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## MARKETING WESTERN NEW YORK CELERY - 1951

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### UNITED STATES

The acreage planted to the commercial crop in the United States increased slightly during 1951. This year 36,810 acres were planted as compared with 25,750 acres in 1950, and the ten year (1940-49) average for the country of 41,380 acres. The yield per acre this season was estimated at 736 one-half size crates in comparison with 706 crates during 1950 and the 10-year average of 480 half crates. Production during 1951 was estimated at 27,096,000 half crates as compared with 25,233,000 in 1950 and the ten year average of 19,826,000 half crates. Harvesting started in Florida the first half of November. California was shipping heavy for the Thanksgiving trade.

### NEW YORK STATE

The acreage planted in the State for the early fall crop this season was estimated at 2,100 acres as compared with 2,400 acres in 1950 while the ten year (1940-49) average for the State was 3,670 acres. Yields per acre were the same as in 1950 - 460 one-half crates while the ten year average for the State was 361 one-half size crates. With a smaller acreage and average yield the crop this season was one of the smallest in sixteen years and was equal to that produced in 1949. This season's production was estimated at 986,000 one-half size crates in contrast with the 1,104,000 crates in 1950. The ten year (1940-49) average for the State was 1,391,000 crates. Acreage planted to the summer crop remains about the same around 650 acres with a yield of around 400 one-half size crates per acre. The production of this summer crop was the same as last year, 260,000 one-half size crates.

Transplanting of the greenhouse-grown plants started early in May in the early sections of Wayne and neighboring counties. Frequent rains improved the soil moisture for transplanting where irrigation was not available. Transplanting in the Prattsburg section of Steuben county started in late May. Unusually favorable weather for transplanting of the late acreage in Wayne county prevailed and transplanting got under way about mid-June. There was a heavy demand for plants as a result of insect and disease damage in the seed beds and from growers who had no seed beds of their own this season.

Harvesting started from the early acreage during the week of August 6 and one or two of the wash-houses opened up at that time. Growers delayed cutting to a certain extent because of more competition than usual from other areas. With prices somewhat higher than last year, although still low, growers delayed harvesting with expectations of improvement in the market. No improvement occurred and some acreage was lost when snow and freezing weather occurred on November 1. Considerable acreage went unharvested because of the low prices. Some wash-houses continued to pack through the first half of November.

F.o.b. prices at shipping points on 16 inch wirebound crates, washed stock, Golden Heart, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 dozen ranged from \$2.00-4.50 this season as compared with \$1.50-2.75 last season. Pascal, 2-4 dozen sold from \$2.00-4.00 per crate in contrast with \$2.00-3.00 last season. Returns to growers this season were somewhat higher than during the 1950 season but were still very discouraging to growers. This season shippers paid growers, net per packed out crate with the buyer furnishing crate, cutting and hauling, from \$.50-1.50 in comparison with \$.25-.60 during the 1950 season.

Because of the light demand during harvest growers stored heavier than in 1950. Peak holdings this season of 117,502 crates occurred on November 2 as compared with 70,084 crates on October 26, 1950.

It is estimated that from 50-60 percent of the total production moved to market by truck. This season 511 cars moved from the State as compared with 465 by rail last season.

