
	22	2.75-3.00	3.75-4.25	4.00-4.25	3.75-4.25	4.50-5.00	3.50-4.00
	29	2.75-3.00	3.75-4.00	4.00-4.25	3.75-4.00	4.50-5.00	3.50-4.00
Dec	6	2.75-3.00	3.75-4.00	4.00-4.25	3.75-4.00	4.50-5.00	3.50-4.00
	13	2.75-3.00	3.75-4.00	4.00-4.25	3.75-4.00	4.50-5.00	3.50-4.00
	20	2.75-3.00	3.75-4.00	4.00-4.25	3.75-4.00	4.50-5.00	3.50-4.00
	27	2.75-3.25	3.75-4.50	4.00-4.75	3.75-4.50	4.50-5.00	3.50-4.00

1986

Jan	3	3.00-3.50	4.25-4.75	4.50-5.00	4.25-4.75	4.50-5.00	3.50-4.00
	10	3.25-3.50	4.50-4.75	4.75-5.00	4.50-4.75	4.50-5.00	3.50-4.00
	17	3.25-4.25	4.50-5.25	4.75-5.50	4.50-5.25	4.50-5.00	3.50-4.00
	24	4.50-4.75	5.00-6.00	6.00-6.50	5.40-5.75	5.00-5.50	3.70-4.00
	31	4.25-4.75	5.00-6.00	5.50-6.50	5.25-5.75	5.00-5.50	3.70-4.00
Feb	7	4.00-4.25	5.00-5.50	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.50	3.70-4.00
	14	3.75-4.25	4.75-5.25	5.00-5.75	4.75-5.25	5.00-5.50	3.70-4.00
	21	3.50-3.75	4.50-4.75	4.75-5.00	4.50-4.75	4.75-5.25	3.60-4.00
	28	3.25-3.75	4.25-4.75	4.50-5.00	4.00-4.75	4.75-5.50	3.60-4.50
Mar	7	3.00-3.60	4.00-4.50	4.25-4.75	4.00-4.25	5.25-6.00	4.00-5.00
	14	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25	4.25-4.50	4.00-4.40	6.00-8.00	5.00-7.00
	21	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25	4.25-4.50	4.20-4.40	7.50-8.00	6.50-7.00
	28	3.00-3.25	4.00-4.25	4.25-4.50	4.20-4.40	7.00-8.00	6.50-7.00
Apr	4	3.00-3.25	3.75-4.25	4.00-4.50	3.75-4.40	7.00-8.00	6.50-7.00
	11	3.00-3.25	3.75-4.00	4.00-4.25	3.75-4.00	8.00	-
	18	3.00-4.25	3.75-5.25	4.00-5.75	3.75-5.25	-	-
	25	3.25-4.25	4.25-5.25	4.75-5.75	4.25-5.25	-	-
May	2	3.25-3.75	4.25-4.75	4.75-5.25	4.25-4.75	-	-

PRICES PAID WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK GROWERS FOR ONIONS

1985 CROP WITH COMPARISONS

SNIPPERS PRICE TO GROWERS			
Week ending Friday	per cwt. U.S. No. 1, Yellow Globe medium		
	1985 CROP	1984 CROP	
<u>1985</u>			
<u>Sept</u>			
13	5.00	-	
20	5.00	-	
27	5.00	-	
<u>Oct</u>			
4	5.00	-	
11	4.50	-	
18	4.75-5.00	7.00	
25	4.50-5.00	6.50-7.00	
<u>Nov</u>			
1	4.50-5.00	6.00	
8	4.50-5.00	6.00	
15	4.50-5.00	6.00	
22	4.50-5.00	6.00	
29	4.50-5.00	6.00	
<u>Dec</u>			
6	5.00	6.00	
13	5.00	6.00	
20	5.00	6.00	
27	5.00	6.00	
<u>1986</u>			
<u>Jan</u>			
3	5.00-6.00	6.00	
10	6.00	6.00	
17	6.00-7.00	5.50-6.00	
24	8.00	5.50-6.00	
31	7.00-8.00	5.00-6.00	
<u>Feb</u>			
7	7.00	5.00-5.50	
14	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50	
21	6.00	5.00	
28	6.00	5.00	
<u>Mar</u>			
7	-	4.50-5.00	
14	5.00	4.00	
21	4.50-5.00	4.00	
28	4.50-5.00	4.00	
<u>Apr</u>			
4	4.50	3.00-4.00	
11	4.00-5.00	3.50-4.00	
18	5.00-8.00	4.00	
25	7.00-8.00	4.00	
<u>May</u>			
2	7.00	-	

