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All shipments and arrivals are reported in this summary as trucklot equivalents, where one trucklot is equal to 40,000 lbs.

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C E L E R Y
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ACREAGE: In the 1985 season, 750 acres of celery were planted in New York, a decrease from the 810 acres planted in 1984. Harvested acreage was 730 acres, down from 750 acres in 1984. The total acreages planted in New York, California, Michigan, and Florida from March through July decreased from 15,745 acres in 1984 to 12,300 acres in 1985.

PRODUCTION: In New York, production decreased 400 CWT from 300,000 CWT in 1984 to 296,000 CWT in 1985. The yield per acre for 1985 in New York increased from 400 CWT in 1984 to 405 CWT.

GROWING CONDITIONS: Good weather through April helped with fieldwork. By mid-May planting was generally on or ahead of schedule with rainfall during the last two weeks relieving stressed plantings. Some rain fell during June and planting continued. Dry weather set in towards the end of July and continued throughout most of August. Some rain fell in late August and early September.

HARVEST: Harvest was early with light cuttings being made in early June, about a week ahead of normal. Harvest continued through August and was active in September. In October, harvest began to wind down and was generally over by mid-October. Mechanical harvesting was the principal method used to harvest the crop.

MARKETING: The first of the season shipping point F.O.B. prices were reported on July 12, 1986 with 2-3 dozens at \$10.00. By the end of July the price dropped to \$6.50-\$7.50 for 2- 2 1/2 dozens and \$7.00-\$8.00 for 3-4 dozens. Through August prices ranged from \$6.00-\$7.00 for 2- 2 1/2 dozens and \$6.50-\$8.00 for 3-4 dozens. In September prices rose slightly 2- 2 1/2 dozens at \$6.50-\$7.50 and 3-4 dozens ranging from \$6.50 to \$8.50. As the season began wind down in October prices fell to \$6.50-\$7.00 for 2-4 dozens.

PACKING AND SHIPMENTS: Orange County celery was packed in wirebound crates or cartons and shipments were made by truck. Truck shipments were converted on the basis of 700 crates per trucklot equivalent. Total 1985 shipments for Orange County numbered 720 trucklot equivalents compared to 739 in 1984. Peak shipments occurred from the week ending August 17th through September 14th. Celery was generally precooled.

WHOLESALE MARKETS: New York grown celery was unloaded and sold mostly in Northeastern Markets: New York, Boston, and Baltimore were the the major receiving points.

**U.S. WEEKLY CELERY SHIPMENTS IN STATES WHERE REPORTED BY
MARKET NEWS SERVICE FOR 1985 IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS**

(MOVEMENT SHOWN FOR NEW YORK ACTIVE SHIPPING PERIOD)

WEEK ENDING	NEW YORK	CALIFORNIA	MICHIGAN	TOTAL
JULY 6	-	573	40	613
13	4	608	121	733
20	26	489	127	642
27	41	388	128	557
AUG. 3	52	404	159	615
10	53	329	145	532
17	66	328	130	524
24	67	322	133	522
31	74	370	124	568
SEPT. 7	67	414	147	628
14	61	470	137	668
21	54	451	147	652
28	49	470	126	645
OCT. 5	42	484	116	642
12	52	550	69	671
19	7	574	31	612
26	-	673	4	677
NOV. 2	-	782	-	782
TOTAL	720	8679	1884	11283

SOURCE: Weekly Summary Shipments & Unloads - Transportation Section -
Market News Branch AMS-USDA

ORANGE COUNTY, NEW YORK - F.O.B. CELERY PRICES - 1985 SEASON

Pascal Type, Wirebound Crates, Precooled

WEEK ENDING	2 and 2-1/2 dozen	3 and 4 dozen
JULY 20	8.00-10.00	-
27	7.00- 8.00	8.00- 9.00
AUG. 3	6.00- 7.00	7.00- 8.00
10	6.00- 8.00	6.50- 8.00
17	6.00- 7.00	6.00- 8.00
24	6.00	6.00- 7.00
31	6.50	6.50- 7.50
SEPT. 7	6.50- 7.50	7.00- 8.50
14	7.00- 7.50	7.00- 8.50
21	6.50- 7.50	6.50- 8.50
28	6.00	-
OCT. 5	6.00	6.00
12	6.50- 7.00	6.50- 7.00

SOURCE: Daily reports of the Federal-State Market News Service.

**1985 MONDAY PRICE RANGE OF NEW YORK CELERY SALES AT IMPORTANT
WHOLESALE MARKETS - MOSTLY WIREBOUND CRATES**

		2 & 2 1/2 DOZENS		
DATE*		NEW YORK CITY	BOSTON	PHILADELPHIA
JULY	15	-	10.00-11.00	13.00-15.00
	22	-	8.00-8.50	8.00-9.00
	29	-	6.50-7.50	6.50-7.00
AUG.	5	-	6.50	6.00-6.50
	12	9.00-10.00	6.50-7.00	-
	19	-	6.00-6.50	8.00
	26	7.50-8.50	-	8.00
SEP.	3	9.00	6.00-6.50	-
	11	-	-	-
	16	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.50	-
	23	6.00-7.00	-	-

SOURCE: Daily reports of the Federal-State Market News Service.

