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Summary

Marketings of the early and second-early commercial potato crops are about completed, with market prices remaining firm, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports. Shipments have started from the intermediate States, where the crop is indicated to be only 4 percent smaller than that of last year, despite a 12 percent reduction in the acreage planted. Unless a relatively large late crop develops, potato prices probably will decline less than usual in the next few months.

Truck crops in general made less progress during the first half of June than during May. Some producing areas reported weather too cool and others too rainy. Most of the western vegetable areas, however, reported favorable growing conditions.

The intermediate crop of lima beans in North Carolina is indicated by the June 1 condition to be two-thirds larger than that of last year. Acreage in the second section of intermediate States also is greater than that of last spring. Production of snap beans in the second group of intermediate States is expected to be about one-fourth more than the 1937 crop, or slightly more than 1,500,000 bushels. The intermediate crop of beets is indicated to be 30 percent above the 1937 production in these States and one-fifth above average. The 14 States growing an intermediate crop of cabbage expect a record production of 243,700 tons this year, 8 percent more than last year and 46 percent more than the 10-year average.

Production of second-early cantaloups is now indicated to be about 7 per-

cent greater than last year's crop. Cantaloup acreage in the intermediate States is up 8 percent and in the late States up 13 percent over that of last season. The intermediate crop of carrots is indicated to be 40 percent larger than that of 1937. The cucumber crop in the second-early States is now estimated to be fully 50 percent greater than that of last season, and acreage in the intermediate States also shows a slight increase. The first section of late lettuce States is indicated to have 30,860 acres in lettuce, slightly more than last year and fully one-fifth more than average. Fewer onions are expected to be harvested in the intermediate States this season, a decrease of 30 percent being indicated by June condition reports. Late onion acreage is expected to show a 5-percent increase over that of last year, most of the gain being in the central States.

A slightly smaller production of green peas is indicated for the first group of late States, but the crop is still expected to be about 40 percent above average. The second-early crop of green peppers is expected to show a 17-percent decrease below that of last year, and the intermediate crop a 12 percent decrease. The tomato crop in the intermediate States may be slightly smaller than in 1937 but almost 30 percent above average, <sup>and</sup> a slight decrease in acreage is likely in the first group of late tomato States. A slight increase over last year's large crop of watermelons is expected in the second-early States; acreage in the late melon States shows a 3-percent gain over that of 1937.

Compared with late May, wholesale prices of nearly all truck crops declined seasonally by mid-June. About the only crops to advance in price during the month were wax beans and western green peas in both eastern and mid-western markets; Florida celery and southern sweetpotatoes in New York City, and California celery and western lettuce in Chicago. Compared with a year ago, about a dozen crops were selling considerably lower and only 5 or 6 crops higher.

The combined carlot (rail or boat) shipments of 26 truck crops decreased seasonally during mid-June, and the movement of some commodities by motor-truck probably increased. Total truck-crop shipments in carlots reached a high point for the spring during the week ended June 11, when about 9,000 cars moved to market. During the next week, carlot shipments as a whole decreased to about 8,465 cars. The week's movement of watermelons, tomatoes, cantaloups and similar muskmelons totaled 6,500 cars.

Among the important truck crops for canning or manufacture, the June 15 condition of snap beans, sweet corn, and tomatoes was slightly lower than the condition at the same time last year, but beans and tomatoes were still above average. The indicated 1938 production of green peas for manufacture is about 247,450 tons on a shelled basis, compared with last year's record high production of 268,110 tons. The preliminary estimate of the planted acreage of snap beans for manufacture is 71,040 acres, or 2 percent above last year's planted acreage and 34 percent above the average for the 7 years, 1930-36. The 1938 plantings have been exceeded only once, in 1930.

#### POTATOES

Prices of new potatoes in market centers rose slightly during the last half of May but lost most of the advance during the first 3 weeks of June. For the first time this season the averages (in mid-June) were slightly higher than those of a year earlier. Unless a relatively large late crop develops this season, potato prices probably will decline less than usual during the next few months. Prices of old potatoes rose slightly in recent weeks, as the marketing season neared completion.

The commercial potato crop in the early States (fall, early 1, early 2, and second-early groups) is indicated to be 29,602,000 bushels this year, compared with 29,845,000 bushels last season and 18,845,000 bushels, the 10-year (1927-36) average. Most of these potatoes have already been marketed, with only about one-third to one-half the California crop remaining.

Although the acreage in the first section of intermediate States was reduced 12 percent from that of last year, higher yields this season indicate a

commercial crop only 4 percent smaller than last year. A total of 10,740,000 bushels is indicated for 1938, compared with 11,165,000 bushels in 1937 and the 10-year average of 14,675,000 bushels for this area.