WEEKLY WHOLESALE PRICES - 1985 CROP

NEW YORK CITY

(NY-Western Sect)

(NY-Orange County)

		: Yellow globe		: Yellow globe:		Red globe	
Monday		: 50-lb sacks		: 50-lb sacks :		25-lb sacks	
		: medium		: medium :		large	: medium
1985							
Sept	17	-	::	-	7.00- 8.00		6.00-7.00
	24	-	::	-	7.00- 8.00		6.00-7.00
			::				
Oct	1	-	::	-	-		-
	8	-	::	-	-		-
	15	-	::	-	-		-
	22	-	::	-	-		-
	29	-	::	-	5.00-6.00		4.00-4.50
			::				
Nov	5	-	::	-	-		-
	12	4.00-4.50	::	-	5.00-6.00		4.00-5.00
	19	4.00-5.00	::	4.00-5.00	5.00-6.00		4.00-5.00
	26	-	::	3.50-4.00	-		-
			::		jumbo		
Dec	3	-	::	4.00-4.50	-		-
	10	4.00-5.00	::	5.00-6.00	-		-
	17	4.50-5.50	::	-	4.50-5.00		3.00-3.50
	24	4.50-5.50	::	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00		3.00-3.50
	31	4.50-5.00	::	5.00-5.50	-		-
1986							
Jan	7	4.50-5.00	::	4.50-5.50	4.50-5.00		3.00-3.50
	14	4.50-5.00	::	4.50-5.50	4.50-5.00		3.50-4.00
	21	-	::	-	-		-
	28	-	::	5.00-6.50	6.25-7.00		6.00
			::				
Feb	4	5.50-6.00	::	5.00-6.00	6.25- 7.00		5.00-6.00
		repacker	::	repacker			
	11	5.00-6.00	::	5.0-6.00	6.00- 7.00		5.00-6.00
	18	5.00-6.00	::	5.00-6.00	6.00- 7.00		5.00-6.00
	25	5.00-6.00	::	5.00-6.00	6.00- 7.00		5.00-6.00
			::				
Mar	4	5.00-6.00	::	5.00-6.00	6.00- 7.00		4.00-5.00
	11	5.00-6.00	::	5.00-6.00	6.00- 7.00		5.00
			::		large		
	18	5.00-6.00	::	5.00-6.00	8.00-10.00		5.00-6.00
	25	-	::	4.00-5.00	8.00-10.00		7.00-8.00
			::				
Apr	1	-	::	4.00-5.00	9.00		6.00-7.00
	8	4.00-5.00	::	-	-		-
	15	4.00-5.00	::	-	-		-
	22	5.00-6.00	::	-	-		-
	29	5.00-6.00	::	-	-		-