*DATES: Dates other than Monday due to official holiday.

NEW YORK CELERY FOR FRESH MARKET FROM 1975-1985

YEAR	ACREAGE		YIELD	PRODUCTION	PRICE	VALUE
	PLANTED	HARVESTED	PER ACRE		PER CWT	
	Acres	Acres	Cwt.	1,000 Cwt.	\$	\$1,000
1975	830	810	322	261	8.38	2,186
1976	940	890	344	306	8.32	2,547
1977	600	550	420	531	8.52	1,967
1978	700	700	420	294	15.54	4,569
1979	650	600	468	281	9.03	2,537
1980	770	710	425	302	9.32	2,814
1981	680	680	465	316	13.20	4,171
1982	740	730	480	350	10.40	3,640
1983	770	730	410	299	13.80	4,126
1984	810	750	400	300	10.30	3,090
1985	750	730	405	296	11.50	3,404

SOURCE: NY Crop Reporting Board - USDA, New York Agricultural Statistics

**U. S. MONTHLY CELERY ARRIVALS - 22 CITIES - RAIL, BOAT & TRUCK
COMBINED IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS BY STATE OF ORIGIN DURING
NEW YORK 1985 ACTIVE SEASON**

DATE	NY	CA	MI	OH	OTHER	TOTAL
JULY	43	1328	143	30	6	1550
AUGUST	88	628	168	28	65	977
SEPTEMBER	95	870	188	30	98	1281
OCTOBER	50	963	83	13	48	1157
NOVEMBER	-	1575	-	-	70	1645
TOTAL	276	5364	582	101	287	6610

SOURCE: Summary Shipments & Unloads - Transportation Section
Market News Branch AMS - USDA

**CELERY ARRIVALS AT IMPORTANT EASTERN MARKETS IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS
JULY 1 TO OCTOBER 31, 1985**

CITY	NY	CA	MI	NJ	OH	CD	OTHER	TOTAL
BALTIMORE	40	129	35	-	13	9	1	227
BOSTON	170	351	60	-	7	25	4	617
BUFFALO	4	81	14	-	2	42	-	143
NEW YORK CITY	31	593	55	1	1	25	-	706
PHILADELPHIA	30	163	74	6	15	9	7	304
PITTSBURGH	1	52	93	1	3	1	4	155
TOTAL	276	1369	331	8	41	111	16	2152

SOURCE: Transportation Section - Market News Branch - AMS-USDA

CELERY FOR FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING: ACREAGE AND YIELD PER ACRE

SEASON AND STATE	AREA PLANTED			AREA HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
	A C R E S						C W T		
CALIF	12,300	11,000	12,100	11,400	10,700	11,400	598	643	610
SO. CST									
CALIF	9,100	10,000	10,000	9,000	9,900	9,900	640	610	635
CEN CST									
FLORIDA	10,000	9,700	9,200	9,700	9,400	8,400	405	405	400
MICHIGAN	3,600	4,000	3,400	3,500	3,900	3,200	370	400	410
NEW YORK	770	810	750	730	750	730	410	400	405
OHIO	460	430	470	450	400	450	440	470	460
TOTAL	36,230	35,940	35,920	34,780	35,050	35,040	526	535	540

**CELERY FOR FRESH MARKET & PROCESSING: PRODUCTION & VALUE
1983-1984-1985**

SEASON AND STATE	PRODUCTION			V A L U E					
	1983	1984	1985	PER CWT			TOTAL		
	1,000 CWT			DOLLARS			1,000 DOLLARS		
CALIF	6,817	6,882	6,954	12.50	14.20	9.22	85,114	97,484	64,140
SO. CST									
CALIF	5,763	6,030	6,287	13.40	8.73	10.40	77,262	52,618	65,613
CEN CST									
FLORIDA	3,915	3,797	3,360	16.50	15.30	10.70	64,600	58,129	35,952
MICHIGAN	1,295	1,560	1,312	12.70	9.87	10.60	16,504	15,403	13,907
NEW YORK	299	300	296	13.80	10.30	11.50	4,126	3,090	3,404
OHIO	198	188	207	13.30	9.22	10.70	2,633	1,733	2,215
TOTAL	18,287	18,757	18,416	13.70	12.20	10.10	250,239	228,457	185,231

SOURCE: Crop Reporting Board, SRS-USDA
Vegetable Fresh Market 1985 Annual Summary

S W E E T C O R N
1985 CROP

ACREAGE: In New York 30,000 acres of sweet corn for fresh market were planted in 1985, up from 28,200 acres in 1982. Harvested acres were 28,400 in 1985, up from 26,800 in 1984. The total U.S. sweet corn plantings in 1985 were 207,600 acres, an increase from 206,200 in 1984.

PRODUCTION: The New York State sweet corn production for 1985 was 1,903,000 CWT, a decrease from 2,037,000 CWT in 1984. The yield per acre in New York was 67 CWT in 1985 down from 76 in both 1983 and 1984. The U.S. production for 1985 was 15,746,000 CWT, an increase over 15,589,000 CWT in 1984.