Except for California, shipments from the early and second-early States are about completed. Because of the earliness of the season in the southern States, marketing of the bulk of the crop was prolonged over a longer period than usual and, therefore, crowding of shipments was avoided. With the California carlot movement reaching the peak for the season and Virginia and other intermediate States getting well started, shipments during the second and third weeks of June averaged close to 6,000 cars per week. It is probable that the peak of the carlot movement has been passed and from now on the motor-truck will move an increasing proportion of the crop. A total of about 42,290 cars of new potatoes had been shipped through June 18 of this year, compared with 41,530 cars by the same time last season. The carlot movement of 1937 late-crop potatoes is about completed, with only 245 cars being shipped during the week ended June 18 and 158,260 cars for the season to date. About 85,000 cars have been shipped since January 1.

Potatoes: Shipping-point and terminal market prices per 100-pound sack, averages for specified weeks, 1937-38

Location and variety	Week ended -					
	1937 June 19	May 21	May 23	1938 June 4	June 11	June 18
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
<u>SHIPPING POINTS:</u>						
F.O.B. usual terms-						
Presque Isle, Me. . . . .	---	1.21	1.14	1.12	1.24	1.16
Southern La. points. . . . .	---	1.28	1.25	---	---	---
Mobile, Ala. . . . .	---	1.37	1.41	---	---	---
Charleston, S.C. . . . .	---	1.37	1.41	---	---	---
Washington, N.C. . . . .	.96	---	1.47	1.30	1.28	1.30
Eastern Shore, Va. . . . .	1.06	---	---	1.50	1.40	1.44
Shafter-Wasco dist., California 1/ . . . . .	.70	.97	.99	1.00	1.15	.98
<u>TERMINAL MARKETS:</u>						
New York City-						
Old stock excluding						
Russet Burbanks . . . . .	1.86	1.68	1.74	1.71	1.77	1.68
New stock excluding						
White Rose . . . . .	2/1.37	1.81	1.82	1.73	1.58	1.57
White Rose . . . . .	2.25	2.44	2.44	2.32	2.57	2.97
Chicago-						
Idaho Rus. Burbanks. . . . .	1.75	1.79	1.92	1.98	2.04	2.09
New stock excluding						
White Rose . . . . .	1.51	2.01	1.91	2.03	1.97	1.85
White Rose . . . . .	1.73	2.06	2.00	2.06	2.24	2.02

1/ F.O.B. cash-track

2/ Barrel price converted to 100 pounds.

## Commercial early potatoes: Indicated acreage and production, 1938 with comparisons

Group and State	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Aver- age	1937	1938	Aver- age	1937	Indi- cated	Aver- age	1937	Indi- dated
	1927-36:			27-36:		1938	1927-36:		1938
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Bu.	Bu.	Bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
Fall 1/	2,400	2,100	3,700	48	70	60	100	147	222
Early (1) 1/	35,100	37,300	41,100	101	123	119	3,539	4,592	4,900
Early (2):									
Alabama	12,000	23,400	20,600	112	110	140	1,350	2,574	2,884
California	15,200	31,000	34,000	191	305	305	2,930	9,455	10,370
Georgia	1,700	1,600	1,400	133	160	150	224	256	210
Louisiana	21,100	29,000	26,500	72	73	71	1,541	2,117	1,882
Mississippi	1,300	6,500	5,100	93	85	96	130	552	490
S. Carolina	13,800	15,000	11,000	143	150	165	1,961	2,250	1,815
Texas, other	12,900	11,700	10,200	68	51	60	898	602	615
E. Lake, Sugar- land, Wharton:	9,000	5,000	4,000	66	48	53	620	240	212
Other counties	3,900	6,700	6,200	72	54	65	278	362	403
Group total	78,000	118,200	108,800	116	151	168	9,034	17,806	18,266
Second Early:									
Arkansas	4,800	4,800	4,300	86	85	90	413	408	387
N. Carolina	33,100	43,000	34,000	139	140	150	4,599	6,020	5,100
Oklahoma	10,300	6,900	6,200	96	95	85	991	656	527
Tennessee	2,100	2,300	2,100	82	94	95	169	216	200
Group total	50,300	57,000	46,600	123	128	133	6,172	7,300	6,214
Intermediate (1):									
Kansas	14,800	11,500	12,000	130	130	130	1,989	1,495	1,560
Kaw Valley	14,100	11,000	11,550	128	130	130	1,860	1,430	1,502
Scott County	2/ 800	500	450	2/ 171	130	130	2/ 143	65	58
Kentucky	5,300	3,000	2,700	97	110	200	504	330	540
Maryland	8,400	7,000	6,300	148	140	170	1,247	980	1,071
Missouri	5,800	5,600	5,900	136	150	110	772	840	649
Virginia	66,600	55,400	45,600	150	136	152	10,163	7,520	6,920
Norfolk dist.	11,100	11,100	10,000	149	130	145	1,663	1,443	1,450
Eastern Shore	51,900	41,500	33,200	151	138	155	8,013	5,727	5,146
Other	3,600	2,800	2,400	132	125	135	487	350	324
Group total	100,900	82,500	72,500	143	135	148	14,675	11,165	10,740
Intermediate (2):									
Nebraska	1,800	1,800	1,900	200	275		373	495	Rpt. due July 13
New Jersey	36,200	48,300	47,000	168	185		6,081	8,936	
Group total	38,000	50,100	48,900	170	188		6,454	9,431	
Total all States:	304,700	347,200	321,600	131	145		39,974	50,441	

1/ Data are from releases of Nov. 12, 1937 (TC-37: 1115) for fall, and May 12, 1938 (TC-38: 509) for early (1) States.

