

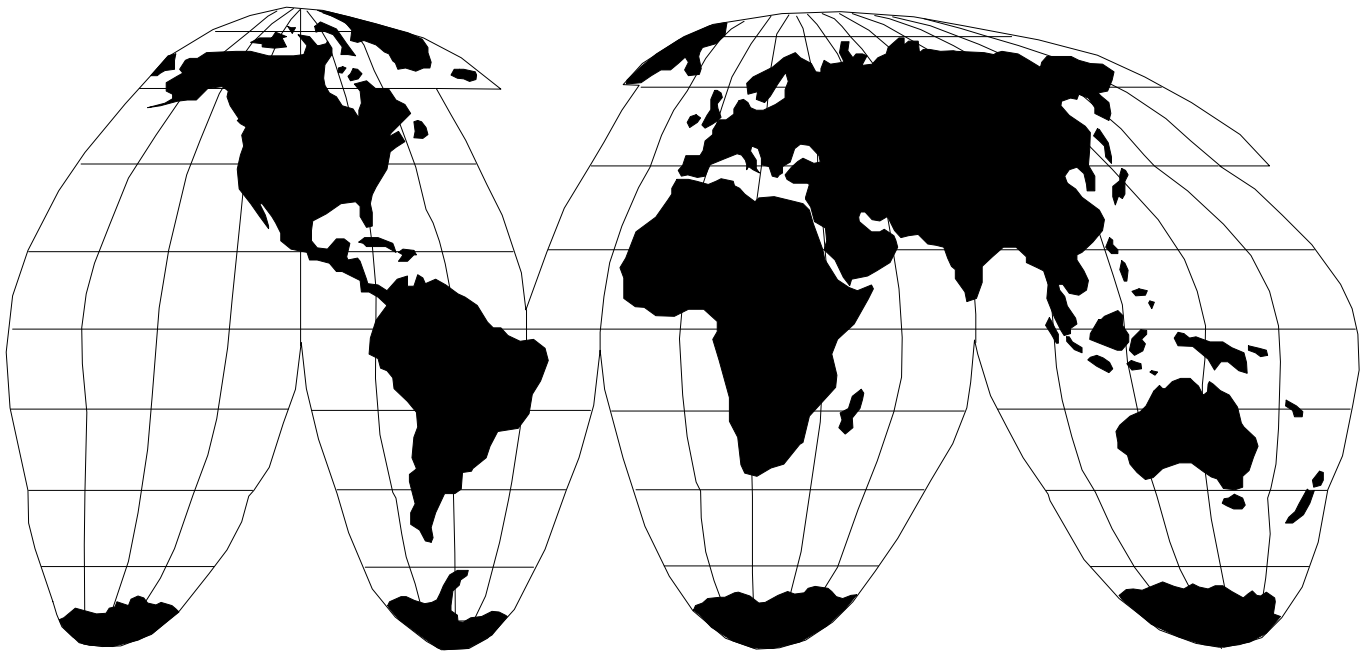
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Preface

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; U.S. weekly arrivals and shipping-point quantities; and average U.S. retail and shipping-point 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, and the University of Florida Cooperative Extension Service. This report principally covers 1994-98 data and partial-year data for 1999.¹

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

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Highlights

The following are highlights of the statistical data collected on peppers for fresh-market use and processing for the period 1994-98.

Fresh-market Peppers

- ! Apparent U.S. consumption of fresh-market peppers rose by 16 percent in volume (27 percent in value) from 345,035 metric tons valued at \$487.1 million in 1994 to 400,732 metric tons valued at \$620.6 million in 1998. In 1998, the ratio of import volume to consumption was 50 percent, up from 34 percent in 1994.
- ! U.S. production of fresh-market peppers fell by 7 percent from an estimated 279,812 metric tons (\$387.8 million) in 1994 to 259,618 metric tons (\$410.7 million) in 1998. Unit values rose by 14 percent from \$1.39 per kilogram in 1994 to \$1.58 per kilogram in 1998. California and Florida were the leading States in production during the 1994-98 period. Since 1994, U.S. harvested area for peppers has trended downward, with most of the decrease accounted for by a drop in harvested acreage in Florida, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Texas.
- ! U.S. exports of fresh-market peppers rose irregularly from 53,375 metric tons in 1994 to 57,954 metric tons in 1998. The value of U.S. exports also rose during 1994-98. Canada has been the leading foreign market for U.S. fresh-market pepper exports in recent years, accounting for 98 percent by volume of U.S. exports in 1998.
- ! U.S. imports of fresh-market peppers increased by 68 percent from 118,598 metric tons in 1994 to 199,068 metric tons in 1998, and 82 percent, by value, from \$146.0 million in 1994 to \$265.5 million in 1998. Mexico accounted for 78 percent by volume of total imports of fresh-market peppers in 1998. Other important foreign suppliers included the Netherlands and Canada. U.S. imports from Canada and the Netherlands, although accounting for a small share of total imports in recent years, rose 305 and 23 percent, respectively, from 1994 to 1998. The bulk of imports from both countries are believed to be greenhouse-grown peppers. During 1994-98, the average unit value of imports fluctuated from a low of \$1.00 per kilogram in 1996 to a high of \$1.33 per kilogram in 1998.
- ! U.S. imports of fresh-market peppers from Mexico, entered on a June-May marketing-year basis, amounted to 154,802 metric tons in June 1998-May 1999, up by 2 percent from 151,041 metric tons in June 1997-May 1998. During the 1996/97 to 1998/99 seasons, about 85 percent of U.S. imports of fresh-market peppers from Mexico entered through the Nogales, AZ customs district. Most of the remaining U.S. imports of fresh-market peppers entered through the San Diego, CA customs district. In recent years, most imports were entered during December through the following May. Imports from

Mexico during January-April, the months when imports from Mexico are normally greatest, were down slightly in 1999 from the level in the corresponding 1998 months.

- ! Average U.S. monthly retail prices for fresh-market peppers have trended upward since 1994, amounting to \$1.53 per pound in 1998. In 1998, prices fluctuated from a low of \$1.19 per pound in September to a high of \$1.74 per pound in April. The highest prices are normally reported during the months of November through the following May.

Processed Peppers

- ! U.S. production of processed peppers fell slightly from an estimated 19,408 metric tons in 1994 to 19,323 metric tons in 1998. The value of production in 1998 was an estimated \$36.2 million, up by 6 percent from an estimated \$34.2 million in 1994. Unit values of processed peppers have trended upward since 1994.
- ! U.S. imports of processed peppers rose by 118 percent from 6,023 metric tons in 1994 to 13,147 metric tons in 1998, with an accompanying 108 percent rise in value of total imports from \$7.8 million in 1994 to \$16.2 million in 1998. Spain has been the leading source of processed peppers since 1994, supplying roughly four-fifths annually of import volume throughout the 1994-98 period.

CONSUMPTION AND TRADE

Table 1
Fresh-market peppers: U.S. production, exports of domestic merchandise, imports for consumption, apparent consumption, and ratio of imports to consumption, 1994-98

Year	Production ¹	Exports ²	Imports ³	Apparent consumption	Ratio of imports to consumption
	<i>Quantity (1,000 kilograms)</i>				<i>Percentage</i>
1994	279,812	53,375	118,598	345,035	34
1995	261,832	48,970	142,746	355,608	40
1996	301,893	60,473	171,123	412,543	41
1997	271,412	60,688	179,210	389,934	46
1998	259,618	57,954	199,068	400,732	50
	<i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i>				
1994	387,808	46,777	146,020	487,051	30
1995	384,868	44,901	173,532	513,499	34
1996	396,228	48,352	170,681	518,557	33
1997	407,585	54,352	198,295	551,528	36
1998	410,739	55,635	265,506	620,610	43
	<i>Unit value (per kilogram)⁴</i>				
1994	\$1.39	\$0.88	\$1.23	\$1.41	(⁵)
1995	1.47	.92	1.22	1.44	(⁵)
1996	1.31	.80	1.00	1.26	(⁵)
1997	1.50	.90	1.11	1.41	(⁵)
1998	1.58	.96	1.33	1.55	(⁵)

¹ Data are estimated by the Commission staff for fresh-market peppers based on raw product intended for fresh-market use and for processing. Data are not reported separately for each end use.