GROWING CONDITIONS: Excellent weather for fieldwork enabled growers to get a good start on plantings. Although rainfall was light in early May, by the week of the 19th planting was almost done. Early plantings had as much as six inches of growth. Rainfall later in May helped the crops' growth and by the 15th of June early sweet corn was beginning to tassel. By the 22nd some plantings had reached the silk stage. The week of the 13th of July some early sweet corn was ready for harvest.

HARVESTING: By the first week in July growers were harvesting early sweet corn, about ten days to two weeks ahead of schedule. During the week of the 27th later plantings were being harvested with good ear development. August was hot and dry, sweet corn ranged from fair to excellent quality, with generally excellent flavor. Harvest continued through September, slowing down through the end of the month. Harvest was mostly complete by mid-October. Harvesting was done by mechanical harvesters and manual labor. Most corn for commercial shipments was iced and some hydrocooled.

MARKETING: The first F.O.B. shipping point prices of sweet corn were reported on July 16, 1985 with 4- 4 1/2 dozen Yellow at \$4.50-\$5.00. By mid-August corn prices had dropped to \$4.00 and finally to as low as \$3.50 before rising to \$5.00-\$5.50 at the close of the season. Most offerings of sweet corn were Yellow. Light supplies of White and Bi-color were also available. Overall quality was generally good throughout the season.

PACKAGING AND SHIPMENTS: Hudson Valley corn was packed mostly in wirebound crates, though paper and mesh sacks were also used, primarily for delivery to roadside stands. All shipments were made by truck and were converted to trucklot equivalents on the basis of 950 containers per trucklot. Total shipments reported during the season were 754 trucklots compared to 815 in 1984.

WHOLESALE MARKETS: The primary markets for New York corn are in the Northeast, New York City as the principal receiving area. Other important markets were: Baltimore, Buffalo, Boston, Atlanta, Columbia, and Philadelphia.

**U.S. WEEKLY CORN SHIPMENTS IN STATES WHERE REPORTED BY
MARKET NEWS SERVICE FOR 1985 IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS
(MOVEMENT SHOWN FOR NEW YORK SHIPPING PERIOD)**

WEEK ENDING	NY	CA	FL	NC	NJ	WA	TOTAL
JULY 6	-	102	119	91	50	-	362
13	5	99	36	64	121	36	361
20	32	76	4	10	91	96	309
27	64	75	-	-	71	132	342
AUG. 3	86	82	-	-	45	91	304
10	103	52	-	-	29	40	224
17	94	37	-	-	25	18	174
24	78	28	-	-	1	7	114
31	92	17	-	-	-	7	116
SEPT. 7	67	15	-	-	-	7	89
14	55	7	-	-	-	3	65
21	40	9	-	-	-	1	50
28	33	10	-	-	-	3	46
OCT. 5	5	13	4	-	-	-	22
12	-	13	53	-	-	-	66
TOTAL	754	635	216	165	433	441	2644

SOURCE: Weekly Summary Shipments & Unloads - Transportation Section -
Market News Branch AMS-USDA

NEW YORK SWEET CORN FOR FRESH MARKET FROM 1975-1985

YEAR	ACREAGE PLANTED	ACREAGE HARVESTED	YIELD PER ACRE	PRODUCTION 1,000 Cwt.	PRICE PER CWT	VALUE \$1,000
1975	23,200	22,200	65	1,443	7.47	10,779
1976	23,100	21,100	65	1,372	7.54	10,345
1977	23,500	20,500	74	1,517	6.12	9,284
1978	22,300	21,000	63	1,323	6.69	8,851
1979	22,700	21,700	65	1,411	8.43	11,895
1980	24,600	23,500	75	1,763	9.51	16,766
1981	25,400	24,500	71	1,740	10.80	18,792
1982	25,000	24,000	78	1,872	10.30	19,282
1983	26,700	25,300	76	1,923	10.30	19,807
1984	28,200	25,300	76	2,037	11.80	24,037
1985	30,000	28,400	67	1,903	10.30	19,601

SOURCE: NY Crop Reporting Board - USDA, New York Agricultural Statistics

HUDSON VALLEY NEW YORK F.O.B. CORN PRICES 1985 SEASON
WIREBOUND CRATES MOSTLY 4 - 4-1/2 DOZEN

DATE	YELLOW	WHITE	DATE	YELLOW	WHITE
JULY 20	5.00	-	SEPT. 7	3.50-4.00	-
27	4.50-5.00	5.00-5.75	14	4.00-4.50	-
AUG. 3	4.00-4.50	5.00-5.50	21	4.00	-
10	4.00	5.00-6.00	28	4.50-5.50	-
17	4.00	-	OCT. 5	5.00-5.50	-
24	3.50-4.00	5.50-6.00			
31	3.50-4.00	-			

