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CELERY SUMMARY - 1972 CROP

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NEW YORK STATE CELERY - 1972 CROP

New York planted approximately 1400 acres of celery for the 1972 crop, about 200 acres less than the previous 1971 season. Harvested acreage declined to 1300 acres chiefly account weather. About two-thirds of this acreage was planted in downstate Orange County. Statewide overall yields declined to 290 hundredweight per acre compared with 340 hundredweight during 1971 and 355 hundredweight in 1970. Total production declined to 377,000 hundredweight for 1972 as compared with 510,000 hundredweight in 1971 and 533,000 hundredweight in 1970.

WESTERN NEW YORK

Daily market reports on celery were issued from the Federal-State Market News Service office from August 14 through November 1, 1972. The information in this summary was obtained from these reports and other releases by the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the New York Crop Reporting Service, Albany, New York.

We wish to express our appreciation to all growers and shippers for their cooperation.

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Rain and wet fields delayed early planting. The last half of May provided the first prolonged period of sunshine and warm temperatures for excellent drying conditions. Growers took full advantage and field work progressed rapidly.

Tropical Storm Agnes dropped heavy rains on Wayne County crop but there was no flooding. Transplanting resumed after fields dried. Unseasonably cool weather during most of June and early July delayed growth.

Light harvest started during the first week of August. Volume cutting increased slowly and early season cutting schedules were delayed waiting for size. Slow plant development resulted from the long-term effects of 'Agnes' and, above average precipitation during most of the growing and harvest season.

Harvest attained fair volume levels during late August and September and quality was good. Marketing was active until the first freeze on October 10. After that, supplies decreased but quality was only slightly affected and this section continued to harvest fair volume until late in October.

Early and mid-season Pascal price ranges held to their best levels until the last week of September. After that, lower price ranges for all sizes was the rule. Prices for film-wrapped Hearts showed the least price decline. Weekly F.O.B. price ranges by size, starting with week ending August 18, are shown on page 5 of this summary. Important markets are shown on pages 5 and 6.

F.O.B. PRICES CELERY AT WESTERN NEW YORK POINTS- 1972 CROP

Week ending Friday	Sales f.o.b. shipping point and delivered sales, shipping point basis.					
	Pascal-16 inch wirebound crates, washed, precooled					Hearts
	2-2 1/2 doz	2-3 doz	4-6 doz	3 doz	3 doz	crates, film wrapped, 24s
<u>1972</u>						
Aug. 18	3.75-4.00		3.00-3.25	3.50-3.75		
25	4.00-4.50	4.00	3.25-3.75	3.75-4.25		5.00
Sept. 1		4.50-4.75	3.75-4.00			5.00-5.50
8		4.75	4.00			5.00
15		5.50-6.00	4.25-4.50			5.50-6.00
22		5.00-5.50	4.50			5.50
29		3.00-3.50	4.00			5.00-5.50
Oct. 6		3.00-3.25	4.00			4.50-5.00
13		3.50-4.00	3.00			4.50
20		3.50-4.00	3.00-3.25			4.50
27		3.25-3.50	3.00-3.25			4.50
Nov. 3		3.25-3.50	3.25			

WEEKLY JOBBING PRICES NEW YORK STATE CELERY IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

Week ending Friday	ATLANTA		NEW YORK CITY		
	Pascal crates & cartons		- Western Section - Pascal, crates		
	3 doz	4 doz	2 1/2 doz	2 doz	3 doz
<u>1972</u>					
Aug. 18					
25	5.00	4.25-4.50			
Sept. 1	5.00-6.00	4.25-4.50			
8	5.65-6.50	5.25-5.50			
15	6.00-6.50				
22	6.00		6.00		
29	5.00-6.00				
Oct. 6	4.25-4.75				
13	4.25-5.00	4.75-5.00			
20	4.75-5.00	4.75-5.00			
27	4.75-5.00		5.00	4.50	
Nov. 3			5.00		4.00-4.50

Week ending Friday	BALTIMORE				
	Pascal, crates				
	3 doz	4 doz	6 doz	2-3 doz	2 1/2-3 doz
<u>1972</u>					
Aug. 18	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.25	4.00-4.25		
25					
Sept. 1				5.00-5.25	
8					
15	6.00-6.50	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.50		
22	6.00	4.75-5.50	4.75-5.00		5.50-6.00
29		4.00		3.50-4.50	3.50-4.50
Oct. 6		3.50	3.50		4.00-4.50
13		3.50-4.00	3.50	4.00-4.50	4.00-4.50
20	4.00-4.50	4.00	4.00		4.00-5.00
27					