2/ Short-time average.

## TRUCK CROPS

LIMA BEANS: Good crop prospects in intermediate States. North Carolina, with an indicated crop of 90,000 bushels, has two-thirds more lima beans than both last year and the 10-year average. Yields per acre are indicated to be exceptionally large. The second section of intermediate States (Virginia, Maryland and New Jersey) reports an acreage slightly larger than that of last season and about 14 percent greater than average. With continued favorable growing weather, prospects are for an ample market supply of lima beans. Recent wholesale prices have been slightly below those of a year earlier, but prices advanced considerably since late May because of seasonal changes in supply. Usually lima bean prices are relatively high in June but decline sharply to a seasonal low point in August, when the intermediate crop is marketed.

SNAP BEANS: Supplies large. With a crop of snap beans in the first section of intermediate States about two-thirds greater than that of last season, the second section of intermediate States is following with an indicated production of slightly more than 1,500,000 bushels, 23 percent more than the 1937 crop and 30 percent above the average production in this area. New Jersey expects to have nearly three-fourths of the total in this second section of intermediate States. Carlot shipments were decreasing, as more of the supply moves by motor-truck from nearby producing areas. Prices advanced rather sharply in recent weeks; they reached a peak of \$2.60 per bushel about June 1 in eastern wholesale markets, but since then have declined to the low level of \$1 for green beans, with wax beans somewhat higher. Snap bean prices usually reach the season's low point in July and remain at relatively low levels in August and September.

BEETS: Heavy yields reported. The 3 intermediate States (North Carolina, Virginia, and New Jersey) slightly reduced their acreage of beets this year but, with large yields indicated, the crop is expected to total nearly 750,000 bushels. This would be a 30-percent increase over last year, and about one-fifth above average. The Norfolk section of Virginia was the only section shipping beets in carlots during mid-June, and shipments were relatively small. Considerable quantities were reaching large city markets by motor-truck from nearby producing areas, and prices had declined rather sharply, being also lower than those of a year earlier.

CABBAGE: Record intermediate crop indicated. The 14 States growing an intermediate (or summer) crop of cabbage increased their plantings only slightly this season, but the yield per acre is expected to be above average. A record production of 243,700 tons of cabbage is now indicated for this group of States, or 8 percent more than last year and 46 percent more than the 10-year average crop. New Jersey leads with an expected 50,000 tons, or about 40 percent more than the 1937 crop in that State. North Carolina may have 37,000 tons, while Tennessee, southwest Virginia, Arkansas, and the Long Island district of New York each expect around 23,000 tons, and Maryland about 20,000 tons.

Recent carlot movement of cabbage has been chiefly from Tennessee, Ohio, Missouri, Kansas and Virginia, but mid-June shipments were at the moderate rate of only 75 cars per week, compared with 345 cars weekly at the same time last year. Much cabbage is shipped by motor-truck during the summer months and prices usually are relatively low in the summer, reaching a bottom in autumn. Wholesale prices

in New York have dropped as much as 65 cents per 100 pounds since late May, and recently were lower than those of a year ago.

CANTALOUPS: Early supplies relatively light. Only about 4,000 cars of cantaloups had been shipped from the Imperial Valley of California by June 18, compared with 4,830 cars to the same time last season. Only 1,500 cars per week were moving in mid-June. Movement from Arizona began in early June, but the Arizona crop also is expected to be relatively small, - 950,000 crates, or about one-sixth less than last year's crop and 42 percent below the 10-year average. California outside the Imperial Valley expects 1,750,000 crates, or 12 percent more than last season. The 9 second-early cantaloupe States together have an indicated production of 4,380,000 crates, 7 percent more than in 1937 but 11 percent less than their average production. The yield per acre is expected to fall far below average, although acreage was increased considerably this season. The 7 intermediate States report an 8-percent increase in plantings over those of last year, or a total of 25,600 acres, mostly in Maryland, Delaware, and Indiana. The 9 late States have an indicated total of 21,570 acres, or 13 percent more than in 1937; nearly all of this acreage is in Colorado, Michigan, and New Jersey. Wholesale prices declined rapidly as the supplies increased, and by mid-June the standard crates of 45 melons were jobbing in New York around \$3.15 and in Chicago at \$2.60 for either cantaloups or Honey Balls.

CARROTS: Large production in New Jersey. Although most of the United States carrot crop is grown in California, Arizona, and Texas, production in 3 intermediate States this year is indicated to reach the relatively large total of 529,000 bushels, of which New Jersey expects to have about 450,000 bushels. Increased acreage and heavier indicated yields per acre than last year account for the increased production. Practically all of the recent carrot shipments have been from the Southwest and California. The movement was considerably larger than during early June 1937, but by the middle of the month it dropped to about 200 cars per week. Prices declined slightly during the 4 weeks ended June 18, and recently were only half as high as a year ago.