SOURCE: Daily reports of the Federal-State Market News Service

1985 MONDAY PRICE FOR SALES OF NEW YORK SWEET CORN
AT MAJOR TERMINAL MARKETS

Wirebound Crates unless otherwise stated

Y E L L O W

DATE*	NEW YORK CITY	BOSTON	PHIL	BALT	BUFFALO	ATLANTA
JULY 15	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	-	-	-	6.50	-	-
29	5.00	-	-	5.00	4.00-5.00	-
AUG. 5	4.00-5.00	2.00-3.00	-	5.00-5.50	-	6.00
12	5.00-6.00	4.00	-	-	4.00-4.50	-
19	4.50-5.00	4.00	-	-	4.00-4.50	-
26	4.00-4.50	-	4.00	-	4.00	5.75-6.00
SEPT. 3	4.00-5.00	-	4.50	-	-	-
9	5.00	-	-	-	-	-
16	5.00-6.00	-	5.00	4.00	-	5.50-6.00
23	4.00	-	5.00-5.50	-	-	-

SOURCE: Daily reports of the Federal-State Market News Service

DATES: Other than Monday due to official holiday.

**U. S. MONTHLY SWEET CORN ARRIVALS - 22 CITIES - RAIL, BOAT & TRUCK
COMBINED IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS DURING
HUDSON VALLEY, NEW YORK - 1985 ACTIVE SEASON**

DATE	NY	CT	DE	FL	GA	MA	MI	NC	NJ	OH	PA	OTHER	TOTAL
JULY	27	3	11	127	84	30	26	95	188	62	8	703	1364
AUG.	128	32	13	-	15	60	28	7	75	55	33	497	942
SEPT.	139	13	5	-	13	12	16	2	18	24	11	343	596
OCT.	42	2	-	115	30	2	1	1	2	3	-	130	328
TOTAL	336	50	29	242	142	104	71	104	283	144	52	1673	5230

SOURCE: Summary Shipments & Unloads - Transportation Section
Market News Branch AMS - USDA

**SWEET CORN ARRIVALS AT IMPORTANT EASTERN MARKETS* IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS
JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER 1985**

CITY	NY	CT	DE	FL	GA	MA	NC	NJ	OH	PA	OTHER	TOTAL
ATLANTA	36	-	1	31	56	-	13	6	16	-	19	178
BALTIMORE	68	7	7	26	3	-	31	12	1	2	32	182
BOSTON	32	36	1	22	17	103	38	73	-	-	27	349
BUFFALO	28	-	-	13	2	-	5	2	1	-	2	53
CINCINNATI	12	-	-	19	19	-	5	2	57	-	26	140
COLUMBIA	15	-	-	11	-	-	4	6	1	-	19	56
NEW YORK	100	13	1	50	3	-	13	93	1	2	15	291
PHILADELPHIA	23	1	3	15	12	-	14	79	1	40	10	198
ST LOUIS	4	-	-	11	7	-	-	-	10	-	89	121
TOTAL	318	50	13	198	119	103	123	273	88	44	239	1568

* Other Markets with New York Corn unloads include: Chicago 9, Pittsburgh 2, Detroit 1, and New Orleans 1.

SOURCE: Transportation Section - Market News Branch - AMS-USDA

**SWEET CORN FOR FRESH MARKET: ACREAGE AND YIELD PER ACRE
1983-1984-1985**

STATE	AREA PLANTED			AREA HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
				A C R E S			HUNDRED WEIGHT		
ALA	5,000	5,500	5,700	4,200	5,000	4,800	32	50	50
CALIF	14,600	14,200	13,500	14,600	14,200	13,500	108	107	110
COLO	3,100	3,500	3,600	3,000	3,400	3,400	115	120	155
CONN	5,100	5,300	5,500	4,600	4,500	4,900	72	58	64
FLA	59,800	60,400	60,700	56,700	55,400	51,300	86	83	90
ILL	4,000	3,900	4,100	3,700	3,800	3,900	85	87	80
MASS	9,700	9,600	9,300	8,700	8,100	7,900	92	88	94
MICH	13,300	13,300	13,300	12,800	12,300	12,000	70	65	65
N.J.	12,500	13,000	13,300	12,000	12,500	12,800	70	80	85
N. Y.	26,700	28,200	30,000	25,300	26,800	28,400	76	76	67
N. C.	5,000	5,000	5,200	4,700	4,800	5,000	60	60	65
OHIO	16,000	16,000	16,000	15,000	15,000	15,200	70	75	78
OREG	1,800	2,000	2,200	1,700	1,900	2,100	100	130	105
PENN	16,800	16,600	15,900	15,300	15,900	14,800	44	73	71
TEX	3,200	3,400	3,500	3,000	3,200	3,300	75	60	60
VIRG	3,300	3,500	2,500	2,900	3,400	2,400	65	100	150
WASH	2,700	2,800	3,300	2,600	2,800	3,300	85	105	120
TOTAL	202,600	206,200	207,600	190,800	193,000	189,000	78	81	83