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

³ Data are for fresh or chilled peppers, other than chili peppers (*Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS)* number 0709.60.0040 for 1994 and 0709.60.4000 for 1995-98) on a fresh-weight basis.

⁴ Calculated by USITC staff.

⁵ Not applicable.

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

Note.—Estimated U.S. production data are raw product intended for fresh-market sales whereas export and import data are shipments actually recorded. Thus, apparent consumption may be somewhat smaller and the ratio of imports to consumption somewhat larger than shown.

Note.—Production data are estimated from raw product intended for fresh-market use and for processing, and were converted from pounds to kilograms. Thus, data presented here do not match data presented elsewhere in this report.

Source: Production data estimated by Commission staff based on official statistics of the Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS); exports and imports compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce, except as noted.

Table 2

Fresh-market peppers: U.S. exports of domestic merchandise,¹ by principal markets, 1994-98

Market	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Quantity (1,000 kilograms)					
Canada	50,736	47,964	59,353	59,671	56,725
Mexico	1,738	454	322	507	627
Italy	0	0	0	0	32
United Kingdom	149	71	59	29	103
Netherlands	94	0	0	0	106
Bahamas	2	6	8	55	61
Taiwan	0	0	0	0	73
Japan	105	244	318	153	41
All other	550	231	413	273	187
Total	53,375	48,970	60,474	60,688	57,954
Value (1,000 dollars)					
Canada	43,891	43,782	47,127	53,155	54,000
Mexico	1,640	325	291	511	669
Italy	0	0	0	0	157
United Kingdom	164	64	64	55	150
Netherlands	100	0	0	0	116
Bahamas	3	8	6	95	112
Taiwan	0	0	0	0	104
Japan	194	303	419	206	78
All other	786	419	445	329	249
Total	46,777	44,901	48,352	54,352	55,635
Unit value (per kilogram) ²					
Canada	\$0.87	\$0.91	\$0.79	\$0.89	\$0.95
Mexico .....	.94	.72	.90	1.01	1.07
Italy	—	—	—	—	4.91
United Kingdom	1.10	.90	1.08	1.90	1.46
Netherlands	1.06	—	—	—	1.09
Bahamas	1.50	1.33	.75	1.73	1.84
Taiwan	—	—	—	—	1.42
Japan	1.85	1.24	1.32	1.35	1.90
All other	1.43	1.81	1.08	1.21	1.33
Average .....	.88	.92	.80	.90	.96

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

² Calculated by USITC staff.

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 3
Fresh-market peppers: U.S. imports for consumption,¹ by principal sources, 1994-98

Source	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
<i>Quantity (1,000 kilograms)</i>					
Mexico	96,713	116,173	143,734	146,194	155,809
Netherlands	16,906	17,801	18,436	18,027	20,817
Canada	3,839	6,723	6,445	10,274	15,552
Israel	143	692	1,207	2,381	3,203
Belgium	462	391	288	478	340
Spain	(²)	18	0	33	317
Honduras	0	0	53	815	2,311
Trinidad and Tobago ..	9	36	112	100	129
All other	526	912	848	908	590
Total	118,598	142,746	171,123	179,210	199,068
<i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i>					
Mexico	97,097	108,694	111,485	129,887	171,782
Netherlands	40,225	49,519	43,022	42,535	52,605
Canada	6,859	11,141	11,428	17,554	30,803
Israel	151	1,934	2,441	5,410	6,916
Belgium	1,315	1,256	822	1,201	869
Spain	1	24	0	33	810
Honduras	0	0	17	276	539
Trinidad and Tobago ..	33	112	409	373	483
All other	339	852	1,057	1,026	699
Total	146,020	173,532	170,681	198,295	265,506
<i>Unit value (per kilogram)³</i>					
Mexico	\$1.00	\$0.94	\$0.78	\$0.89	\$1.10
Netherlands	2.38	2.78	2.33	2.36	2.53
Canada	1.79	1.66	1.77	1.71	1.98
Israel	1.06	2.79	2.02	2.27	2.16
Belgium	2.85	3.21	2.85	2.51	2.56
Spain	(⁴)	1.33	—	1.00	2.56
Honduras	—	—	.32	.34	.23
Trinidad and Tobago ..	3.67	3.11	3.65	3.73	3.74
All other .....	.64	.93	1.25	1.13	1.18
Average	1.23	1.22	1.00	1.11	1.33

¹ Data are for fresh or chilled peppers, other than chili peppers (*HTS* numbers 0709.60.0040 for 1994 and 0709.60.4000 for 1995-98) on a fresh-weight basis.

² Less than 500 kilograms.

³ Calculated by USITC staff.

⁴ Not applicable.

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 from Mexico,¹ by major ports of entry, June 1996-May 1999

(1,000 kilograms)

Period	Nogales	San Diego	Laredo	All other	Total
1996:					
June	492	614	22	13	1,141
July	0	689	22	74	785
Aug	22	741	43	15	821
Sept	25	1,403	0	0	1,427
Oct	56	2,184	0	15	2,255
Nov	2,755	4,261	67	4	7,086
Dec	17,719	2,723	11	0	20,453
1997:					
Jan	30,663	1,208	27	12	31,910
Feb	32,399	299	240	1	32,939
Mar	24,423	463	292	6	25,184
Apr	10,943	2,931	40	0	13,913
May	4,959	3,695	21	1	8,675
Total	124,456	21,211	785	141	146,593
1997:					
June	659	1,580	17	0	2,256
July	56	781	54	0	890
Aug	10	645	14	0	669
Sept	0	2,348	25	0	2,373
Oct	113	2,331	0	0	2,444
Nov	2,982	3,167	39	0	6,189
Dec	16,761	1,977	14	0	18,752
1998:					
Jan	30,071	1,061	60	1	31,192
Feb	28,859	579	438	16	29,893
Mar	25,480	659	974	4	27,117
Apr	17,593	3,448	64	15	21,120
May	3,935	4,126	78	8	8,146
Total	126,519	22,702	1,777	44	151,041
1998:					
June	249	1,864	27	73	2,213
July	0	1,237	33	11	1,281
Aug	0	1,837	14	113	1,964
Sept	44	2,186	27	49	2,306
Oct	260	1,332	10	15	1,616
Nov	3,246	2,914	62	1	6,223
Dec	20,883	1,813	28	13	22,737
1999:					
Jan	31,795	310	131	8	32,244
Feb	28,120	512	100	3	28,735
Mar	25,246	824	203	8	26,281
Apr	14,625	2,395	3	8	17,031
May	6,260	5,842	61	8	12,171
Total	130,728	23,066	699	310	154,802

¹ Data are for fresh or chilled peppers, other than chili peppers (HTS number 0709.60.4000) 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 5
Processed peppers: U.S. production and imports for consumption, 1994-98

Year	Production ¹	Imports ²
<i>Quantity (1,000 kilograms)</i>		
1994	19,408	6,023
1995	24,564	6,519
1996	20,347	7,476
1997	18,482	8,371
1998	19,323	13,147
<i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i>		
1994	34,219	7,803
1995	33,959	7,903
1996	34,962	8,940
1997	35,964	9,673
1998	36,242	16,211
<i>Unit value (per kilogram)³</i>		
1994	\$1.76	\$1.30
1995	1.38	1.21
1996	1.72	1.20
1997	1.95	1.16
1998	1.88	1.23

¹ Production data include frozen peppers and are not directly comparable with other processed pepper (e.g., canned) import data. Values and unit values of production were estimated by the Commission staff.