ACREAGE, YIELD PER ACRE AND PRODUCTION 1951 WITH COMPARISONS

CELERY: Commercial Crop 1/

SEASONAL GROUP AND STATE	ACREAGE 2/			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
	10-year av. 4/ 1940-49	1950	1951	10-year av. 4/ 1940-49	1950	1951	10-year av. 4/ 1940-49	1950	1951
	- Acres -			- Crates 5/ -			- 1,000 crates 5/ -		
<b>Winter:</b>									
Florida	6,260	6,000	6,200	510	630	660 6/	3,167 6/	3,780 6/	4,092
California	2,280	3,500	3,000	706	875	1,125	1,620	3,062	3,375
Arizona	7/ 580	250	320	7/ 770	540	1,060 7/	399	135	339
Group total	8,810	9,750	9,520	568	716	820	4,986	6,977	7,806
<b>Spring:</b>									
Florida	3,820	3,650	4,200	460	735	665 6/	1,757 6/	2,683 6/	2,793
California	1,720	2,300	2,300	1,055	1,550	1,625	1,880	3,565	3,738
Group total	5,540	5,950	6,500	645	1,050	1,005	3,637	6,248	6,531
<b>Summer:</b>									
New York	580	650	650	395	400	400	230 6/	260	260
New Jersey	1,090	800	800	275	390	350	399	312	280
Ohio	1,020	800	800	449	450	450 6/	462	360	360
Michigan	1,990	1,300	1,600	499	550	590 6/	998	715 6/	944
Oregon	420	230	200	538	370	500 6/	223	85	100
California	7/ 1,000	1,000	1,000	7/ 1,000	1,300	1,200 7/	1,030	1,300	1,200
Group total	5,310	4,780	5,050	454	634	623	2,418	3,032	3,144
<b>Early Fall:</b>									
New York	3,670	2,400	2,100	381	460	460 6/	1,391 6/	1,104	966
Pennsylvania	670	400	300	344	390	360	229	158	108
Ohio	760	450	450	387	425	400 6/	298	191	180
Indiana	50	--	--	423	--	--	22	--	--
Michigan	4,020	2,300	2,100	440	540	525	1,756	1,242	1,102
Colorado	1,300	1,000	1,150	347	325	340 6/	452 6/	325	391
Utah	550	500	440	510	670	670 6/	287	335	295
Washington	500	520	500	546	510	575 6/	275	265 6/	288
Group total	11,520	7,570	7,040	411	478	473	4,709	3,618	3,330
<b>Late Fall:</b>									
California	9,680	7,100	8,100	413	725	750	3,943	5,148	6,075
New Jersey	540	600	600	245	350	350	130	210	210
Group total	10,200	7,700	8,700	404	696	722	4,075	5,358	6,285
<b>ALL STATES</b>	<b>41,380</b>	<b>35,750</b>	<b>36,810</b>	<b>480</b>	<b>706</b>	<b>736</b>	<b>19,826</b>	<b>25,233</b>	<b>27,096</b>

1/ Total for fresh market and processing.

2/ Acreage for harvest, including any partially harvested or not harvested because of low prices or other economic factors.

4/ For group totals and for all States, averages of the annual totals, not the sum of the State or group averages.

5/ Equivalent one-half size crates (approximately 65 pounds)

6/ Includes some quantities not marketed and excluded in computing value: Winter, Florida 131,000 crates in 1950 and 152,000 crates in 1951; Spring, Florida 95,000 crates in 1950 and 43,000 crates in 1951; Summer, New York 20,000 crates in 1950; Michigan, 44,000 crates in 1951; Early Fall, New York 184,000 crates in 1950; Colorado 50,000 crates in 1950; Washington, 15,000 crates in 1951.

7/ Winter: Arizona 5-year average, 1945-49; Summer, California, 1948-49.

CARLOT SHIPMENTS CELERY BY STATES, CALENDAR YEARS 1947-1951

STATE	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
Arizona	614	616	507	218	375
California, N. D.	2100	1715	1971	2209	2,332
California, S. D.	4501	5097	4817	5779	5,973
California, C. D.	6179	6291	6894	5920	6,594
California, Imp. V.	-	-	-	1	-
Colorado	119	127	95	58	33
Florida	8713	9048	9335	10,134	10,996
Idaho	-	2	-	-	-
Illinois	-	-	-	-	-
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	600	477	174	59	72
Minnesota	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	-	-	-	-	-
NEW YORK	879	847	662	465	511
Ohio	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	236	148	55	22	11
Pennsylvania	-	-	-	-	-
Texas	-	-	-	-	-
Utah	987	476	549	532	377
Virginia, Norf. Section	11	8	-	1	-
Washington	76	60	22	24	17
California, District	-	-	-	-	-
Unknown (Boat)	8	-	-	-	-
TOTAL U. S.	24,723	24,912	25,081	25,424	27,291

CARLOT SHIPMENTS OF CELERY - JULY THRU DECEMBER AND TOTALS BY STATESCALENDAR YEAR 1951

STATE	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Arizona	-	-	-	-	-	-	375
Calif. N. D.	5	4	5	63	1,250	993	2,332
Calif. S. D.	317	24	-	-	18	418	5,973
Calif. C. D.	720	674	645	1,034	2,012	1,293	6,594
Colorado	1	14	11	7	-	-	33
Florida	-	-	-	-	25	467	10,996
Michigan	22	29	11	10	-	-	72
NEW YORK	-	110	138	230	33	-	511
Oregon	-	-	-	2	9	-	11
Utah	-	9	267	101	-	-	377
Washington	-	-	-	15	2	-	17
TOTAL U. S.	1,065	864	1,077	1,462	3,349	3,171	27,291