**SWEET CORN FOR FRESH MARKET: PRODUCTION AND VALUE
1983-1984-1985**

STATE	PRODUCTION			V A L U E			TOTAL		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
				PER CWT.			1,000 DOLLARS		
ALA	134	250	240	19.30	28.00	14.00	2,586	7,000	3,360
CALIF	1,576	1,521	1,485	12.40	14.60	14.30	19,479	22,201	21,236
COLO	345	408	527	8.70	8.35	6.70	3,002	3,407	3,531
CONN	331	261	314	13.40	14.40	14.30	4,435	3,758	4,490
FLA	4,898	4,621	4,617	12.80	13.40	14.50	62,854	61,918	66,947
ILL	315	331	312	11.10	9.42	10.30	3,497	3,118	3,214
MASS	800	713	743	13.30	14.50	12.80	10,640	10,339	9,510
MICH	896	800	780	11.10	10.80	12.40	9,946	8,640	9,672
N. J.	840	1,000	1,088	13.40	11.30	10.30	11,256	11,300	11,206
N. Y.	1,923	2,037	1,903	10.30	11.80	10.30	19,807	24,037	19,601
N. C.	282	288	325	10.20	11.10	11.20	2,876	3,197	3,640
OHIO	1,050	1,125	1,186	13.30	13.40	12.50	13,965	15,075	14,825
OREG	170	247	221	13.50	16.30	17.00	2,295	4,026	3,757
PENN	673	1,161	1,051	14.30	12.40	12.40	9,624	14,396	13,032
TEX	225	192	198	17.50	15.90	14.30	3,938	3,053	2,831
VIRG	189	340	360	11.10	13.60	12.00	2,098	4,624	4,320
WASH	221	294	396	13.50	15.40	13.20	2,984	4,528	5,227
TOTAL	14,868	15,589	15,746	12.50	13.10	12.70	185,282	204,617	200,399

SOURCE: Crop Reporting Board SRS-USDA Veg. Fresh Market 1985 Annual Summary

WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK - CUCUMBERS

WEATHER AND CROP: April 1985 was excellent for fieldwork and planting, with the National Weather Service reporting temperatures averaging 3.6 degrees above normal and precipitation, at 1.30 inches, less than half the normal total. May continued the trend, with average temperatures 1.7 degrees above normal and rain fall somewhat lower than normal. As a result, cucumber plantings, suffering from a lack of moisture, got off to a slow start. During June temperatures averaged 5 degrees below normal, and the cooler trend carried into July. July and August were extremely dry, with only spotty showers, resulting in a five week rainfall shortage of 2 1/2 - 3 inches. Cucumber plantings continued to suffer, with small vines and blossom drop common. Rainfall became more normal beginning the last week in August and into September. Warm weather continued well into October, with light cucumber harvest continuing to approximately October 15th, although a succession of 4-5 nights with temperatures in the low 40's the last week of September finished off many fields.

MARKETING: The first cucumber market report of F.O.B. shipping point prices was issued on July 30, with the initial prices at 8.00-9.00 per 1-1/9 bushel cartons of waxed mediums. Prices declined slightly to 7.50-8.00 as supplies increased during the first week of August, however, lighter supplies in competing areas resulted in steadily higher prices until mid-August when mediums were quoted at 12.00- per carton. As supplies increased in competing areas, prices again steadily declined to the 6.50-7.00 level by early September. During the final two weeks of September, with quality variable and volume lower, mediums rose to 12.00-14.00 per carton.

MOVEMENT: The 1985 cucumber crop totaled 587 trucklots (40,000 lbs), compared to 553 trucklots in 1984, and 515 trucklots in the 1983.

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WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK F.O.B. PR CES
CUCUMBERS - 1985 SEASON

	:	W A X E D	:	
WEEK	:	-----		
ENDING	:	1-1/9 BUSHEL CARTON	:	CARTONS
FRIDAY	:	-----		
	:	MEDIUM	:	SMALL
	:		:	24S

1985

AUG.	5	7.50-9.00	6.00-7.00	2.00-2.25
	9	8.00-10.00	5.50-8.00	2.25-3.50
	16	9.00-13.00	7.00-9.00	3.00-4.50
	23	8.00-9.00	5.50-6.00	2.25-2.75
	30	7.50-8.00	5.00-6.00	2.00-2.75
SEP.	6	7.00-8.00	-	2.00-2.50
	13	6.50-8.00	-	2.00-3.00
	20	9.00-12.00	-	3.00-3.25
	27	12.00-14.00	-	3.50-4.00

SOURCE: Daily reports of the Federal-State Market News Service

1985 WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK CUCUMBERS TRUCK SHIPMENTS
IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS (40,000 LB. UNITS)

	WEEK ENDING		WEEKLY TOTAL
	-----		-----
AUG.	3		34
	10		36
	17		70
	24		71
	31		75
SEP.	7		66
	14		85
	21		75
	28		48
OCT.	5		29

1985 TOTAL TRUCKLOTS - 589

L E T T U C E
1985 CROP

ACREAGE: According to the Statistical Reporting Service, total lettuce areage planted in New York in 1985 was 4100 acres, compared to 4200 acres in 1984. In 1985, harvested acreage in New York was 3700, compared to 3800 in 1984. For the 1985 U.S. total 234,050 acres were planted, compared to 234,180 in 1984. Harvested acreage in the U.S. for 1985 was 225,940, an increase from the 221,800 acres in 1984.

