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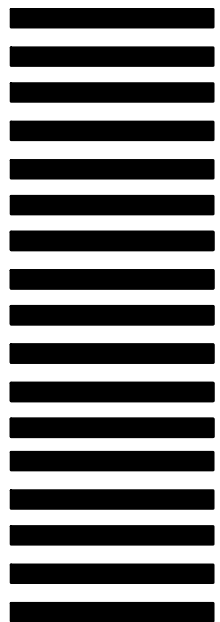
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# Preface

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Section 316 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement Implementation Act (NAFTA Implementation Act), Public Law 103-182, requires the U.S. International Trade Commission (Commission) to monitor U.S. imports of "fresh or chilled tomatoes" and "fresh or chilled peppers, other than chili peppers," until January 1, 2009. As a result, the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-350, Monitoring of U.S. Imports of Tomatoes, and investigation No. 332-351, Monitoring of U.S. Imports of Peppers, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)). This report on the Commission's monitoring investigation covers peppers for fresh-market use and for processing. The purpose of this monitoring, as expressed in the NAFTA Implementation Act, is to permit the Commission to conduct an expedited investigation and, if appropriate, recommend to the President provisional relief should a petition for relief be filed under section 202 of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to imports from all countries, or a petition requesting such relief be filed under section 302 of the NAFTA Implementation Act with respect to imports from Canada or Mexico. Generally, such provisional relief would remain in effect, pending completion of the investigation by the Commission and the taking of final action by the President.

This report contains statistical information gathered by the Commission on the U.S. pepper industry in the course of its monitoring. This information includes (1) consumption and trade data (including U.S. imports and U.S. exports) and (2) other industry data (including U.S. production quantity, value, unit value, and harvested area; U.S. cost-of-production estimates; shipments; U.S. weekly shipping-point quantities available; and average U.S. shipping-point prices and wholesale terminal market prices). The information presented in this report on the U.S. pepper industry was obtained from a number of sources, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Department of Commerce, the University of Florida Cooperative Extension Service, and various other State agencies. This report principally covers 1996-2000 data and partial-year data for 2000 and 2001.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Nothing in this report should be construed to indicate how the Commission would find in an investigation conducted under other statutory authority covering the same or similar subject matter.





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# Highlights

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The following are highlights of the statistical data collected on peppers for fresh-market use and for processing for the 1996-2000 period.

## Fresh-market Peppers

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- ! Apparent U.S. consumption of fresh-market peppers rose by 17 percent from 865,382 metric tons in 1996 to 1.0 million metric tons in 2000 (table 1). Consumption was valued at \$800.2 million in 2000, up by 36 percent from \$588.5 million in 1996. In 2000, the ratio of import volume to consumption was 20 percent, the same as in 1996, with the ratio of import value to consumption value up from 29 percent in 1996 to 32 percent in 2000 (table 1).
- ! U.S. production of fresh-market peppers rose by 17 percent from an estimated 754,733 metric tons (\$466.2 million) in 1996 to 885,640 metric tons (\$614.4 million) in 2000 (table 1). Unit values rose by 11 percent from \$0.62 per kilogram in 1996 to \$0.69 per kilogram in 2000. California and Florida were the leading States in production during the 1996-2000 period, accounting for 46 percent and 33 percent, respectively, of total U.S. production quantity of peppers in 2000 (table 10). Since 1996, U.S. harvested area for peppers trended downward through 1999, with most of the decrease accounted for by a drop in harvested acreage in California, Florida, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Texas. In 2000, harvested area amounted to 70,650 acres and was up overall as well as in California, North Carolina, Ohio, and Michigan.
- ! U.S. exports of fresh-market peppers rose irregularly from 60,474 metric tons in 1996 to 71,478 metric tons in 2000 (table 1). The value of U.S. exports rose steadily during 1996-2000, from \$48.4 million in 1996 to \$67.6 million in 2000. Canada has been the leading foreign market for U.S. fresh-market pepper exports in recent years, accounting for 98 percent by volume and by value of U.S. exports in 2000 (table 3). Other important markets in recent years included Mexico, the United Kingdom, and Japan. U.S. export quantities remained about the same during January-June 2001 as compared with the same months in 2000. The value of exports was 29 percent higher in January-June 2001 as compared with that in January-June 2000.
- ! U.S. imports of fresh-market peppers increased by 16 percent from 171,123 metric tons in 1996 to 198,187 metric tons in 2000, and by 48 percent in value from \$170.7 million in 1996 to \$253.4 million in 2000 (table 4). U.S. import volume fell only slightly during January-June 2001 as compared with imports during January-June 2000. Mexico accounted for 72 percent by volume of total imports of fresh-market peppers in 2000. Other important foreign suppliers in 2000 included Canada and the Netherlands. U.S. imports from Canada and the Netherlands, although accounting for a small share of total imports in recent years, rose by 304 percent and 9 percent, respectively, in volume from 1996 to 2000, with imports from each country continuing their upward trend through January-June 2001 (table 4). The bulk of imports from both countries are believed to be greenhouse-grown peppers. Imports from virtually all suppliers except Mexico are usually twice to three-times the unit values of imports from Mexico because imports from Mexico are lower-cost, field-grown peppers.

- ! U.S. imports of fresh-market peppers from Mexico, entered on a July-June crop-year basis, amounted to 134,590 metric tons in July 2000-June 2001, down by 14 percent from 155,880 metric tons in July 1998-June 1999 (table 5). During the 1998/99 to 2000/01 crop-years, the bulk of U.S. fresh-market pepper imports from Mexico entered through the Nogales, AZ, Customs District, principally during December through the following May and coinciding with the peak pepper production period in Florida. Imports from Mexico during January-April, the months when imports from Mexico are normally greatest, were down in 2001 from the level in the corresponding months of 2000. In recent crop-years, imports from Canada, Netherlands, and the European Union were greatest during those months (June-October) when Florida production was normally low (tables 6-8). Imports from Canada in July 2000-June 2001 were up 63 percent in volume over the July 1998-June 1999 volume.
- ! U.S. weekly ranges of prices on a crop-year basis for fresh-market green peppers, f.o.b. Florida and f.o.b. Nogales, were lower for Florida during November-December 2000, but lower for Mexico in many weeks during January-March 2001 (table 24). Ranges of prices for Florida fresh-market red peppers were lower in December 2000 but higher in January 2001 (table 25).

## Processed Peppers

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- ! U.S. production of processed peppers rose by 20 percent from an estimated 20,347 metric tons in 1996 to 24,438 metric tons in 2000 (table 2). The value of production in 2000 was an estimated \$44.5 million, up by 27 percent from an estimated \$35.0 million in 1996. U.S. imports of processed peppers rose by 127 percent from 7,476 metric tons in 1996 to 16,936 metric tons in 2000 (table 9). Imports amounted to 7,638 metric tons in January-June 2001, up by 4 percent from imports entered during the corresponding January-June 2000 period. Throughout the 1996-2000 period, Spain was the primary supplier, accounting for 68 percent by volume of U.S. imports in 2000. Mexico, Greece, and Turkey were other important suppliers in recent years.

# **CONSUMPTION**

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**Table 1**

**Fresh-market peppers: U.S. production, exports of domestic merchandise, imports for consumption, apparent consumption, and ratio of imports to consumption, 1996-2000**

Year	Production <sup>1</sup>	Exports <sup>2</sup>	Imports <sup>3</sup>	Apparent consumption	Ratio of imports to consumption
	<i>Quantity (1,000 kilograms)</i>				<i>Percentage</i>
1996 .....	754,733	60,474	171,123	865,382	20
1997 .....	678,530	60,688	179,210	797,052	22
1998 .....	660,250	57,954	199,068	801,364	25
1999 .....	705,881	66,308	206,473	846,046	24
2000 .....	885,640	71,478	198,187	1,012,349	20
	<i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i>				
1996 .....	466,151	48,352	170,681	588,480	29
1997 .....	479,512	54,352	198,295	623,455	32
1998 .....	506,610	55,635	265,506	716,481	37
1999 .....	438,807	59,113	221,763	601,457	37
2000 .....	614,375	67,613	253,391	800,153	32
	<i>Unit value (dollars per kilogram)<sup>4</sup></i>				
1996 .....	0.62	0.80	1.00	0.68	( <sup>5</sup> )
1997 .....	.71	.90	1.11	.78	( <sup>5</sup> )
1998 .....	.77	.96	1.33	.89	( <sup>5</sup> )
1999 .....	.62	.89	1.07	.71	( <sup>5</sup> )
2000 .....	.69	.95	1.28	.79	( <sup>5</sup> )

<sup>1</sup> Data are for raw product intended for fresh-market use and for processing, and are converted from pounds to kilograms using a factor of 2.20462 pounds per kilogram. Data are not reported separately for each end use.

<sup>2</sup> Data are for fresh or chilled peppers (Schedule B No. 0709.60.0000) on a fresh-weight basis.

<sup>3</sup> Data are for fresh or chilled peppers, other than chili peppers (*Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS)* number 0709.60.4000) on a fresh-weight basis.

<sup>4</sup> Calculated by the Commission.

<sup>5</sup> Not applicable.

Note.—Production data are revised annually and data for the most recent calendar years may not match data presented in earlier reports.

Note.—Production data are estimated from raw product intended for fresh-market use and for processing, whereas export and import data are shipments of fresh-market peppers actually recorded. Thus, apparent consumption may be somewhat smaller and the ratio of imports to consumption somewhat larger than shown.

Source: Production data estimated by the Commission from USDA, NASS, *Vegetables*, 1998 Summary: Jan. 1999, Vg 1-2 (99), pp. 35-36; 1999 Summary: Jan. 2000, Vg 1-2 (00), pp. 35-36; and 2000 Summary: Jan. 2001, Vg 1-2 (01), pp. 35-36; exports and imports compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce, except as noted.

**Table 2**  
**Processed peppers: U.S. production and imports for consumption, 1996-2000**

Year	Production <sup>1</sup>	Imports <sup>2</sup>
<i>Quantity (1,000 kilograms)</i>		
1996 .....	20,347	7,476
1997 .....	18,482	8,371
1998 .....	19,323	13,147
1999 .....	20,157	13,621
2000 .....	24,438	16,936
<i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i>		
1996 .....	34,962	8,940
1997 .....	35,964	9,673
1998 .....	36,242	16,211
1999 .....	35,275	17,181
2000 .....	44,477	18,280
<i>Unit value (dollars per kilogram)<sup>3</sup></i>		
1996 .....	1.72	1.20
1997 .....	1.95	1.16
1998 .....	1.88	1.23
1999 .....	1.75	1.26
2000 .....	1.82	1.08

<sup>1</sup> Production data include frozen peppers and are not directly comparable with other processed (e.g., canned) pepper import data. Production values were estimated by Commission staff.

<sup>2</sup> Data are for prepared or preserved peppers (HTS numbers 2005.90.5020, 2005.90.5040, and 2005.90.5510) on a processed-weight basis.

<sup>3</sup> Calculated by the Commission.

Note.—Data on exports of processed peppers are not separately reported.

Source: Production compiled from official statistics of the American Frozen Food Institute, except as noted; imports compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce, except as noted.





