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1998-1999 SEASON

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BEETS & GREENS

1998-1999 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
1998-1999 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	TEXAS	CANADA	MEXICO	TOTAL
11/7/1998	0	0	3	3
11/14/1998	0	0	3	3
11/21/1998	1	0	5	6
11/28/1998	2	11	3	16
12/5/1998	9	0	4	13
12/12/1998	5	0	6	11
12/19/1998	2	0	5	7
12/26/1998	2	11	3	16
1/2/1999	5	0	6	11
1/9/1999	11	0	5	16
1/16/1999	9	0	6	15
1/23/1999	8	0	4	12
1/30/1999	10	8	3	21
2/6/1999	11	0	5	16
2/13/1999	10	0	9	19
2/20/1999	10	0	6	16
2/27/1999	11	5	6	22
3/6/1999	10	0	5	15
3/13/1999	10	0	5	15
3/20/1999	16	0	3	19
3/27/1999	13	6	7	26
4/3/1999	13	0	4	17
4/10/1999	10	0	7	17
4/17/1999	10	0	5	15
4/24/1999	6	3	4	13
5/1/1999	4	0	3	7
TOTAL	198	44	125	367

*40,000 lb units

GREENS
1998-1999 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	AZ	GA	SC	TX	MX	TOTAL
11/7/1998	5	35	24	0	5	69
11/14/1998	7	31	0	0	9	47
11/21/1998	18	94	34	7	10	163
11/28/1998	10	71	0	22	13	116
12/5/1998	10	36	0	22	20	88
12/12/1998	11	32	0	25	20	88
12/19/1998	15	106	21	27	24	193
12/26/1998	22	120	169	22	17	350
1/2/1999	8	82	0	31	19	140
1/9/1999	18	31	41	40	27	157
1/16/1999	21	35	41	42	24	163
1/23/1999	21	29	26	44	25	145
1/30/1999	25	44	26	46	25	166
2/6/1999	26	56	26	52	21	181
2/13/1999	23	57	0	54	28	162
2/20/1999	20	64	23	39	28	174
2/27/1999	20	73	0	51	26	170
3/6/1999	33	64	49	43	26	215
3/13/1999	27	77	0	38	25	167
3/20/1999	22	74	0	30	22	148
3/27/1999	20	80	0	35	21	156
4/3/1999	26	128	31	30	16	231
4/10/1999	21	71	0	17	15	124
4/17/1999	16	64	26	14	9	129
4/24/1999	11	72	26	6	6	121
5/1/1999	13	60	42	3	4	122
TOTAL	469	1686	605	740	485	3985

*40,000 lb units

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

	ctns/crts bchd 12s	ctns/crts bchd 24s
16-FEB-99	6.00-6.50	9.00-9.75
17-FEB-99	6.00-6.50	9.00-9.75
18-FEB-99	6.00-6.50	9.50-9.75
19-FEB-99	6.00-6.50	9.50-9.75
20-FEB-99	-	-
21-FEB-99	-	-
22-FEB-99	6.00-6.50	9.25-9.75
23-FEB-99	6.00-6.50	9.25-9.75
24-FEB-99	6.00-6.50	9.25-9.75
25-FEB-99	6.00-6.50	9.25-9.75
26-FEB-99	6.00-6.50	9.25-9.75
27-FEB-99	-	-
28-FEB-99	-	-
01-MAR-99	5.75-6.50	8.75-9.75
02-MAR-99	6.00-6.50	9.25-9.75
03-MAR-99	6.00-6.50	9.25-9.75
04-MAR-99	6.00-6.50	9.25-9.75
05-MAR-99	6.00-6.50	9.25-9.75
06-MAR-99	-	-
07-MAR-99	-	-
08-MAR-99	6.00-6.50	9.25-9.75
09-MAR-99	6.25-6.50	-9.75
10-MAR-99	6.25-6.50	-9.75
11-MAR-99	6.25-6.50	-9.75
12-MAR-99	6.25-6.50	-9.75
13-MAR-99	-	-
14-MAR-99	-	-
15-MAR-99	5.75-6.50	8.75-9.75
16-MAR-99	5.75-6.50	8.75-9.75
17-MAR-99	5.75-6.50	8.75-9.75
18-MAR-99	5.75-6.50	8.75-9.75
19-MAR-99	5.75-6.50	8.75-9.75
20-MAR-99	-	-
21-MAR-99	-	-
22-MAR-99	5.75-6.50	8.75-9.75
23-MAR-99	-	-
24-MAR-99	5.75-6.50	8.75-9.75
25-MAR-99	5.75-6.50	8.75-9.75
26-MAR-99	5.75-6.50	8.75-9.75
27-MAR-99	-	-
28-MAR-99	-	-
29-MAR-99	5.75-6.50	9.75-10.75
30-MAR-99	5.75-6.50	9.75-10.75
31-MAR-99	5.75-6.50	9.75-10.75
01-APR-99	5.75-6.50	9.75-10.75
02-APR-99	5.75-6.50	9.75-10.75
03-APR-99	-	-
04-APR-99	-	-
05-APR-99	5.75-6.50	9.75-10.75
06-APR-99	5.75-6.50	9.75-10.75
07-APR-99	5.75-6.50	9.75-10.75
08-APR-99	5.75-6.50	9.75-10.75
09-APR-99	5.75-6.50	9.75-10.75
10-APR-99	-	-
11-APR-99	-	-
12-APR-99	5.75-6.50	8.75-9.75
13-APR-99	5.75-6.50	8.75-9.75
14-APR-99	5.75-6.50	8.75-9.75
15-APR-99	5.75-6.50	8.75-9.75
16-APR-99	5.75-6.50	8.75-9.75
17-APR-99	-	-
18-APR-99	-	-
19-APR-99	5.75-6.50	8.75-9.75