PRODUCTION: New York's total 1985 production was 759,000 CWT, below the 779,000 CWT in 1984. The average yield per acre in New York for 1985 and 1984 was 205 CWT, up from 195 CWT in 1983. The total U.S. production in 1985 was 63,163,000 CWT, compared to 64,309,000 CWT in 1984. The total U.S. average yield per acre in volume was 280 CWT, a decrease from 290 CWT in 1984.

PACKAGING: Iceberg lettuce was packed in cartons containing 24 heads and was vacuum cooled.

TRANSPORTATION: Shipments were made by truck. Truck shipments were converted to trucklot equivalents by using the factors of 800 cartons per trucklot.

WHOLESALE MARKETS: New York lettuce was primarily shipped to Northeastern Markets. The primary markets for New York lettuce were New York City, Philadelphia, Boston, Buffalo, and Baltimore-Washington.

EASTERN NEW YORK - ORANGE COUNTY

GROWING CONDITIONS: Early Spring weather was generally excellent for field work. Although there was a frost on May 9th most planting was ahead of schedule. During the first two weeks of May rainfall was below average stressing young lettuce plants.

HARVEST: Over the last two weeks in May some rain fell helping to make a few early plantings ready for harvest by the end of the month. By mid-June more lettuce was being harvested and peaking the third week in July. Many growers harvested little throughout most of August due to limited plantings and generally hot dry weather. Some lettuce was harvested in late August and early September with most growers finishing for the season by the middle of the month.

SHIPMENTS: Light shipments began in early June and began increasing involume into July. Heaviest shipments were recorded during the week ending Julth 13th. Total shipments reported during the season for Orange County were 286 trucklot equivalents, an increase from the 227 trucklots of 1984.

MARKETING: The first F.O.B. price for Iceberg Lettuce reported in Orange County was reported on July 15th with carton 24s at \$6.00. The price increased slightly the following to \$6.00-\$7.00. Throughout August supplies were insufficient to quote. Some lettuce was shipped in early September bringing \$7.00. Light shipments continued until early October, although most fields were finished by mid-September.

WESTERN AND CENTRAL NEW YORK - LETTUCE

WEATHER AND CROP: According to the New York Crop Reporting Service, acreage planted to lettuce in Oswego County during 1985 totaled 1,694 acres, approximately 2% more than 1984. Acreage in the Prattsburg area declined approximately 30% to 177 acres.

GROWING CONDITIONS: April temperatures averaging 3.6 degrees warmer than normal and rainfall measuring less than half the normal total resulted in ideal planting conditions. Although May was also generally warmer and drier than normal, lettuce plantings suffered from cold nights the week of May 13th. Following this, light soil moisture combined with the cool nights to result in a slow maturing lettuce crop. Temperatures during June averaged 5 degrees below normal, slowing lettuce growth further. July and August were generally very dry, with late August rain and high humidity adversely affecting lettuce quality. Harvest generally ended by the second week of September, with light supplies available until approximately October 1st.

MARKETING: Western and Central New York lettuce was primarily marketed in the Northeast cities of Philadelphia, New York City, Boston, Baltimore, and Buffalo, with light shipments into Canada and the deep South.

The first Iceberg lettuce F.O.B. report was issued on Monday, July 1, with initial prices at mostly \$5.00 per carton of 24s, including vacuum cooling. Prices generally ranged between \$5.00 and \$6.00 during July increasing to a \$6.00 to \$7.00 range during the first two weeks of August. During the last two weeks of August, prices declined to \$4.50-\$5.00. Prices increased only slightly for light supplies thereafter, with variable quality a factor. Heavy rains and wet fields following Labor Day generally finished most shippers' seasons.

MOVEMENT: The 1985 lettuce crop totaled 1367 trucklots (800 cartons) compared to 1091 trucklots in 1984, and 1232 trucklots in 1983.

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**WEEKLY NEW YORK ICEBERG TYPE LETTUCE TRUCK SHIPMENTS-1985 SEASON
SHOWN IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS**

WEEK ENDING	ORANGE COUNTY	WESTERN NEW YORK	TOTAL NEW YORK
JUNE 29	29	-	29
JULY 6	28	104	132
13	45	136	181
20	29	163	192
27	16	170	186
AUG. 3	92	150	159
10	12	152	164
17	15	154	169
24	15	140	145
31	14	109	123
SEPT. 7	27	88	115
14	22	4	26
21	<u>25</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>25</u>
TOTAL 1985	286	1370	1656
TOTAL 1984	227	1100	1327
TOTAL 1983	387	1233	1620
TOTAL 1982	322	1544	1866
TOTAL 1981	387	1328	1715

WEEKLY NEW YORK OTHER LETTUCE TRUCK SHIPMENTS - 1985 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS	
JULY 20	11	
27	13	
AUG. 3	17	TOTAL SHIPMENTS - 103
10	20	
17	14	
24	14	
31	9	
SEPT. 7	5	