# **TRADE**

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**Table 3**  
**Fresh-market peppers: U.S. exports of domestic merchandise,<sup>1</sup> by principal markets, 1996-2000, January-June 2000, and January-June 2001**

Market	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	January-June 2000	January-June 2001
<i>Quantity (1,000 kilograms)</i>							
Canada .....	59,353	59,671	56,725	64,995	69,741	37,389	37,071
Mexico .....	322	507	627	871	1,342	132	146
United Kingdom .....	59	29	103	180	105	68	94
Japan .....	318	153	41	45	75	0	234
Taiwan .....	0	0	73	0	72	72	2
Belgium .....	0	0	0	0	20	0	0
Netherlands .....	0	0	106	17	49	33	1
Sweden .....	3	3	0	0	15	7	11
All other .....	419	325	279	200	59	15	130
Total .....	60,474	60,688	57,954	66,308	71,478	37,716	37,689
<i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i>							
Canada .....	47,127	53,155	54,000	57,617	65,980	36,284	43,543
Mexico .....	291	511	669	751	1,091	112	152
United Kingdom .....	64	55	150	294	127	65	76
Japan .....	419	206	78	86	107	0	374
Taiwan .....	0	0	104	0	79	79	3
Belgium .....	0	0	0	0	49	0	0
Netherlands .....	0	0	116	19	43	30	3
Sweden .....	5	3	0	0	35	26	34
All other .....	446	422	518	346	102	37	157
Total .....	48,352	54,352	55,635	59,113	67,613	36,633	44,342
<i>Unit value (dollars per kilogram)<sup>2</sup></i>							
Canada .....	0.79	0.89	0.95	0.89	0.95	0.97	1.17
Mexico .....	.90	1.01	1.07	.86	.81	.86	1.04
United Kingdom .....	1.08	1.90	1.46	1.63	1.21	.96	0.81
Japan .....	1.32	1.35	1.90	1.91	1.43	-	1.60
Taiwan .....	-	-	1.42	-	1.10	1.10	1.39
Belgium .....	-	-	-	-	2.45	-	-
Netherlands .....	-	-	1.09	1.08	.88	.91	4.11
Sweden .....	1.97	1.17	-	-	2.33	3.88	3.21
All other .....	1.06	1.30	1.86	1.73	1.73	2.47	1.21
Average .....	.80	.90	.96	.89	.95	.97	1.18

<sup>1</sup> Data are for fresh or chilled peppers (Schedule B No. 0709.60.0000) on a fresh-weight basis.

<sup>2</sup> Calculated by the Commission.

Note.—Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce, except as noted.

**Table 4**  
**Fresh-market peppers: U.S. imports for consumption,<sup>1</sup> by principal sources, 1996-2000, January-June 2000, and January-June 2001**

Source	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	January-June 2000	January-June 2001
<i>Quantity (1,000 kilograms)</i>							
Mexico .....	143,734	146,194	155,809	156,068	143,097	118,576	110,069
Canada .....	6,445	10,274	15,552	22,084	26,017	6,795	9,562
Israel .....	1,207	2,381	3,203	4,069	4,519	2,212	4,202
Trinidad and Tobago .....	112	100	129	506	433	299	166
EU:							
Netherlands .....	18,436	18,027	20,817	19,823	20,143	7,701	7,982
Spain .....	0	33	317	1,821	2,269	1,291	1,676
Belgium .....	288	478	340	158	184	79	59
All other .....	11	60	55	17	35	2	0
Total .....	18,735	18,598	21,529	21,819	22,631	9,073	9,717
All other .....	890	1,663	2,846	1,927	1,490	843	1,211
Total .....	171,123	179,210	199,068	206,473	198,187	137,798	134,927
<i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i>							
Mexico .....	111,485	129,887	171,782	122,038	134,773	109,761	163,296
Canada .....	11,428	17,554	30,803	37,931	49,098	20,571	28,213
Israel .....	2,441	5,410	6,916	8,891	10,629	5,227	9,357
Trinidad and Tobago .....	409	373	483	779	1,263	811	587
EU:							
Netherlands .....	43,022	42,535	52,605	46,011	48,928	20,966	23,308
Spain .....	0	33	810	4,302	6,322	3,472	4,296
Belgium .....	822	1,201	869	365	468	206	197
All other .....	35	69	58	47	67	7	0
Total .....	43,879	43,838	54,342	50,725	55,785	24,651	27,801
All other .....	1,039	1,233	1,180	1,399	1,843	1,037	1,422
Total .....	170,681	198,295	265,506	221,763	253,391	162,058	230,676
<i>Unit value (dollars per kilogram)<sup>2</sup></i>							
Mexico .....	0.78	0.89	1.10	0.78	0.94	0.93	1.48
Canada .....	1.77	1.71	1.98	1.72	1.89	3.03	2.95
Israel .....	2.02	2.27	2.16	2.19	2.35	2.36	2.23
Trinidad and Tobago .....	3.65	3.73	3.74	1.54	2.92	2.71	3.54
EU:							
Netherlands .....	2.33	2.36	2.53	2.32	2.43	2.72	2.92
Spain .....	-	1.00	2.56	2.36	2.79	2.69	2.56
Belgium .....	2.85	2.51	2.56	2.31	2.54	2.61	3.34
All other .....	3.18	1.15	1.05	2.76	1.91	3.50	-
Average .....	2.34	2.36	2.52	2.32	2.47	2.72	2.86
All other .....	1.17	.74	.41	.73	1.24	1.23	1.17
Average .....	1.00	1.11	1.33	1.07	1.28	1.18	1.71

<sup>1</sup> Data are for fresh or chilled peppers, other than chili peppers (HTS number 0709.60.40) on a fresh-weight basis.

<sup>2</sup> Calculated by the Commission.

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Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce, except as noted.

**Table 5**  
**Fresh-market peppers: U.S. imports for consumption from Mexico,<sup>1</sup> by months and by major Customs District's of entry, July 1998-June 2001**

Period	Nogales	San Diego	Laredo	Miami	All other	Total
<i>Quantity (1,000 kilograms)</i>						
1998:						
July .....	0	1,237	33	0	11	1,281
Aug. ....	0	1,837	14	1	112	1,964
Sept. ....	44	2,186	27	2	47	2,306
Oct. ....	260	1,332	10	0	14	1,616
Nov. ....	3,246	2,915	62	0	0	6,223
Dec. ....	20,883	1,813	28	11	2	22,737
1999:						
Jan. ....	31,795	310	131	8	0	32,244
Feb. ....	28,120	512	100	3	0	28,735
Mar. ....	25,246	824	203	9	1	26,281
Apr. ....	14,625	2,395	3	6	0	17,031
May ....	6,260	5,842	61	6	2	12,171
June ....	841	2,441	0	6	2	3,291
Total .....	131,320	23,644	672	52	191	155,880
1999:						
July .....	68	934	35	16	0	1,053
Aug. ....	84	768	0	25	0	877
Sept. ....	323	303	0	18	30	674
Oct. ....	228	923	0	9	43	1,203
Nov. ....	5,664	2,441	240	0	3	8,348
Dec. ....	23,005	1,024	132	0	0	24,160
2000:						
Jan. ....	34,272	605	227	6	2	35,112
Feb. ....	32,384	342	310	2	11	33,049
Mar. ....	23,078	397	256	2	1	23,734
Apr. ....	12,287	2,837	26	8	10	15,167
May ....	6,897	2,868	8	11	12	9,797
June ....	787	924	3	1	0	1,717
Total .....	139,077	14,366	1,237	98	112	154,891
2000:						
July .....	12	310	0	12	0	334
Aug. ....	0	745	0	16	0	760
Sept. ....	0	636	0	9	0	644
Oct. ....	101	1,132	20	0	0	1,253
Nov. ....	1,766	2,922	96	1	0	4,784
Dec. ....	12,764	3,814	166	2	0	16,746
2001:						
Jan. ....	26,815	3,219	262	0	12	30,307
Feb. ....	23,815	674	246	2	4	24,741
Mar. ....	20,950	1,013	213	0	2	22,178
Apr. ....	12,992	3,742	237	0	0	16,972
May ....	7,988	6,123	85	0	3	14,200
June ....	646	1,003	23	0	0	1,671
Total .....	107,849	25,333	1,348	42	21	134,590

**Table 5—Continued**

**Fresh-market peppers: U.S. imports for consumption from Mexico,<sup>1</sup> by months and by major Customs District's of entry, July 1998-June 2001**

Period	Nogales	San Diego	Laredo	Miami	All other	Total
<i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i>						
1998:						
July .....	0	1,504	17	0	5	1,526
Aug. ....	0	2,199	8	4	27	2,238
Sept. ....	50	2,990	14	4	8	3,067
Oct. ....	193	1,710	6	0	2	1,911
Nov. ....	2,842	3,086	35	0	0	5,963
Dec. ....	24,655	2,280	11	25	3	26,975
1999:						
Jan. ....	24,563	418	37	20	0	25,038
Feb. ....	18,630	528	29	7	0	19,195
Mar. ....	15,536	745	55	24	0	16,359
Apr. ....	10,017	2,307	2	20	3	12,349
May ....	5,054	7,302	37	17	5	12,415
June ....	963	2,736	0	14	5	3,718
Total .....	102,503	27,805	251	135	58	130,754
1999:						
July .....	82	1,234	11	44	0	1,371
Aug. ....	59	884	0	77	0	1,020
Sept. ....	257	370	0	41	10	680
Oct. ....	268	1,135	0	23	12	1,437
Nov. ....	4,560	2,968	67	0	7	7,601
Dec. ....	19,463	1,265	127	0	0	20,854
2000:						
Jan. ....	32,482	744	112	26	4	33,368
Feb. ....	23,728	415	138	11	20	24,312
Mar. ....	19,196	471	116	6	5	19,793
Apr. ....	13,178	4,017	12	23	19	17,250
May ....	9,645	3,649	4	24	45	13,367
June ....	830	837	2	2	0	1,671
Total .....	123,748	17,989	589	277	122	142,724
2000:						
July .....	18	262	0	26	0	306
Aug. ....	0	622	0	26	0	648
Sept. ....	0	639	0	17	0	656
Oct. ....	58	724	3	0	0	785
Nov. ....	1,387	1,737	86	2	0	3,212
Dec. ....	14,831	4,448	121	5	0	19,406
2001:						
Jan. ....	30,301	3,038	188	0	18	33,544
Feb. ....	38,726	1,036	120	7	14	39,903
Mar. ....	34,776	1,484	135	0	2	36,398
Apr. ....	24,941	10,297	371	0	0	35,609
May ....	10,511	5,274	150	0	11	15,947
June ....	829	1,042	24	0	0	1,895
Total .....	156,378	30,603	1,198	83	45	188,309

<sup>1</sup> Data are for fresh or chilled peppers, other than chili peppers (HTS number 0709.60.40) on a fresh-weight basis.

Note.—Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

**Table 6**  
**Fresh-market peppers: U.S. imports for consumption from Canada,<sup>1</sup> by months and by major Customs District's of entry, July 1998-June 2001**

Period	Seattle	Detroit	Buffalo	Ogdensburg	All other	Total
<i>Quantity (1,000 kilograms)</i>						
1998:						
July .....	906	168	160	15	25	1,273
Aug. ....	734	600	323	774	11	2,443
Sept. ....	688	1,358	772	2,039	35	4,892
Oct. ....	589	741	1,235	341	20	2,926
Nov. ....	352	348	66	2	0	767
Dec. ....	75	141	4	15	1	236
1999:						
Jan. ....	2	38	2	2	0	45
Feb. ....	0	18	0	0	1	19
Mar. ....	36	55	20	0	0	111
Apr. ....	709	402	125	4	41	1,282
May ....	855	569	164	16	41	1,645
June ....	1,020	594	156	6	48	1,825
Total .....	5,966	5,032	3,027	3,214	223	17,464
1999:						
July .....	917	667	155	37	53	1,828
Aug. ....	876	1,194	900	1,491	37	4,498
Sept. ....	887	1,939	1,447	2,589	112	6,974
Oct. ....	438	706	1,004	457	68	2,672
Nov. ....	490	378	25	8	53	954
Dec. ....	110	112	4	0	6	232
2000:						
Jan. ....	3	12	0	0	5	20
Feb. ....	3	18	0	0	4	25
Mar. ....	220	139	87	0	5	452
Apr. ....	719	436	121	0	56	1,331
May ....	1,289	871	260	13	76	2,509
June ....	1,229	763	292	10	165	2,458
Total .....	7,181	7,235	4,295	4,605	640	23,956
2000:						
July .....	1,135	667	303	46	102	2,254
Aug. ....	1,799	1,243	883	641	132	4,699
Sept. ....	924	1,123	1,711	2,591	166	6,516
Oct. ....	1,117	649	1,882	508	103	4,259
Nov. ....	461	564	152	15	17	1,208
Dec. ....	133	134	4	0	15	286
2001:						
Jan. ....	4	17	2	17	11	52
Feb. ....	0	31	0	0	1	33
Mar. ....	246	183	82	0	9	520
Apr. ....	1,105	831	240	25	116	2,318
May ....	1,062	1,565	443	2	112	3,184
June ....	1,720	1,222	367	43	104	3,456
Total .....	9,706	8,229	6,069	3,888	888	28,785