MARKETS CONTINUED

PHILADELPHIA

Week ending Friday	crates, Pascal					
	:2 1/2 doz	:3 doz	:4 doz	:2-2 1/2 doz	:6 doz	:2 doz
<u>1972</u>						
Aug. 18	4.00-4.50	3.50-4.00	3.00-4.00	4.50	4.00	
25	4.00-4.50			4.00	4.00	4.00
Sept. 1	4.00-4.50	4.00	3.50-4.00		3.50-4.00	
8	4.50	4.00-5.00	4.00	5.00-5.50	4.00	
15	6.00-7.00	5.50-6.50	5.50-6.00	5.50-6.50	6.00	7.00
22	6.50-7.50	5.00-6.50	5.00-6.00	5.00-5.50	5.00	6.00
29	3.75-4.00	2.75-4.00	3.00-4.00	3.50-4.50	3.50	
Oct. 6	3.00-3.75	3.00-3.50	3.00-3.50	3.00-3.50	3.00-3.50	
13		3.00-3.50	3.00	3.50-4.00	3.00	
20	3.25-4.00	3.00-3.50	3.25-3.50		3.25-3.50	
27	3.75-4.25	3.00-3.75	3.00-3.75			3.50
Nov. 3	3.50-4.00	3.50				3.50-4.00

BOSTON

Week ending Friday	Pascal, wirebound crates				
	:3 doz	:4 doz	:6 doz	:2 doz	:2 1/2 doz
<u>1972</u>					
Aug. 18	4.00	2.50-2.75	2.25		
25					
Sept. 1					
8					
15					
22	3.00-3.50	3.00-3.75	3.00-3.75		
29	3.00-3.75	3.00-3.50	3.00-3.25	5.00	5.00
Oct. 6	2.00-3.00	2.00-3.00	2.00-3.00	3.00-4.00	3.00-4.00
13		2.50	2.50		
20					
27					
Nov. 3					

WASHINGTON

Week ending Friday	crates, Pascal		
	:2-3 doz	:2 1/2 doz	:2-2 1/2 doz

1972

Aug. 18	3.50-4.50		4.50
25		3.00-4.50	
Sept. 1			4.00-4.50
8			
15	5.00-6.50		
22	5.50-7.00		
29	5.00-6.50		
Oct. 6	3.50-5.50		
13	3.00-4.00	2 1/2-3 doz	4 doz
20		4.00-4.75	4.00
27		4.00-4.50	
Nov. 3		4.00	3.00

PITTSBURGH

Pascal wirebound crates		Hearts, cartons, film wrapped
:2-2 1/2 doz	:2 doz	:24s

Aug. 18			
25			
Sept. 1			
8			
15			
22			
29	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	
Oct. 6	4.00-4.25	2-4 doz	
13	4.00	4.00-4.25	
20	5.50	4.25	5.50
27		4.50-5.50	5.00
Nov. 3		4.50-5.00	5.00

CELERY FOR FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING: ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION

1970-1972

Season and State	Harvested Acreage			Yield per Acre			Production		
	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971	1972	1970	1971	1972
	<u>Acres</u>			<u>Hundredweight</u>			<u>1,000 cwt.</u>		
Winter:									
Florida	6,700	7,100	7,700	410	430	400	2,747	*3,053	3,080
California	4,200	4,700	4,300	650	595	545	2,730	2,797	2,344
Total or average	10,900	11,800	12,000	502	496	452	5,477	5,850	5,424
Spring:									
Florida	4,600	4,500	3,900	275	360	390	1,265	1,620	1,521
California	3,600	4,100	3,800	595	495	545	2,142	*2,030	2,071
Total or average	8,200	8,600	7,700	415	424	466	3,407	3,650	3,592
Early Summer:									
California	2,800	2,900	2,900	510	595	605	1/ 1,428	1,726	1,755
Summer:									
New York	1,500	1,500	1,300	355	340	290	533	510	377
Ohio	300	290	290	430	450	370	129	131	107
Michigan	2,300	2,400	2,300	380	370	345	874	888	794
Washington	250	250	230	375	365	370	94	91	85
Total or average	4,350	4,440	4,120	375	365	331	1,630	1,620	1,363
Late Fall:									
California	6,000	5,700	5,900	565	565	570	3,390	3,221	3,363
UNITED STATES	32,250	33,440	32,620	475	480	475	15,332	16,067	15,497

1/ Some quantities lost because of economic conditions. Quantitative estimates not shown to avoid disclosures.

\* Does not include the following quantities not harvested or not marketed because of economic conditions (000 cwt.): 1971, Winter, Florida 90; Spring, California 70.