**MONDAY MOSTLY PRICE FOR NEW YORK STATE ICEBERG LETTUCE
AT MAJOR TERMINAL MARKETS IN 1985 - CARTONS 24S**

DATE*	NEW YORK CITY	BOSTON	PHIL	BALT	BUFFALO	PITTS
JULY 15	6.00-7.00	6.00-7.00	-	6.50	6.00-7.00	7.50
22	7.00-8.00	7.00	5.00-7.00	-	7.00-8.00	7.00-8.00
29	-	-	5.00-6.00	-	7.50-8.50	8.50-9.00
AUG. 5	-	9.00-10.00	-	7.00-7.50	8.50-9.00	8.00-9.00
12	9.00-10.00	-	7.50-8.50	-	-	9.00
19	7.00-8.00	7.00	6.00	-	7.50-8.00	8.00
26	7.00	-	-	-	-	-
SEPT. 3	-	-	6.00-7.50	-	-	8.00

SOURCE: Daily reports of the Federal-State Market News Service.

*DATES: Other than Monday due to official holiday.

**U. S. WEEKLY ICEBERG TYPE LETTUCE SHIPMENTS (RAIL & TRUCK)
IN STATES WHERE REPORTED BY MARKET NEWS SERVICE FOR - 1985**

WEEK ENDING	NEW YORK	CALIFORNIA	COLORADO	NEW JERSEY	TOTAL
JUNE 8	-	2389	-	202	3091
15	-	2527	8	187	2822
22	-	2523	36	30	2589
29	29	2454	62	-	2545
JULY 6	132	2207	45	-	2384
13	181	2019	41	-	2241
20	192	2138	77	-	2407
28	186	2159	170	-	2515
AUG. 3	159	2147	260	-	2566
10	164	1950	255	-	2369
17	169	2293	201	-	2663
24	155	2349	219	-	2723
31	123	2286	213	-	2622
SEPT. 7	115	2245	243	-	2603
14	26	2575	180	-	2781
21	25	2828	98	3	2954
28	-	2806	27	14	2847
OCT. 5	-	2694	28	40	2762
12	-	2595	17	88	2700
TOTAL	1656	45784	2180	564	50184

SOURCE: Transportation Section, Washington, D. C.

NEW YORK F.O.B. LETTUCE PRICES 1985 SEASON

WEEK ENDING	WESTERN SECTION				ORANGE COUNTY	
	ICEBERG - CARTONS	ROMAINE - CARTONS	ICEBERG - CARTONS	ROMAINE - CARTONS	ICEBERG - CARTONS	ROMAINE - CARTONS
	24S	FILM-WRAPPED:	24S	16-18S	24S	24S
JULY 6	5.00-6.00	8.00-9.00	-	-	-	-
12	5.50-7.00	8.00-9.50	3.75-5.00	4.00-4.50	-	-
20	5.00-6.00	7.00-9.00	4.00-5.00	-	5.50-6.00	4.50-5.00
27	5.50-7.00	8.00-11.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	6.00-7.00	4.00
AUG. 3	4.50-6.00	6.50-8.50	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	-	-
10	6.00-7.00	8.50-10.00	5.00-5.50	4.50-5.00	-	4.75-5.00
17	5.00-7.00	7.00-10.00	4.50-5.00	4.00-5.00	-	-
24	4.50-5.50	6.50-8.00	4.00-5.00	4.50-5.00	-	-
31	4.50-5.00	-	4.50-6.00	5.00-6.00	-	-
SEP. 7	5.00-6.00	-	-	-	7.00	-
14	-	-	-	-	7.00	-

SOURCE: Daily reports of the Federal-State Market News Service.

NOTE: Vacuum cooling included.

**U. S. MONTHLY ICEBERG LETTUCE ARRIVALS-22 CITIES-RAIL & TRUCK COMBINED
IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS BY STATE OF ORIGIN DURING
NEW YORK 1985 ACTIVE SHIPPING SEASON**

DATE	NY	CA	CO	MI	NJ	WI	OTHER	TOTAL
JUNE	26	4564	20	1	35	3	187	4836
JULY	234	4041	89	27	6	11	183	4591
AUGUST	199	3561	255	28	4	20	211	4278
SEPTEMBER	82	3583	176	15	6	6	107	3975
OCTOBER	10	4196	8	6	58	1	212	4491
TOTAL	551	19945	548	77	109	41	900	22171

SOURCE: Summary Shipments & Unloads - Transportation Section
Market News Branch AMS - USDA

**ICEBERG LETTUCE ARRIVALS AT MAJOR EASTERN MARKETS
(IN TRUCKLOT EQUIVALENTS) JUNE 1 - OCTOBER 31, 1985**

CITY	NY	AZ	CA	CO	MI	NJ	WI	CD	OTHER	TOTAL
BALT-WASH	63	43	770	88	38	29	10	12	14	1067
BOSTON	69	4	2152	22	-	8	-	145	15	2415
BUFFALO	47	13	270	-	1	3	-	86	-	420
NYC-NEWARK	68	18	3439	61	1	31	-	26	-	3644
PHIL	282	10	1343	29	6	80	12	12	8	1782
PITTSBURGH	28	5	607	24	2	3	7	1	5	682
MONTREAL, QUE. CANADA	11	3	171	-	-	195	-	916	16	1312
OTTAWA, ONT. CANADA	4	-	59	-	-	13	-	192	2	270
TORONTO, ONT. CANADA	18	3	430	-	9	77	-	295	8	840
TOTAL	590	99	9241	224	57	439	29	1685	68	12432