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F.O.B. PRICES AT WESTERN NEW YORK POINTS AND SHIPPERS PRICE TO GROWERS

Week Ending	Sales f.o.b. shipping point and delivered sales, shipping point basis, 16 inch wirebound crates, trimmed tops, individually washed.				Shippers price to growers: net per packed out 16 inch crate, buyer furnishing crate, cutting and hauling.	
	Golden Heart		Pascal		Golden Heart	Pascal
	2 1/2-4 doz.	All sizes	2-4 doz.	6 doz. & smaller		
1951						
Aug. 24	1.75-2.00	1.75-2.00	2.00-2.75			
31	2.10-2.50	2.00	2.00-2.75	2.00	.75-1.00	.75-1.00
Sept. 7	2.50-2.75	2.25	2.00-2.75	2.00	1.00-1.10	1.00-1.10
14	2.75-3.50		2.75-3.25		1.10-1.35	1.00-1.15
21	3.00-3.25	2.75-3.50	2.75-3.25	2.25-2.50	1.20-1.50	1.15-1.25
28		2.60-2.75	3.00-3.25	2.00	1.10-1.25	1.10-1.25
Oct. 5	2.10-2.50	2.50-2.75	2.50-2.75	1.75	.60-.75	.75-.75
12	2.00-2.50	2.15-2.50	2.25-2.75		.50-.75	.60-.75
19	2.40-2.50		2.40-2.75		.50-.75	.50-.75
26	2.20-2.50		2.20-2.50	2.00	.65	.65
Nov. 2	3.00	2.85-3.00	2.50			
9		4.00		3.50		
16						
23						
30						

WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS OF CELERY IN WESTERN NEW YORK

(Peak holdings each season underlined)

Week Ending	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945
Sept. 28	---	46,631	26,689	64,887	50,557	86,834	44,606
Oct. 5	64,942	59,868	59,054	91,160	81,137	129,270	80,008
12	94,355	61,988	92,538	109,108	106,136	200,356	138,012
19	108,075	66,802	28,613	109,095	117,878	233,801	168,342
26	114,655	<u>70,084</u>	<u>129,159</u>	100,526	<u>120,600</u>	263,779	159,682
Nov. 2	<u>117,502</u>	64,134	115,982	91,674	106,589	278,233	132,590
9	87,097	49,315	107,867	75,111	90,494	270,881	115,642
16	57,945	32,429	88,611	47,850	68,988	236,391	79,387
23	81,736	---	81,736	---	54,548	190,631	64,536
30	3,730	---	61,423	---	49,708	167,538	51,736
Dec. 7	---	---	52,739	---	---	---	---

Figures shown are for dates listed for 1951 and corresponding weeks in previous seasons.

SUMMARY OF CARLOT SHIPMENTS

Week Ending	NEW YORK	MICHIGAN	CALIFORNIA	TOTAL UNITED STATES
Aug. 4	5	9	185	200
11	30	7	172	214
18	19	5	164	193
25	24	6	146	182
Sept. 1	22	---	129	168
8	14	---	149	202
15	29	---	195	318
22	41	---	131	254
29	46	5	155	272
Oct. 6	64	---	198	300
13	48	---	231	324
20	74	---	271	383
27	29	---	255	294
Nov. 3	20	---	356	384
10	9	---	1123	1135
17	13	---	685	702
24	2	---	461	469

WHOLESALE PRICES NEW YORK CELERY IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