**WEEKLY WHOLESALE PRICES - 1985 CROP
BOSTON**

		- Yellow globe -		- Red globe -	
Tuesday		50-lb sack:	- baled, mesh sacks -	25 lb sack -	
		medium :	20-2 lb :	jumbo :	medium
1985					
Sept	17	4.00-4.50	-	6.00-6.50	-
	24	4.00-4.75	-	6.00-6.50	-
Oct	1	-	-	-	-
	8	4.00-4.50	4.80-5.50	5.00-5.75	5.00-6.00 4.00-4.50
	15	4.00-4.50	-	-	5.00-6.00 4.00-5.00
	22	4.00-4.25	4.80-5.00	5.00-5.25	5.25-6.00 4.00
	29	3.75-4.00	4.50-5.25	4.50-5.00	5.00-6.00 4.00-5.00
Nov	5	3.75-4.00	-	-	5.50-6.00 5.00
	12	3.75-4.00	4.50-5.00	4.50-5.50	5.50-6.00 3.50-4.00
	19	4.00	4.50-5.00	4.50-5.50	5.00-6.00 3.50-4.50
	26	3.50-4.00	-	-	- 3.00-4.00
Dec	3	3.50-4.00	-	-	- 3.00
	10	3.75-4.50	-	-	5.00 3.00
	17	3.75-4.50	4.75-5.00	4.75-5.25	5.50 3.00
	24	3.75-4.50	-	-	- 3.00
	31	4	4.75-5.00	4.75-5.50	- -
1986					
Jan	7	4.00-4.50	-	5.00	-
	14	4.50	-	5.00	4.00
	21	5.00	-	5.00-6.00	3.50-4.50
	28	5.00-5.50	-	5.00-6.00	5.00
Feb	4	5.00-5.50	5.80-6.50	6.00-6.50	6.00 4.50-5.00
	11	4.75-5.00	-	-	5.50-6.00 5.00
	18	4.75-5.00	-	-	6.00 4.00-5.00
	25	4.25-4.50	5.00-5.50	5.25-5.75	6.00-7.00 4.00-5.00
Mar	4	4.00-4.50	-	-	- 6.00
	11	4.00-4.50	-	-	10.00 -
	18	4.00-4.50	-	-	10.00 -
		repacker			
	25	3.25-4.00	-	-	10.00 -
Apr	1	3.00-4.00	-	-	- -
	8	3.85-4.00	-	-	- -
	15	4.00-4.50	-	-	- -
	22	5.00	-	-	- -
	29	5.00	-	-	- -

WEEKLY WHOLESALE PRICES - 1985 CROP

BALTIMORE

Tuesday	:		- Yellow Globe	:	Red Globe
:	:	- 50-lb sacks	-	:	15-3 lb
:	:	repacker	medium	:	25-lb sacks
:	:			:	large

1985

Sept	17	3.50	-	-	-
	24	3.75	-	4.25-4.50	-
Oct	1	3.50-4.00	3.50-4.00	-	-
	8	3.50-4.00	3.50-4.00	4.25	-
	15	-	3.75	4.25	-
	22	-	3.75	4.25	-
	29	-	3.50	4.25	-
Nov	5	-	3.25-3.50	4.00-4.25	4.00-4.25
	12	3.50-3.75	3.50-3.75	4.00-4.50	-
	19	3.25-3.50	3.25-3.50	4.00-4.25	-
	26	3.50-4.00	3.50-4.00	4.50	-
Dec	3	3.50-4.00	3.50-4.00	-	-
	10	3.50-4.00	4.00	4.00-5.00	-
	17	3.50-4.00	3.50-4.00	4.50	4.00
	24	-	-	-	-
	31	-	-	-	-
1986					
Jan	7	4.00	4.00	5.00	-
	14	4.50	4.50	5.50	-
	21	4.00-4.50	-	-	-
	28	4.00-4.50	-	-	-
Feb	4	4.50	-	5.50	-
	11	4.25-4.50	-	5.25	-
	18	4.25-4.50	4.25-4.50	5.25-5.50	-
	25	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.50	5.00-5.50	-
Mar	4	4.00	4.00	4.50-5.25	5.00-5.50
	11	4.00	-	5.00	5.00
	18	4.00	-	5.00	5.00
	25	3.75-4.00	3.75-4.00	-	-
Apr	1	3.50-3.75	3.50-3.75	4.00	-
	8	3.50	3.50	4.00	-
	15	3.50-4.00	-	4.50	-
	22	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.50	5.00	-
	29	-	-	-	-

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BUFFALO

	:	Yellow Globe	:	Red Globe
Tuesday	:	50-lb sacks -	:	15-3 lb film
	:	medium	:	25-lb bags
	:	large	:	bags