SOURCE: Transportation Section - Market News Branch - AMS-USDA

**LETTUCE FOR FRESH MARKET: ACREAGE AND YIELD PER ACRE
1983-1984-1985**

STATE	AREA PLANTED			AREA HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	
			<u>A</u>	<u>C</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>E</u>	<u>S</u>	<u>HUNDRED WEIGHT</u>		
ARIZ-WEST 2/	20,000	30,100	36,600	20,000	30,100	36,600	310	285	290	
ARIZ-OTHER	10,300	11,800	9,200	10,300	7,900	8,700	265	260	190	
CALIF 2/	142,200	152,100	146,800	142,200	150,900	145,800	293	313	305	
COLO	3,900	2,900	3,800	3,800	2,800	3,400	235	270	225	
FLA	14,500	15,850	16,000	12,900	13,200	13,500	185	180	170	
MICH	1,600	1,200	1,300	1,200	1,100	1,200	190	235	250	
N. J.	3,100	2,100	3,100	2,900	2,800	2,800	165	160	140	
N. MEX	5,800	6,000	4,400	5,300	3,300	3,200	251	175	205	
N. Y.	4,400	4,200	4,100	4,000	3,800	3,700	195	205	205	
OHIO	1,100	800	1,000	900	750	900	180	120	135	
TEX 2/	2,800	3,600	5,300	2,600	2,700	3,700	230	210	160	
WASH	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,000	1,100	1,100	220	210	190	
WIS	700	700	750	1,000	1,100	1,100	175	350	330	
TOTAL	211,500	233,450	233,450	207,790	221,150	225,340	278	290	280	

**LETTUCE FOR FRESH MARKET: PRODUCTION AND VALUE
1983-1984-1985**

STATE	PRODUCTION			V A L U E			T O T A L		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
	<u>1,000 CWT</u>			<u>DOLLARS</u>			<u>1,000 DOLLARS</u>		
ARIZ-WEST 2/	6,200	8,579	10,614	7.67	10.20	8.72	47,554	87,506	92,554
ARIZ-OTH 1/	2,730	2,054	1,653	13.60	9.15	7.79	37,128	18,794	12,877
CALIF 2/	41,689	47,273	44,469	12.20	10.70	10.70	507,506	505,876	475,818
COLO	893	756	765	11.80	13.90	11.10	10,537	10,508	8,492
FLA	2,414	2,349	2,295	19.40	15.90	16.20	46,849	37,317	37,179
MICH	228	259	300	15.00	15.70	17.50	3,420	4,066	5,250
N. J.	484	444	392	14.70	14.00	10.70	7,096	6,213	4,194
N. MEX	1,328	574	656	16.80	9.40	8.80	22,376	5,398	5,773
N. Y.	780	779	759	15.50	15.40	12.40	12,090	11,997	9,412
OHIO	162	90	122	40.40	35.50	35.70	6,545	3,195	4,355
TEX 2/	598	567	592	9.30	11.50	13.10	5,561	6,521	7,755
WASH	220	231	209	14.00	14.60	13.00	3,080	3,373	2,717
WIS	121	252	244	9.65	12.10	12.10	1,168	3,049	2,952
TOTAL	57,847	64,207	63,070	12.30	11.00	10.60	710,813	703,813	669,328

1/Excludes the following quantities not harvested or not marketed because of economic conditions: 1984, ARIZ-OTH, 1,026,000 CWT.

2/ Due to program modifications, 1983 data are not comparable with 1984 and 1985.

SOURCE: Crop Reporting Board SRS-USDA Veg. Fresh Market 1985 Annual Summary

NEW YORK LETTUCE FOR FRESH MARKET FROM 1975-1985

YEAR	ACREAGE		YIELD	PRODUCTION	PRICE	VALUE
	PLANTED	HARVESTED	PER ACRE		PER CWT	
	Acres	Acres	Cwt.	1,000 Cwt.	\$	\$1,000
1975	4,500	3,200	193	616	8.46	5,214
1976	3,900	2,800	180	504	11.80	5,947
1977	4,200	3,300	200	660	8.71	5,749
1978	4,100	3,500	190	665	9.95	6,617
1979	4,000	3,600	195	702	12.00	8,424
1980	4,100	3,800	210	798	13.60	10,853
1981	4,100	3,800	195	741	18.10	13,412
1982	4,200	4,000	210	840	13.30	11,172
1983	4,400	4,000	195	780	15.50	12,090
1984	4,200	3,800	205	779	15.40	11,997
1985	4,100	3,700	205	759	12.40	9,412

SOURCE: NY Crop Reporting Board - USDA, New York Agricultural Statistics