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

³ Calculated by USITC staff.

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.

Table 6
Processed peppers: U.S. imports for consumption,¹ by principal sources, 1994-98

Source	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
<i>Quantity (1,000 kilograms)</i>					
Spain	5,305	5,232	6,176	6,757	10,421
Greece	189	315	192	199	1,199
Mexico	146	278	516	511	571
Turkey	10	237	251	348	729
Italy	25	19	25	365	86
Morocco	14	39	16	0	50
Poland	0	0	0	0	21
Peru	18	3	(²)	0	15
All other	316	396	300	191	55
Total	6,023	6,519	7,476	8,371	13,147
<i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i>					
Spain	7,101	6,842	7,523	7,478	13,143
Greece	226	238	268	318	1,501
Mexico	66	209	475	433	639
Turkey	9	181	177	252	565
Italy	73	38	93	982	143
Morocco	19	62	19	0	54
Poland	0	0	0	0	38
Peru	24	8	3	0	31
All other	285	325	382	210	97
Total	7,803	7,903	8,940	9,673	16,211
<i>Unit value (per kilogram)³</i>					
Spain	\$1.34	\$1.31	\$1.22	\$1.11	\$1.26
Greece	1.19	.76	1.39	1.60	1.25
Mexico .....	.45	.75	.92	.85	1.12
Turkey .....	.81	.76	.71	.72	.78
Italy	2.93	1.97	3.64	2.69	1.66
Morocco	1.36	1.60	1.21	—	1.08
Poland	—	—	—	—	1.80
Peru	1.36	2.56	(⁴)	—	2.13
All other .....	.90	.82	1.27	1.10	1.76
Average	1.30	1.21	1.20	1.16	1.23

¹ Data are for prepared or preserved peppers (*HTS* numbers 2005.90.5020, 2005.90.5040, and 2005.90.5510) on a processed-weight basis.

² Less than 500 kilograms.

³ Calculated by USITC staff.

⁴ Not applicable.

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.

PRODUCTION AND COSTS

Table 7
Fresh-market peppers:¹ U.S. production quantity, value, and unit value, and harvested area, by selected States, 1994-98

State	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
<i>Quantity (1,000 pounds)</i>					
Florida	575,700	472,500	612,000	591,000	563,500
California	594,500	696,000	765,000	630,000	627,000
New Jersey	161,200	84,800	94,600	109,200	94,300
North Carolina	33,000	22,800	65,700	66,000	45,600
Michigan	38,000	35,700	40,000	37,400	39,900
Texas	64,400	66,700	54,000	28,000	18,000
All other	75,400	64,600	32,600	34,300	42,600
Total	1,542,200	1,443,100	1,663,900	1,495,900	1,430,900
<i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i>					
Florida	197,465	177,188	222,768	251,766	245,686
California	152,287	188,523	173,506	155,040	170,374
New Jersey	44,975	24,422	23,934	28,829	28,007
North Carolina	6,765	5,130	13,797	16,500	10,944
Michigan	7,904	8,104	7,360	7,817	9,576
Texas	29,753	30,215	17,442	9,688	6,480
All other	17,096	19,204	7,344	9,872	12,155
Total	456,245	452,786	466,151	479,512	483,222
<i>Unit value (per hundredweight)²</i>					
Florida	\$34.30	\$37.50	\$36.40	\$42.60	\$43.60
California	25.62	27.09	22.68	24.61	27.17
New Jersey	27.90	28.80	25.30	26.40	29.70
North Carolina	20.50	22.50	21.00	25.00	24.00
Michigan	20.80	22.70	18.40	20.90	24.00
Texas	46.20	45.30	32.20	34.60	36.00
All other	22.67	29.73	22.52	28.78	28.53
Average	29.58	31.38	28.02	32.06	33.77
<i>Harvested area (acres)</i>					
Florida	20,200	21,000	20,400	19,700	19,100
California	20,500	24,000	25,500	21,000	22,000
New Jersey	5,200	5,300	4,300	4,200	4,100
North Carolina	6,600	6,500	7,300	5,500	5,700
Michigan	1,900	2,100	2,000	1,700	1,900
Texas	4,600	4,600	4,000	1,600	1,500
All other	5,000	4,100	2,600	2,500	2,480
Total	64,000	67,600	66,100	56,200	56,780

¹ Data are for bell peppers, on a fresh-weight basis, intended for fresh-market use and for processing. Data are not separately reported for each use.

² Calculated by USITC staff.

Source: Compiled from USDA, NASS, *Vegetables*, 1996 Summary: Jan. 1997, VG 1-2(97); 1997 Summary: Jan. 1998, VG 1-2 (98); and 1998 Summary: Jan. 1999, VG1-2 (99).

Table 8
Estimated production costs¹ for spring-planted fresh-market peppers grown in the Palm Beach County, Florida area, 1995/96 to 1997/98 seasons

(Dollars per acre)

Items	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98
Preharvest costs:			
Operating costs:			
Transplants	800	800	800
Fertilizer and lime	275	275	275
Fumigant	380	446	464
Other pesticides	571	591	669
Labor	304	304	389
Machinery	246	260	279
Interest	109	119	117
Miscellaneous	996	996	996
Subtotal	<u>3,681</u>	<u>3,791</u>	<u>3,989</u>
Fixed costs:			
Land rent	400	400	400
Machinery	114	116	119
Management	817	838	878
Overhead	817	838	1,098
Subtotal	<u>2,149</u>	<u>2,192</u>	<u>2,495</u>
Total preharvest costs	5,830	5,983	6,484
Harvest and marketing costs:			
Harvest, pack, and haul	1,760	1,760	1,760
Containers	1,045	1,045	1,045
Selling	550	550	550
Subtotal	<u>3,355</u>	<u>3,355</u>	<u>3,355</u>
Total production costs	<u>9,185</u>	<u>9,338</u>	<u>9,839</u>

¹ These costs 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 from *Production Cost for Selected Vegetables in Florida*, compiled by Scott A. Smith and Timothy G. Taylor, Food and Resource Economics Department, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville, Florida, circular 1176, 1996, p. 12; circular 1202, 1997, p. 9; and FRE 145, Feb. 1999, p. 9.

Table 9
Estimated production costs¹ for fresh-market peppers grown in the Southwest Florida area, 1995/96 to 1997/98 seasons

(Dollars per acre)

Items	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98
Preharvest costs:			
Operating costs:			
Transplants	880	880	880
Fertilizer and lime	355	355	403
Fumigant	380	446	464
Other pesticides	634	659	683
Labor	317	317	415
Machinery	464	507	592
Interest	192	211	211
Miscellaneous	593	593	594
Subtotal	<u>3,815</u>	<u>3,969</u>	<u>4,242</u>
Fixed costs:			
Land rent	450	450	450
Machinery	229	231	252
Management	860	888	947
Overhead	1,075	1,110	1,183
Subtotal	<u>2,614</u>	<u>2,678</u>	<u>2,832</u>
Total preharvest costs	<u>6,429</u>	<u>6,647</u>	<u>7,075</u>
Harvest and marketing costs:			
Harvest, pack, and haul	2,980	2,980	2,980
Containers	950	950	950
Selling	500	500	500
Subtotal	<u>4,430</u>	<u>4,430</u>	<u>4,430</u>
Total production costs	<u>10,859</u>	<u>11,077</u>	<u>11,505</u>

¹ These costs 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.