CUCUMBERS: Prices decline sharply. Wholesale prices of cucumbers dropped from \$2.80 per bushel basket in New York City during late May to an average of \$1 by mid-June. The Chicago price was down to about \$1.40, and in both these markets the level was much below that of mid-June 1937. The crop in the second-early States is now indicated to be fully 50 percent larger than that of last season, or a total of 460,000 bushels, chiefly in North Carolina and Arkansas. Production in this group of States, however, is expected to be considerably below average. Acreage in the intermediate States is reported to be slightly increased over that of last year, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey having most of this acreage. Carrot shipments during early June had increased to 470 cars per week, or about 60 percent more than the weekly rate a year earlier. Principal shipping States were South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama. The North Carolina crop also was beginning to move. During the week ended June 18, however, the carrot movement dropped to 180 cars.

LETTUCE: Shipments relatively light. Only about 125 cars of lettuce were moving each week by rail or boat during mid-June, almost exclusively from California, Washington and Idaho. First cars of the season also were reported from Colorado and Oregon. At the same time last year, shipments were fully 4 times as large. Not only is the lettuce crop in the intermediate group of States

smaller than that of 1937, but in the first section of late States the acreage is expected to show only a very small increase over last year's acreage. Of the 30,860 acres indicated for the first section of late States, California has 21,600, Colorado 5,400, and New York about 3,400 acres. The New York lettuce acreage has shown a downward trend in recent years, and is now one-third below the 10-year average figure. Wholesale prices of western Iceberg-type lettuce in New York have held above \$3 per crate of 4 to 5 dozen heads, though by mid-June they were lower than a month earlier and higher than a year earlier.

ONIONS: Fewer intermediate-crop onions. A relatively small crop of onions is expected to be harvested in the 8 intermediate States -- slightly less than 1,600,000 sacks (100 pounds each), or 30 percent below last year's crop but just about equal to the 1927-36 average. Both acreage and yields are indicated to be below last year. The most important areas in this group are northern Texas, New Jersey, and California. Onion acreage in the 17 late States is now indicated to be slightly below the original intentions. A total of 54,960 acres in these States is 5 percent more than that of last season and 4 percent above the 10-year average. Acreage in the eastern late States is indicated to be slightly below that of 1937, while the western States show a slight increase and the central States an 11 percent increase. Carlot shipments recently decreased sharply until the intermediate areas begin their season. Only 380 cars moved during the third week of June, compared with 830 cars for the same week a year earlier. Wholesale prices in mid-June were higher than those of a year ago but lower than those of mid-May.

GREEN PEAS: Late crop about same as last year. The first group of States growing a late crop of green peas (New York, Colorado, Idaho, Washington, and Oregon) has an indicated production of 2,716,000 bushels this year, or 4 percent less than last season, but still about 40 percent more than the 10-year average crop. Colorado expects slightly more than a million bushels, and Washington about 740,000 bushels. The Colorado crop may be almost double the average for that State. Recent shipments from the West have been relatively small and far below those of a year ago. Wholesale market prices have advanced, reaching a relatively high level of \$2.50 per bushel for western stock in New York City about June 10, with eastern peas reaching a top of \$1.90. All receipts were selling considerably higher than at the same time last year. Prices of green peas usually rise slightly during June, July and August.

GREEN PEPPERS: Smaller crops in second-early and intermediate States. The 4 States growing a second-early crop of peppers expect only 247,000 bushels this year compared with nearly 300,000 last season and a 10-year average of 291,000 bushels. The greater part of this production is in Louisiana, where 195,000 bushels are indicated for harvest. Both of the intermediate pepper States have indicated increases of acreage over that of last season. New Jersey expects 6,500 acres and North Carolina 1,800 acres, the North Carolina plantings being more than twice the 10-year average. With yields per acre indicated to be much below those of last year, however, the 1938 crop in these 2 States is estimated at 1,785,000 bushels, or 12 percent smaller than the 1937 crop. Carlot shipments decreased to about 120 cars for the week ended June 18, almost wholly from Florida, Louisiana, and Mississippi. Crates advanced to about \$2 on the New York market around June 10, and since declined to \$1.25, which was less than half the price of a year earlier. Usually pepper prices decline sharply during this time of the year and reach a seasonal low point in September.



TOMATOES: Supplies very heavy, prices down. Carlot shipments of tomatoes reached a seasonal peak of 2,200 cars during the second week of June, and then decreased to about 1,775 cars the following week. Movement has been much heavier than that of last year, this season's output to June 13 being 65 percent greater than shipments to the same time in 1937. Texas and Mississippi were the most important sources of supply in mid-June, but the Mississippi season was approaching its close. Tennessee, South Carolina, and Arkansas were beginning their season's shipments, and first cars were rolling from central California. Lug boxes had declined further to a relatively low wholesale price of \$1.05 in New York and Chicago, and were about 80 cents per lug lower than the price a year earlier.