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

	ctns/crts bchd COLLARD 24s	ctns/crts bchd DANDELION 24s	ctns/crts bchd KALE 24s	ctns/crts bchd KOHLRABI 24s	ctns/crts bchd MUSTARD 24s	ctns/crts bchd SWISS CHARD 24s RED
27-JAN-99	5.50-6.75	9.50-9.75	5.50-6.75	10.75-12.75	5.50-6.75	9.75-10.75
28-JAN-99	6.00-6.75	9.50-9.75	6.00-6.75	10.75-12.75	6.00-6.75	9.75-10.75
29-JAN-99	6.00-6.25	9.75-12.75	6.00-6.75	9.75-10.75	6.50-6.75	9.75-10.75
30-JAN-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
31-JAN-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
01-FEB-99	6.25-6.75	9.75-12.75	6.75-7.75	9.75-10.75	6.25-6.75	-9.75
02-FEB-99	6.25-6.75	9.75-12.75	6.75-7.75	9.75-10.75	6.25-6.75	-9.75
03-FEB-99	6.25-6.75	9.75-12.75	6.75-7.75	9.75-10.75	6.25-6.75	-9.75
04-FEB-99	6.25-6.75	9.75-10.75	-6.75	9.75-10.75	6.25-6.75	8.75-9.75
05-FEB-99	6.25-6.75	9.75-10.75	-6.75	9.75-10.75	6.25-6.75	8.75-9.75
06-FEB-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
07-FEB-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
08-FEB-99	6.00-6.75	9.75-10.75	6.00-6.75	9.75-10.75	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75
09-FEB-99	6.00-6.25	9.75-10.75	6.00-6.75	9.75-10.75	6.00-6.25	8.75-9.75
10-FEB-99	6.00-6.25	9.75-10.75	6.00-6.75	9.75-10.75	6.00-6.25	8.75-9.75
11-FEB-99	6.00-6.50	9.75-10.75	6.00-6.50	9.75-10.75	6.00-6.50	8.75-9.75
12-FEB-99	6.00-6.50	9.75-10.75	6.00-6.50	9.75-10.75	6.00-6.50	8.75-9.75
13-FEB-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
14-FEB-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-FEB-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
16-FEB-99	6.25-6.75	8.50-10.75	6.25-6.75	9.25-9.75	6.25-6.75	-8.75
17-FEB-99	6.00-6.50	9.75-10.75	6.00-6.50	9.25-9.75	6.00-6.50	8.75-9.75
18-FEB-99	6.00-6.75	9.75-10.75	6.50-6.75	9.25-9.75	6.25-6.75	8.75-10.50
19-FEB-99	6.00-6.75	9.75-10.75	6.50-6.75	9.25-9.75	6.25-6.75	8.75-10.50
20-FEB-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
21-FEB-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
22-FEB-99	6.25-6.75	8.75-10.75	6.25-6.75	9.25-9.75	6.25-6.75	8.75-10.50
23-FEB-99	6.00-6.75	8.75-10.75	6.00-6.75	9.25-9.75	6.00-6.75	8.75-10.50
24-FEB-99	6.00-6.75	8.75-10.75	6.00-6.75	9.25-9.75	6.00-6.75	8.75-10.50
25-FEB-99	6.00-6.75	8.75-10.75	6.00-6.75	9.25-9.75	6.00-6.75	8.75-10.50
26-FEB-99	6.00-6.75	8.75-10.75	6.00-6.75	9.25-9.75	6.00-6.75	8.75-10.50
27-FEB-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
28-FEB-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
01-MAR-99	6.00-6.75	9.75-10.75	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75
02-MAR-99	6.00-6.50	9.75-10.75	6.00-6.50	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75
03-MAR-99	6.00-6.50	8.00-9.75	6.00-6.50	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75	-9.75
04-MAR-99	6.00-6.50	8.00-9.75	6.00-6.50	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75	-9.75
05-MAR-99	6.00-6.50	8.00-9.75	6.00-6.50	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75	-9.75
06-MAR-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
07-MAR-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
08-MAR-99	6.00-6.75	-9.75	6.00-6.75	-9.75	6.00-6.75	-9.75
09-MAR-99	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75	-9.75
10-MAR-99	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75	-9.75
11-MAR-99	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75	-9.75
12-MAR-99	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75	-9.75
13-MAR-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
14-MAR-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-MAR-99	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75	-9.75
16-MAR-99	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75	-9.75
17-MAR-99	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75	-9.75
18-MAR-99	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75	-6.00	8.75-9.75
19-MAR-99	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75	-6.00	8.75-9.75
20-MAR-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
21-MAR-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
22-MAR-99	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75	-	8.75-9.75
23-MAR-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
24-MAR-99	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75	8.75-9.75	-	8.75-9.75
25-MAR-99	6.00-7.75	8.75-9.75	6.00-7.75	8.75-9.75	-	8.75-9.75
26-MAR-99	6.00-7.75	8.75-9.75	6.00-7.75	8.75-9.75	-	8.75-9.75
27-MAR-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
28-MAR-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
29-MAR-99	-	8.75-9.75	-	8.75-10.75	-	8.75-10.75
30-MAR-99	-	8.75-9.75	-	8.75-10.75	-	8.75-10.75
31-MAR-99	-	8.75-9.75	-	8.75-10.75	-	8.75-10.75
01-APR-99	-	8.75-9.75	-	8.75-10.75	-	8.75-10.75
02-APR-99	-	8.75-9.75	-	8.75-10.75	-	8.75-10.75
03-APR-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
04-APR-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
05-APR-99	-	8.75-9.75	-	8.75-10.75	-	8.75-10.75
06-APR-99	-	8.75-9.75	-	8.75-10.75	-	8.75-10.75

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 Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
 GREENS - 1999 Season

	ctns/crts bchd SWISS CHARD	ctns/crts bchd TURNIP TOPS
	24s WHITE	24s
27-JAN-99	9.75-10.75	5.50-6.75
28-JAN-99	9.75-10.75	6.00-6.75
29-JAN-99	9.75-10.75	6.50-6.75
30-JAN-99	-	-
31-JAN-99	-	-
01-FEB-99	-9.75	6.25-6.75
02-FEB-99	-9.75	6.25-6.75
03-FEB-99	-9.75	6.25-6.75
04-FEB-99	8.75-9.75	6.25-6.75
05-FEB-99	8.75-9.75	6.25-6.75
06-FEB-99	-	-
07-FEB-99	-	-
08-FEB-99	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75
09-FEB-99	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.25
10-FEB-99	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.25
11-FEB-99	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.50
12-FEB-99	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.50
13-FEB-99	-	-
14-FEB-99	-	-
15-FEB-99	-	-
16-FEB-99	-8.75	6.25-6.75
17-FEB-99	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.50
18-FEB-99	8.75-10.50	6.25-6.75
19-FEB-99	8.75-10.50	6.25-6.75
20-FEB-99	-	-
21-FEB-99	-	-
22-FEB-99	8.75-10.50	6.25-6.75
23-FEB-99	8.75-10.50	6.00-6.75
24-FEB-99	8.75-10.50	6.00-6.75
25-FEB-99	8.75-10.50	6.00-6.75
26-FEB-99	8.75-10.50	6.00-6.75
27-FEB-99	-	-
28-FEB-99	-	-
01-MAR-99	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75
02-MAR-99	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75
03-MAR-99	-9.75	6.00-6.50
04-MAR-99	-9.75	6.00-6.50
05-MAR-99	-9.75	6.00-6.50
06-MAR-99	-	-
07-MAR-99	-	-
08-MAR-99	-9.75	6.00-6.75
09-MAR-99	-9.75	6.00-6.75
10-MAR-99	-9.75	6.00-6.75
11-MAR-99	-9.75	6.00-6.75
12-MAR-99	-9.75	6.00-6.75
13-MAR-99	-	-
14-MAR-99	-	-
15-MAR-99	-9.75	6.00-6.75
16-MAR-99	-9.75	6.00-6.75
17-MAR-99	-9.75	6.00-6.75
18-MAR-99	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75
19-MAR-99	8.75-9.75	6.00-6.75
20-MAR-99	-	-
21-MAR-99	-	-
22-MAR-99	8.75-9.75	-6.00
23-MAR-99	-	-
24-MAR-99	8.75-9.75	-
25-MAR-99	8.75-9.75	-
26-MAR-99	8.75-9.75	-
27-MAR-99	-	-
28-MAR-99	-	-
29-MAR-99	8.75-10.75	-
30-MAR-99	8.75-10.75	-
31-MAR-99	8.75-10.75	-
01-APR-99	8.75-10.75	-
02-APR-99	8.75-10.75	-
03-APR-99	-	-
04-APR-99	-	-
05-APR-99	8.75-10.75	-
06-APR-99	8.75-10.75	-

C A B B A G E

1998-1999 SHIPPING SEASON

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS:

According to Texas Agricultural Statistics Service in 1998 there were 3100 harvested acres in the San Antonio-Winter Garden-Laredo area compared to 2600 in 1997. 2535 (50,000 lb. trucklots) of cabbage were shipped from the Winter Garden district from late October 1998 through June 1999. 3098 (50,000 lb. trucklots) were shipped during 1997-1998 season. Shipments gradually increased by December and January with a sharp increase in March. The peak week of shipments was March 7-13 with 191 loads shipped that week. This was one of two heaviest shipping weeks during the season. 346 loads were shipped for St. Patrick's Day promotions. Shipments were steady during April and May with a seasonal decline in June. The Winter Garden area includes the counties of Uvalde, Frio, Medina, Zavala, Dimmit, Bexar, Atascosa, Maverick and Webb counties, as the second largest producer of cabbage in Texas. Cabbage shipments from the Lower Rio Grande Valley numbered 2283 (50,000 lb. Units) for the 1998-1999 season, compared to 7088 during the 1997-1998 season. Shipments were light until the week ending December 5, 1998, and gradually increased until the week ending February 13, 1999. The three weeks prior to the St. Patrick's holiday saw the greatest movement of the season, with 662 (50,000 lb. Units) shipped. The following week saw movement decrease dramatically, by nearly two-thirds. Gradual decreasing shipments continued until the week ending June 26, 1999.