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Table 10
**Fresh-market peppers: Weekly quantities available at major shipping points, by sources, Nov. 2, 1996-
June 28, 1997**

(1,000 pounds)

Week ending	U.S. product					Piggy-back	Imports			Grand total
	Truck		All other	Total	U.S. Total		Mexico	All other	Total	
1996:										
Nov. 2	6,200	0	5,020	11,220	80	11,300	1,100	70	1,170	12,470
9	6,300	0	4,950	11,250	80	11,330	1,630	0	1,630	12,960
16	13,060	0	3,810	16,870	0	16,870	3,240	50	3,290	20,160
23	14,900	0	3,160	18,060	0	18,060	4,490	130	4,620	22,680
30	7,830	0	1,540	9,370	0	9,370	4,350	50	4,400	13,770
Dec. 7	13,890	0	1,310	15,200	0	15,200	6,850	90	6,940	22,140
14	8,990	0	940	9,930	0	9,930	8,980	110	9,090	19,020
21	10,420	0	900	11,320	0	11,320	13,360	40	13,400	24,720
28	6,880	0	300	7,180	0	7,180	12,810	20	12,830	20,010
1997:										
Jan. 4	11,290	0	30	11,320	0	11,320	13,020	40	13,060	24,380
11	8,680	0	20	8,700	0	8,700	16,090	0	16,090	24,790
18	5,190	0	0	5,190	0	5,190	15,680	60	15,740	20,930
25	6,500	0	0	6,500	0	6,500	16,140	70	16,210	22,710
Feb. 1	4,370	0	0	4,370	0	4,370	22,800	30	22,830	27,200
8	6,250	0	0	6,250	0	6,250	18,940	0	18,940	25,190
15	7,140	0	0	7,140	0	7,140	22,550	0	22,550	29,690
22	7,800	0	0	7,800	0	7,800	18,610	0	18,610	26,410
Mar. 1	9,540	0	0	9,540	0	9,540	16,570	0	16,570	26,110
8	11,160	0	0	11,160	0	11,160	14,500	0	14,500	25,660
15	10,170	0	0	10,170	0	10,170	16,160	0	16,160	26,330
22	13,770	0	0	13,770	80	13,850	13,070	0	13,070	26,920
29	18,730	0	0	18,730	120	18,850	12,290	10	12,300	31,150
Apr. 5	18,280	0	0	18,280	160	18,440	8,010	0	8,010	26,450
12	17,840	0	0	17,840	80	17,920	7,010	40	7,050	24,970
19	16,750	0	0	16,750	80	16,830	7,600	20	7,620	24,450
26	18,410	530	0	18,940	0	18,940	8,380	0	8,380	27,320
May 3	17,140	2,230	0	19,370	0	19,370	6,150	90	6,240	25,610
10	15,960	5,940	0	21,900	0	21,900	6,100	60	6,160	28,060
17	11,980	9,940	540	22,460	410	22,870	4,080	30	4,110	26,980
24	9,830	8,670	1,210	19,710	200	19,910	3,680	30	3,710	23,620
31	5,140	9,440	6,120	20,700	330	21,030	2,580	60	2,640	23,670
June 7	3,650	10,310	7,700	21,660	80	21,740	1,900	50	1,950	23,690
14	2,410	10,320	6,920	19,650	160	19,810	1,460	40	1,500	21,310
21	1,700	8,320	10,980	21,000	530	21,530	1,530	60	1,590	23,120
28	110	8,700	6,220	15,030	290	15,320	430	0	430	15,750

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 APHIS, USDA.

Source: Compiled from USDA, AMS data.

Table 11
Fresh-market peppers: Weekly quantities available at major shipping points, by sources, Nov. 1, 1997-
June 27, 1998

(1,000 pounds)

Week ending	U.S. product				Piggy-back	U.S. Total	Imports			Grand total
	Truck		All other	Total			Mexico	All other	Total	
	Florida	California								
1997:										
Nov. 1	3,340	2,110	2,170	7,620	210	7,830	1,670	130	1,800	9,630
8	8,680	1,230	4,310	14,220	490	14,710	2,340	50	2,390	17,100
15	8,460	550	1,680	10,690	210	10,900	1,810	190	2,000	12,900
22	11,260	60	980	12,300	40	12,340	3,820	70	3,890	16,230
29	6,150	0	480	6,630	40	6,670	5,410	100	5,510	12,180
Dec. 6	7,720	0	940	8,660	0	8,660	5,360	210	5,570	14,230
13	7,670	0	1,640	9,310	0	9,310	9,170	50	9,220	18,530
20	8,320	0	790	9,110	0	9,110	10,250	60	10,310	19,420
27	7,490	0	160	7,650	0	7,650	6,950	20	6,970	14,620
1998:										
Jan. 3	8,880	0	140	9,020	0	9,020	15,180	30	15,210	24,230
10	13,160	0	90	13,250	0	13,250	24,550	100	24,650	37,900
17	9,830	0	200	10,030	0	10,030	16,190	30	16,220	26,250
24	9,970	0	80	10,050	0	10,050	13,200	10	13,210	23,260
31	12,680	0	40	12,720	0	12,720	13,130	20	13,150	25,870
Feb. 7	8,310	0	0	8,310	0	8,310	13,990	0	13,990	22,300
14	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
21	7,130	0	0	7,130	0	7,130	16,470	0	16,470	23,600
28	7,600	0	0	7,600	0	7,600	11,150	0	11,150	18,750
Mar. 7	9,450	0	0	9,450	0	9,450	12,590	0	12,590	22,040
14	8,620	0	0	8,620	0	8,620	15,800	0	15,800	24,420
21	8,630	0	0	8,630	0	8,630	14,440	30	14,470	23,100
28	9,940	0	0	9,940	0	9,940	12,780	0	12,780	22,720
Apr. 4	8,260	0	0	8,260	0	8,260	10,560	0	10,560	18,820
11	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
18	11,020	0	0	11,020	0	11,020	11,130	40	11,170	22,190
25	14,810	0	0	14,810	0	14,810	8,400	20	8,420	23,230
May 2	14,890	1,360	0	16,250	0	16,250	8,110	40	8,150	24,400
9	15,980	2,190	0	18,170	120	18,290	4,390	40	4,430	22,720
16	14,950	5,170	0	20,120	0	20,120	5,020	70	5,090	25,210
23	12,670	7,050	0	19,720	0	19,720	3,310	40	3,350	23,070
30	11,850	7,820	1,480	21,150	210	21,360	1,590	60	1,650	23,010
June 6	6,490	7,410	8,640	22,540	160	22,700	1,170	100	1,270	23,970
13	1,630	7,400	12,100	21,130	0	21,130	1,150	50	1,200	22,330
20	240	5,670	8,490	14,400	0	14,400	1,290	40	1,330	15,730
27	70	10,590	9,480	20,140	0	20,140	480	50	530	20,670

¹ Data are not available.

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 APHIS, USDA.

Source: Compiled from USDA, AMS data.