Estimates of production in the second-early States have been increased to 3,997,000 bushels, or 28 percent more than last season's crop. The intermediate tomato States (some of which are now shipping) expect a crop of 7,021,000 bushels, only slightly less than last year's large production and about 30 percent more than average. New Jersey and California are the principal States in this group. The first section of late States has an indicated total of 35,400 acres this year, about 3 percent less than their 1937 acreage but 13 percent above the average. New York, Indiana, and northern California exceed all other individual States in this group.

WATERMELONS: Large production in second-early States. Although the indicated crop of watermelons in the 8 second-early States is not up to the exceptionally high records established from 1928 to 1931, it is slightly larger than last summer's crop and than the 10-year average. About 36,509,000 melons are expected in this group of States, chiefly in Georgia, Texas, Alabama, and the Carolinas. The smaller acreage this season is offset by indicated higher yields. A total of 68,300 acres is now indicated for the 14 late watermelon States, 3 percent more than last year and 36 percent more than the average plantings in this group of States.

The 1938 shipping season is considerably earlier than usual. Movement increased sharply in mid-June to a weekly total of 3,150 cars, mainly from Florida and Georgia. During the corresponding week last season, only 1,485 cars rolled to market because the Georgia season had scarcely opened. By June 18 this year about 7,140 cars of watermelons had gone to market by rail or boat, compared with 3,000 cars to the same time last season. This is an increase of 137 percent, whereas the production in the early and second-early States is indicated to be only 5 percent larger than that of last year. The early weekly movement has helped to push wholesale prices of melons far below the price level of last season, and cars of large-sized stock recently sold in New York at only \$380. The price per melon in Chicago was only 30 cents.

Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average 1927-36, annual 1937, and indicated 1938, as reported in June

Commodity and group	Acreage			Unit	Production		
	Average:	1937	Prelim.:		Average:	1937	Indicated
	1927-36:	1937	1938		1927-36:	1937	1938
	Acres	Acres	Acres				
<u>Asparagus 1/</u>				1,000			
Calif. ....	65,580	67,260	71,510	crates: 2/	6,825	3/ 6,499	5,721
S.C. and Ga. ...	12,640	11,500	10,100	"	431	472	410
Total early ...	78,220	78,760	81,610	"	7,256	6,971	6,131
Late, total ....	24,840	29,310	31,820	"	2,222	3,189	3,595
Total .....	103,060	108,070	113,430	"	9,478	10,160	9,726
<u>Beans, lima</u>				1,000			
Early (Fla.) ...	1,600	2,400	4,500	bu.	132	156	338
Second-early ...	2,630	2,600	2,200	"	135	116	145
Intermediate (1):	1,050	1,800	1,500	"	57	54	90
Intermediate (2):	4,820	5,100	5,500	"	335	347	
4 groups .....	9,110	11,900	13,700	"	578	673	
<u>Beans, snap</u>							
Fall .....	13,370	21,300	15,000	"	1,147*	2,006	1,475
Early (1) .....	15,720	28,900	30,000	"	1,412	1,792	2,100
Early (2) .....	28,630	23,400	27,150	"	2,427*	2,195	2,182
Second-early ...	21,300	26,400	29,500	"	1,328*	1,204	1,622
Intermediate (1):	14,500	24,700	24,900	"	1,053*	1,047	1,711
Intermediate (2):	11,930	13,130	14,700	"	1,176	1,251	1,536
6 groups .....	105,450	137,860	141,250	"	8,543*	9,495	10,626
<u>Beets</u>							
Early .....	5,180	4,800	6,100	"	772*	744	824
Second-early ...	2,240	1,910	1,830	"	261*	302	283
Intermediate ...	2,300	2,520	2,470	"	631*	574	748
3 groups .....	9,720	9,230	10,400	"	1,664*	1,620	1,855
<u>Cabbage 1/</u>							
Fall .....	1,010	2,800	2,100	Tons	6,500	19,500	13,600
Early .....	40,210	58,200	54,100	"	219,500*	276,500*	277,800
Second-early ...	15,760	18,600	21,400	"	34,900*	97,500	123,900
Intermediate ...	28,080	34,150	34,350	"	166,800*	225,800	243,700
Late, domestic ..	37,670	41,960	#41,690	"	306,900*	291,100	
Late, Danish ...	36,650	37,090	#37,840	"	297,600*	262,500	
Total .....	159,380	192,800	191,480	"	1,082,200*	1,172,900*	
<u>Cantaloups</u>				1,000			
Early .....	37,850	30,190	28,700	crates:	5,511*	5,396	4,252
Second-early ...	38,240	41,880	46,200	"	4,898*	4,095	4,380
Intermediate ...	20,120	23,700	25,600	"	2,108*	2,346	
Late .....	19,050	19,090	21,570	"	2,511	2,293	
Total .....	115,260	114,860	122,070	"	15,028*	14,130	
<u>Carrots 1/</u>				1,000			
Fall .....	4,200	10,850	11,300	bu.	2,162	4,666	5,424
Early .....	9,070	9,000	9,300	"	1,669*	1,590	1,564
Second-early ...	9,570	11,670	13,600	"	3,949*	4,606	5,175
Intermediate ...	1,730	1,520	1,780	"	465*	374	529
4 groups .....	24,570	33,040	36,480	"	8,245*	11,236	12,692