GROWING CONDITIONS AND HARVESTING:

Some planting began in July, but conditions were very hot and dry and some stands were lost and replanted. Very heavy rains in mid August delayed planting again, contributing to more gaps in supplies and pushing the crop later into December. Rains during August totaled near 17 inches in the Uvalde area. Some rains in September and cool, wet conditions during October continued to slow the crop. As harvesting was to begin in mid October, some 5-6 inches of rain delayed the initial harvesting. The heavy rains in mid October affected early fields and the return of summer like temperatures caused some quality problems. Harvesting increased momentum in December. First official freeze was December 22 with lows of 30-34 degrees, and chill factors of 10-19 degrees. Early January temperatures dropped to upper 20s to low 30s. No damage noted in either case. The freezing temperatures the weekend of February 13-14 of 26-30 degrees reduced yields in some fields and some losses of young cabbage for April production. Light frost and hail on March 15 caused additional losses to young and older cabbage. Harvesting continued through June.

MARKETING AND PACKAGING:

The first F.O.B. report for the Winter Garden area was issued November 18, 1998. Demand was fairly good for medium size in 1 ¾ bushel cartons at \$6.50-7.00. Supplies were fairly light early, but demand was fairly light also and the market started a slight decline early and continued the decline through December. A slight increase in market in early January, but demand still remained light, as various competing areas were also shipping. Demand continued light through February with market prices as low as \$3.25. 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 April 22, 1999 with cartons mostly \$5.00. Lighter supplies and fewer handlers contributed to slightly higher market and shipments continued through May and June. The first f.o.b. from the Lower Rio Grande Valley was issued on December 14, 1998, with Round Green type selling from \$4.00-4.50. From the end of January until early March, prices were about steady between \$3.50-4.00. Prices averaged \$4.50-5.00 for the remainder of the season. Cabbage is packed in 1 ¾ bushel cartons with approximately 18-22 heads and (jumbo) 10-14 heads in 50-lb sacks. Some shippers field pack, while others are shed packed.

TRANSPORTATION:

Supplies of trucks were plentiful November – February with very little demand for product. March and April supplies were adequate to a slight shortage.

CABBAGE
1998-1999 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	FL	NC	MX	CD	GA	NY	TX		TOTAL
							LWR GRND	RIO VLY WINTR GARD	
10/17/1998	0	46	14	0	0	152	0	0	212
10/24/1998	0	82	14	0	0	141	2	8	247
10/31/1998	0	88	10	74	0	147	1	5	325
11/7/1998	0	73	18	0	24	152	7	27	301
11/14/1998	0	84	15	0	28	152	8	34	321
11/21/1998	0	100	34	0	61	130	10	42	377
11/28/1998	0	60	11	131	78	91	8	33	412
12/5/1998	28	72	18	0	138	95	43	50	444
12/12/1998	78	46	14	0	151	83	59	59	490
12/19/1998	122	18	15	0	177	104	58	66	560
12/26/1998	113	0	8	69	134	73	65	84	546
1/2/1999	218	0	14	0	125	94	70	77	598
1/9/1999	245	0	23	0	66	97	92	90	613
1/16/1999	242	0	30	0	60	95	101	59	587
1/23/1999	206	0	30	0	54	90	105	66	551
1/30/1999	214	0	21	39	31	104	111	55	575
2/6/1999	260	0	10	0	19	90	121	58	558
2/13/1999	243	0	19	0	14	91	126	58	551
2/20/1999	227	0	22	0	0	3	106	62	420
2/27/1999	237	0	26	27	0	94	162	81	627
3/6/1999	343	0	26	0	0	86	238	124	817
3/13/1999	474	0	35	0	0	122	262	153	1046
3/20/1999	286	0	18	0	0	110	98	60	572
3/27/1999	253	0	8	62	0	81	86	56	546
4/3/1999	244	0	10	0	8	84	53	55	454
4/10/1999	241	0	10	0	30	86	65	58	490
4/17/1999	229	0	8	0	123	94	42	58	554
4/24/1999	174	0	2	27	191	90	25	57	566
5/1/1999	127	0	5	0	218	80	38	50	518
5/8/1999	21	0	9	0	202	81	21	69	403
5/15/1999	0	13	7	0	326	66	18	59	489
5/22/1999	0	42	11	0	260	63	15	51	442
5/29/1999	0	62	3	47	190	68	19	51	440
6/5/1999	0	209	3	0	52	48	17	43	372
6/12/1999	0	204	4	0	10	0	20	40	278
6/19/1999	0	154	4	0	0	0	10	27	195
6/26/1999	0	130	10	60	0	0	1	2	203
7/3/1999	0	157	12	0	0	0	0	0	169
TOTAL	4825	1640	551	536	2770	3237	2283	2027	17869

*50,000 lb units

PHOENIX - LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY, TEXAS

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

CABBAGE - 1998-1999 Season

	1 3/4 bucrts	50 lb ctns	50 lb ctns	50 lb sks
	SAVOY TYPE	RED TYPE	ROUND GREEN TYPE	ROUND GREEN TYPE
		18-24s	18-24s	10-14s

19-DEC-98	-	9.00-10.00	4.00-4.50	-
26-DEC-98	-	8.00-9.00	-4.00	-
02-JAN-99	-	8.00-9.00	-5.00	-
09-JAN-99	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	5.00-5.50	-
16-JAN-99	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00	4.50-5.50	4.00-4.25
23-JAN-99	7.00-8.00	6.00-8.00	4.50-5.00	3.50-4.00
30-JAN-99	7.00-9.00	7.00-8.00	3.50-4.00	3.00-3.50
06-FEB-99	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	3.50-4.00	2.75-3.25
13-FEB-99	-	6.00-7.00	3.50-4.00	2.50-3.00
20-FEB-99	-	6.00-7.00	3.50-4.00	2.50-3.25
27-FEB-99	-	5.50-7.00	3.50-4.50	2.50-4.25
06-MAR-99	-	5.50-6.00	4.00-5.00	3.25-4.25
13-MAR-99	-	-6.00	4.50-5.00	3.25-4.25
20-MAR-99	-	-6.00	4.50-5.00	3.25-4.25
27-MAR-99	-	-6.00	-4.50	-
03-APR-99	-	-6.00	-4.50	-
10-APR-99	-	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.00	-
17-APR-99	-	-6.00	4.50-5.00	-
24-APR-99	-	6.00-7.00	4.50-5.50	-

AUSTIN - SAN ANTONIO-WINTERGARDEN DISTRICT TEXAS
 Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis
 CABBAGE - 1998 Season

1 3/4 bucrts & 50 lb 1 3/4 bucrts & 50 lb 50 lb sks

RED TYPE	ROUND GREEN TYPE	ROUND GREEN TYPE
18-24s	18-24s	10-14s

21-NOV-98	-	6.50-7.00	-
28-NOV-98	-	6.00-6.50	-
05-DEC-98	-	5.00-6.00	3.50-4.50
12-DEC-98	-	-4.50	3.25-4.00
19-DEC-98	8.00-9.00	4.00-4.50	3.00-3.50
26-DEC-98	8.00-9.00	-4.00	3.00-3.25
02-JAN-99	8.00-9.00	-4.50	3.50-4.00
09-JAN-99	8.00-9.00	4.75-5.00	4.00-4.25
16-JAN-99	-	-	-
23-JAN-99	-	-	-
30-JAN-99	-	-	-
06-FEB-99	-	-	-
13-FEB-99	-	-	-
20-FEB-99	-	-	-
27-FEB-99	-	-	-
06-MAR-99	-	-	-
13-MAR-99	6.00-7.00	-4.50	2.75-3.00
20-MAR-99	6.00-7.00	4.25-4.50	2.50-3.00
27-MAR-99	6.00-7.00	4.00-4.50	2.75-3.25
03-APR-99	6.00-7.00	4.00-4.50	3.00-3.50
10-APR-99	6.00-7.00	-4.00	3.00-3.25
17-APR-99	6.00-8.00	4.00-4.50	3.00-3.25
24-APR-99	-	4.50-5.00	3.75-4.00

AUSTIN - SAN ANTONIO-WINTER GARDEN-LAREDO DISTRICT TEXAS
 Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis
 CABBAGE - 1998 Season