Table 12
**Fresh-market peppers: Weekly quantities available at major shipping points, by sources, Nov. 7, 1998-
June 26, 1999**

(1,000 pounds)

Week ending	U.S. product				Piggy-back	U.S. Total	Imports			Grand total
	Florida	California	All other	Total			Mexico	All other	Total	
1998:										
Nov. 7	6,570	6,060	4,070	16,700	0	16,700	2,780	330	3,110	19,810
14	14,530	3,770	3,280	21,580	0	21,580	3,010	280	3,290	24,870
21	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
28	11,310	0	790	12,100	40	12,140	4,170	280	4,450	16,590
Dec. 5	12,750	0	990	13,740	0	13,740	8,430	420	8,850	22,590
12	12,800	0	560	13,360	0	13,360	12,330	220	12,550	25,910
19	15,080	0	420	15,500	0	15,500	11,660	350	12,010	27,510
26	8,570	0	50	8,620	0	8,620	9,960	170	10,130	18,750
1999:										
Jan. 2	14,150	0	60	14,210	0	14,210	12,490	250	12,740	26,950
9	12,480	0	210	12,690	0	12,690	21,310	210	21,520	34,210
16	17,400	0	60	17,460	210	17,670	19,570	140	19,710	37,380
23	14,230	0	20	14,250	250	14,500	15,630	90	15,720	30,220
30	15,850	0	0	15,850	0	15,850	14,580	10	14,590	30,440
Feb. 6	13,040	0	0	13,040	40	13,080	18,920	180	19,100	32,180
13	13,550	0	0	13,550	80	13,630	15,620	220	15,840	29,470
20	9,720	0	0	9,720	40	9,760	14,290	30	14,320	24,080
27	9,800	0	0	9,800	0	9,800	16,290	80	16,370	26,170
Mar. 6	13,450	0	0	13,450	80	13,530	20,620	0	20,620	34,150
13	8,730	0	0	8,730	40	8,770	14,960	40	15,000	23,770
20	17,380	0	0	17,380	0	17,380	14,350	50	14,400	31,780
27	19,430	0	0	19,430	40	19,430	12,150	0	12,150	31,620
Apr. 3	11,500	0	0	11,500	40	11,540	9,520	130	9,650	21,190
10	19,610	0	0	19,610	0	19,610	10,050	40	10,090	29,700
17	19,740	0	0	19,740	0	19,740	9,920	110	10,030	29,770
24	18,600	0	0	18,600	80	18,680	7,230	110	7,340	26,020
May 1	11,610	0	0	11,610	0	11,610	7,900	140	8,040	19,650
8	14,670	3,660	0	18,330	160	18,490	8,860	110	8,970	27,460
15	14,580	5,940	0	20,520	120	20,640	5,810	300	6,110	26,750
22	10,020	6,350	1,480	17,850	120	17,970	4,610	350	4,960	22,930
29	9,250	7,980	6,680	23,910	40	23,950	4,550	1,350	5,900	29,850
June 5	4,510	8,120	8,280	20,910	0	20,910	3,900	510	4,410	25,320
12	520	7,280	7,960	15,760	0	15,760	4,020	510	4,530	20,290
19	70	5,050	7,450	12,570	0	12,570	2,460	870	3,330	15,900
26	40	6,890	9,500	16,430	0	16,430	830	530	1,360	17,790

¹ Data are not available.

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 APHIS, USDA.

Source: Compiled from USDA, AMS data.

Table 13

Fresh-market peppers: U.S. shipments from Florida, Mexico, and all sources, by selected weeks, Nov. 1- June 27, 1995/96 to 1997/98 seasons

(1,000 pounds)

Week ending	1995/96			1996/97			1997/98		
	Florida	Mexico	All sources	Florida	Mexico	All sources	Florida	Mexico	All sources
Nov. 1	1,512	1,008	5,264	6,188	1,092	12,404	3,332	1,680	9,296
8	1,680	2,408	7,672	6,300	1,624	12,964	8,680	2,352	16,408
15	3,136	3,248	10,052	13,048	3,276	19,908	8,456	1,820	12,236
22	3,080	4,368	8,988	14,896	4,480	22,540	11,256	3,808	15,680
29	6,496	6,524	15,708	7,840	4,340	13,720	6,160	5,404	11,592
Dec. 6	8,512	6,860	19,208	13,328	7,252	21,896	7,728	5,348	13,076
13	8,652	6,972	15,508	8,988	8,988	18,928	7,672	9,184	16,856
20	10,248	10,976	22,848	10,416	14,476	25,788	8,316	10,248	18,564
27	5,236	12,656	18,060	6,888	12,824	20,020	7,504	6,944	14,448
Jan. 3	8,316	15,484	25,648	11,312	13,020	24,360	8,876	15,176	24,052
10	7,252	17,584	26,712	12,124	16,100	28,252	13,160	24,556	37,716
17	6,496	13,300	20,300	5,180	15,680	20,860	9,828	16,184	26,012
24	6,916	17,556	24,528	6,496	16,128	22,624	9,968	13,188	23,156
31	6,272	14,112	20,384	4,368	22,792	27,160	12,684	13,132	25,816
Feb. 7	5,992	18,396	24,388	6,244	18,928	25,172	10,472	14,000	24,472
14	4,508	24,836	29,344	7,140	22,540	29,680	8,092	20,412	28,504
21	4,424	16,352	20,776	7,812	18,620	26,432	7,140	16,436	23,576
28	5,124	21,868	26,992	9,548	16,576	26,124	7,588	10,920	18,508
Mar. 7	3,892	18,116	22,008	11,172	14,504	25,676	9,464	12,600	22,064
14	5,516	13,580	19,096	10,164	16,156	26,320	8,624	15,792	24,416
21	5,516	15,008	20,524	13,860	13,076	26,936	8,624	14,448	23,072
28	5,796	14,448	20,244	18,844	12,292	31,136	9,940	12,768	22,708
Apr. 4	7,000	8,960	15,960	18,452	8,008	26,460	8,260	10,920	19,180
11	7,616	9,716	17,332	17,920	7,000	24,920	10,948	12,712	23,660
18	11,060	9,212	20,272	16,828	7,588	24,416	11,032	11,144	22,176
25	11,284	4,396	15,708	18,424	8,372	27,328	14,812	8,400	23,212
May 2	10,836	3,276	14,112	17,136	6,160	25,536	14,896	8,120	24,388
9	14,252	2,772	17,024	15,960	6,104	28,000	15,988	4,396	22,680
16	12,768	2,240	15,008	12,404	4,088	26,964	15,008	5,012	25,172
23	10,752	1,960	12,992	9,856	3,668	23,576	12,684	3,304	23,548
30	10,612	1,456	15,176	5,432	2,576	21,056	11,844	1,596	22,904
June 6	6,860	1,092	13,804	3,668	1,904	23,492	6,496	1,176	23,856
13	2,128	168	12,180	2,520	1,456	21,252	1,624	1,148	22,260
20	588	448	10,248	1,876	1,540	23,072	252	1,288	15,680
27	280	672	10,640	112	448	15,708	84	476	15,792

Note.—Data shown are for the actual week-endings reported during the 1997/98 crop year. Data for other seasons are for weeks ending closest to the dates shown.

Source: Compiled from USDA, AMS as published in *Marketing Florida Vegetables*, Federal-State Market News Service, Orlando, FL, 1995/96 Season Report, Oct. 1996, p. 33; 1996/97 Season Report, Oct. 1997, p. 37; and 1997/98 Season Report, Oct. 1998, p. 35.