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Commodity and group	Acreage			Unit	Production		
	Average:	1937	Prelim.:		Average:	1937	Indicated
	1927-36:	1937	1938		1927-36	1937	1938
	Acres	Acres	Acres				
<u>Cauliflower</u>				1,000			
Fall & winter ..	8,690	8,250	8,300	crates:	2,259*	2,479	2,274
Early .....	7,860	9,000	8,220	"	2,043	2,745	2,336
2 groups .....	16,550	17,250	16,520	"	4,302*	5,224	4,610
<u>Celery</u>							
Fall & winter ..	6,940	10,300	9,700	"	1,282	1,700	1,843
Early .....	7,690	10,200	11,550	"	2,442*	3,153	2,947
Second-early ...	1,130	1,700	1,300	"	558*	850	644
3 groups .....	15,760	22,200	22,550	"	4,282*	5,703	5,434
<u>Cucumbers</u>				1,000			
Fall .....	1,420	1,600	1,300	bu.	112	64	98
Early (1) .....	12,740	11,300	9,500	"	957*	592	932
Early (2) .....	12,190	11,350	10,450	"	1,183*	1,139	861
Second-early ...	6,680	5,800	6,900	"	619*	301	460
Intermediate ...	7,910	9,150	9,200	"	1,041	1,238	
5 groups .....	40,940	39,200	37,350	"	3,912*	3,334	
<u>Eggplant</u>							
Fall .....	1,140	1,350	1,450	"	182	245	245
Early .....	870	600	750	"	261	240	300
2 groups .....	2,010	1,950	2,200	"	443	485	545
<u>Garlic</u>				1,000			
La. and Texas ..	1,740	1,800	2,150	sacks	36	45	47
Calif. ....	1,890	2,450	2,260	"	104	159	
Total .....	3,630	4,250	4,410	"	140	204	
<u>Kale</u>				1,000			
Fall & winter ..	1,860	1,050	1,050	bu.	640	430	441
<u>Lettuce</u>				1,000			
Early .....	45,040	35,200	39,200	crates:	5,428*	5,109	5,086
Second-early ...	45,740	50,000	55,250	"	5,173*	6,527	7,086*
Intermediate ...	4,680	4,900	3,800	"	919*	937*	802
Late (1) .....	25,260	30,400	30,860	"	3,529*	3,967	
4 groups .....	120,720	120,500	129,110	"	15,049*	16,540*	
<u>Onions</u>				1,000			
Early .....	23,970	24,550	27,360	sacks	2,170*	2,129*	2,178
Intermediate ...	10,830	15,700	12,150	"	1,574*	2,266	1,597
Late .....	52,630	52,260	54,960	"	9,894*	10,383	
Total .....	87,430	92,510	94,470	"	13,638*	14,778	
<u>Peas, green</u>				1,000			
Early .....	8,110	16,200	15,500	bu.	570	1,000	1,240
Second-early ...	37,640	46,470	37,310	"	2,569	2,938	2,229
Intermediate (1)	6,150	6,500	6,000	"	424	455	420
Intermediate (2)	3,790	3,720	2,340	"	255	136	180
Late (1) .....	19,710	27,840	25,640	"	1,925	2,840	2,716
5 groups .....	75,400	100,730	86,790	"	5,743	7,369	6,785

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Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average 1927-36, annual 1937, and indicated 1938, as reported in June - Continued

Commodity and group	Acreage			Unit	Production		
	Average: 1927-36:	1937	:Prelim.: 1938		Average: 1927-36	1937	:Indicated 1938
	Acres	Acres	Acres				
<u>Peppers, green</u>				1,000			
Fall .....	2,110	3,600	4,300	bu.	398	640	453
Early, Fla. ....	5,160	5,200	4,800	"	1,289	1,190	1,032
Second-early ..	1,780	1,570	1,540	"	291	299	247
Intermediate ..	6,620	7,500	8,300	"	1,530	2,025	1,785
4 groups .....	15,670	17,870	18,940	"	3,508	4,154	3,517
<u>Shallots (La.)</u>	---	6,000	5,700	"	---	600	712
<u>Spinach</u>							
Fall .....	2,680	3,000	2,700	"	746	945	972
Early .....	35,410	53,800	49,800	"	7,300*	8,542	8,044
Second-early ..	8,720	9,160	8,300	"	2,507	2,650	2,380
3 groups .....	46,810	65,960	60,800	"	10,553*	12,137	11,396
<u>Tomatoes</u>							
Fall .....	4,700	10,700	9,000	"	300	522	330
Early (1) .....	12,280	17,200	17,300	"	1,486	1,617	2,768
Early (2) .....	27,640	27,300	42,700	"	2,024	2,146	3,386
Second-early ..	37,430	49,800	60,000	"	3,557	3,133	3,997
Intermediate ..	40,350	51,800	51,170	"	5,433*	7,037	7,021
Late (1) .....	31,190	36,400	35,400	"	4,488	5,983	
6 groups .....	153,590	193,200	215,570	"	17,288*	20,438	
<u>Watermelons</u>				1,000			
Early .....	35,210	27,500	30,500	melons:	12,614*	10,460	11,100
Second-early ..	155,770	170,100	164,600	"	36,319*	35,049*	36,509
Late .....	50,080	66,240	68,300	"	17,458*	26,115*	
Total .....	241,060	263,840	263,400	"	66,391*	71,624*	
Total to date ..	1,347,980						
		1,554,270					
			1,587,670				