**Table 6—Continued**

**Fresh-market peppers: U.S. imports for consumption from Canada,<sup>1</sup> by months and by major Customs District's of entry, July 1998-June 2001**

Period	Seattle	Detroit	Buffalo	Ogdensburg	All other	Total
<i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i>						
1998:						
July .....	2,491	515	419	30	71	3,526
Aug. ....	1,936	899	446	459	30	3,769
Sept. ....	1,561	1,702	795	1,209	74	5,341
Oct. ....	1,491	979	625	166	15	3,275
Nov. ....	1,321	946	189	6	0	2,462
Dec. ....	273	481	15	15	5	790
1999:						
Jan. ....	7	150	5	6	0	170
Feb. ....	0	44	0	0	2	47
Mar. ....	142	162	70	0	0	375
Apr. ....	2,304	1,397	446	18	164	4,328
May ....	2,863	1,814	556	49	143	5,426
June ....	2,759	1,476	425	20	146	4,826
Total .....	17,148	10,565	3,991	1,978	650	34,335
1999:						
July .....	2,395	1,383	366	38	135	4,317
Aug. ....	1,966	1,525	653	764	76	4,984
Sept. ....	2,047	2,193	934	1,496	178	6,848
Oct. ....	1,225	1,190	445	230	160	3,250
Nov. ....	1,294	1,055	64	10	144	2,567
Dec. ....	477	274	17	0	26	793
2000:						
Jan. ....	10	39	0	0	22	72
Feb. ....	16	59	0	0	18	93
Mar. ....	929	502	328	0	28	1,787
Apr. ....	2,729	1,312	418	0	222	4,682
May ....	4,148	2,344	803	45	274	7,613
June ....	3,152	2,148	731	23	271	6,325
Total .....	20,388	14,024	4,759	2,606	1,554	43,331
2000:						
July .....	2,940	1,644	715	79	244	5,623
Aug. ....	3,521	2,060	879	320	280	7,060
Sept. ....	1,936	1,624	1,051	1,340	311	6,262
Oct. ....	2,450	1,060	1,031	314	251	5,107
Nov. ....	1,435	1,459	519	32	67	3,512
Dec. ....	523	352	16	0	73	963
2001:						
Jan. ....	13	48	9	33	50	154
Feb. ....	0	80	0	0	5	85
Mar. ....	1,104	634	322	0	51	2,111
Apr. ....	4,477	2,728	767	106	483	8,561
May ....	3,241	4,522	1,290	4	370	9,427
June ....	3,879	2,831	827	92	247	7,875
Total .....	25,519	19,042	7,426	2,320	2,432	56,740

<sup>1</sup> Data are for fresh or chilled peppers, other than chili peppers (HTS number 0709.60.40) on a fresh-weight basis.

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**Table 7**  
**Fresh-market peppers: U.S. imports for consumption from the Netherlands,<sup>1</sup> by months and by major Customs District's of entry, July 1998-June 2001**

Period	New York	Washington	Boston	Los Angeles	Chicago	All other	Total
<i>Quantity (1,000 kilograms)</i>							
1998:							
July .....	1,997	309	415	227	294	975	4,220
Aug. ....	1,163	181	235	136	176	641	2,532
Sept. ....	697	180	211	112	107	465	1,772
Oct. ....	753	135	154	91	108	469	1,710
Nov. ....	622	108	134	136	109	515	1,624
Dec. ....	330	46	58	46	46	205	731
1999:							
Jan. ....	1	0	0	6	0	16	23
Feb. ....	10	0	0	0	0	6	16
Mar. ....	166	14	16	20	35	40	291
Apr. ....	632	53	150	78	98	337	1,348
May ....	937	140	385	139	139	504	2,244
June ....	1,514	264	401	150	249	850	3,428
Total .....	8,822	1,430	2,159	1,141	1,361	5,023	19,939
1999:							
July .....	1,441	229	465	178	310	944	3,567
Aug. ....	946	202	252	134	179	580	2,293
Sept. ....	799	215	247	111	149	463	1,984
Oct. ....	826	168	213	128	163	527	2,025
Nov. ....	693	166	173	79	161	468	1,740
Dec. ....	390	46	116	32	96	183	863
2000:							
Jan. ....	6	0	0	2	0	20	28
Feb. ....	0	0	0	0	0	10	10
Mar. ....	182	21	68	28	35	68	402
Apr. ....	770	181	242	154	115	474	1,936
May ....	946	286	264	175	137	573	2,381
June ....	1,290	331	276	220	171	656	2,944
Total .....	8,289	1,845	2,316	1,241	1,516	4,966	20,173
2000:							
July .....	1,374	383	284	250	221	844	3,356
Aug. ....	1,254	240	249	248	122	724	2,837
Sept. ....	827	260	174	186	78	493	2,018
Oct. ....	744	211	150	182	110	476	1,873
Nov. ....	639	313	187	125	131	607	2,002
Dec. ....	125	58	25	27	30	91	356
2001:							
Jan. ....	6	41	0	22	3	16	88
Feb. ....	2	2	0	0	5	21	30
Mar. ....	266	83	76	50	54	182	711
Apr. ....	646	288	208	112	183	345	1,782
May ....	651	219	254	121	176	588	2,009
June ....	1,731	247	321	177	168	718	3,362
Total .....	8,265	2,345	1,928	1,500	1,281	5,105	20,424



**Table 7—Continued**

**Fresh-market peppers: U.S. imports for consumption from the Netherlands,<sup>1</sup> by months and by major Customs District's of entry, July 1998-June 2001**

Period	New York	Washington	Boston	Los Angeles	Chicago	All other	Total
	<i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i>						
1998:							
July .....	3,694	873	570	466	497	2,695	8,298
Aug. ....	2,223	542	334	292	287	1,837	5,228
Sept. ....	1,303	499	308	232	199	1,399	3,741
Oct. ....	1,622	445	285	232	224	1,607	4,191
Nov. ....	1,890	482	351	458	342	2,227	5,408
Dec. ....	1,026	189	155	154	122	852	2,376
1999:							
Jan. ....	3	0	0	18	0	43	64
Feb. ....	24	0	0	0	0	19	43
Mar. ....	580	53	51	74	110	307	1,065
Apr. ....	2,162	209	580	300	309	1,884	5,135
May ....	2,079	404	1,177	418	300	1,893	5,971
June ....	2,073	555	890	272	430	2,239	6,029
Total .....	18,679	4,251	4,701	2,916	2,820	17,002	50,369
1999:							
July .....	2,391	510	1,132	312	582	2,721	7,066
Aug. ....	1,546	462	633	246	324	1,714	4,601
Sept. ....	1,486	531	675	254	253	1,475	4,421
Oct. ....	1,422	407	532	286	310	1,649	4,296
Nov. ....	1,500	452	532	218	347	1,709	4,411
Dec. ....	1,199	176	465	120	275	949	2,909
2000:							
Jan. ....	22	0	0	3	0	70	95
Feb. ....	0	0	0	0	0	43	43
Mar. ....	637	94	315	95	116	396	1,537
Apr. ....	2,206	692	985	473	290	1,862	6,218
May ....	2,376	1,065	658	551	333	2,191	6,841
June ....	2,231	1,032	427	486	293	2,056	6,232
Total .....	17,016	5,421	6,354	3,044	3,123	13,712	48,670
2000:							
July .....	2,147	1,050	464	448	363	2,320	6,429
Aug. ....	2,043	609	393	451	171	1,715	5,211
Sept. ....	1,467	755	297	362	127	1,404	4,285
Oct. ....	1,279	629	256	389	187	1,406	3,959
Nov. ....	1,791	1,480	570	419	382	2,705	6,965
Dec. ....	296	264	76	80	78	397	1,113
2001:							
Jan. ....	13	163	0	50	12	58	284
Feb. ....	5	8	0	0	14	80	93
Mar. ....	1,050	456	357	197	199	1,118	3,178
Apr. ....	2,294	1,445	836	392	599	2,072	7,039
May ....	1,658	873	781	370	419	2,277	5,959
June ....	3,265	578	609	315	324	1,989	6,756
Total .....	17,308	8,310	4,639	3,473	2,875	17,541	51,271

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Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

**Table 8**  
**Fresh-market peppers: U.S. imports for consumption from the European Union,<sup>1</sup> by months**  
**and by major Customs District's of entry, July 1998-June 2001**

Period	New York	Washington	Boston	Chicago	Los Angeles	All other	Total
<i>Quantity (1,000 kilograms)</i>							
1998:							
July .....	2,030	314	415	294	240	997	4,290
Aug. ....	1,171	183	235	176	151	659	2,575
Sept. ....	710	182	211	107	120	475	1,805
Oct. ....	755	135	154	109	95	477	1,725
Nov. ....	624	109	134	109	136	518	1,630
Dec. ....	521	87	60	78	46	282	1,074
1999:							
Jan. ....	359	25	9	57	13	91	554
Feb. ....	226	37	1	13	2	82	361
Mar. ....	230	30	18	36	20	95	429
Apr. ....	640	53	152	99	78	348	1,370
May ....	941	140	403	139	139	532	2,294
June ....	1,540	264	401	249	150	870	3,474
Total .....	9,747	1,559	2,193	1,466	1,190	5,426	21,581
1999:							
July .....	1,456	229	465	310	178	960	3,598
Aug. ....	979	202	252	179	134	591	2,337
Sept. ....	803	215	247	149	111	470	1,995
Oct. ....	848	168	213	163	130	529	2,051
Nov. ....	693	166	173	161	79	473	1,745
Dec. ....	732	125	121	173	32	429	1,612
2000:							
Jan. ....	359	68	19	39	15	162	662
Feb. ....	223	42	30	28	5	77	405
Mar. ....	291	54	92	39	30	108	614
Apr. ....	799	182	242	125	154	490	1,992
May ....	992	289	264	137	176	583	2,441
June ....	1,297	332	276	171	220	663	2,959
Total .....	9,472	2,072	2,394	1,674	1,264	5,535	22,411
2000:							
July .....	1,403	386	284	221	250	851	3,395
Aug. ....	1,255	244	249	122	248	736	2,854
Sept. ....	844	260	174	78	186	510	2,052
Oct. ....	751	211	150	110	182	480	1,884
Nov. ....	664	316	187	131	125	615	2,038
Dec. ....	567	137	68	171	46	347	1,336
2001:							
Jan. ....	327	79	48	59	34	230	777
Feb. ....	311	48	98	71	12	256	796
Mar. ....	357	103	84	78	50	228	900
Apr. ....	667	290	208	183	112	377	1,837
May ....	671	220	225	176	121	624	2,037
June ....	1,731	247	321	168	177	726	3,370
Total .....	9,548	2,541	2,096	1,568	1,543	5,980	23,276

**Table 8—Continued**

**Fresh-market peppers: U.S. imports for consumption from the European Union,<sup>1</sup> by months and by major Customs District's of entry, July 1998-June 2001**