NEW YORK CITY

Week Ending 1951	- Western New York - 16" crates, trimmed tops, individually washed			
	Golden Heart		Pascal	
	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ -4 dozen	6-10 dozen	2-4 dozen	6-10 dozen
August				
24	2.00-3.50	1.00-2.50	1.75-3.50	1.00-2.00
31	2.50-4.50	1.50-4.00	2.25-3.50	1.00-2.25
September				
7	2.50-4.50	1.50-4.50	2.50-3.50	1.50-2.00
14	3.00-4.50	2.75-4.50	3.00-4.50	2.50
21	3.00-5.00	3.00-5.00	2.75-4.50	2.00-3.00
28	2.00-3.50	1.50-3.25	2.00-4.00	1.50-3.00
October				
5	1.50-3.50	1.50-3.00	2.00-3.00	1.25-2.00
12	2.00-3.50	1.25-2.25	2.50-3.50	
19	2.00-3.50	2.00-3.50	1.75-3.50	1.25-2.50
26	1.75-4.00	1.50-4.00	1.50-2.75	1.25-2.00
November				
2	3.00-4.50	2.00-5.00	1.50-2.75	1.75-2.00
9	4.00-6.50	3.50-6.00	3.25-4.00	4.00
16	4.00-5.00	4.00-5.00	2.50-3.00	
23	4.00-5.00	5.50		
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WHOLESALE PRICES NEW YORK CELERY IN IMPROTANT MARKETS

BALTIMORE

Week Ending 1951	16" wirebound crates, trimmed tops, individually washed			
	Golden Heart		Pascal	
	2-4 dozen	6-10 dozen	2-4 dozen	6-8 dozen
August				
24	1.50-2.75		2.00-2.75	
31	2.75-3.75	3.75	2.00-3.25	2.50
September				
7	2.50-4.00	3.00-3.50	2.50-3.50	
14	3.50-4.50		3.50-4.00	
21	3.00-4.25		3.00-4.00	
28	2.25-3.25		2.25-3.00	
October				
5	2.25-3.00		2.75-3.00	
12	2.00-3.00	2.25-3.00	2.50-3.00	2.00
19	2.00-2.75	2.50-3.00	2.00-3.00	
26	2.50		1.75-2.75	
November				
2	2.50-3.50		2.50-3.00	
9	4.00-4.25		3.75	
16				
23				
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PHILADELPHIA

Week Ending 1951	- Street and Terminal Sales - 16" wirebound crates, trimmed tops, individually washed			
	Golden Heart		Pascal	
	2-4 dozen	6-10 dozen	2-4 dozen	6-10 dozen
August				
24	2.00-3.00	1.75	1.50-3.25	
31	3.00-4.50	2.75-4.00	1.75-3.00	2.25-3.00
September				
7	3.00-4.00		2.50-4.50	3.25-3.50
14	3.50-4.50		2.25-4.00	3.50
21	3.00-4.00	4.00-4.50		
28	1.75-3.00	2.75-3.50	1.75-3.00	1.75-2.00
October				
5	2.25-3.00	2.50-3.25	2.00-3.00	
12	2.00-3.00	2.50-3.25	2.00-2.75	
19	2.50-3.25		2.25-2.50	2.50-2.75
26	2.50-3.25	2.25-3.25	2.00-2.50	
November				
2	2.50-4.25	3.25-4.50	2.25-2.75	
9	3.50-3.75	3.75-4.25	3.00	
16	4.25-5.00	5.00-5.50	2.75-3.00	
23	3.00	5.00-5.50		
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CARLOT UNLOADS OF CELERY DURING 1951 IN 100 U.S. AND 5 CANADIAN CITIES