1 3/4 bucrts & 50 lb 1 3/4 bucrts & 50 lb 50 lb sks

	RED TYPE	ROUND GREEN TYPE	ROUND GREEN TYPE
	18-24s	18-24s	10-14s

21-NOV-98	-	-	-
28-NOV-98	-	-	-
05-DEC-98	-	-	-
12-DEC-98	-	-	-
19-DEC-98	-	-	-
26-DEC-98	-	-	-
02-JAN-99	-	-	-
09-JAN-99	8.00-9.00	4.75-5.00	4.00-4.25
16-JAN-99	8.00-9.00	4.50-5.00	3.25-4.25
23-JAN-99	7.00-9.00	-4.50	3.00-3.50
30-JAN-99	6.75-8.00	3.75-4.00	2.75-3.25
06-FEB-99	-7.00	3.50-4.00	2.50-3.00
13-FEB-99	6.00-7.00	3.25-3.75	2.25-3.00
20-FEB-99	6.00-7.00	-3.50	-2.50
27-FEB-99	6.00-7.00	3.75-4.00	2.50-3.00
06-MAR-99	6.00-7.00	4.00-4.50	2.25-2.75
13-MAR-99	6.00-7.00	4.00-4.50	2.50-3.00
20-MAR-99	-	-	-
27-MAR-99	-	-	-
03-APR-99	-	-	-
10-APR-99	-	-	-
17-APR-99	-	-	-
24-APR-99	-	-	-

CITRUS

During the 1998-1999 season, the total grapefruit harvest from the Lower Rio Grande Valley was 12,189,00 carton equivalents, up from 9,597,000 cartons the previous year. Fruit quality was better, which allowed 8,164,000 carton equivalents to be sold in the fresh market, up from 6,307,000 last year. Oranges experienced a decrease in production, with a total harvest of 2,832,000 carton equivalents. The decrease can be attributed to a lack of late oranges, for which a water shortage is partially responsible. 2,210,000 of the orange crop were sold in the fresh market, up nearly 100,000 units from last year.

The first grapefruit f.o.b. was issued the week ending October 17, 1998. Rio Star 27s sold for 17.25, 32s for 16.00-16.25, 36s for 11.00-11.25, 40s for 10.00-10.50 and 48s for 9.00-10.00. 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 May 15, 1999.

The first orange f.o.b. was issued the week ending Oct. 10, 1998. Early variety 64s sold for 15.00-16.00, 80s for 12.00, 100s for 10.00, 125s for 8.00 and 144s for 7.00. With the increase in production from other states, especially Florida, prices gradually fell over the next month. They remained about steady until early February, when they saw an increase in price over the last three weeks of the season. The last f.o.b. was issues the week of February 20, 1999.

GRAPEFRUIT

WEEK ENDING	TEXAS	FLORIDA	BAHAMAS	TOTAL
9/5/1998	0	4	0	4
9/12/1998	0	11	0	11
9/19/1998	0	54	0	54
9/26/1998	0	154	0	154
10/3/1998	5	261	0	266
10/10/1998	93	657	0	750
10/17/1998	128	900	0	1028
10/24/1998	136	1094	0	1230
10/31/1998	215	1080	92	1387
11/7/1998	250	1145	0	1395
11/14/1998	196	916	0	1112
11/21/1998	218	1085	0	1303
1/28/1998	234	809	209	1252
12/5/1998	385	1132	0	1517
12/12/1998	321	1290	0	1611
12/19/1998	221	965	0	1186
12/26/1998	123	630	148	901
1/2/1999	261	866	0	1127
1/9/1999	387	1175	0	1562
1/16/1999	320	1591	0	1911
1/23/1999	235	1166	131	1532
1/30/1999	252	1554	0	1806
2/6/1999	290	1644	0	1934
2/13/1999	217	1635	0	1852
2/20/1999	285	1694	122	2101
2/27/1999	337	1820	0	2157
3/6/1999	284	1428	0	1712
3/13/1999	310	1708	0	2018
3/20/1999	272	1695	26	1993
3/27/1999	256	1510	0	1766
4/3/1999	219	1060	0	1279
4/10/1999	244	1112	0	1356
4/17/1999	200	943	110	1253
4/24/1999	209	773	0	982
5/1/1999	171	435	0	606
5/8/1999	164	309	0	473
5/15/1999	120	154	0	274
5/22/1999	38	147	0	185
5/29/1999	61	59	0	120
TOTAL	7657	36665	838	45160

*40,000 lb units

ORANGES

WEEK ENDING	TEXAS	MEXICO	FLORIDA	CALIFORNIA	TOTAL
9/5/1998	0	0	0	43	43
9/12/1998	0	0	0	55	55
9/19/1998	0	0	1	57	58
9/26/1998	0	0	8	50	58
10/3/1998	3	0	52	36	91
10/10/1998	58	0	212	54	324
10/17/1998	45	0	298	40	383
10/24/1998	33	0	359	34	426
10/31/1998	57	0	443	26	526
11/7/1998	67	0	530	18	615
11/14/1998	99	3	527	24	653
11/21/1998	81	0	771	21	873
1/28/1998	89	0	558	55	702
12/5/1998	148	0	1218	78	1444
12/12/1998	158	0	1510	67	1735
12/19/1998	117	10	956	83	1166
12/26/1998	60	19	318	63	460
1/2/1999	120	20	297	8	445
1/9/1999	148	29	394	24	595
1/16/1999	126	58	436	39	659
1/23/1999	121	67	257	17	462
1/30/1999	143	65	285	20	513
2/6/1999	128	84	312	35	559
2/13/1999	104	88	379	20	591
2/20/1999	61	94	412	26	593
2/27/1999	47	92	430	34	603
3/6/1999	37	103	427	29	596
3/13/1999	32	133	443	27	635
3/20/1999	24	131	458	37	650
3/27/1999	19	152	517	23	711
4/3/1999	14	120	595	20	749
4/10/1999	11	137	593	11	752
4/17/1999	8	194	687	13	902
4/24/1999	4	222	732	15	973
5/1/1999	0	222	617	26	865
5/8/1999	0	213	635	17	865
5/15/1999	0	179	519	29	727
5/22/1999	0	122	526	32	680
5/29/1999	0	94	321	26	441
TOTAL	2162	2651	18033	1332	24178

*40,000 lb units

PHOENIX - LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY, TEXAS
 Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
 GRAPEFRUIT - 1998-1999 Season