Period	New York	Washington	Boston	Chicago	Los Angeles	All other	Total
	Value (1,000 dollars)						
1998:							
July .....	3,757	887	570	497	490	2,232	8,433
Aug. ....	2,236	547	334	287	319	1,583	5,306
Sept. ....	1,333	504	308	199	246	1,218	3,808
Oct. ....	1,626	445	285	227	243	1,398	4,224
Nov. ....	1,895	486	351	342	458	1,895	5,427
Dec. ....	1,475	322	159	221	154	896	3,227
1999:							
Jan. ....	816	84	13	147	46	224	1,330
Feb. ....	400	96	2	33	5	174	710
Mar. ....	717	76	53	113	74	299	1,332
Apr. ....	2,189	209	583	313	300	1,618	5,212
May ....	2,088	404	1,197	300	418	1,643	6,050
June ....	2,124	555	890	430	272	1,841	6,112
Total .....	20,656	4,615	4,745	3,109	3,025	15,021	51,171
1999:							
July .....	2,415	510	1,132	582	312	2,174	7,125
Aug. ....	1,600	462	633	324	246	1,414	4,679
Sept. ....	1,493	531	675	253	254	1,239	4,445
Oct. ....	1,450	407	532	310	289	1,346	4,334
Nov. ....	1,500	452	532	349	218	1,373	4,424
Dec. ....	2,112	459	483	463	120	1,335	4,972
2000:							
Jan. ....	845	235	70	87	21	426	1,684
Feb. ....	609	165	137	91	10	240	1,252
Mar. ....	914	236	413	132	100	384	2,179
Apr. ....	2,249	695	985	320	473	1,617	6,339
May ....	2,434	1,071	658	333	554	1,882	6,932
June ....	2,248	1,035	427	293	486	1,777	6,266
Total .....	19,869	6,258	6,677	3,537	3,083	15,207	54,631
2000:							
July .....	2,225	1,054	464	363	448	1,974	6,528
Aug. ....	2,046	612	393	171	451	1,575	5,248
Sept. ....	1,509	755	297	127	362	1,320	4,370
Oct. ....	1,300	629	256	187	389	1,228	3,989
Nov. ....	1,840	1,487	570	382	419	2,337	7,035
Dec. ....	1,411	552	207	489	160	1,146	3,965
2001:							
Jan. ....	667	284	145	157	85	737	2,075
Feb. ....	585	160	288	226	33	761	2,053
Mar. ....	1,220	543	388	295	197	1,067	3,710
Apr. ....	2,318	1,456	836	599	392	1,586	7,187
May ....	1,677	878	783	419	370	1,872	5,999
June ....	3,265	578	609	324	315	1,686	6,777
Total .....	20,063	8,988	5,236	3,739	3,621	17,289	58,936

<sup>1</sup> Data are for fresh or chilled peppers, other than chili peppers (HTS number 0709.60.40) on a fresh-weight basis.

Note.—Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce.

**Table 9****Processed peppers: U.S. imports for consumption,<sup>1</sup> by principal sources, 1996-2000, January-June 2000, and January-June 2001**

Source	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	January-June 2000	January-June 2001
<i>Quantity (1,000 kilograms)</i>							
Mexico .....	516	511	571	1,031	2,017	1,184	663
Turkey .....	251	348	729	800	1,239	837	911
Egypt .....	0	0	0	0	493	126	0
Chile .....	166	90	16	0	204	0	66
EU:							
Spain .....	6,176	6,757	10,421	10,563	11,497	4,702	5,241
Greece .....	192	199	1,199	1,034	1,198	435	507
Italy .....	25	365	86	72	40	9	23
France .....	5	0	2	4	11	0	0
All other .....	1	1	0	3	0	0	2
Total .....	6,400	7,322	11,709	11,676	12,746	5,146	5,773
All other .....	143	100	123	114	237	81	225
Total .....	7,476	8,371	13,147	13,621	16,936	7,374	7,638
<i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i>							
Mexico .....	475	433	639	1,428	2,855	1,575	868
Turkey .....	177	252	565	640	1,034	722	707
Egypt .....	0	0	0	0	294	72	0
Chile .....	125	61	17	0	173	0	60
EU:							
Spain .....	7,523	7,478	13,143	12,755	11,680	5,071	5,745
Greece .....	268	318	1,501	1,982	1,849	802	711
Italy .....	93	982	143	175	96	29	44
France .....	6	0	12	5	23	0	0
All other .....	4	4	0	11	0	0	14
Total .....	7,894	8,782	14,800	14,928	13,648	5,902	6,514
All other .....	270	145	191	185	276	88	261
Total .....	8,940	9,673	16,211	17,181	18,280	8,359	8,410
<i>Unit value (dollars per kilogram)<sup>2</sup></i>							
Mexico .....	0.92	0.85	1.12	1.39	1.42	1.33	1.31
Turkey .....	.71	.72	.78	.80	.83	.86	.78
Egypt .....	-	-	-	-	.60	.57	-
Chile .....	.75	.68	1.06	-	.85	-	.91
EU:							
Spain .....	1.22	1.11	1.26	1.21	1.02	1.08	1.10
Greece .....	1.40	1.60	1.25	1.92	1.54	1.84	1.40
Italy .....	3.64	2.69	1.66	2.43	2.40	3.22	1.91
France .....	1.33	-	4.81	1.30	2.09	-	-
All other .....	4.00	4.00	-	3.67	-	-	7.00
Average .....	1.23	1.20	1.26	1.28	1.07	1.15	1.13
All other .....	1.89	1.45	1.55	1.62	1.16	1.09	1.16
Average .....	1.20	1.16	1.23	1.26	1.08	1.13	1.10

<sup>1</sup> Data are for prepared or preserved peppers (HTS statistical reporting numbers 2005.90.5020, 2005.90.5040, and 2005.90.5510) on a processed-weight basis.

<sup>2</sup> Calculated by the Commission.

Note.—Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Note.—Unit values for peppers from such countries as Canada, Israel, and most EU countries are generally significantly higher than unit values for products from Mexico because they are believed to include field- and greenhouse-grown peppers of different colors.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce, except as noted.

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**Table 10**  
**Fresh-market peppers: U.S. production quantity, value, and unit value, and harvested area, by selected States, 1996-2000**

State	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
	<i>Quantity (1,000 pounds)</i>				
California . . . . .	765,000	630,000	627,000	742,500	892,900
Florida . . . . .	612,000	591,000	592,100	564,300	638,300
New Jersey . . . . .	94,600	109,200	94,300	81,700	108,000
North Carolina . . . . .	65,700	66,000	45,600	71,300	82,800
Ohio . . . . .	18,000	20,300	26,600	17,000	39,000
Michigan . . . . .	40,000	37,400	36,000	40,000	46,200
Texas . . . . .	54,000	28,000	18,000	25,200	26,000
All other . . . . .	14,600	14,000	16,000	14,200	119,300
Total . . . . .	1,663,900	1,495,900	1,455,600	1,556,200	1,952,500
	<i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i>				
California . . . . .	173,506	155,040	170,374	220,997	257,367
Florida . . . . .	222,768	251,766	271,182	205,405	245,107
New Jersey . . . . .	23,934	28,829	28,007	20,262	29,160
North Carolina . . . . .	13,797	16,500	10,944	14,617	17,388
Ohio . . . . .	4,176	6,192	7,155	3,978	10,764
Michigan . . . . .	7,360	7,817	8,640	9,600	10,395
Texas . . . . .	17,442	9,688	5,308	6,224	9,048
All other . . . . .	3,168	3,680	5,000	2,724	35,146
Total . . . . .	466,151	479,512	506,610	483,807	614,375
	<i>Unit value (dollars per pound)<sup>1</sup></i>				
California . . . . .	0.23	0.25	0.27	0.29	0.29
Florida . . . . .	.36	.43	.46	.36	.38
New Jersey . . . . .	.25	.26	.30	.25	.27
North Carolina . . . . .	.21	.25	.24	.21	.21
Ohio . . . . .	.23	.31	.27	.23	.28
Michigan . . . . .	.18	.21	.24	.24	.23
Texas . . . . .	.32	.35	.29	.25	.35
All other . . . . .	.22	.26	.31	.19	.29
Average . . . . .	.28	.32	.35	.30	.31
	<i>Harvested area (acres)</i>				
California . . . . .	25,500	21,000	22,000	22,500	29,200
Florida . . . . .	20,400	19,700	19,100	18,500	18,500
New Jersey . . . . .	4,300	4,200	4,100	3,800	3,600
North Carolina . . . . .	7,300	5,500	5,700	6,200	6,900
Ohio . . . . .	1,200	1,400	1,400	1,400	1,900
Michigan . . . . .	2,000	1,700	1,900	2,000	2,100
Texas . . . . .	4,000	1,600	1,500	1,400	1,300
All other . . . . .	1,400	1,100	980	1,020	7,150
Total . . . . .	66,100	56,200	56,680	56,820	70,650

<sup>1</sup> Calculated by the Commission.

Note.—Production data are revised annually and figures for the most recent calendar years may not match data presented in earlier reports.

Note.—Data reported here are crop production estimates for bell peppers intended for fresh-market use and for processing, and may vary significantly from actual crop-year shipments.

Source: Compiled from official statistics of the USDA, NASS, as reported in *Vegetables*, 1998 Summary: Jan. 1999, Vg 1-2 (99), pp.35-36; 1999 Summary: Jan. 2000, Vg 1-2 (00), pp. 35-36; and 2000 Summary: Jan. 2001, Vg 1-2 (01), p. 36, except as noted.

**Table 11****Fresh-market peppers: Florida production quantity, value, and unit value, and harvested area, by major production areas, 1995/96 to 1999/2000 crop-years**

<b>Crop-year</b>	<b>North</b>	<b>Central</b>	<b>Southwest</b>	<b>Southeast</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Quantity (1,000 pounds)</b>					
1995/96 .....	9,996	114,380	209,440	198,772	532,588
1996/97 .....	17,556	153,692	214,816	234,080	620,144
1997/98 .....	10,332	126,112	219,520	208,656	564,620
1998/99 .....	13,020	132,300	214,172	245,868	605,360
1999/2000 .....	( <sup>1</sup> )	152,488	201,124	259,616	613,228
<b>Value (1,000 dollars)</b>					
1995/96 .....	3,499	40,033	73,304	69,570	186,406
1996/97 .....	6,145	53,792	75,186	81,928	217,050
1997/98 .....	5,063	61,795	107,564	102,241	276,664
1998/99 .....	5,208	52,920	85,669	98,347	242,144
1999/2000 .....	( <sup>1</sup> )	57,945	76,427	98,654	233,027
<b>Unit value (dollars per pound)<sup>2</sup></b>					
1995/96 .....	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35
1996/97 .....	.35	.35	.35	.35	.35
1997/98 .....	.49	.49	.49	.49	.49
1998/99 .....	.40	.40	.40	.40	.40
1999/2000 .....	( <sup>1</sup> )	.38	.38	.38	.38
<b>Harvested area (acres)</b>					
1995/96 .....	425	4,300	8,350	7,225	20,300
1996/97 .....	750	5,600	6,850	6,600	19,800
1997/98 .....	500	5,150	6,850	6,300	18,800
1998/99 .....	550	5,050	7,300	6,100	19,000
1999/2000 .....	( <sup>1</sup> )	5,300	7,150	5,650	18,100

<sup>1</sup> Not reported separately.<sup>2</sup> Calculated by the Commission using average crop-year sales prices.

Note.—According to officials with the Florida Agricultural Statistics Service, data for the most recent crop-year are not available until after December following the end of the most recent crop-year.

Note.—The data presented here are on a crop-year basis and do not match annual data reported elsewhere in this report.

Source: Compiled by the Commission from data of the USDA, AMS, as published in *Marketing Florida Vegetables*, Federal-State Market News Service, Orlando, FL.

**Table 12**  
**Estimated production costs for fresh-market peppers grown in Palm Beach County, Florida, by**  
**average cost per acre, 1997/98 to 1999/2000 crop-years<sup>1</sup>**

<i>(In dollars)</i>			
<b>Items</b>	<b>1997/98</b>	<b>1998/99</b>	<b>1999/2000</b>
Preharvest costs:			
Operating costs:			
Transplants . . . . .	800	800	800
Fertilizer and lime . . . . .	275	297	295
Fumigant . . . . .	464	550	602
Other pesticides . . . . .	669	578	789
Labor . . . . .	389	250	426
Machinery . . . . .	279	491	342
Interest . . . . .	117	202	159
Miscellaneous . . . . .	996	1,148	997
Subtotal . . . . .	3,989	4,316	4,410
Fixed costs:			
Land rent . . . . .	400	400	400
Machinery . . . . .	119	119	125
Management . . . . .	878	1,158	955
Overhead . . . . .	1,098	1,621	1,195
Subtotal . . . . .	2,495	3,298	2,675
Total preharvest costs . . . . .	6,484	7,614	7,085
Harvest and marketing costs:			
Harvest, pack, and haul . . . . .	1,760	1,870	1,760
Containers . . . . .	1,045	1,100	1,045
Selling . . . . .	550	550	550
Subtotal . . . . .	3,355	3,520	3,355
<b>Total production costs . . . . .</b>	<b>9,839</b>	<b>11,134</b>	<b>10,440</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data for the most current crop-year are not available until long after this report is published.