INCLUDING BOAT CONVERTED TO CARLOT EQUIVALENTS

City	Origin States									
	Ariz.	Calif.	Colo.	Fla.	Idaho	Mich.	N. Y.	Oreg.	Utah	Wash.
Akron, Ohio		20		26						
Albany, N.Y.	11	121		62						
Altoona, Pa.	5	123		6						
Amarillo, Tex.		8								
Atlanta, Ga.		28		18			4		1	
Baltimore, Md.	5	341	1	380		1	105		10	
Beaumont, Tex.		2		1						
Birmingham, Ala.		47		7						
Boston, Mass.	8	485	2	602		6	15		4	
Bridgeport, Conn.	1	3		17						
Buffalo, N.Y.	6	225		241		15				
Butte, Mont.		1								
Charleston, S.C.		4		2						
Charleston, W.Va.		31		2						
Charlotte, N.C.		30		1			1			
Chattanooga, Tenn.		8		3						
Chicago, Ill.	45	1,279	4	921				5	56	2
Cincinnati, Ohio	1	282	2	351			1		4	
Cleveland, Ohio	28	396	4	451						
Columbia, S.C.		8		6						
Columbus, Ohio	1	250	7	105		4			4	
Dallas, Tex.		94	2	17					13	
Davenport, Iowa*	3	56		36					7	1
Dayton, Ohio		56		11					1	
Denver, Colo.	1	53		84						
Des Moines, Iowa	4	107		1					15	6
Detroit, Mich.	9	665		647			1		1	
Duluth, Minn.	1	84		14		1		1	1	
El Paso, Tex.		3		1						
Evansville, Ind.		16		6						
Flint, Mich.	3	56		43						
Fort Wayne, Ind.	4	126		9						
Fort Worth, Tex.		4		1					2	
Grand Rapids, Mich.	6	52		24						
Greensboro, N.C.		1								
Hartford, Conn.		8		36						
Houston, Tex.		246							4	2
Huntington, W. Va.		23		8						
Indianapolis, Ind.	3	151		77	11				5	
Jacksonville, Fla.		43							1	
Kansas City, Mo.	6	283	5	114		2			25	1
Knoxville, Tenn.		5								
Lexington, Ky.	1	1		7			1			
Lincoln, Nebr.		1		1						
Little Rock, Ark.		25	2	3						
Los Angeles, Calif.		20								
Louisville, Ky.	1	83		64						
Madison, Wis.		70		18					2	
Memphis, Tenn.		60		67			2		3	
Miami, Fla.		32					1		1	
Milwaukee, Wis.	16	187		80					1	1
St. Paul & Mpls., Minn.	18	734		65		2		5	39	6
Mobile, Ala.		8		2						
Montgomery, Ala.		2								
Nashville, Tenn.		41		25						
Newark, N.J.		68		97		1				
New Haven, Conn.		14		62						
New Orleans, La.		63		52						
New York, N.Y.	40	1,310	3	1,686		19	168		28	
Norfolk, Va.		44		36						
Oakland, Calif.		2								
Oklahoma City, Okla.		52	1	16					12	
Omaha, Nebr.	1	28		16					2	
Peoria, Ill.		18		2						
Philadelphia, Pa.	40	1,204	4	702		2	53	1	8	
Phoenix, Ariz.		1								

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## CELERY UNLOADS 1951 CONTINUED

City	Origin States									
	Ariz.	Calif.	Colo.	Fla.	Idaho	Mich.	N. Y.	Oreg.	Utah	Wash.
Pittsburgh, Pa.	30	689	1	367		2	6		8	
Portland, Me.		8		1						
Portland, Ore.		85								
Providence, R.I.	4	75		32						
Richmond, Va.		47		21			1			
Roanoke, Va.		15		1			1			
Rochester, N.Y.		29		75			1			
St. Louis, Mo.	2	377		316			4		43	
Jackson, Miss.		8	1							
Salt Lake City, Utah		34		53						
San Antonio, Tex.		101							5	
San Diego, Calif. X										
San Francisco, Calif		52								
Scranton, Pa.	4	178		62					1	
Seattle, Wash.	20	183								
Shreveport, La.		2								
Sioux City, Iowa	1	70		21					1	
Sioux Falls, S.D.		37		6					3	
South Bend, Ind.		13								
Spokane, Wash.	3	10								
Springfield, Mass.		38		80						
Springfield, Mo.		19		4					3	
Syracuse, N.Y.	2	112		83		1			1	
Tacoma, Wash.	4	12								
Tampa, Fla.		26							6	
Terre Haute, Ind.		10		7						
Toledo, Ohio	2	196		45						
Topeka, Kans.	2	31		9					1	
Tulsa, Okla.	1	53		4					4	
Washington, D.C.	1	136	1	126		3	68		11	
Wichita, Kans.		19		37					9	
Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	4	110		12						
Worcester, Mass. X										
Youngstown, Ohio		82		39						
<b>TOTAL IN 100 CITIES</b>	<b>348</b>	<b>12,749</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>8,733</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>433</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>346</b>	<b>19</b>
Montreal, Canada		153		403						
Ottawa, Canada		9		65						
Toronto, Canada		6		418						
Vancouver, Canada	1	152								
Winnipeg, Canada	1	79		32						

\* Includes Moline, Ill., and Rock Island, Ill.  
X Indicate no unloads reported.  
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