Table 14
Fresh-market peppers: Weekly arrivals at Boston and New York City wholesale terminal markets, by markets and by sources, Nov. 1, 1996-June 27, 1997

(1,000 pounds)								
Week ending	Boston				New York City			
	Florida	Mexico	All other	Total	Florida	Mexico	All other	Total
1996:								
Nov. 1	440	80	510	1,030	510	200	1,820	2,530
8	430	0	610	1,040	390	0	990	1,380
15	800	40	350	1,190	400	0	1,000	1,400
22	1,180	50	180	1,410	320	0	850	1,170
29	1,080	70	100	1,250	160	0	430	590
Dec. 6	1,040	140	80	1,260	1,010	0	840	1,850
13	840	150	70	1,060	650	240	360	1,250
20	1,520	200	40	1,760	600	20	10	630
27	640	110	20	770	1,180	130	10	1,320
1997:								
Jan. 3	960	240	20	1,220	1,080	60	0	1,140
10	1,340	170	0	1,510	1,870	290	0	2,160
17	500	50	10	560	2,000	200	0	2,200
24	600	210	10	820	840	230	0	1,070
31	1,080	250	0	1,330	1,420	360	20	1,800
Feb. 7	940	360	0	1,300	1,560	550	0	2,110
14	910	330	0	1,240	1,360	370	0	1,730
21	1,200	290	0	1,490	1,440	480	0	1,920
28	990	290	0	1,280	940	770	0	1,710
Mar. 7	740	220	0	960	1,150	400	0	1,550
14	800	150	0	950	910	190	0	1,100
21	1,000	340	0	1,340	1,380	270	0	1,650
28	1,030	340	10	1,380	1,370	150	0	1,520
Apr. 4	1,470	170	10	1,650	1,590	160	10	1,760
11	790	100	20	910	940	290	0	1,230
18	940	190	80	1,210	1,990	340	110	2,440
25	1,280	180	50	1,510	260	0	0	260
May 2	1,140	210	30	1,380	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
9	1,560	120	30	1,710	960	40	10	1,010
16	960	190	240	1,390	2,270	20	0	2,290
23	1,010	50	220	1,280	510	130	0	640
30	620	150	410	1,180	750	80	90	920
June 6	710	80	870	1,660	350	100	170	620
13	320	60	1,040	1,420	960	0	20	980
20	190	0	1,340	1,530	110	10	450	570
27	10	0	1,390	1,400	290	290	260	840

¹ Data are not available.

Note.—This table shows weekly arrivals at the wholesale terminal markets in selected cities. It should be noted that a significant share of shipments are sold directly from the shipping point and are not traded at the wholesale market. Nonetheless, the relative shares of product from the different sources sold at wholesale market are believed to be indicative of the overall trade for the region.

Source: Compiled from AMS, USDA data.

Table 15
Fresh-market peppers: Weekly arrivals at Boston and New York City wholesale terminal markets, by markets and by sources, Nov. 7, 1997-June 26, 1998

(1,000 pounds)								
Week ending	Boston				New York City			
	Florida	Mexico	All other	Total	Florida	Mexico	All other	Total
1997:								
Nov. 7	700	0	440	1,140	0	0	1,490	1,490
14	850	0	290	1,140	540	0	470	1,010
21	1,060	0	150	1,210	1,310	420	1,010	2,740
28	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	610	0	110	720
Dec. 5	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	750	150	160	1,060
12	290	0	20	310	1,400	400	320	2,120
19	900	60	70	1,030	1,580	470	140	2,190
24	890	70	100	1,060	1,020	720	0	1,740
1998:								
Jan. 2	1,970	100	100	2,170	700	220	0	920
9	1,610	220	20	1,850	840	640	60	1,540
16	1,090	200	0	1,290	50	160	20	230
23	1,130	210	0	1,340	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
30	1,170	160	0	1,330	1,720	1,570	0	3,290
Feb. 6	1,280	160	10	1,450	770	650	0	1,420
13	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
20	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
27	660	190	0	850	710	730	0	1,440
Mar. 6	1,000	150	0	1,150	370	360	0	730
13	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
20	1,070	150	30	1,250	1,140	540	80	1,760
27	750	220	40	1,010	1,270	430	20	1,720
Apr. 3	1,190	140	50	1,380	1,560	700	0	2,260
10	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
17	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
24	1,070	210	30	1,310	1,190	750	0	1,940
May 1	900	110	40	1,050	660	570	0	1,230
8	1,020	170	30	1,220	1,110	230	0	1,340
15	1,090	190	90	1,370	1,130	490	0	1,620
22	1,250	180	80	1,510	1,830	360	40	2,230
June 5	1,100	0	400	1,500	600	150	250	1,000
12	200	0	1,320	1,520	730	80	820	1,630
19	20	0	1,340	1,360	270	0	180	450
26	170	0	2,040	2,210	950	0	1,080	2,030

¹ Data were not reported.

² Data are not available.

Note.—This table shows weekly arrivals at the wholesale terminal markets in selected cities. It should be noted that a significant share of shipments are sold directly from the shipping point and are not traded at the wholesale market. Nonetheless, the relative shares of product from the different sources sold at wholesale market are believed to be indicative of the overall trade for the region.

Source: Compiled from AMS, USDA data.

Table 16
Fresh-market peppers: Weekly arrivals at Boston and New York City wholesale terminal markets, by
markets and by sources, Nov. 6, 1998-Feb. 5, 1999¹

(1,000 pounds)								
Week ending	Boston				New York City			
	Florida	Mexico	All other	Total	Florida	Mexico	All other	Total
1998:								
Nov. 6	560	60	410	1,030	360	280	1,440	2,080
13	710	40	400	1,150	600	140	680	1,420
20	660	110	230	1,000	230	210	550	990
27	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Dec. 4	830	10	70	910	710	280	300	1,290
11	2,040	10	90	2,140	1,020	490	310	1,820
18	1,090	40	40	1,170	790	580	140	1,510
24	820	100	30	950	640	280	0	920
31	620	130	80	830	560	340	0	900
1999:								
Jan. 1	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
8	1,160	230	40	1,430	350	470	0	820
15	830	570	0	1,400	230	280	0	510
22	1,210	510	10	1,730	900	420	0	1,320
29	900	130	10	1,040	670	150	0	820
Feb. 5	1,070	150	30	1,250	1,140	570	0	1,710

¹ Data are no longer reported.

² Data are not available.

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Source: Compiled from USDA, AMS data.

Table 17
Fresh-market peppers: Weekly arrivals at Philadelphia and Chicago wholesale terminal markets, by markets and by sources, Nov. 1, 1996-June 27, 1997

(1,000 pounds)

Week ending	Philadelphia				Chicago			
	Florida	Mexico	All other	Total	Florida	Mexico	All other	Total
1996:								
Nov. 1	220	0	290	510	360	40	460	860
8	350	0	320	670	400	220	820	1,440
15	560	0	310	870	350	130	500	980
22	500	0	200	700	330	220	310	860
Dec. 6	260	60	80	400	520	220	250	990
13	470	270	80	820	600	540	10	1,150
20	720	100	50	870	620	470	40	1,130
27	390	0	100	490	420	350	0	770
1997:								
Jan. 3	520	320	30	870	490	520	0	1,010
10	570	270	20	860	550	640	0	1,190
17	390	250	20	660	440	300	0	740
24	390	300	20	710	290	520	0	810
31	430	200	30	660	580	610	0	1,190
Feb. 7	330	200	20	550	90	620	10	720
14	10	260	0	270	0	2,590	0	2,590
21	340	300	0	640	520	780	0	1,300
28	320	220	0	540	390	800	0	1,190
Mar. 7	470	230	10	710	310	640	0	950
14	500	160	10	670	400	540	0	940
21	510	280	0	790	390	670	0	1,060
28	530	300	10	840	710	340	0	1,050
Apr. 4	530	90	0	620	510	670	0	1,180
11	730	140	20	890	400	350	0	750
18	440	130	40	610	520	260	0	780
25	280	70	10	360	850	350	0	1,200
May 2	570	80	0	650	970	320	0	1,290
9	980	130	60	1,170	850	230	0	1,080
16	410	0	70	480	750	110	40	900
23	500	80	200	780	810	170	120	1,100
30	380	70	260	710	530	50	220	800
June 6	250	50	380	680	400	150	690	1,240
13	200	170	450	820	350	90	640	1,080
20	70	50	700	820	170	210	1,140	1,520
27	0	0	740	740	30	50	950	1,030

Note.—This table shows weekly arrivals at the wholesale terminal markets in selected cities. It should be noted that a significant share of shipments are sold directly from the shipping point and are not traded at the wholesale market. Nonetheless, the relative shares of product from the different sources sold at wholesale market are believed to be indicative of the overall trade for the region.