Note.—These cost budgets are constructed based on input prices obtained from various industry sources and are believed to reflect typical costs of production for growers in a given production area, but do not necessarily reflect the actual industry average cost of production.

Note.—Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Source: Compiled by the Commission from *Production Costs for Selected Florida Vegetables*, compiled by Scott A. Smith and Timothy G. Taylor, Food and Resource Economics Department, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, as taken from the internet at <http://www.agbuscenter.ifas.ufl.edu/cost>, retrieved Sept. 24, 2001.



**Table 13**  
**Estimated production costs for the initial crop of a double-crop system for fresh-market peppers grown in Palm Beach County, Florida, by average cost per acre, 1997/98 to 1999/2000 crop-years<sup>1</sup>**

<i>(In dollars)</i>			
<b>Items</b>	<b>1997/98</b>	<b>1998/99</b>	<b>1999/2000</b>
Preharvest costs:			
Operating costs:			
Transplants . . . . .	800	800	800
Fertilizer and lime . . . . .	275	297	295
Fumigant . . . . .	464	550	602
Other pesticides . . . . .	657	578	789
Labor . . . . .	389	250	426
Machinery . . . . .	279	321	342
Interest . . . . .	114	198	156
Miscellaneous . . . . .	916	1,232	903
Subtotal . . . . .	3,894	4,227	4,312
Fixed costs:			
Land rent . . . . .	400	400	400
Machinery . . . . .	119	119	125
Management . . . . .	860	1,137	936
Overhead . . . . .	1,075	1,592	1,170
Subtotal . . . . .	2,453	3,247	2,632
Total preharvest costs . . . . .	6,347	7,474	6,944
Harvest and marketing costs:			
Harvest, pack, and haul . . . . .	1,760	1,870	1,760
Containers . . . . .	1,045	1,100	1,045
Selling . . . . .	550	550	550
Subtotal . . . . .	3,355	3,520	3,355
<b>Total production costs . . . . .</b>	<b>9,702</b>	<b>10,994</b>	<b>10,299</b>

<sup>1</sup> Data for the current crop-year are not available until long after this report is published.

Note.—These cost budgets are constructed based on input prices obtained from various industry sources and are believed to reflect typical costs of production for growers in a given production area, but do not necessarily reflect the actual industry average cost of production.

Note.—Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Note.—A double-crop system is one in which two pepper crops are grown on the same land, one crop right after the other.

Source: Compiled by the Commission from *Production Costs for Selected Florida Vegetables*, compiled by Scott A. Smith and Timothy G. Taylor, Food and Resource Economics Department, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, as taken from the internet at <http://www.agbuscenter.ifas.ufl.edu/cost>, retrieved Sept. 24, 2001.

**Table 14**  
**Estimated production costs for fresh-market peppers grown in Southwest Florida, by average cost per acre, 1997/98 to 1999/2000 crop-years<sup>1</sup>**

<i>(In dollars)</i>			
<b>Items</b>	<b>1997/98</b>	<b>1998/99</b>	<b>1999/2000</b>
Preharvest costs:			
Operating costs:			
Transplants . . . . .	880	880	880
Fertilizer and lime . . . . .	403	429	422
Fumigant . . . . .	464	506	602
Other pesticides . . . . .	683	684	804
Labor . . . . .	415	153	430
Machinery . . . . .	592	628	829
Interest . . . . .	211	224	295
Miscellaneous . . . . .	594	612	595
Subtotal . . . . .	4,242	4,116	4,857
Fixed costs:			
Land rent . . . . .	450	450	450
Machinery . . . . .	252	144	264
Management . . . . .	947	1,121	1,055
Overhead . . . . .	1,183	1,121	1,319
Subtotal . . . . .	2,832	2,836	3,088
Total preharvest costs . . . . .	7,074	6,952	7,944
Harvest and marketing costs:			
Harvest, pack, and haul . . . . .	2,980	2,980	2,980
Containers . . . . .	950	950	950
Selling . . . . .	500	500	500
Subtotal . . . . .	4,430	4,430	4,430
Total production costs . . . . .	11,505	11,382	12,374

<sup>1</sup> Data for the current crop-year are not available until long after this report is published.

Note.—These cost budgets are constructed based on input prices obtained from various industry sources and are believed to reflect typical costs of production for growers in a given production area, but do not necessarily reflect the actual industry average cost of production.

Note.—Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Source: Compiled by the Commission from *Production Costs for Selected Florida Vegetables*, compiled by Scott A. Smith and Timothy G. Taylor, Food and Resource Economics Department, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, as taken from the internet at <http://www.agbuscenter.ifas.ufl.edu/cost>, retrieved Sept. 24, 2001.

**Table 15**  
**Estimated production costs for the initial crop of a double-crop system for fresh-market peppers grown in Southwest Florida, by average cost per acre, 1997/98 to 1999/2000 crop-years<sup>1</sup>**

(In dollars)

Items	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000
Preharvest costs:			
Operating costs:			
Transplants . . . . .	880	384	880
Fertilizer and lime . . . . .	403	310	422
Fumigant . . . . .	464	506	602
Other pesticides . . . . .	683	397	785
Labor . . . . .	415	141	430
Machinery . . . . .	592	572	829
Interest . . . . .	204	188	286
Miscellaneous . . . . .	437	1,519	457
Subtotal . . . . .	4,078	4,017	4,691
Fixed costs:			
Land rent . . . . .	145	450	450
Machinery . . . . .	252	379	264
Management . . . . .	915	1,165	1,024
Overhead . . . . .	1,144	1,165	1,280
Subtotal . . . . .	2,762	3,158	3,017
Total preharvest costs . . . . .	6,840	7,175	7,708
Harvest and marketing costs:			
Harvest, pack, and haul . . . . .	2,980	3,710	2,980
Containers . . . . .	950	1,050	950
Selling . . . . .	500	210	500
Assessments . . . . .	( <sup>2</sup> )	70	( <sup>2</sup> )
Subtotal . . . . .	4,430	5,040	4,430
Total production costs . . . . .	11,270	12,216	12,138

<sup>1</sup> Data for the current crop-year are not available until long after this report is published.

<sup>2</sup> Data were not separately reported for this item.

Note.—These cost budgets are constructed based on input prices obtained from various industry sources and are believed to reflect typical costs of production for growers in a given production area, but do not necessarily reflect the actual industry average cost of production.

Note.—Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Note.—Data for the 1998/99 crop-year are believed to be revised figures of estimates made for the 1997/98 crop-year, which might explain some of the variation in costs from one year to the next.

Source: Compiled by the Commission from *Production Costs for Selected Florida Vegetables*, compiled by Scott A. Smith and Timothy G. Taylor, Food and Resource Economics Department, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, as taken from the internet at <http://www.agbuscenter.ifas.ufl.edu/cost>, retrieved Sept. 24, 2001.

**Table 16**  
**Estimated production costs for fresh-market peppers grown in New Jersey, by production practices and by average cost per acre, 1996 crop-year<sup>1</sup>**

(In dollars)

Cost item	Production practices		
	Conventional	Intgerated crop management	Organic
Preharvested cost:			
Operating costs:			
Transplants .....	747	747	747
Fertilizer and lime .....	126	67	212
Fumigant .....	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Other pesticides .....	287	156	150
Labor .....	276	276	504
Machinery .....	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Interest .....	72	16	80
Miscellaneous .....	499	499	510
Subtotal .....	2,007	1,761	2,203
Fixed Costs:			
Land rent .....	100	100	100
Machinery .....	24	24	207
Management .....	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Overhead .....	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )	( <sup>2</sup> )
Subtotal .....	124	124	307
Total preharvest cost .....	2,131	1,885	2,510
Harvest and marketing costs:			
Harvest and hauling .....	849	849	843
Packing .....	125	125	125
Containers .....	925	925	880
Selling .....	191	191	( <sup>2</sup> )
Assessments/management fee .....	213	271	226
Subtotal .....	2,303	2,361	2,074
<b>Total productions costs .....</b>	<b>4,435</b>	<b>4,246</b>	<b>4,584</b>

<sup>1</sup> Cost budgets for most states are not prepared on an annual basis and the data presented here are for the most recent budgets available.

<sup>2</sup> Data were not separately reported for these items.

Note.—These cost budgets are constructed based on input prices obtained from various industry sources and are believed to reflect typical costs of production for growers in a given production area, but do not necessarily reflect the actual industry average cost of production.

Note.—Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Source: Compiled by the Commission from *Crop Rotational Budgets for Three Cropping Systems in the Northeastern United States*, by Robin G. Brunfield and Margaret F. Brennan, Rutgers Cooperative Extension, New Brunswick, NJ, pp. 1-15.

**Table 17**  
**Estimated production costs, by average cost per acre, for fresh-market peppers grown in Georgia, 1998 crop-year,<sup>1</sup> and grown in Virginia, 1996 crop-year<sup>1</sup>**

<i>(In dollars)</i>			
<b>Items</b>	<b>Georgia (1998)</b>	<b>Virginia (1996)</b>	
	<b>On plastic</b>	<b>Drip irrigation</b>	<b>Overhead irrigation</b>
Preharvest costs:			
Operating costs:			
Transplants .....	455	585	242
Fertilizer and lime .....	528	348	76
Fumigant .....	200	180	(2)
Other pesticides .....	166	113	151
Labor .....	279	(2)	(2)
Machinery .....	21	(2)	(2)
Interest .....	99	90	34
Miscellaneous .....	544	569	116
Subtotal .....	2,292	1,885	619
Fixed costs:			
Land rent .....	(2)	(2)	(2)
Machinery .....	126	85	62
Management .....	344	(2)	(2)
Overhead .....	(2)	484	173
Subtotal .....	470	569	235
Total preharvest costs .....	2,762	2,454	854
Harvest and marketing costs:			
Harvest, pack, and haul .....	2,250	1,638	440
Containers .....	1,300	(3)	(3)
Selling .....	786	(3)	(3)
Assessments .....	(3)	(3)	(3)
Subtotal .....	4,336	1,638	440
<b>Total production costs .....</b>	<b>7,097</b>	<b>4,092</b>	<b>1,294</b>

<sup>1</sup> Cost budgets for most states are not prepared on an annual basis and these were the most recent budgets available.

<sup>2</sup> Data were not separately reported for these items.

<sup>3</sup> Data are contained in harvest, pack, and haul item.

Note.—These cost budgets are constructed based on input prices obtained from various industry sources and are believed to reflect typical costs of production for growers in a given production area, but do not necessarily reflect the actual industry average cost of production.

Note.—Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Source: Compiled by the Commission from data provided by the Georgia Department of Agriculture, Atlanta, GA, and the Eastern Shore Agricultural Research and Extension Center, Painter, VA.