1/ Includes acreage and production for market and manufacture.

2/ Includes 4,532,000 crates for canning.

3/ Includes 4,266,000 crates for canning.

\*/ Includes some quantities not harvested on account of market conditions.

#/ Intended acreage, according to growers' early reports.

Truck crops: Wholesale prices at New York City, averages for specified weeks, 1937-38

Commodity	Unit	Week ended -					
		1937		1938			
		June 19	May 21	May 28	June 4	June 11	June 18
		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Asparagus, medium	Crate	1.67	2.79	2.65	2.31	1.96	2.08
Beans, lima	Bushel	2.69	1.79	2.52	2.02	1.88	2.48
Beans, snap, southern-							
Green	Bushel	1.75	1.20	1.32	2.53	1.73	1.00
Wax	Bushel	1.63	1.36	1.32	1/2.33	2.42	1.60
Beets, N.J., bunched	Crate	.65	1.01	.77	.59	.52	.42
Broccoli, Calif.	Crate	--	2.54	3.10	3.66	1/3.00	1/2.50
" homegrown	Dz. bunch	1.83	--	2.33	2.20	2.12	1.38
Cabbage, domestic	100 lbs.	1.74	2.15	1.85	2.06	2.05	1.54
Cantaloups, salmon tint	Std. 45s	3.12	5.79	4.46	4.62	3.73	3.21
Carrots, western	Crate	6.33	3.64	3.44	3.45	3.45	3.24
" South, topped	Bushel	3.29	1.57	1.50	1.45	1.57	1.45
Cauliflower, western	Pny. crt.	1.64	2.35	1.98	2.14	1.48	1.03
" N.J.	Crate	.76	--	1.33	1.50	.99	.55
Celery, eastern	2/3 crt.	6.00	--	--	--	4.71	3.79
" Fla.	Std. crt.	--	2.61	3.12	3.00	2.83	--
" Calif.	1/2 crt.	4.77	--	3.12	3.12	2.91	2.65
Corn, green, southern	Std. crt.	2.10	--	1.72	1.55	1.74	1.66
Cucumbers, southern, #1	Bushel	2/1.83	2.79	2.52	2.83	1.60	1.00
Eggplant, Fla., medium	Crate	2/2.00	1.50	1.44	1.75	1.62	1.32
Honey Ball melons	Std. 45s	3.83	6.38	5.08	4.42	3.60	3.12
Lettuce, Iceberg, West.	4-5 dz. crt.	2.83	3.96	3.25	3.82	3.73	3.19
" Big Boston, E.	2-dz. crt.	.49	.85	.64	.58	.36	.38
Onions, Yel. Bermudas	50# sk.	1.02	1.40	1.17	1.15	1.27	1.28
Peas, green, Calif.	Bushels	1.75	1.78	1.88	2.27	2.53	2.44
" eastern	Bushel	1.25	1.06	1.38	1.76	1.92	1.38
Peppers, green, Fla.	Crate	3.33	1.78	1.50	1.72	2.04	1.24
Spinach	Bushel	.60	.30	.21	.22	.27	.29
Sweetpotatoes	Bushel	1.41	1.15	1.32	1.42	1.45	1.49
Tomatoes	Lug box	1.83	1.62	1.46	1.30	1.17	1.04
Turnips, bunched, East	Crate	.66	.61	--	.58	.58	3/.58
Watermelons, 30-32 lbs.		4/					
4-layers per car	Carload	586.50	528.12	511.25	424.00	530.00	380.50

1/ Average for one day. 2/ Fancy grade. 3/ Topped. 4/ 28-34 pounds.