	7/10 buctns MARKED RIO STAR TXFcy 23s	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
17-OCT-98	-	-17.25	16.00-16.25	11.00-11.25	10.00-10.50	9.00-10.00
24-OCT-98	-	-17.25	15.25-16.25	-11.25	-10.25	-9.25
31-OCT-98	-14.25	-14.25	11.25-12.25	9.25-10.25	8.25-9.25	7.25-8.25
07-NOV-98	12.50-12.75	12.00-12.25	10.00-10.25	8.50-8.75	-8.25	-7.25
14-NOV-98	-12.75	-12.25	-10.75	-8.75	-8.25	-7.25
21-NOV-98	-12.75	-12.25	-10.75	-8.75	7.00-8.25	6.50-7.25
28-NOV-98	-12.75	-12.25	-10.75	8.50-8.75	7.00-7.75	6.25-6.75
05-DEC-98	12.00-12.75	12.00-12.25	10.00-10.75	8.00-8.50	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.50
12-DEC-98	12.25-12.75	12.00-12.25	10.50-10.75	8.50-8.75	7.25-7.75	6.25-6.75
19-DEC-98	-11.25	-11.25	9.75-10.25	-8.25	-7.25	-6.25
26-DEC-98	10.75-11.25	10.75-11.25	9.25-9.75	7.75-8.25	6.75-7.25	6.00-6.25
02-JAN-99	10.75-11.50	10.75-11.50	9.25-9.75	7.75-8.25	6.75-7.25	6.00-6.25
09-JAN-99	9.25-10.25	9.25-10.25	8.75-9.25	7.50-7.75	-6.75	6.00-6.25
16-JAN-99	9.00-9.25	9.00-9.25	8.50-8.75	7.50-7.75	-6.75	6.00-6.25
23-JAN-99	9.00-9.75	9.25-9.75	8.25-9.00	7.25-7.75	6.50-6.75	5.75-6.25
30-JAN-99	9.00-9.75	9.00-9.75	8.50-9.00	7.00-7.75	6.25-6.75	6.00-6.25
06-FEB-99	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	8.25-9.00	7.25-7.75	6.00-6.75	6.00-6.25
13-FEB-99	9.00-9.75	9.00-9.75	8.00-9.25	7.00-7.50	6.50-6.75	6.00-6.25
20-FEB-99	9.00-9.75	9.00-9.75	8.00-8.75	7.00-7.50	6.25-6.75	6.00-6.25
27-FEB-99	9.00-9.75	9.00-9.75	8.00-8.75	7.00-7.75	6.50-6.75	6.00-6.25
06-MAR-99	9.00-9.75	9.00-9.75	8.00-8.75	7.00-7.75	6.50-6.75	6.00-6.25
13-MAR-99	9.00-9.75	9.00-9.75	8.00-8.75	7.00-7.75	6.50-6.75	6.00-6.25
20-MAR-99	9.00-10.25	9.00-10.25	8.00-9.25	7.00-7.75	6.50-6.75	6.00-6.25
27-MAR-99	9.25-10.25	9.25-10.25	7.75-9.25	7.00-7.75	6.00-6.75	6.00-6.25
03-APR-99	9.25-10.25	9.25-10.25	7.75-9.25	7.00-7.50	6.00-6.75	6.00-6.25
10-APR-99	9.00-10.25	9.00-10.25	8.00-9.25	7.00-7.50	6.25-6.75	5.75-6.25
17-APR-99	9.00-10.00	9.00-10.00	8.00-9.00	7.00-7.50	6.25-6.75	5.75-6.00
24-APR-99	9.50-10.50	9.50-10.50	8.00-9.25	7.00-7.50	6.50-6.75	6.00-6.25
01-MAY-99	9.50-10.50	9.50-10.50	8.00-9.25	7.00-7.75	6.50-6.75	6.00-6.25
08-MAY-99	9.50-10.50	9.50-10.50	8.00-9.25	7.00-7.75	6.50-6.75	6.00-6.25
15-MAY-99	10.00-10.25	10.00-10.25	9.00-9.25	7.50-8.25	6.50-7.00	6.00-6.75

PHOENIX - LOWER RIO GRANDE VALLEY, TEXAS
 Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
 ORANGES - 1998-1999 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
	100s	125s	144s	64s	80s
10-OCT-98	-10.00	-8.00	-7.00	15.00-16.00	-12.00
17-OCT-98	8.00-9.25	7.00-8.25	-7.00	10.00-12.25	10.00-12.25
24-OCT-98	-8.25	-7.25	-7.00	-10.25	-10.25
31-OCT-98	8.00-8.25	7.00-7.25	-7.00	-10.25	10.00-10.25
07-NOV-98	7.50-7.75	-6.25	6.50-7.00	-9.25	8.50-8.75
14-NOV-98	7.50-7.75	6.75-7.25	-	-9.25	-8.75
21-NOV-98	7.50-7.75	6.75-7.25	-	-9.25	-8.75
28-NOV-98	-7.75	-7.25	6.75-7.00	9.00-9.25	8.50-8.75
05-DEC-98	7.25-7.75	7.00-7.25	-	9.00-9.25	8.50-8.75
12-DEC-98	7.25-7.75	6.75-7.25	-	-9.25	-8.75
19-DEC-98	7.25-7.75	6.75-7.25	-	-9.25	-8.75
26-DEC-98	7.25-8.75	6.75-8.25	-	-9.25	8.75-9.25
02-JAN-99	8.75-9.00	8.25-8.50	-	-10.25	9.75-10.25
09-JAN-99	8.75-9.25	8.25-8.50	-	9.25-11.25	9.00-11.25
16-JAN-99	8.75-9.25	-8.50	-	9.25-10.25	9.25-10.25
23-JAN-99	8.75-9.25	8.00-8.50	-	9.25-10.25	9.25-10.25
30-JAN-99	8.75-9.25	8.25-9.00	-	9.00-9.75	9.00-9.75
06-FEB-99	9.00-10.00	8.50-9.50	-	10.00-11.00	10.00-11.00
13-FEB-99	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00	-	-11.00	-11.00
20-FEB-99	10.00-11.00	9.00-11.00	-	-11.00	-11.00

MELONS

1999 Season

Lower Rio Grande Valley melon planting got underway in late January and continued until late March. A total of 5,911 acres of cantaloupes and 2,453 acres of honeydews were seeded or transplanted during the 1999 season. This was an increase over the 1998 season, when acreage was reported as 4,496 and 1,965, respectively. Irrigating and fertilizing were continued through April. Harvest began in late April and increased steadily until mid-May.

The increase in acreage did not translate into an increase in yield for Lower Rio Grande Valley melons. Unseasonably hot temperatures struck the Valley in mid-May, and three straight days of temperatures approximately 120 degrees resulted in a near-total loss of cantaloupes for the remainder of the season. The total shipments for the season numbered 1694 (40,000 lb truckloads), down from 2176 for the 1998 season. The honeydew melon crop did not suffer as badly, and the total shipments actually increased from the previous season, 962 truckloads compared to 883 in 1998. The Winter Garden area began harvesting melons the week ending May 29 and ran until early July. Shipments out the Winter Garden numbered 406 truckloads of cantaloupes and 233 honeydews.

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 honeydew melons out of the Lower Rio Grande Valley was issued on May 4. Size 5 honeydews sold for \$6.50-\$7.00, size 6s for \$6.00-\$7.00, and size 8s for \$5.50-\$6.00. As with cantaloupes, there was little significant variation in honeydew prices during the season. The final f.o.b. was issued on June 1.

CANTALOUPS
1999 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	MEXICO		OTHER MX	AZ	CA	CENT AMER #	TX		TOTAL
	NOGALES	THRU SO. TEX					LWR RIO GRND VLY	WINTR GARD	
4/17/99	351	222	2	0	0	0	1	0	576
4/24/99	391	232	8	0	0	3535	77	0	4243
5/1/99	355	187	18	0	0	0	310	0	870
5/8/99	411	111	22	0	0	0	398	0	942
5/15/99	695	96	24	4	9	0	455	0	1283
5/22/99	586	52	20	27	362	0	326	0	1373
5/29/99	541	88	24	97	577	2460	59	10	3856
6/5/99	480	177	20	410	727	0	33	14	1861
6/12/99	184	133	29	683	580	0	26	66	1701
6/19/99	57	45	30	1175	619	0	8	98	2032
6/26/99	9	8	12	1424	672	380	1	98	2604
7/3/99	0	0	2	1478	462	0	0	120	2062
TOTAL	4060	1351	211	5298	4008	6375	1694	406	23403

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

#includes Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Dominican Republic, and Nicaragua

HONEYDEWS
1999 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	MEXICO		OTHER MX	AZ	CA	CENT AMER #	TX		TOTAL
	NOGALES	THRU SO. TEX					LWR RIO GRND VLY	WINTR GARD	
4/17/1999	83	89	0	0	0	190	0	0	362
4/24/1999	109	79	0	0	0	259	8	0	455
5/1/1999	148	91	0	0	0	431	60	0	730
5/8/1999	87	71	4	0	0	142	132	0	436
5/15/1999	132	69	5	0	0	83	260	0	549
5/22/1999	86	22	6	1	0	33	284	0	432
5/29/1999	114	17	8	14	3	0	146	40	342
6/5/1999	145	2	41	34	32	6	48	71	379
6/12/1999	148	12	40	53	45	1	16	66	381
6/19/1999	92	21	53	121	74	0	6	25	392
6/26/1999	38	6	69	222	116	0	2	17	470
7/3/1999	29	0	48	341	107	0	0	14	539
TOTAL	1211	479	274	786	377	1145	962	233	5467