# **SHIPMENTS, QUANTITIES AVAILABLE, AND PRICES**

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**Table 18**

**Fresh-market peppers: Shipments from Florida, Georgia, and major foreign suppliers, by weeks, 1999/2000 crop-year**

(1,000 pounds)

Week ending	Florida	Georgia	Mexico	Canada	Netherlands	Spain	All other	Total
1999:								
Oct. 2 .....	0	392	336	5,880	4,452	28	0	11,088
9 .....	0	2,604	196	0	0	0	0	2,800
16 .....	0	3,444	112	0	0	0	0	3,556
23 .....	1,428	3,696	308	0	0	0	0	5,432
30 .....	1,988	3,808	1,204	0	0	0	0	7,000
Nov. 6 .....	4,816	4,144	1,652	2,100	3,836	0	1,848	18,396
13 .....	7,224	3,276	3,304	0	0	0	448	14,252
20 .....	11,424	2,352	3,472	0	0	0	756	18,004
27 .....	7,448	1,008	6,832	0	0	0	364	15,652
Dec. 4 .....	11,116	840	8,008	504	1,904	1,624	392	24,388
11 .....	11,452	0	10,332	0	0	0	784	22,568
18 .....	11,536	0	14,504	0	0	0	644	26,684
25 .....	9,128	0	12,488	0	0	0	168	21,784
2000:								
Jan. 1 .....	10,220	0	13,216	0	56	1,400	112	25,004
8 .....	14,336	0	17,500	0	0	0	308	32,144
15 .....	12,292	0	17,108	0	0	0	28	29,428
22 .....	12,740	0	17,136	0	0	0	28	29,904
29 .....	7,784	0	21,672	0	0	0	56	29,512
Feb. 5 .....	11,816	0	20,720	0	28	868	0	33,432
12 .....	11,928	0	15,596	0	0	0	0	27,524
19 .....	12,320	0	19,264	0	0	0	0	31,584
26 .....	14,252	0	19,852	0	0	0	0	34,104
Mar. 4 .....	15,680	0	14,728	980	868	448	0	32,704
11 .....	15,932	0	19,196	0	0	0	0	30,128
18 .....	17,892	0	11,816	0	0	0	0	29,708
25 .....	19,740	0	10,108	0	0	0	0	29,848
Apr. 1 .....	20,972	0	9,800	2,940	4,256	56	0	38,024
8 .....	18,004	0	8,176	0	0	0	0	26,180
15 .....	15,036	0	7,980	0	0	0	0	23,016
22 .....	18,592	0	7,252	0	0	0	0	25,844
29 .....	16,884	0	7,840	0	0	0	0	24,724
May 6 .....	22,148	0	6,440	0	0	0	0	28,588
13 .....	18,676	0	4,900	0	0	0	0	23,576
20 .....	11,648	644	6,132	0	0	0	0	18,484
27 .....	10,332	3,668	4,928	0	0	0	0	18,928
June 3 .....	2,996	9,548	2,128	0	0	0	0	14,672
10 .....	1,372	11,116	1,344	0	0	0	0	13,832
17 .....	420	9,072	1,092	0	0	0	0	10,584
24 .....	56	7,700	504	0	0	0	0	8,260

Note.—Data shown are for the actual week-endings reported during the 1999/2000 crop year.

Source: Compiled by the Commission from data of the USDA, AMS, as published in *Marketing Florida Vegetables*, Federal-State Market News Service, Orlando, FL, Summary 1999/2000 Season Report, Oct. 2000, p. 55.



**Table 19**  
**Fresh-market peppers: Shipments from Florida, Georgia, and major foreign suppliers, by weeks,**  
**2000/01 crop-year**

(1,000 pounds)

Week ending	Florida	Georgia	Mexico	Canada	Netherlands	Spain	All other	Total
2000:								
Oct. 7	0	840	112	9,380	4,116	0	0	14,448
14	364	3,220	476	0	0	0	0	4,060
21	2,072	5,348	476	0	0	0	0	7,896
28	3,920	6,608	588	0	0	0	0	11,116
Nov. 4	6,944	4,620	1,512	2,660	4,424	0	0	20,160
11	7,672	4,452	2,072	0	0	0	0	14,196
18	13,496	3,808	2,156	0	0	0	868	20,328
25	9,380	2,044	2,408	0	0	0	1,120	14,952
Dec. 2	13,104	644	4,592	644	784	2,128	700	22,596
9	15,232	392	8,512	0	0	0	224	24,360
16	18,760	140	8,736	0	0	0	280	27,916
23	11,032	0	10,752	0	0	0	196	21,980
30	5,012	0	9,240	0	0	0	84	14,336
2001:								
Jan. 6	6,748	0	12,768	112	196	1,512	28	21,364
13	10,276	0	19,964	0	0	0	56	30,296
20	11,116	0	16,800	0	0	0	28	27,944
27	7,196	0	12,236	0	0	0	0	19,432
Feb. 3	10,332	0	14,224	84	84	1,680	0	26,404
10	10,220	0	12,432	0	0	0	0	22,652
17	10,248	0	15,484	0	0	0	0	25,732
24	8,540	0	13,804	0	0	0	0	22,344
Mar. 3	11,284	0	11,984	1,148	1,568	392	0	26,376
10	8,512	0	12,236	0	0	0	0	20,748
17	11,648	0	15,064	0	0	0	0	26,712
24	12,264	0	10,220	0	0	0	0	22,484
31	19,152	0	7,952	0	0	0	0	27,104
Apr. 7	19,320	0	8,960	5,096	3,920	28	0	37,324
14	25,256	0	8,372	0	0	0	0	33,628
21	23,296	0	7,532	0	0	0	0	30,828
28	20,804	0	9,464	0	0	0	0	30,268
May 5	19,852	0	8,652	0	0	0	0	28,504
12	20,636	0	9,324	0	0	0	0	29,960
19	14,952	0	8,204	0	0	0	0	23,156
26	15,204	476	5,992	0	0	0	0	21,672
June 2	11,620	4,032	3,752	0	0	0	0	19,404
9	3,948	10,640	2,156	0	0	0	0	16,744
16	1,204	10,864	700	0	0	0	0	12,768
23	364	14,392	476	0	0	0	0	15,232
30	168	7,588	252	0	0	0	0	8,008

Note.—Data shown are for the actual week-endings reported during the 2000/01 crop year.

Source: Compiled by the Commission from data of the USDA, AMS, as published in *Marketing Florida Vegetables*, Federal-State Market News Service, Orlando, FL, Summary 2000/01 Season Report, Sept. 2001, p. 55.

**Table 20**  
**Fresh-market peppers: Quantities available at major shipping points, by sources and by weeks,**  
**1999/2000 crop-year**

(1,000 pounds)

Week ending	U.S. product					Imports			Grand total	
	Truck		All other	Total	Piggy-back	U.S. total	Mexico	All other		Total
1999:										
Oct. 2	0	9,070	680	9,750	290	10,040	340	270	610	10,650
9	0	10,300	2,790	13,090	1,600	14,690	190	250	440	15,130
16	10	9,440	3,450	12,900	160	13,060	110	160	270	13,330
23	1,440	9,100	3,700	14,240	290	14,530	320	280	600	15,130
30	2,000	7,680	3,820	13,500	80	13,580	1,210	560	1,770	15,350
Nov. 6	4,810	6,760	5,990	17,560	290	17,850	1,640	200	1,840	19,690
13	7,210	3,460	3,730	14,400	0	14,400	3,290	230	3,520	17,920
20	11,410	2,930	3,090	17,430	0	17,430	3,470	380	3,850	21,280
27	7,440	380	1,380	9,200	0	9,200	6,820	60	6,880	16,080
Dec. 4	11,110	0	1,300	12,410	0	12,410	7,930	370	8,300	20,710
11	11,450	0	790	12,240	0	12,240	10,320	180	10,500	22,740
18	11,530	0	640	12,170	0	12,170	14,490	490	14,980	27,150
25	9,140	0	160	9,300	0	9,300	12,500	220	12,720	22,020
2000:										
Jan. 1	10,220	0	120	10,340	0	10,340	13,210	420	13,630	23,970
8	14,330	0	310	14,640	0	14,640	18,760	40	18,800	33,440
15	12,290	0	40	12,330	0	12,330	18,960	240	19,200	31,530
22	12,750	0	40	12,790	0	12,790	18,450	80	18,530	31,320
29	7,780	0	60	7,840	0	7,840	21,470	90	21,560	29,400
Feb. 5	11,810	0	0	11,810	0	11,810	20,720	280	21,000	32,810
12	11,920	0	0	11,920	0	11,920	16,040	50	16,090	28,010
19	12,320	0	0	12,320	0	12,320	19,260	120	19,380	31,700
26	14,260	0	0	14,260	0	14,260	19,850	80	19,930	34,190
Mar. 4	15,680	0	0	15,680	0	15,680	14,720	190	14,910	30,590
11	15,920	0	0	15,920	0	15,920	14,200	90	14,290	30,210
18	17,900	0	0	17,900	0	17,900	11,810	70	11,880	29,780
25	19,740	0	0	19,740	0	19,740	10,100	120	10,220	29,960
Apr. 1	20,960	0	0	20,960	0	20,960	9,790	130	9,920	30,880
8	17,990	0	0	17,990	0	17,990	8,180	90	8,270	26,260
15	15,050	80	0	15,130	0	15,130	7,990	290	8,280	23,410
22	18,600	360	0	18,960	0	18,960	7,260	580	7,840	26,800
29	16,880	2,510	0	19,390	0	19,390	7,830	480	8,310	27,700
May 6	22,140	5,200	0	27,340	0	27,340	6,440	280	6,720	34,060
13	18,680	8,450	0	27,130	0	27,130	4,910	150	5,060	32,190
20	11,660	10,410	650	22,720	0	22,720	6,130	390	6,520	29,240
27	10,320	14,230	3,670	28,220	0	28,220	4,940	170	5,110	33,330
June 3	2,980	12,830	9,550	25,360	80	25,440	2,120	480	2,600	28,040
10	1,370	9,510	11,120	22,000	120	22,120	1,350	160	1,510	23,630
17	410	9,400	10,200	20,010	120	20,130	1,100	250	1,350	21,480
24	60	9,110	12,330	21,500	80	21,580	500	200	700	22,280

Note.—Data for domestic shipments are obtained by the USDA from various sources, including Federal marketing order administrative committees, Federal-State inspection service, shippers, and transportation agencies. Mexico data are border crossings from records of USDA, APHIS.

Source: Compiled by the Commission from USDA, AMS data.

**Table 21**  
**Fresh-market peppers: Quantities available at major shipping points, by sources and by weeks,**  
**2000/01 crop-year**

(1,000 pounds)

Week ending	U.S. product					Imports			Grand total	
	Truck		All other	Total	Piggy-back	U.S. total	Mexico	All other		Total
2000:										
Oct. 7	0	11,990	830	12,820	80	12,900	110	170	280	13,180
14	360	6,620	3,210	10,190	40	10,230	480	270	750	10,980
21	2,070	8,750	5,360	16,180	120	16,300	470	110	580	16,880
28	3,910	6,760	6,620	17,290	80	17,370	670	140	810	18,180
Nov. 4	6,940	7,740	4,610	19,290	0	19,290	1,510	220	1,730	21,020
11	7,680	8,210	4,460	20,350	290	20,640	2,080	50	2,130	22,770
18	13,500	5,490	4,700	23,690	40	23,730	2,160	160	2,320	26,050
25	9,380	2,550	3,160	15,090	120	15,210	2,100	410	2,510	17,720
Dec. 2	13,090	2,020	1,340	16,450	0	16,450	4,600	200	4,800	21,250
9	15,470	1,040	620	17,130	0	17,130	8,500	110	8,610	25,740
16	18,760	160	430	19,350	0	19,350	8,740	280	9,020	28,370
23	11,030	10	190	11,230	0	11,230	10,760	90	10,850	22,080
30	5,000	0	90	5,090	0	5,090	9,250	180	9,430	14,520
2001:										
Jan. 6	7,120	0	20	7,140	0	7,140	12,760	300	13,060	20,200
13	10,460	0	50	10,510	0	10,510	19,960	160	20,120	30,630
20	11,120	0	30	11,150	0	11,150	16,790	200	16,990	28,140
27	7,190	0	0	7,190	0	7,190	12,230	70	12,300	19,490
Feb. 3	10,340	0	0	10,340	0	10,340	14,230	90	14,320	24,660
10	10,220	0	0	10,220	0	10,220	12,430	130	12,560	22,780
17	10,260	0	0	10,260	0	10,260	15,510	120	15,630	25,890
24	8,540	0	0	8,540	0	8,540	13,810	280	14,090	22,630
Mar. 3	11,280	0	0	11,280	0	11,280	12,000	490	12,490	23,770
10	8,520	0	0	8,520	0	8,520	12,230	150	12,380	20,900
17	11,650	0	0	11,650	0	11,650	15,060	200	15,260	26,910
24	12,270	0	0	12,270	0	12,270	10,220	220	10,440	22,710
31	19,150	0	0	19,150	0	19,150	7,950	220	8,170	27,320
Apr. 7	19,310	0	0	19,310	0	19,310	8,960	240	9,200	28,510
14	25,270	0	0	25,270	0	25,270	8,360	200	8,560	33,830
21	23,300	0	0	23,300	0	23,300	7,530	300	7,830	31,130
28	20,800	0	0	20,800	0	20,800	9,470	130	9,600	30,400
May 5	19,840	1,490	0	21,330	0	21,330	8,660	180	8,840	30,170
12	20,650	5,160	0	25,810	0	25,810	9,320	110	9,430	35,240
19	14,970	8,360	0	23,330	0	23,330	8,210	340	8,550	31,880
26	15,200	6,890	470	22,560	80	22,640	5,980	230	6,210	28,850
June 2	11,620	8,800	4,030	24,450	40	24,490	3,760	220	3,980	28,470
9	3,940	11,030	10,630	25,600	160	25,760	2,160	290	2,450	28,210
16	1,210	12,990	10,870	25,070	290	25,360	700	220	920	26,280
23	360	14,430	15,470	30,260	290	30,550	480	160	640	31,190
30	160	9,660	11,660	21,480	370	21,850	250	170	420	22,270

Note.—Data for domestic shipments are obtained by the USDA from various sources, including Federal marketing order administrative committees, Federal-State inspection service, shippers, and transportation agencies. Mexico data are border crossings from records of USDA, APHIS.