Source: Compiled from AMS, USDA data.

Table 18
Fresh-market peppers: Weekly arrivals at Philadelphia and Chicago wholesale terminal markets, by markets
and by sources, Nov. 7, 1997-June 26, 1998

(1,000 pounds)								
Week ending	Philadelphia				Chicago			
	Florida	Mexico	All other	Total	Florida	Mexico	All other	Total
1997:								
Nov. 7	300	0	210	510	290	90	720	1,100
14	330	0	220	550	280	150	520	950
21	570	0	150	720	480	140	710	1,330
28	250	0	120	370	400	150	560	1,110
Dec. 5	630	10	140	780	360	210	330	900
12	510	40	80	630	570	310	310	1,190
19	550	30	100	680	410	320	140	870
24	440	80	70	590	260	200	10	470
1998:								
Jan. 2	140	10	50	200	620	220	10	850
9	780	130	60	970	720	450	0	1,170
16	440	150	50	640	380	360	0	740
23	420	90	60	570	520	390	10	920
30	440	200	20	660	450	430	0	880
Feb. 6	480	40	50	570	550	490	0	1,040
13	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
20	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
27	360	270	20	650	340	510	0	850
Mar. 6	190	180	20	390	390	550	0	940
13	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
20	310	230	40	580	420	610	0	1,030
27	370	190	40	600	200	470	20	690
Apr. 3	440	100	40	580	580	820	0	1,400
10	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
17	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
24	470	80	10	560	630	560	0	1,190
May 1	520	110	20	650	610	590	0	1,200
8	600	100	40	740	650	500	0	1,150
15	550	30	180	760	840	850	70	1,760
22	510	0	280	790	870	800	310	1,980
June 5	510	10	420	940	470	260	720	1,450
12	300	0	370	670	390	320	250	960
19	70	0	450	520	390	470	640	1,500
26	10	0	940	950	240	50	1,020	1,310

¹ Data are not available.

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Source: Compiled from AMS, USDA data.

Table 19
Fresh-market peppers: Weekly arrivals at Philadelphia and Chicago wholesale terminal markets, by
markets and by sources, Nov. 6, 1998-Feb. 5, 1999¹

<i>(1,000 pounds)</i>								
Week ending	Philadelphia				Chicago			
	Florida	Mexico	All other	Total	Florida	Mexico	All other	Total
1998:								
Nov. 6	260	10	490	760	340	90	790	1,220
13	310	0	370	680	470	280	650	1,400
20	420	0	280	700	560	30	550	1,140
27	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Dec. 4	480	20	140	640	450	300	370	1,120
11	600	110	120	830	680	500	610	1,790
18	420	30	220	670	690	450	270	1,410
24	560	50	130	740	410	370	20	800
31	300	50	50	400	520	430	0	950
1999:								
Jan. 1	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
8	450	180	80	710	650	630	10	1,290
15	500	270	30	800	590	540	10	1,140
22	530	140	20	690	700	650	50	1,400
29	230	150	40	420	870	720	70	1,660
Feb. 5	510	150	30	690	660	470	0	1,130

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² Data are not available.

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Source: Compiled from USDA, AMS data.

Table 20

Fresh-market peppers: Weekly arrivals at Dallas and Los Angeles wholesale terminal markets, by markets and by sources, Nov. 1, 1996-June 27, 1997

(1,000 pounds)

Week ending	Dallas				Los Angeles			
	Florida	Mexico	All other	Total	Florida	Mexico	All other	Total
1996:								
Nov. 1	30	120	210	360	0	90	2,060	2,150
8	30	90	180	300	0	100	1,390	1,490
15	10	90	220	320	0	110	1,270	1,380
22	20	170	140	330	50	420	1,340	1,810
29	150	50	60	260	0	270	1,080	1,350
Dec. 6	110	50	60	220	0	420	810	1,230
13	10	210	40	260	10	1,260	460	1,730
20	240	110	130	480	0	1,210	180	1,390
27	30	80	30	140	0	720	70	790
1997:								
Jan. 3	20	340	0	360	0	1,370	140	1,510
10	270	190	0	460	50	1,630	0	1,680
17	100	220	0	320	0	1,800	0	1,800
24	70	390	0	460	0	1,200	0	1,200
31	70	390	0	460	0	1,560	0	1,560
Feb. 7	0	370	0	370	0	1,540	0	1,540
14	10	260	0	270	0	2,590	0	2,590
21	30	230	0	260	0	1,410	0	1,410
28	0	60	0	60	0	190	0	190
Mar. 7	0	90	0	90	0	330	0	330
14	30	400	0	430	70	1,600	10	1,680
21	230	300	0	530	30	1,150	10	1,190
28	320	160	0	480	0	1,030	10	1,040
Apr. 4	230	10	470	710	0	1,710	10	1,720
11	210	230	10	450	70	1,600	10	1,680
18	230	300	0	530	30	1,150	10	1,190
25	320	160	0	480	0	1,030	10	1,040
May 2	350	170	10	530	0	1,200	140	1,340
9	250	280	10	540	0	1,080	310	1,390
16	120	210	100	430	0	980	490	1,470
23	100	160	130	390	0	640	700	1,340
30	60	90	160	310	0	400	950	1,350
June 6	20	110	120	250	0	170	1,510	1,680
13	40	10	200	250	0	70	1,490	1,560
20	70	50	700	820	170	210	1,140	1,520
27	0	0	740	740	30	50	950	1,030

Note.—This table shows weekly arrivals at the wholesale terminal markets in selected cities. It should be noted that a significant share of shipments are sold directly from the shipping point and are not traded at the wholesale market. Nonetheless, the relative shares of product from the different sources sold at wholesale market are believed to be indicative of the overall trade for the region.

Source: Compiled from AMS, USDA data.

Table 21
Fresh-market peppers: Weekly arrivals at Dallas and Los Angeles wholesale terminal markets, by markets and by sources, Nov. 7, 1997-June 26, 1998

(1,000 pounds)

Week ending	Dallas				Los Angeles			
	Florida	Mexico	All other	Total	Florida	Mexico	All other	Total
1997:								
Nov. 7	30	100	150	280	0	340	1,050	1,390
14	130	190	30	350	0	210	900	1,110
21	160	60	100	320	0	710	980	1,690
28	50	290	10	350	0	600	480	1,080
Dec. 5	20	180	30	230	0	760	380	1,140
12	20	140	40	200	0	690	200	890
19	50	270	40	360	0	1,130	220	1,350
24	40	250	0	290	0	530	10	540
1998:								
Jan. 2	140	140	0	280	0	510	0	510
9	50	620	20	690	0	860	0	860
16	20	570	0	590	0	1,200	10	1,210
23	20	160	0	180	0	830	0	830
30	40	330	10	380	0	1,400	0	1,400
Feb. 6	10	330	0	340	0	1,490	0	1,490
13	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
20	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
27	10	350	0	360	0	1,280	0	1,280
Mar. 6	10	320	0	330	0	880	0	880
13	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
20	10	490	0	500	0	1,140	20	1,160
27	0	420	10	430	0	1,050	10	1,060
Apr. 3	140	310	0	450	0	1,560	10	1,570
10	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
17	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)	(¹)
24	220	190	10	420	0	1,360	10	1,370
May 1	270	160	0	430	0	810	70	880
8	250	110	20	380	0	700	320	1,020
15	210	80	80	370	0	610	300	910
22	110	90	140	340	0	800	350	1,150
June 5	440	130	310	880	0	510	710	1,220
12	200	100	400	700	0	180	910	1,090
19	70	40	420	530	0	140	1,010	1,150
26	30	0	250	280	0	80	1,540	1,620

¹ Data are not available.