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

#includes Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Dominican Republic, and Nicaragua

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

	1/2 ctns	1/2 ctns	1/2 ctns	1/2 ctns	1/2 ctns
	12s	15s	18s	6s	9s

27-APR-99	10.00-11.00	-	-	-	10.50-11.00
28-APR-99	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00	-	-	10.00-11.00
29-APR-99	10.00-11.00	9.00-10.00	-	-	10.00-11.00
30-APR-99	9.75-10.00	8.75-10.00	-	-	8.75-11.00
01-MAY-99	-	-	-	-	-
02-MAY-99	-	-	-	-	-
03-MAY-99	9.75-10.75	8.75-10.75	-	7.00-7.85	8.75-10.00
04-MAY-99	10.00-10.85	9.75-10.85	-	7.00-7.85	8.75-10.00
05-MAY-99	10.35-10.85	9.75-10.85	-	-	9.35-10.85
06-MAY-99	11.35-13.85	10.75-10.85	-	-	10.75-11.85
07-MAY-99	10.75-11.75	10.75-11.75	-	-	10.00-11.75
08-MAY-99	-	-	-	-	-
09-MAY-99	-	-	-	-	-
10-MAY-99	-11.75	-10.75	-	-	9.75-10.85
11-MAY-99	11.75-12.85	10.75-10.85	-	-	10.75-11.85
12-MAY-99	10.75-11.75	9.75-10.85	-	-	9.75-10.75
13-MAY-99	10.75-11.75	8.75-10.85	-	-	9.75-10.75
14-MAY-99	10.75-11.35	9.75-10.85	-	-	9.75-10.75
15-MAY-99	-	-	-	-	-
16-MAY-99	-	-	-	-	-
17-MAY-99	-10.75	-9.75	-	-	9.75-10.75
18-MAY-99	-10.75	-9.75	-	-	9.75-10.75
19-MAY-99	-10.75	-9.75	-	-	9.75-10.75
20-MAY-99	-10.75	-8.75	6.75-8.75	-	9.75-10.75
21-MAY-99	-	-	-	-	-
22-MAY-99	-	-	-	-	-
23-MAY-99	-	-	-	-	-
24-MAY-99	-11.75	7.75-9.75	-	-	10.75-11.75

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

	2/3 ctns		2/3 ctns		2/3 ctns		2/3 ctns	
	5s	6s	8s	9s				
02-MAY-99	-	-	-	-				
03-MAY-99	-	-	-	-				
04-MAY-99	6.50-7.00	6.00-7.00	5.50-6.00	-				
05-MAY-99	-6.00	-6.00	5.00-6.00	-				
06-MAY-99	-6.00	-6.00	5.00-6.00	-				
07-MAY-99	6.00-7.00	-6.00	5.00-5.50	-				
08-MAY-99	-	-	-	-				
09-MAY-99	-	-	-	-				
10-MAY-99	5.00-6.50	5.00-6.00	4.50-5.00	-				
11-MAY-99	6.00-6.50	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.50	-				
12-MAY-99	6.00-6.50	5.00-6.50	4.50-5.50	-				
13-MAY-99	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	5.50-6.00	-				
14-MAY-99	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00	-				
15-MAY-99	-	-	-	-				
16-MAY-99	-	-	-	-				
17-MAY-99	-6.00	-6.00	-5.00	-				
18-MAY-99	-6.00	-6.00	-5.00	-				
19-MAY-99	-6.00	-6.00	-5.00	-				
20-MAY-99	-6.00	-6.00	-5.00	-4.50				
21-MAY-99	-	-	-	-				
22-MAY-99	-	-	-	-				
23-MAY-99	-	-	-	-				
24-MAY-99	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00	-				
25-MAY-99	6.50-7.00	6.50-7.00	5.00-6.00	-4.50				
26-MAY-99	-7.00	-7.00	-6.00	4.50-5.00				
27-MAY-99	-	7.50-8.00	7.00-8.00	-				
28-MAY-99	-	-	-	-				
29-MAY-99	-	-	-	-				
30-MAY-99	-	-	-	-				
31-MAY-99	-	-	-	-				
01-JUN-99	-8.00	-8.00	-8.00	-				

O N I O N S - D R Y

SPRING 1999 SHIPPING SEASON

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS:

According to Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the Winter Garden-Laredo area planted 3600 and harvested 3400 acres for spring 1999. In comparison, 2800 acres were harvested for the 1998 season. The yield per acre in 1999 was 272 cwt. compared to 241 cwt. in 1998. The production in 1999 was 924,000 cwt. compared to 675,000 cwt. in 1998. According to the South Texas Onion Committee, the Rio Grande Valley area planted 10,192 acres for this spring 1999, compared to 8,994 the previous spring.

Truck shipments from the Winter Garden-Laredo area 1999 season as reported to the Federal-State Market News Service were 1371 (40,000-LB units) compared to 2696 in 1998. Shipments from the Lower Rio Grande Valley were 5530 (40,000-LB units) compared to 4333 in 1998. The Presidio area (West Texas area) began shipping early May and continued into June. The remainder of the Trans-Pecos area began in late May and continued into early August. Total shipments for those four months were 1104 (40,000 LB units) for that area of the state compared to 1429 in 1998.

GROWING CONDITIONS AND HARVESTING:

Land preparation and direct seeding began in Laredo in September and finishing in early December. Some transplants were planted in mid December to early January. The Winter Garden area was delayed in mid October due to heavy rains, while most were not planted until November and December. There were many planting gaps in the Winter Garden due to the rains. Mid March weather was hail and high winds. April brought cool temperatures down to mid 30s, along with rain and high winds. Again in May, rains, hail and high winds did additional damage, with many acres being abandoned. Harvesting began in the Laredo area in early April and the Winter Garden began in a very light way in late April. Rains slowed early harvest in the Winter Garden in early May but gradually increased mid May through June. The peak week of shipments was May 9-15 with 225 (40,000-LB) loads shipped that week. Light shipments continued into late June. Land preparation and seeding began in the Rio Grande Valley in late September and finished in December. Shipments out of the Lower Rio Grande Valley began in early March, increasing through April, peaking from April 11-May 1. During this four week period, 3868 (40,000-LB) loads were shipped. Shipments then decreased dramatically, winding down by the end of May.

MARKETING AND PACKAGING:

The first F.O.B report for Winter Garden-Laredo onions was issued May 6, 1999. Yellow grano type jumbo brought mostly \$5.00. medium mostly \$5.50-6.00 and limited supply of repacker size. Demand was good for smaller yellows, while the demand for larger onions

was fairly light. The market on jumbos did not vary much through the season and supplies of jumbos and colossals were fairly abundant keeping the market near \$5.00-6.00 throughout the season. Supplies were tighter for medium and repackers and markets held near \$6.00-7.00 for most of the season. The last report was June 4, 1999, yellow jumbos were in the \$5.00-6.00 range, and medium and repacker size mostly \$6.00. Yellow and white onions are packed in 50-lb mesh sacks with some 1015s also packed in 50-lb cartons; reds are packed in 25-lb mesh sacks. The first report on Lower Rio Grande Valley onions was issued on March 24. Yellow Grano Type colossal onions sold for 8.00-10.00 f.o.b. per 50-lb sack. Jumbo onions sold for 7.00-8.00, mediums for 6.00-7.00, and repacker size for 6.00-8.00. Due to the increased supplies, prices on large onions dropped starting at the end of March, reaching its season low of 5.00-6.00 on colossal on April 16 and 4.00 on jumbo on April 19. Prices on smaller onions held more firmly, except for the period from March 31 through April 9, when medium and repacker sized onions sold for as low as 4.00, due to a glut of smaller onions. The last report was issued on May 6. All sizes of Yellow Grano Type onions sold for 5.00-5.50 f.o.b.

TRANSPORTATION TRENDS:

The usual load of onions will consist of 800-900 packages. Truck availability was adequate to slight shortage mostly May and early June.