1985

Sept	17	4.00-4.50	4.75-5.00	-	6.50- 7.00
	24	3.75-4.25	4.00-4.75	4.50-4.75	6.00- 6.50
Oct	1	3.75-4.25	4.25-4.75	4.50-4.75	6.00- 6.50
	8	3.75-4.25	-	-	6.00- 6.50
	15	3.75-4.25	4.75-5.00	-	6.00- 6.50
	22	3.75-4.00	4.50-4.75	-	6.00- 6.50
	29	3.75-4.00	4.50-4.75	4.50-4.75	6.00- 6.50
Nov	5	3.50-3.75	4.00-4.25	4.00-4.50	-
	12	3.50-3.75	4.00-4.25	4.00-4.50	-
	19	3.50-3.75	-	4.00-4.50	-
	26	3.50-3.75	4.00-4.25	4.00-5.50	-
Dec	3	3.50-3.75	4.00-4.25	4.00-5.50	jumbo
	10	3.75-4.00	4.25-4.75	4.00-4.50	5.00- 5.25
	17	3.75-4.00	4.25-4.75	4.00-4.50	5.00- 5.25
	24	3.75-4.00	4.25-4.75	4.00-4.50	5.00- 5.25
	31	3.75-4.00	4.25-4.75	4.00-4.50	5.00- 5.25
1986					
Jan	7	3.75-4.00	4.25-4.75	4.00-4.50	5.00- 5.25
	14	3.75-4.00	4.50-4.75	4.25-5.00	5.00- 5.50
	21	3.75-4.00	4.50-4.75	4.25-5.00	5.00- 5.50
	28	4.50-5.50	4.50-4.75	6.00-6.50	5.00- 5.50
Feb	4	4.50-5.50	4.50-5.00	5.75-6.50	5.00- 5.50
	11	4.50-5.50	4.50-5.00	5.75-6.50	5.25- 6.00
	18	5.00-5.50	5.25-6.00	5.50-6.25	5.00- 5.50
	25	4.50-5.00	5.00-5.50	mesh bags	5.00- 5.50
Mar	4	4.50-5.00	5.00-5.50	5.00-6.00	5.00- 5.50
	11	4.50-5.50	5.00-5.50	5.50-6.00	5.00- 5.50
	18	4.50-5.50	5.00-5.50	5.50-6.00	5.00- 5.50
	25	4.50-5.00	5.00-5.50	4.75-5.50	5.00- 5.50
Apr	1	4.50-5.00	5.00-5.50	4.75-5.50	6.75- 7.25
	8	4.50-5.00	5.00-5.50	4.75-5.50	9.00-10.00
	15	4.50-5.00	-	4.75-5.50	10.00-11.00
	22	3.50-4.00	4.50-5.00	4.50-5.50	10.00-11.00
	29	3.50-4.50	4.50-5.00	4.50-5.50	-

WEEKLY WHOLESALE PRICES - 1985 CROP

PHILADELPHIA

		Yellow globe		Red globe	
Tuesday		50-lb sacks		25-lb sacks	
		large	medium	large	medium
1985					
Sept	17	4.00-5.00	-	6.00-6.50	-
	24	4.00	-	6.00-6.50	-
Oct	1	-	3.50-4.00	6.00	-
	8	-	3.50-4.00	5.00-6.00	-
	15	-	3.00-4.00	5.50	-
	22	-	3.00-4.00	5.50-6.00	3.50-4.00
	29	-	3.00-4.00	5.00-5.50	-
Nov	5	-	3.00-4.00	5.00	3.00-3.50
	12	-	3.50	5.00	3.50
	19	4.50	3.00-3.50	4.50	-
	26	-	3.00-4.00	4.50-5.00	3.50
Dec	3	-	3.00-4.00	4.00-4.50	-
	10	-	3.00-4.00	-	3.00
	17	5.75-6.00	3.00-3.50	-	3.50
	24	-	3.50	-	-
	31	-	3.50-4.50	-	-
1986					
Jan	7	-	3.50-4.50	-	-
	14	-	3.50-4.50	-	-
	21	-	4.50-5.00	-	4.00
	28	-	5.00	-	-
Feb	4	-	4.50-5.00	-	4.00
	11	-	4.00-5.00	-	3.50-4.00
	18	4.50-5.50	3.00-4.50	6.00	-
	25	4.50-6.00	4.00-5.00	6.00-6.50	3.50-4.00
Mar	4	-	4.00-4.50	6.00	4.00
	11	-	4.00-4.50	-	4.00
	18	-	4.00-4.50	-	4.00
	25	-	3.50-4.50	6.50	-
Apr	1	-	4.00-4.50	6.50	-
	8	-	4.00-4.50	-	-
	15	-	4.00-4.50	-	-
	22	-	4.00-5.00	-	-
	29	-	4.00-6.00	-	-