Source: Compiled by the Commission from USDA, AMS data.

**Table 22**  
**Fresh-market peppers: Florida shipments and share of total amount shipped, by months, 1996/97 to 2000/01 crop-years**

Month	1996/97	1997/98	1998/99	1999/2000	2000/01
<i>Quantity (1,000 pounds)</i>					
October .....	5,040	6,524	10,668	3,450	6,356
November .....	48,272	37,884	45,724	30,870	37,492
December .....	39,620	31,220	49,504	53,450	63,140
January .....	35,112	54,516	74,536	47,150	35,336
February .....	25,569	33,292	46,508	49,310	39,340
March .....	63,588	36,652	59,136	90,200	62,860
April .....	71,624	45,052	69,552	68,210	88,676
May .....	60,788	70,420	61,264	( <sup>1</sup> )	70,644
June .....	8,176	8,456	5,152	( <sup>1</sup> )	17,304
July .....	0	28	0	( <sup>1</sup> )	0
Total .....	357,784	324,044	422,044	( <sup>1</sup> )	421,148
<i>Share of total (percent)</i>					
October .....	1.4	2.0	2.5	( <sup>1</sup> )	1.5
November .....	13.5	11.7	10.8	( <sup>1</sup> )	8.9
December .....	11.1	9.6	11.7	( <sup>1</sup> )	15.0
January .....	9.8	16.8	17.7	( <sup>1</sup> )	8.4
February .....	7.1	10.3	11.0	( <sup>1</sup> )	9.3
March .....	17.8	11.3	14.0	( <sup>1</sup> )	14.9
April .....	20.0	13.9	16.5	( <sup>1</sup> )	21.1
May .....	17.0	21.7	14.5	( <sup>1</sup> )	16.8
June .....	2.3	2.6	1.2	( <sup>1</sup> )	4.1
July .....	-	( <sup>2</sup> )	-	( <sup>1</sup> )	-
Total .....	100.0	100.0	100.0	( <sup>1</sup> )	100.0

<sup>1</sup> Not available.

<sup>2</sup> Less than 0.5 percent.

Source: Compiled by the Commission from *Marketing Florida Vegetables*, Federal-State Market News Service, Orlando, FL, 1996/97 Season, Oct. 1997, p. 37; 1997/98 Season, Oct. 1998, p. 35; 1998/99 Season, Oct. 1999, p. 35; 1999/2000 Season, Oct. 2000, p. 35; and 2000/01 Season, Oct. 2001, p. 35.

**Table 23**  
**Fresh-market peppers: Average shipping-point prices f.o.b. Florida, by size and by weeks,**  
**1999/2000 crop-year**

*(Dollars per carton)<sup>1</sup>*

<b>Week ending</b>	<b>Extra large</b>	<b>Large</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>Small</b>
1999:				
Oct. 2 .....	0	0	0	0
9.....	0	0	0	0
16 .....	0	0	0	0
23 .....	12.00-14.50	8.00-10.50	7.00-8.50	0
30 .....	14.00-14.50	10.00-10.50	8.00-9.50	0
Nov. 6 .....	20.00-20.85	16.00-18.85	14.00-16.85	0
13 .....	20.00-20.50	12.00-14.50	10.00-12.50	6.00-8.50
20 .....	18.50-20.50	12.00-14.50	10.00-12.50	7.00-9.50
27 .....	16.00-18.50	10.00-12.50	8.00-10.50	6.35-7.35
Dec. 4 .....	7.35-14.85	6.00-10.85	5.00-8.85	5.00-6.50
11 .....	6.00-8.50	5.00-7.50	5.00-6.50	4.00-5.50
18 .....	8.00-10.50	7.00-9.50	5.00-8.50	4.35-6.50
25 .....	8.00-10.50	7.00-8.50	5.00-7.50	4.00-5.25
2000:				
Jan. 1 .....	8.00-10.50	7.00-8.50	6.00-7.35	4.00-5.35
8 .....	8.00-14.50	7.00-12.50	6.00-10.50	5.00-8.50
15 .....	12.35-14.50	12.00-12.85	10.00-10.85	8.00-8.85
22 .....	8.00-12.35	7.00-12.85	7.00-10.50	0
29 .....	10.00-14.50	9.00-10.50	8.00-9.35	0
Feb. 5 .....	10.00-14.50	8.00-11.50	7.00-9.35	0
12 .....	10.00-10.50	8.00-9.50	8.00-8.50	0
19 .....	10.00-12.50	9.00-10.50	8.00-9.50	0
26 .....	10.00-10.50	8.00-9.50	7.00-8.50	0
Mar. 4 .....	10.00-10.50	7.00-8.50	6.00-7.50	5.00-6.50
11 .....	12.00-14.50	8.00-10.50	7.00-9.50	5.00-8.50
18 .....	14.00-16.50	12.00-12.50	10.00-10.50	6.00-8.35
25 .....	8.00-16.85	6.00-12.85	6.00-10.50	4.00-6.50
Apr. 1 .....	8.00-10.50	6.00-8.50	6.00-7.50	3.50-5.50
8 .....	8.00-14.50	7.00-12.50	6.00-10.50	4.00-8.50
15 .....	14.00-16.50	12.00-14.50	10.00-12.50	5.50-8.50
22 .....	10.00-10.50	10.00-12.50	8.00-10.50	6.00-8.50
29 .....	6.00-10.50	6.00-9.50	6.00-8.75	6.00-6.50
May 6 .....	5.00-16.50	5.00-6.50	5.00-6.50	0
13 .....	6.00-10.50	5.00-8.50	5.00-7.50	0
20 .....	8.00-10.50	7.00-9.50	7.00-8.50	0
27 .....	12.00-14.50	10.00-12.50	10.00-10.35	0
June 3 .....	10.00-12.50	8.00-10.50	8.00-8.35	0
10 .....	12.00	10.00	8.00-10.00	0
17 .....	10.00	8.00-9.00	6.00-8.00	0
24 .....	0	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Cartons hold one and one-ninth bushels.

Note.—For those entries where two prices are reported for the same date, prices are the range in which most sales were made.

Source: Compiled by the Commission from data of the Federal-State Market News Services, Orlando, FL.

**Table 24**

**Fresh-market peppers: Average green pepper shipping-point prices f.o.b. Florida and border-crossings from Mexico f.o.b. Nogales, AZ, by size and by weeks, 2000/01 crop-year**

*(Dollars per carton)<sup>1</sup>*

Week ending	Florida			Nogales		
	Extra large	Large	Medium	Extra large	Large	Medium
2000:						
Oct. 7	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	14.35-14.85	12.35-12.85	10.35-10.85	0	0	0
28	10.35-14.85	8.35-12.85	6.35-10.85	0	0	0
Nov. 4	10.00-14.85	8.00-11.85	6.00-9.85	0	0	0
11	12.00-13.85	10.00-11.85	8.00-9.85	0	0	0
18	8.00-10.85	6.00-9.85	5.00-7.85	0	0	0
25	8.00-8.85	6.00-7.85	5.00-6.85	0	0	0
Dec. 2	8.00-10.85	6.00-8.85	5.00-8.85	14.00-16.15	12.15-14.35	12.00-12.15
9	10.00-10.85	8.00-10.85	7.00-9.85	10.00-12.15	10.00-12.15	8.00-10.15
16	7.00-10.85	8.00-10.85	8.00-10.85	10.00-12.15	10.00-10.15	9.00-10.15
23	7.00-10.85	8.00-10.85	7.00-10.85	9.15-12.15	9.00-10.15	8.00-10.15
30	10.00-12.85	10.00-12.85	9.00-10.85	10.00-12.15	10.00-10.15	9.00-9.15
2001:						
Jan. 6	20.00-20.85	18.00-18.85	16.00-16.85	14.00-20.15	12.00-18.15	10.00-20.15
13	25.00-30.85	24.00-28.85	24.00-26.85	22.00-30.15	20.00-28.15	20.00-26.15
20	16.00-25.85	14.00-23.85	14.00-21.85	16.00-18.15	14.00-16.15	12.00-14.15
27	20.00-24.85	17.00-22.85	14.00-22.85	18.00-24.15	16.00-22.15	14.00-20.15
Feb. 3	22.00-24.85	20.00-22.85	18.00-20.85	24.00-26.15	22.00-24.15	20.00-22.15
10	20.00-24.85	18.00-22.85	18.00-20.85	22.00-24.15	20.00-22.15	18.00-20.15
17	22.00-24.85	20.00-22.85	18.00-20.85	24.00-24.15	22.00-22.15	20.00-20.15
24	22.00-24.85	18.00-22.85	16.00-20.85	24.00-24.15	22.00-22.15	20.00-20.15
Mar. 3	22.00-24.85	18.00-20.85	16.00-18.85	24.00-24.15	22.00-24.15	18.00-22.15
10	24.00-28.85	20.00-26.85	18.00-24.85	24.00-30.15	22.00-28.15	20.00-26.15
17	30.00-35.85	26.00-28.85	24.00-26.85	26.00-34.15	26.00-30.15	22.00-26.15
24	18.00-30.85	14.00-22.85	12.00-20.85	20.00-26.15	14.00-22.15	12.00-18.15
31	8.00-12.85	6.00-10.85	5.00-8.85	16.15-18.15	12.00-14.15	10.00-14.15
Apr. 7	8.00-10.85	6.00-9.85	5.00-8.85	14.15-18.15	12.15-14.15	10.15-12.15
14	8.00-10.85	6.00-9.85	5.00-8.85	16.00-16.35	14.00-14.35	12.00-12.35
21	8.00-8.85	7.00-8.85	7.00-8.85	16.00-18.15	14.00-16.15	12.00-14.15
28	8.00-12.85	7.00-10.85	7.00-8.85	12.15-16.15	12.15-16.15	12.00-12.15
May 5	12.00-16.85	10.00-14.85	10.00-12.85	14.00-18.15	12.00-16.15	12.00-14.15
12	10.00-16.85	8.00-14.85	8.00-12.85	10.00-16.15	10.00-16.15	8.00-14.15
19	7.00-10.85	6.00-8.85	5.00-7.85	7.00-10.15	6.00-8.15	5.00-7.15
26	8.00-8.35	5.00-7.35	5.00-6.35	0	0	0
June 2	7.00-8.35	5.00-7.35	5.00-6.35	0	0	0
9	5.00-8.35	6.00-6.35	5.00-6.35	0	0	0
16	6.35-7.35	6.35-7.00	0	0	0	0
23	0	0	0	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Cartons hold one and one-ninth bushels.

Note.—For those entries where two prices are reported, prices are the range in which most sales were made.

Source: Compiled by the Commission from data of the Federal-State Market News Service, Orlando, FL.