WEEKLY ONION SHIPMENTS 1998-99 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	AZ	CA	CO	GA	ID	NY	OR	TEXAS	TEXAS	TEXAS	WA	MX	TOTAL
								SAN ANT	TRNS-PECO	LWR RIO			
								WNTR GRD	PRESIDIO	GRND VLY			
12/12/98	0	0	275	0	343	191	359	0	0	0	530	5	1703
12/19/98	0	0	270	0	331	250	442	0	0	0	510	5	1808
12/26/98	0	0	174	0	281	122	306	0	0	0	221	9	1113
1/2/99	0	0	222	0	198	173	267	0	0	0	275	11	1146
1/9/99	0	0	241	0	342	242	467	0	0	0	605	19	1916
1/16/99	0	0	205	0	380	192	455	0	0	0	444	38	1714
1/23/99	0	0	147	0	304	225	343	0	0	0	377	63	1459
1/30/99	0	0	132	0	252	191	457	0	0	0	390	56	1478
2/6/99	0	0	129	0	266	197	318	0	0	0	427	70	1407
2/13/99	0	0	141	0	300	174	478	0	0	0	377	108	1578
2/20/99	0	0	192	0	316	151	498	0	0	0	444	164	1765
2/27/99	0	0	133	0	233	119	453	0	0	0	437	366	1741
3/6/99	0	0	123	0	258	119	424	0	0	2	324	452	1702
3/13/99	0	0	89	0	172	168	480	0	0	27	258	665	1859
3/20/99	0	0	20	0	241	177	346	11	0	151	187	796	1929
3/27/99	0	0	0	0	156	135	410	10	0	316	168	856	2051
4/3/99	0	0	0	0	133	129	217	13	0	498	163	695	1848
4/10/99	0	0	0	17	64	119	108	34	0	903	179	742	2166
4/17/99	0	32	0	160	31	124	66	99	0	999	85	695	2291
4/24/99	0	158	0	492	9	83	25	143	0	1009	50	396	2365
5/1/99	19	487	0	528	0	38	0	91	0	957	34	232	2386
5/8/99	121	866	0	520	0	0	0	156	8	439	39	139	2288
5/15/99	185	1066	0	470	0	0	0	225	26	170	6	222	2370
5/22/99	193	1163	0	429	0	0	0	213	48	57	0	142	2245
5/29/99	202	1116	0	393	3	0	0	158	103	2	0	176	2153
6/5/99	234	885	0	305	0	0	3	123	83	0	0	69	1702
6/12/99	168	659	0	227	1	0	0	73	155	0	0	98	1381
6/19/99	43	765	0	205	0	0	0	18	161	0	26	147	1365
6/26/99	44	784	0	213	0	0	0	4	183	0	148	83	1459
7/3/99	39	675	0	182	1	0	0	0	95	0	166	74	1232
7/10/99	28	740	0	145	0	0	0	0	86	0	110	48	1157
7/17/99	0	716	0	146	1	0	0	0	66	0	187	24	1140
7/24/99	0	725	0	125	0	0	0	0	59	0	164	24	1097
7/31/99	4	612	45	95	0	0	0	0	23	0	192	6	977
8/7/99	0	710	230	104	1	4	0	0	8	0	305	2	1364
TOTAL	1280	12159	2768	4756	4617	3323	6922	1371	1104	5530	7828	7697	59355

*40,000 lb units

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 ONIONS DRY - 1999 Season

25 lb sks RED jbo	25 lb sks RED med	40 lb ctns YELLOW GRANO TYPE jbo	50 lb ctns YELLOW GRANO TYPE jbo	50 lb sks WHITE jbo	50 lb sks WHITE med	
28-MAR-99	-	-	-	-	-	
29-MAR-99	-	-	-	-	-	
30-MAR-99	-	-	-10.00	-12.00	-10.00	-5.00
31-MAR-99	-	-	-10.00	-12.00	-10.00	-5.00
01-APR-99	-	-	-10.00	-12.00	10.00-12.00	-5.00
02-APR-99	-	-	-10.00	-12.00	-12.00	-6.00
03-APR-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
04-APR-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
05-APR-99	-	-	10.00-12.00	-12.00	-12.00	-7.00
06-APR-99	-	-	10.00-12.00	-12.00	-12.00	-7.00
07-APR-99	-	-	8.00-10.00	-10.00	-10.00	-6.00
08-APR-99	-	-	-8.00	-10.00	-10.00	-6.00
09-APR-99	-	-	8.00-10.00	-10.00	8.00-10.00	-6.00
10-APR-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
11-APR-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
12-APR-99	-10.00	-5.00	-8.00	-	7.00-8.00	5.00-6.00
13-APR-99	8.00-10.00	4.50-5.00	-	-	6.00-8.00	5.00-6.00
14-APR-99	9.00-10.00	4.50-5.00	-	-	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00
15-APR-99	8.00-10.00	4.00-5.00	-8.00	9.00-10.00	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00
16-APR-99	7.00-9.00	4.00-5.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-10.00	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00
17-APR-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
18-APR-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
19-APR-99	8.00-10.00	-4.00	8.00-9.00	8.00-10.00	-5.00	-5.00
20-APR-99	8.00-9.00	4.00-5.00	-8.00	8.00-10.00	4.50-5.00	-5.00
21-APR-99	-8.00	4.00-5.00	-8.00	8.00-10.00	4.50-5.00	4.50-5.00
22-APR-99	-8.00	-4.00	-8.00	8.00-10.00	-5.00	4.00-5.00
23-APR-99	7.00-8.00	-4.00	-	-	-5.00	-5.00
24-APR-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-APR-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
26-APR-99	7.00-8.00	-4.00	-	-	4.00-5.00	4.00-5.00
27-APR-99	7.00-8.00	-4.00	-	-	5.00-6.00	-5.00
28-APR-99	7.00-8.00	-4.00	-	-	-5.00	-5.00
29-APR-99	7.00-8.00	-4.00	-	-	-5.00	-5.00
30-APR-99	7.00-8.00	-4.00	-	-	4.50-5.00	-5.00
01-MAY-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
02-MAY-99	-	-	-	-	-	-
03-MAY-99	-8.00	-4.00	-	-	6.00-7.00	-6.00
04-MAY-99	7.00-8.00	-4.00	-	-	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00
05-MAY-99	7.00-8.00	-4.00	-	-	-7.00	-7.00
06-MAY-99	7.00-8.00	-4.00	-	-	-	-
07-MAY-99	-	-	-	-	-	-