WEEKLY WHOLESALE PRICES 1985 CROP

PITTSBURGH

ATLANTA

	:	:	-----		
	: Yellow globe	::	- Yellow globe -		
	:	:	-----		
Tuesday	: 50-lb sacks	::	repacker	:	- baled, mesh -
	: medium	::	size	:	16-3 lb : 10-5 lb
	:	::	-----		

1985

Sept	17	3.50-4.50	::	4.00-5.00	5.50-6.50	5.50-6.50
	24	4.50-4.75	::	4.00-5.00	5.50-6.50	5.50-6.50
			::			
Oct	1	-	::	4.00-5.00	5.00-6.50	5.00-6.50
	8	-	::	4.25-4.75	5.25-6.50	5.25-6.50
	15	-	::	4.25-4.75	5.00-5.75	5.00-5.75
	22	-	::	4.25-4.75	5.00-5.75	5.00-5.75
	29	-	::	4.00-4.50	4.75-5.75	4.75-5.75
			::			
Nov	5	4.00	::	4.25-4.75	5.00-5.25	5.00-5.25
	12	4.00	::	-	-	-
	19	3.75-4.00	::	-	-	-
	26	4.00	::	-	-	-
			::			
Dec	3	4.00-4.50	::	-	-	-
	10	4.50	::	-	-	-
	17	4.50	::	-	-	-
	24	4.50	::	-	-	-
	31	4.50	::	-	-	-
			::			

1986

Jan	7	-	::	-	-	-
	14	-	::	-	-	-
	21	-	::	-	-	-
	28	5.50	::	-	-	-
			::			
Feb	4	-	::	-	-	-
	11	-	::	-	-	-
	18	5.00-5.50	::	-	large	medium
	25	4.25-4.50	::	4.50-5.00	-	-
			::			
Mar	4	4.50	::	4.50-5.00	8.00-9.00	5.00-5.50
	11	-	::	4.50-5.50	-	-
	18	4.00-4.25	::	-	9.50	-
	25	-	::	-	-	-
			::			
Apr	1	-	::	-	-	-
	8	-	::	-	-	-
	15	-	::	-	-	-
	22	-	::	-	-	-
	29	-	::	-	-	-

VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET

Crop & State	Area			Yield per Acre			Production		
	Harvested		For 1985 Harvest	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	Ind. 1985
	1983	1984							
	Acres			Cwt.			1,000 cwt.		
ONIONS									
Spring <u>1/</u>	28,200	28,600	26,000	235	241	281	6,622	6,887	7,304
Summer <u>1/</u> Non-Storage: Total	11,300	11,100	9,900	299	302	288	3,383	3,357	2,848
Storage: <u>1/</u>									
Colo.	10,400	12,200	12,000	330	380	365	3,432	4,636	4,380
Idaho & Malheur	13,300	15,500	16,700	505	505	515	6,717	7,828	8,601
Mich.	8,300	8,500	8,500	310	345	350	2,573	2,933	2,975
Minn.	790	650	720	200	240	250	158	156	180
N.Y.	13,300	14,100	13,200	210	240	285	2,793	3,384	3,762
Ohio	550	500	500	350	410	420	193	205	210
Oreg-Other	2,500	3,200	3,500	420	400	440	1,050	1,280	1,540
Utah	1,900	2,200	1,600	300	315	350	570	693	560
Wash.	3,500	4,300	4,300	440	450	410	1,540	1,935	1,763
Wis.	1,600	1,600	1,300	345	340	305	552	544	397
Subtotal	56,140	62,750	62,320	349	376	391	19,578	23,594	24,368
Calif. <u>2/</u>	27,400	26,900	24,100	335	365	365	9,179	9,819	8,797
Total Summer	94,840	100,750	96,320	339	365	374	32,140	36,770	36,013
U.S.	123,040	129,350	122,320	315	338	354	38,762	43,657	43,317

1/ Primarily fresh market.