Truck crops: Wholesale prices at Chicago, averages for specified weeks,  
1937-38

Commodity	Unit	Week ended -					
		1937			1938		
		June 19	May 21	May 28	June 4	June 11	June 18
		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Asparagus, Ill.....	1-dz.crt.	1.24	1.82	1.50	1.01	1.34	1.18
Beans, lima, Fla.....	Bushel..	--	1/2.22	1/1.79	2.50	2.08	--
Beans, snap-							
Green.....	Bushel..	2.10	1.48	1.49	1.66	1.80	1.04
Wax .....	Bushel..	2.28	1.34	1.46	1.94	2.00	1.64
Beets.....	1/2-crate.	--	1.01	.89	.75	--	--
" .....	Bunch...	.025	--	.038	.028	.028	.016
Broccoli, western <u>2/</u> ...	Pny.crt.	2.12	1.92	2.12	--	2.34	1.47
Cabbage, domestic.....	W.crate.	.95	1.68	1.42	1.51	1.49	1.13
Cantaloups, salmon tint	Std.45s.	2.72	5.28	4.85	3.97	3.62	2.62
Carrots, western .....	W.crate.	5.05	2.94	2.82	2.70	2.95	2.50
Cauliflower, western...	Pny.crt.	1.52	1.93	1.70	1.51	1.72	1.38
Celery, Calif. <u>1/</u> .....	1/2-crate	3/4.15	2.08	2.48	2.72	2.75	2.40
" Fla.....	16 in.crt	4.38	2.50	3.06	3.22	1/2.82	1/4/2.25
Corn, green.....	Sack....	4/1.75	2.04	1.65	1.30	4/1.50	1.58
" .....	Crate...	1.67	--	1.78	1.31	1.78	1.63
Cucumbers.....	Bushel..	1.82	2.32	2.12	1.88	1.54	1.42
Eggplant.....	1 1/2-bu.crt	5/1.88	2.32	2.03	1.84	1.75	1.98
Honey Ball melons.....	Std.45s.	3.55	--	4.88	4.12	3.49	2.55
Lettuce, Iceberg.....	4-5dz.crt.	2.48	3.00	2.96	2.98	3.85	3.70
Onions, Yel.Bermuda...	50# sk...	.94	1.36	1.26	1.19	1.37	1.35
Peas, green, large pod:	Bushel..	1.81	1.76	1.81	2.26	2.68	2.81
" " medium pod :	Bushel..	1.52	1.67	1.68	2.00	2.46	2.42
Peppers, green.....	Bushel..	1.36	1.43	1.12	1.11	.87	.80
" Fla. <u>6/</u> .....	1 1/2-bu.crt	--	2.15	1.92	2.03	1.42	--
Spinach.....	Bushel..	.27	.60	.26	.19	.24	.34
Sweetpotatoes.....	Bushel..	1.73	1.41	1.43	1.39	1.08	.92
Tomatoes.....	Lug box.	1.94	1.58	1.42	1.11	1.18	1.12
Turnips.....	Bunch...	.027	--	.04	.028	.027	.022
" , topped.....	Bushel..	.86	4/ .92	.90	.88	--	.98
Watermelons, Tom Watson	Melon...	.38	.49	.38	.36	.42	.30

1/ Mostly fair quality. 2/ Heads and shoots. 3/ Good quality.

4/ Average for one day. 5/ Fancy grade. 6/ Medium to large.

Truck crops and Potatoes: Carlot (rail or boat) shipments from originating points in the United States, specified weeks, 1937-38

Commodity	Week ended -						
	1937		1938				
	June 19:	May 14:	May 21:	May 28:	June 4:	June 11:	June 18
	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars
Asparagus.....	0	7	8	8	11	5	6
Beans, snap and lima:	136	315	333	234	155	192	127
Beets.....	1	34	78	31	15	5	3
Cabbage.....	344	937	717	496	348	167	74
Cantaloups.....	2,125	102	211	327	488	1,517	1,477
Carrots.....	258	487	493	436	398	393	207
Cauliflower .....	34	102	104	55	29	35	8
Celery .....	164	532	528	474	313	245	152
Corn, green.....	117	60	100	160	72	143	112
Cucumbers .....	280	219	264	175	322	467	179
Eggplant.....	16	37	27	23	17	21	16
Greens.....	0	7	2	0	0	0	0
Honey Ball melons....	80	0	2	9	83	63	59
Honey Dew melons ...:	83	0	0	1	8	33	73
Lettuce.....	561	988	804	663	385	350	126
Mixed melons.....	201	17	38	50	76	95	96
Mixed vegetables.....	288	533	499	335	352	299	206
Onions, old.....	0	8	5	3	2	0	0
Onions, new.....	832	1,335	782	512	515	559	378
Peas, green.....	171	297	245	113	53	77	140
Peppers, green.....	92	154	158	122	110	160	119
Spinach.....	0	7	5	1	0	0	0
Sweetpotatoes.....	24	52	63	44	31	33	13
Tomatoes.....	1,694	1,480	1,583	1,213	2,016	2,196	1,754
Turnips.....	4	1	4	4	3	11	8
Watermelons.....	1,483	133	411	695	821	1,932	3,129
Total truck crops :	8,988	7,844	7,464	6,184	6,623	8,998	8,462
Potatoes:							
Old crop.....	66	2,380	1,552	879	734	479	243
New crop.....	6,464	3,891	4,448	3,640	4,816	6,053	5,946
Grand total.....:	15,518	14,115	13,464	10,703	12,173	15,530	14,651

NOTE: In the case of many commodities, carlot shipments decrease as the source of supply shifts to those producing areas where the motor-truck is the principal means of transportation; available market supplies, therefore, are frequently larger than indicated by this carlot shipment report.