**Table 25**  
**Fresh-market peppers: Average red pepper shipping-point prices f.o.b. Florida and border-crossings from Mexico f.o.b. Nogales, AZ, by size and by weeks, 2000/01 crop-year**

(Dollars per carton)<sup>1</sup>

Week ending	Florida			Nogales		
	Extra large	Large	Medium	Extra large	Large	Medium
2000:						
Oct. 7	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov. 4	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	0	0	0	0	0	0
25	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dec. 2	0	0	0	0	0	0
9	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	16.00-24.85	14.00-22.85	12.00-20.85	18.00-20.50	18.00-20.50	22.00-26.95
23	8.00-16.85	7.00-14.85	7.00-12.85	14.50-18.50	14.50-18.50	16.15-22.50
30	8.00-12.85	7.00-10.85	7.00-8.85	12.50-15.50	12.50-15.50	12.15-16.95
2001:						
Jan. 6	0	0	0	12.00-16.15	12.00-16.15	14.50-20.15
13	16.00-20.85	0	0	8.50-14.50	8.50-14.50	12.00-16.75
20	14.00-16.85	12.00-14.85	0	10.00-12.75	10.00-12.75	12.00-14.75
27	14.00-16.85	0	0	12.00-14.75	12.00-14.75	14.50-18.50
Feb. 3	20.00-20.50	0	0	14.00-16.50	14.00-16.50	16.50-20.95
10	0	0	0	16.00-18.00	16.00-18.00	20.00-24.15
17	25.00-25.85	22.00-23.85	20.00-20.85	14.00-20.50	14.00-20.50	22.50-26.15
24	0	0	0	8.00-10.50	8.00-10.50	14.50-20.15
Mar. 3	0	0	0	10.50-12.50	10.50-12.50	16.00-18.50
10	0	0	0	12.50-16.95	12.50-16.95	16.50-24.75
17	0	0	0	15.50-18.95	15.50-18.95	22.00-24.15
24	0	0	0	18.00-20.75	18.00-20.75	24.00-28.95
31	0	0	0	22.00-28.50	22.00-28.50	0
Apr. 7	0	0	0	28.50-31.15	28.50-31.15	0
14	0	0	0	16.15-30.15	16.15-30.15	0
21	0	0	0	7.95-13.15	7.95-13.15	0
28	0	0	0	6.00-8.50	6.00-8.50	0
May 5	12.00-14.85	0	0	10.00-12.50	10.00-12.50	0
12	0	0	0	12.50-16.15	12.50-16.15	0
19	0	0	0	15.95-16.50	15.95-16.50	0
26	0	0	0	0	0	0
June 2	0	0	0	12.85-16.85	12.85-16.85	0
9	0	0	0	8.85-14.85	8.85-14.85	0
16	0	0	0	7.75-8.85	7.75-8.85	0
23	0	0	0	6.75-7.35	6.75-7.35	0

<sup>1</sup> Cartons hold one and one-ninth bushels.

Note.—For those entries where two prices are reported, prices are the range in which most sales were made.

Source: Compiled by the Commission from data of the Federal-State Market News Service, Orlando, FL.

**Table 26****Fresh-market peppers: Prices offered for large green peppers at the Boston wholesale terminal market, by sources and by weeks, 2000/01 crop-year***(Dollars per carton)<sup>1</sup>*

<b>Week ending</b>	<b>Florida</b>	<b>Georgia</b>	<b>California</b>	<b>Mexico</b>
2000:				
Oct. 7 .....	0	0	0	0
14 .....	0	0	0	0
21 .....	0	14.00-16.00	15.00-16.00	0
28 .....	11.00-13.00	9.00-14.00	15.00	0
Nov. 4 .....	9.00-10.00	10.00	0	0
11 .....	11.00-13.00	10.00-12.00	0	0
18 .....	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	0	0
25 .....	8.00-10.00	9.00-11.00	0	0
Dec. 2 .....	8.00-10.00	9.00	0	0
9 .....	10.00-12.00	0	0	0
16 .....	10.00-12.00	0	0	0
23 .....	8.00-12.00	0	0	0
30 .....	12.00-13.00	0	0	0
2001:				
Jan. 6 .....	14.00-22.00	0	0	0
13 .....	26.00-32.00	0	0	26.00-32.00
20 .....	20.00-22.00	0	0	18.00
27 .....	16.00-20.00	0	0	18.00-20.00
Feb. 3 .....	22.00-24.00	0	0	0
10 .....	20.00-22.00	0	0	0
17 .....	25.00-28.00	0	0	0
24 .....	20.00-28.00	0	0	22.00
Mar. 3 .....	17.00-22.00	0	0	0
10 .....	24.00	0	0	0
17 .....	28.00-35.00	0	0	0
24 .....	14.00-25.00	0	0	0
31 .....	8.00-12.00	0	0	18.00
Apr. 7 .....	8.00-9.00	0	0	0
14 .....	10.00-12.00	0	0	0
21 .....	8.00-10.00	0	0	0
28 .....	8.00-9.00	0	0	0
May 5 .....	10.00-16.00	0	0	0
12 .....	12.00-16.00	0	0	0
19 .....	7.00-12.00	0	12.00	0
26 .....	7.00-9.00	0	10.00	0
June 2 .....	7.00-10.00	8.00	8.00-10.00	0
9 .....	7.00-9.00	8.00-10.00	18.00-20.00	0
16 .....	9.00-10.00	8.00-9.00	14.00-15.00	0
23 .....	0	0	0	0
30 .....	0	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Cartons hold one and one-ninth bushels.

Note.—For those entries where two prices are reported, prices are the range in which most sales were made.

Source: Compiled by the Commission from data of the Federal-State Market News Service, Orlando, FL.



**Table 27**  
**Fresh-market peppers: Prices offered for green peppers at the Chicago wholesale terminal market, by sources, by sizes, and by weeks, 2000/01 crop-year**

(Dollars per carton)<sup>1</sup>

Week ending	Florida			Mexico		
	Extra large	Large	Medium	Extra large	Large	Medium
2000:						
Oct. 7	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	0	0	12.00-14.00	0	0	0
Nov. 4	14.00	12.00-13.00	12.00	0	0	0
11	14.00	12.00-13.00	12.00	0	0	0
18	13.00-14.00	11.00-13.00	9.00-11.00	0	0	0
25	12.00	10.00-11.00	9.00-9.50	0	0	0
Dec. 2	12.00-14.00	10.00-11.00	8.00-9.00	0	0	0
9	13.00-14.00	10.00-11.00	8.00-9.00	0	0	0
16	13.00-14.00	10.00-13.00	0	0	0	0
23	12.00-14.00	12.00-13.00	0	12.00	0	0
30	12.00-13.00	12.00-13.00	0	12.00	0	12.00-13.00
2001:						
Jan. 6	12.00-25.00	12.00-22.00	0	13.00-25.00	20.00-22.00	13.00-16.00
13	30.00-34.00	25.00-30.00	28.00	30.00-32.00	25.00-32.00	25.00-28.00
20	22.00-26.00	20.00-23.00	18.00-22.00	20.00-26.00	18.00-24.00	18.00-22.00
27	19.00-28.00	20.00-26.00	17.00-18.00	20.00-26.00	18.00-24.00	17.00-19.00
Feb. 3	28.00	26.00	0	24.00-26.00	22.00-24.00	0
10	28.00	26.00	0	24.00-26.00	22.00-24.00	0
17	28.00-30.00	26.00-28.00	23.00-24.00	24.00-28.00	22.00-26.00	0
24	26.00-28.00	24.00-26.00	22.00-24.00	28.00-30.00	22.50-24.50	0
Mar. 3	26.00-28.00	24.00-26.00	20.00-23.00	26.00-28.00	22.00-24.00	0
10	28.00-30.00	24.00-26.00	22.00-24.00	26.00-28.00	24.00	0
17	34.00-36.00	30.00-35.00	28.00	34.00-36.00	28.00-33.00	0
24	25.00-35.00	22.00-33.00	20.00-28.00	28.00-36.00	0	0
31	10.00-22.00	8.00-18.00	6.00-14.00	14.00-22.00	0	9.00-15.00
Apr. 7	10.00	8.00-9.00	6.00-7.00	14.00	0	10.00-14.00
14	12.00-14.00	10.00-13.00	9.00-12.00	0	0	0
21	12.00-14.00	12.00-13.00	10.00-12.00	0	0	0
28	12.00	11.00-12.00	10.00	0	0	0
May 5	12.00-20.00	11.00-17.00	10.00-17.00	0	0	0
12	18.00-20.00	16.00-18.00	14.00-17.00	0	0	0
19	12.00-16.00	10.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	14.00-15.00	0	0
26	10.00-12.00	10.00	9.00-10.00	14.00	0	0
June 2	10.00-12.00	10.00	8.00-10.00	14.00	0	0
9	10.00-12.00	10.00	8.00-9.00	0	0	0
16	10.00-12.00	10.00	8.00-9.00	0	0	0
23	0	10.00	0	0	0	0
30	11.00-12.00	10.00	0	0	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Cartons hold one and one-ninth bushels.

Note.—For those entries where two prices are reported, prices are the range in which most sales were made.

Source: Compiled by the Commission from data of the Federal-State Market News Service, Orlando, FL.

**Table 28**  
**Fresh-market peppers: Prices offered for red peppers at the Chicago wholesale terminal market,**  
**by sources, by sizes, and by weeks, 2000/01 crop-year**

(Dollars per carton)<sup>1</sup>

Week ending	Florida			Nogales		
	Extra large	Large	Medium	Extra large	Large	Medium
2000:						
Oct. 7	0	0	0	0	0	0
14	0	0	0	0	0	0
21	0	0	0	0	0	0
28	0	0	0	0	0	0
Nov. 4	0	0	0	0	0	0
11	0	0	0	0	0	0
18	0	0	0	32.00	0	0
25	0	0	0	32.00	0	0
Dec. 2	34.00-35.00	0	0	32.00-34.00	0	0
9	34.00-35.00	0	0	34.00-36.00	0	0
16	34.00-35.00	28.00	25.00-38.00	34.00-36.00	0	0
23	26.00-28.00	22.00-26.00	20.00-25.00	23.00-26.00	0	0
30	14.00-15.00	13.00-14.00	0	0	0	0
2001:						
Jan. 6	17.00-18.00	15.00-16.00	0	24.00-24.50	21.00-22.00	0
13	20.00-26.00	20.00-24.00	18.00-20.00	24.00-25.00	21.00-22.00	0
20	25.00-26.00	22.00	18.00-20.00	20.00-25.00	18.00-22.00	0
27	20.00-22.00	22.00	0	20.00-28.00	18.00	0
Feb. 3	20.00-22.00	0	0	26.00-28.00	0	0
10	20.00-25.00	0	0	26.00-28.00	0	0
17	24.00-32.00	24.00-25.00	0	30.00-32.00	0	0
24	0	0	0	28.00-35.00	26.00-27.00	23.00-24.00
Mar. 3	0	0	0	24.00-28.00	24.00-26.00	20.00-24.00
10	0	0	0	24.00-28.00	23.00-25.00	0
17	0	0	0	30.00-35.00	30.00-32.00	0
24	30.00-34.00	32.00-33.00	0	32.00-35.00	0	32.00
31	32.00-36.00	32.00-34.00	0	32.00-44.00	32.00-40.00	32.00-34.00
Apr. 7	0	0	0	46.00-48.00	40.00	40.00-42.00
14	0	0	0	46.00-50.00	46.00-56.00	46.00-52.00
21	0	0	0	38.00-40.00	38.00-40.00	30.00-35.00
28	0	0	0	20.00	19.00-20.00	0
May 5	0	0	0	16.00-18.00	16.00-17.00	16.00
12	0	0	0	18.00-20.00	18.00	16.00-18.00
19	0	0	0	24.00-25.00	24.00-25.00	21.00-22.00
26	0	0	0	0	22.00-23.00	23.00-24.00
June 2	0	0	0	24.00	0	0
9	0	0	0	20.00-24.00	19.00-20.00	0
16	0	0	0	18.00-20.00	17.00-18.00	0
23	0	0	0	18.00	16.00-17.00	0
30	0	0	0	18.00	16.00-17.00	0

<sup>1</sup> Cartons hold one and one-ninth bushels.

Note.—For those entries where two prices are reported, prices are the range in which most sales were made.

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