2/ Primarily for processing.

Onions for Fresh Market

Crop & State	Area			Yield per Acre			Production		
	Harvested		For Harv 1986	1984	1985	1986	1984	1985	Ind. 1986
	1984	1985							
	Acres			Cwt.			1,000 cwt.		
Spring									
Arizona	2,300	1,200	1,200	350	470		805	564	
California	7,700	7,800	7,800	355	450		2,734	3,510	
Texas	18,600	17,000	16,000	180	190	240	3,348	3,230	3,840
Group Total	28,600	26,000	25,000	241	281		6,887	7,304	

NEW YORK ONION PRODUCTION BY AREA

Year	Orange County	Orleans- Genesee 1/	Oswego County	Madison	Steuben-Yates- Ontario	Wayne & Other	State
HARVESTED ACRES							
1981	7,700	3,100	950	1,200	750	600	14,300
1982	7,650	2,900	850	1,100	950	550	14,000
1983	7,250	2,850	850	1,000	850	500	13,300
1984	7,500	2,900	1,200	1,000	950	550	14,100
1985	7,400	2,800	1,250	750	600	400	13,200
YIELD PER ACRE - CWT.							
1981	260	315	325	195	335	268	275
1982	330	340	360	280	295	264	325
1983	205	215	260	195	210	198	210
1984	220	240	340	200	300	264	240
1985	315	230	395	230	350	270	300
PRODUCTION - 1,000 CWT.							
1981	2,002	976	309	234	251	161	3,933
1982	2,525	986	306	308	280	145	4,550
1983	1,486	613	221	195	179	99	2,793
1984	1,650	696	408	200	285	145	3,384
1985	2,331	644	494	173	210	108	3,960

1/ Includes small acreages in Livingston and Niagara Counties.

Source: New York Crop Reporting Service

ONIONS
WEEKLY DOMESTIC TRUCK SHIPMENTS
(Amounts shown are in units of 40,000 lbs)

Week Ending	Co	ID	MI	OR	TX	WA	East NY	West NY	UT
1985									
Aug 10	122	108	8	125	339	52	141	-	-
17	173	123	9	161	160	40	220	-	-
24	290	66	9	172	90	45	257	-	-
31	314	135	33	185	42	56	253	-	2
Sep 7	323	84	83	193	27	62	252	-	21
14	350	58	97	189	2	69	230	38	46
21	401	120	135	185	4	74	214	66	39
28	271	127	147	216	-	65	158	83	70
Oct 5	245	137	165	219	-	60	157	96	87
12	273	133	157	217	-	62	145	102	71
19	253	129	132	221	-	51	124	112	74
26	260	107	138	186	-	49	123	104	68
Nov 2	291	118	145	209	-	59	119	111	64
9	285	110	166	231	-	71	124	109	77
16	282	83	148	191	-	60	137	122	65
23	275	141	190	181	-	72	153	132	68
30	245	99	146	116	-	70	120	115	50
Dec 7	228	71	165	185	-	103	94	124	76
14	223	119	138	154	-	91	80	135	63
21	216	112	141	191	-	88	98	146	50
28	106	53	96	113	-	58	63	110	57
1986									
Jan 4	180	68	126	209	-	75	74	115	58
11	223	105	157	219	-	109	97	137	64
18	209	108	144	219	-	103	106	150	55
25	193	87	106	243	-	73	80	138	59
Feb 1	164	97	95	221	-	72	73	150	51
8	155	102	122	191	3	69	66	117	44
15	169	134	107	180	3	72	69	115	42
22	153	76	118	222	1	64	75	113	47
Mar 1	162	114	125	251	3	67	77	127	20
8	167	112	131	179	61	67	65	136	12
15	129	63	120	177	84	56	71	138	8
22	93	71	106	142	170	67	59	130	1
29	90	40	87	122	283	58	57	141	-
Apr 5	71	36	57	122	512	39	46	142	-
12	36	31	53	64	951	26	43	127	-
19	4	8	9	43	1118	5	27	125	-

Figures are final 1985, preliminary 1986.