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Source: Compiled from AMS, USDA data.

Table 22**Fresh-market peppers: Weekly arrivals at Dallas and Los Angeles wholesale terminal markets, by markets and by sources, Nov 6, 1998-Feb. 5, 1999¹**

(1,000 pounds)

Week ending	Dallas				Los Angeles			
	Florida	Mexico	All other	Total	Florida	Mexico	All other	Total
1998:								
Nov. 6	130	40	1,000	1,170	0	90	1,050	1,140
13	280	80	510	870	0	230	860	1,090
20	420	310	420	1,150	0	500	1,040	1,540
27	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
Dec. 4	540	530	160	1,230	0	480	450	930
11	670	680	40	1,390	0	1,060	520	1,580
18	870	730	40	1,640	0	1,080	130	1,210
24	460	400	10	870	0	710	20	730
31	350	410	0	760	40	1,150	30	1,220
1999:								
Jan. 1	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
8	320	730	40	1,090	0	980	20	1,000
15	330	780	40	1,150	0	1,420	20	1,440
22	270	520	30	820	0	760	10	770
29	290	590	10	890	0	510	0	510
Feb. 5	200	530	30	760	0	1,130	10	1,140

¹ Data are no longer reported.² Data are not available.

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Source: Compiled from USDA, AMS data.

Table 23

Fresh-market peppers: Florida shipments and share of total shipped, by month, 1995/96 to 1997/98 seasons

Month	1995/96	1996/97	1997/98
<i>Quantity (1,000 pounds)</i>			
October	1,316	5,040	6,524
November	9,408	48,272	37,884
December	39,144	39,620	31,220
January	28,980	35,112	54,516
February	21,196	25,564	33,292
March	25,844	63,588	36,652
April	36,960	71,624	45,052
May	48,608	60,788	70,420
June	20,468	8,176	8,456
July	0	0	28
Total	<u>231,924</u>	<u>357,784</u>	<u>324,044</u>
<i>Share (Percentage)</i>			
October	0.6	1.4	2.0
November	4.1	13.5	11.7
December	16.9	11.1	9.6
January	12.5	9.8	16.8
February	9.1	7.1	10.3
March	11.1	17.8	11.3
April	15.9	20.0	13.9
May	21.0	17.0	21.7
June	8.8	2.3	2.6
July	—	—	(¹)
Total	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>	<u>100.0</u>

¹ Less than 0.5 percent.

Source: Compiled from *Marketing Florida Vegetables Summary*, Federal-State Market News Service, Orlando, Florida, 1995/96 Season, Oct. 1996, p. 33; 1996/97 Season, Oct. 1997, p. 37; and 1997/98 Season, Oct. 1998, p. 35.

Table 24
Fresh-market peppers: Average U.S. monthly retail prices, Jan. 1994-Dec. 1998

(Dollars per pound)

Month	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
January	1.281	1.564	1.126	1.191	1.671
February	1.091	1.634	1.294	1.437	1.568
March	1.035	1.562	1.470	1.397	1.636
April	1.034	1.723	1.418	1.314	1.745
May	1.102	1.180	1.119	1.340	1.722
June	1.041	1.492	1.367	1.378	1.508
July	1.048	1.193	1.345	1.295	1.496
August . . . . .	.993	1.091	1.195	1.227	1.341
September . . . . .	.938	1.233	1.086	1.208	1.194
October	1.136	1.094	1.138	1.667	1.425
November	1.369	1.367	1.424	1.667	1.553
December	1.521	1.322	1.339	1.540	1.457
Average	1.132	1.371	1.277	1.388	1.531

Note.—Prices are for peppers from all sources, on a fresh-weight basis. Data are not indicative of actual prices or trends in prices received by growers.

Source: Compiled from *Vegetables and Specialties Situation and Outlook Report*, ERS, USDA, Washington, DC, VGS-277, p. 33.

Table 25

Fresh-market peppers: Florida and West Mexico shipping-point prices,¹ by weeks, 1995/96 to 1997/98 crop years

(Dollars per 1 1/9 bushel carton)

	1995/96		1996/97		1997/98	
	Florida	Mexico	Florida	Mexico	Florida	Mexico
Oct. 7	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
14	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	8.00	(²)
21	8.00	(²)	8.00	(²)	10.00	(²)
28	9.35	(²)	7.00	(²)	12.00	(²)
Nov. 4	(²)	(²)	10.00	(²)	16.50	(²)
11	12.00	(²)	14.00	(²)	12.50	(²)
18	12.00	(²)	10.00	(²)	14.00	(²)
25	10.00	12.15	6.00	11.85	10.00	9.85
Dec. 2	5.00	7.15	6.00	11.15	8.50	9.85
9	6.00	7.85	7.00	7.15	22.00	10.15
16	5.00	8.15	6.00	8.15	18.00	16.15
23	8.00	6.15	6.00	(²)	18.00	16.15
30	8.00	7.15	6.35	5.15	18.00	16.15
Jan. 6	6.25	6.15	6.35	7.15	10.00	12.15
13	6.00	6.15	8.35	9.15	8.00	7.15
20	5.00	5.15	14.00	16.15	7.00	6.85
27	7.00	5.15	14.00	8.15	8.00	9.15
Feb. 3	10.00	10.15	10.00	9.15	8.00	9.15
10	12.00	8.15	10.00	8.15	12.00	12.15
17	10.00	8.15	8.00	6.15	12.35	16.15
24	16.00	12.15	8.00	7.15	12.00	8.15
Mar. 3	16.00	10.15	7.00	8.15	12.00	10.95
10	16.00	10.15	12.00	12.15	16.00	14.15
17	12.00	14.15	12.00	12.15	14.00	12.15
24	12.00	10.15	10.00	12.15	14.00	10.15
31	10.00	11.15	6.00	10.15	16.00	10.15
Apr. 7	8.50	12.15	5.00	10.15	20.00	14.15
14	10.00	10.15	5.00	7.15	25.00	14.15
21	6.00	6.15	6.00	(²)	14.00	14.15
28	5.00	(²)	8.00	(²)	10.00	12.15
May 5	6.00	(²)	8.00	(²)	12.00	(²)
12	7.00	(²)	10.00	(²)	14.00	(²)
19	7.00	(²)	12.00	(²)	8.00	(²)
26	8.00	(²)	12.00	(²)	7.00	(²)
June 2	14.00	(²)	10.00	(²)	6.00	(²)
19	10.00	(²)	7.00	(²)	5.00	(²)
16	5.00	(²)	7.00	(²)	(²)	(²)
23	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)
30	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)	(²)

¹ Prices are F.O.B. Florida and F.O.B. Nogales, Arizona for large, bell type, green peppers. Where a price range was reported, the lowest listed range price was included here.

² Data were not reported.

Note.—Data are for prices reported on specified dates and days (usually Tuesday) in 1997/98. Data for previous crop-years are for dates closest to those listed.

Source: *Marketing Florida Vegetables*, Federal-State Market News Service, Orlando, Florida, 1995-96 Season Report, Oct. 1996, p. 34; 1996-97 Season Report, Oct. 1997, p. 38; and 1997-98 Season Report, Oct. 1998, p. 36.