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ONIONS DRY - 1999 Season

50 lb sks WHITE rpkc sz	50 lb sks YELLOW GRANO TYPE col	50 lb sks YELLOW GRANO TYPE lbo	50 lb sks YELLOW GRANO TYPE med	50 lb sks YELLOW GRANO TYPE rpkc sz	50 lb sks YELLOW GRANO TYPE Super Colossal
24-MAR-99	-	8.00-10.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-7.00	6.00-8.00
25-MAR-99	-	-9.00	7.00-8.00	-6.00	5.00-6.00
26-MAR-99	-	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00
27-MAR-99	-	-	-	-	-
28-MAR-99	-	-	-	-	-
29-MAR-99	-	10.00-11.00	-7.00	-5.00	-5.00
30-MAR-99	-5.00	-10.00	-7.00	-5.00	-5.00
31-MAR-99	-5.00	-10.00	-7.00	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.50
01-APR-99	-5.00	-10.00	6.50-7.00	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.50
02-APR-99	-5.00	-10.00	6.00-7.00	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.50
03-APR-99	-	-	-	-	-
04-APR-99	-	-	-	-	-
05-APR-99	-5.00	9.00-10.00	6.00-7.00	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.50
06-APR-99	-5.00	8.00-9.00	-6.00	4.00-4.50	4.00-5.00
07-APR-99	-5.00	-8.00	-6.00	4.50-5.00	4.50-5.00
08-APR-99	5.00-6.00	-8.00	5.50-6.00	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00
09-APR-99	-5.00	-8.00	5.00-5.50	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.00
10-APR-99	-	-	-	-	-
11-APR-99	-	-	-	-	-
12-APR-99	5.00-6.00	-7.00	-5.00	-6.00	6.00-7.00
13-APR-99	5.00-6.00	-7.00	-5.00	6.50-7.00	6.50-7.00
14-APR-99	-5.00	6.00-7.00	4.50-5.00	-7.00	-7.00
15-APR-99	-5.00	6.00-7.00	4.00-5.00	6.00-7.00	6.50-7.00
16-APR-99	-5.00	5.00-6.00	4.00-4.50	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00
17-APR-99	-	-	-	-	-
18-APR-99	-	-	-	-	-
19-APR-99	-5.00	5.00-6.00	-4.00	-6.00	6.00-7.00
20-APR-99	-5.00	5.00-6.00	-4.00	-6.00	6.00-7.00
21-APR-99	4.50-5.00	5.00-6.00	-4.00	5.50-6.00	6.00-7.00
22-APR-99	4.00-5.00	-6.00	-4.50	-5.00	5.50-6.00
23-APR-99	4.00-5.00	5.50-6.00	-4.50	-5.00	5.00-6.00
24-APR-99	-	-	-	-	-
25-APR-99	-	-	-	-	-
26-APR-99	4.00-5.00	5.00-6.00	-4.50	4.50-5.00	-5.00
27-APR-99	4.00-5.00	5.00-6.00	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.50	-5.00
28-APR-99	-5.00	5.00-6.00	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.50	4.00-5.00
29-APR-99	4.00-5.00	-6.00	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.50	4.00-5.00
30-APR-99	-5.00	-6.00	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.50	4.00-5.00
01-MAY-99	-	-	-	-	-
02-MAY-99	-	-	-	-	-
03-MAY-99	5.00-6.00	-6.00	-5.00	-5.00	5.00-6.00
04-MAY-99	-6.00	-6.00	-5.00	-5.00	5.00-6.00
05-MAY-99	-	-6.00	-5.00	-5.00	-
06-MAY-99	-	-	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.50
07-MAY-99	-	-	-	-	-
08-MAY-99	-	-	-	-	-

AUSTIN - SAN ANTONIO-WINTER GARDEN-LAREDO DISTRICT TEXAS
 Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis
 ONIONS DRY - 1999 Season

	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb sks	50 lb sks
	YELLOW GRANO TYPE	YELLOW GRANO TYPE	YELLOW GRANO TYPE	YELLOW GRANO TYPE
	col	jbo	med	rpkr sz
06-MAY-99	-7.00	-5.00	5.50-6.00	-
07-MAY-99	-7.00	5.00-5.50	5.00-6.00	5.00-6.00
08-MAY-99	-	-	-	-
09-MAY-99	-	-	-	-
10-MAY-99	-7.00	5.50-6.00	-6.00	-
11-MAY-99	6.50-7.00	5.50-6.00	-6.00	6.00-6.50
12-MAY-99	-	-6.00	6.00-7.00	6.00-6.50
13-MAY-99	6.00-7.00	5.50-6.00	6.00-7.00	-
14-MAY-99	6.50-7.00	-6.00	-7.00	6.50-7.00
15-MAY-99	-	-	-	-
16-MAY-99	-	-	-	-
17-MAY-99	6.50-7.00	5.50-6.00	-7.00	-7.00
18-MAY-99	5.50-6.00	5.00-5.50	-7.00	-7.00
19-MAY-99	5.00-6.00	5.00-5.50	-7.00	-7.00
20-MAY-99	5.50-6.50	5.00-5.50	-7.00	-7.00
21-MAY-99	5.50-6.50	5.00-5.50	-7.00	-7.00
22-MAY-99	-	-	-	-
23-MAY-99	-	-	-	-
24-MAY-99	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50	-7.00	-7.00
25-MAY-99	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50	6.50-7.00	6.50-7.00
26-MAY-99	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50	6.50-7.00	6.50-7.00
27-MAY-99	6.50-7.00	5.00-5.50	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50
28-MAY-99	6.00-7.00	5.00-5.50	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50
29-MAY-99	-	-	-	-
30-MAY-99	-	-	-	-
31-MAY-99	-	-	-	-
01-JUN-99	-	5.00-5.50	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50
02-JUN-99	-	5.00-6.00	6.00-6.50	6.00-6.50
03-JUN-99	-	5.00-6.00	-6.00	-6.00
04-JUN-99	-	-	-6.00	-6.00

SPINACH

SAN ANTONIO-WINTER GARDEN DISTRICT

1998 – 1999 Shipping Season

PRODUCTION AND SHIPMENTS:

According to the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, the state of Texas harvested 2500 acres in 1998 compared to 2400 in 1997 for fresh market. The yield per acre was 90 cwt. compared to 65 cwt. in 1997 and the production in 1998 was 225,000 cwt. compared to 156,000 cwt. in 1997. For processing there were 5000 acres harvested in 1998 compared to 4700 acres in 1997. 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 384 (30,000 lb. trucklots) during the 1998-1999 season. This compares to 697 trucklots shipped during the 1997-1998 season. Texas ranked 2nd in the U.S. production behind California during 1998.

GROWING CONDITIONS AND HARVESTING:

Planting began in early October and continued into November. Some planting was delayed during October due to heavy rains causing many planting gaps and at least 2-3 weeks late. Early supplies from Texas were light, however the East Coast still had supplies due to the mild weather in their area causing their crop to be later than normal. Very light harvesting began in the Winter Garden area in mid-late November and gradually increased in December. The first official freeze was December 22, 1998 at 30-34 degrees with a chill factor of 10-19 degrees. Freezing temperatures of 27-30 degrees on January 4 and 5 caused very little to only slight damage and setting some fields back. January and February were the heaviest months, with the week of January 18-23, 1999 being the largest shipping week with 42 loads. During the weekend of February 13-14th temperatures once again dropped to 28-30 degrees with spotty areas to 26 degrees. More damage was apparent this time. What was available actually had good body and color, but the temperatures began to warm up and with high humidity, quality began to deteriorate quickly. On March 12th, heavy thunderstorms and hail resulted in more losses. The decline had actually begun in late February and was mostly completed by early April.

MARKETING AND PACKAGING:

The first F.O.B. was issued on December 28, 1998, several weeks later than normal. Demand was light at \$6.50 per bushel basket. Demand continued light throughout the season. The last report was issued on February 26, 1999 at \$6.00 per bushel.

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 has been used on a trial basis for the past couple of years, but becoming more popular with repackers, is a plastic reusable container (30 lbs.) Most of 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
1998-1999 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	AZ	CA	MX	TX		TOTAL
				LWR RIO GRND VLY	WINTR GARDN	
11/14/98	3	6	3	0	0	12
11/21/98	6	8	4	0	1	19
11/28/98	4	5	6	0	3	18
12/5/98	12	11	8	0	5	36
12/12/98	17	8	13	0	9	47
12/19/98	11	3	11	0	15	40
12/26/98	12	1	10	0	12	35
1/2/99	17	2	12	7	30	68
1/9/99	37	6	38	36	35	152
1/16/99	31	8	35	41	40	155
1/23/99	24	8	34	47	42	155
1/30/99	25	13	27	41	36	142
2/6/99	37	19	20	39	36	151
2/13/99	34	15	31	37	32	149
2/20/99	27	10	33	28	25	123
2/27/99	34	28	39	24	22	147
3/6/99	35	16	27	21	19	118
3/13/99	33	15	24	11	11	94
3/20/99	37	9	17	5	5	73
3/27/99	38	13	21	4	5	81
4/3/99	21	8	29	2	1	61
TOTAL	495	212	442	343	384	1876

*30,000 lb units

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SAN ANTONIO-WINTER GARDEN DISTRICT
WEEKLY SALES F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT BASIS
1998-1999 SEASON

BUSHEL BASKETS SAVOY TYPE LOOSE CLIPPED

02-JAN-99	\$6.00-6.50
09-JAN-99	\$6.00
16-JAN-99	\$6.00
23-JAN-99	\$6.00
30-JAN-99	\$6.00
06-FEB-99	\$6.00
13-FEB-99	\$6.00
20-FEB-99	\$6.00
27-FEB-99	\$6.00