Source: Transportation Reports Section, Market News Branch, AMS, USDA

ONIONS
WEEKLY TRUCK EXPORT AND RAIL SHIPMENTS
 (Amounts shown are in units of 40,000 lbs)
TRUCK EXPORTS **(RAIL (includes piggyback))**

Week Ending	NY	OR	WA	::	WA	ID	OR
1985							
Aug 10	3	5	5	::	-	-	9
17	-	13	15	::	-	3	3
24	-	8	18	::	-	34	3
31	-	11	15	::	-	17	17
::							
Sept 7	-	2	19	::	-	17	34
14	-	6	22	::	-	22	39
21	-	8	10	::	-	50	28
28	-	6	17	::	-	73	70
::							
Oct 5	-	5	18	::	3	101	101
12	-	6	17	::	-	95	95
19	-	13	20	::	-	73	138
26	-	8	16	::	-	56	45
::							
Nov 2	-	24	14	::	-	76	81
9	-	30	15	::	3	87	76
16	-	21	27	::	6	98	101
23	-	15	17	::	3	115	123
30	-	9	9	::	3	101	98
::							
Dec 7	-	15	26	::	8	182	179
14	-	4	25	::	8	148	166
21	-	10	21	::	3	120	165
28	-	14	5	::	-	42	92
::							
1986							
::							
Jan 4	-	16	9	::	3	95	121
11	-	16	25	::	3	137	129
18	-	8	27	::	-	123	163
25	-	17	34	::	3	126	137
::							
Feb 1	-	69	18	::	8	95	142
8	-	81	49	::	3	112	115
15	-	73	43	::	3	87	67
22	-	107	27	::	3	56	95
::							
Mar 1	-	108	26	::	3	76	93
8	-	43	27	::	3	95	81
15	-	42	11	::	-	73	59
22	-	12	10	::	-	45	45
29	-	22	18	::	-	48	31
::							
Apr 5	-	4	17	::	-	62	11
12	-	2	14	::	-	22	6
19	-	-	4	::	-	14	-

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Source: Transportation Reports Section, Market News Br., AMS, USDA

ONIONS - UNLOADS
RAIL & TRUCK COMBINED FOR 19 U.S. CITIES & 5 CANADA CITIES 1/

July 1985 - April 1986
(Amounts shown are in units of 10,000 lbs)

	CA	CO	ID	MI	NY	OR	TX	WA	CAN	OTHER	TOTAL
Atlanta	369	492	537	1704	97	674	1459	106	136	1458	7032
Balt-Wash	516	495	868	275	1366	478	612	61	23	258	4952
Boston	952	876	1090	258	3612	983	480	172	62	230	8715
Buffalo	122	39	159	17	319	62	74	19	28	11	850
Chicago	1092	112	1381	1091	12	413	810	58	4	780	5753
Cincinnati	258	109	579	642	14	423	481	106	5	203	2820
Columbia	67	153	67	371	74	264	494	13	-	132	1635
Dallas	164	984	258	2	-	308	633	41	-	938	3328
Denver	91	1046	33	-	-	-	151	45	-	59	1425
Detroit	234	163	387	573	-	278	229	66	28	74	2032
Los Angeles	11805	770	3063	-	-	2212	513	653	9	1167	20192
New Orleans	296	696	206	110	-	87	430	5	5	270	2105
NY-Newark	1525	530	2431	168	3127	2039	398	83	62	366	10729
Phila	437	569	823	375	1493	979	565	59	4	292	5596
Pittsburgh	219	55	114	985	440	190	255	15	39	185	2497
St. Louis	79	135	921	587	2	860	283	24	-	296	3187
San Fran-Oak	2816	18	1013	-	-	2474	294	1743	-	147	8505
Seattle-Tac	52	-	66	-	-	311	15	2362	-	31	2837
Montreal	53	-	25	-	-	234	37	74	3410	89	3922
Ottawa	15	-	39	-	-	14	3	13	473	37	594
Toronto	168	-	188	-	-	278	40	46	1127	400	2247
Vancouver	85	-	21	-	-	34	-	463	664	-	1267
Winnipeg	28	-	-	-	-	43	-	157	694	1	923

1/ Unloads final 1985, preliminary 1986.

Source: Transportation Reports Section, Market News Branch,
AMS, USDA