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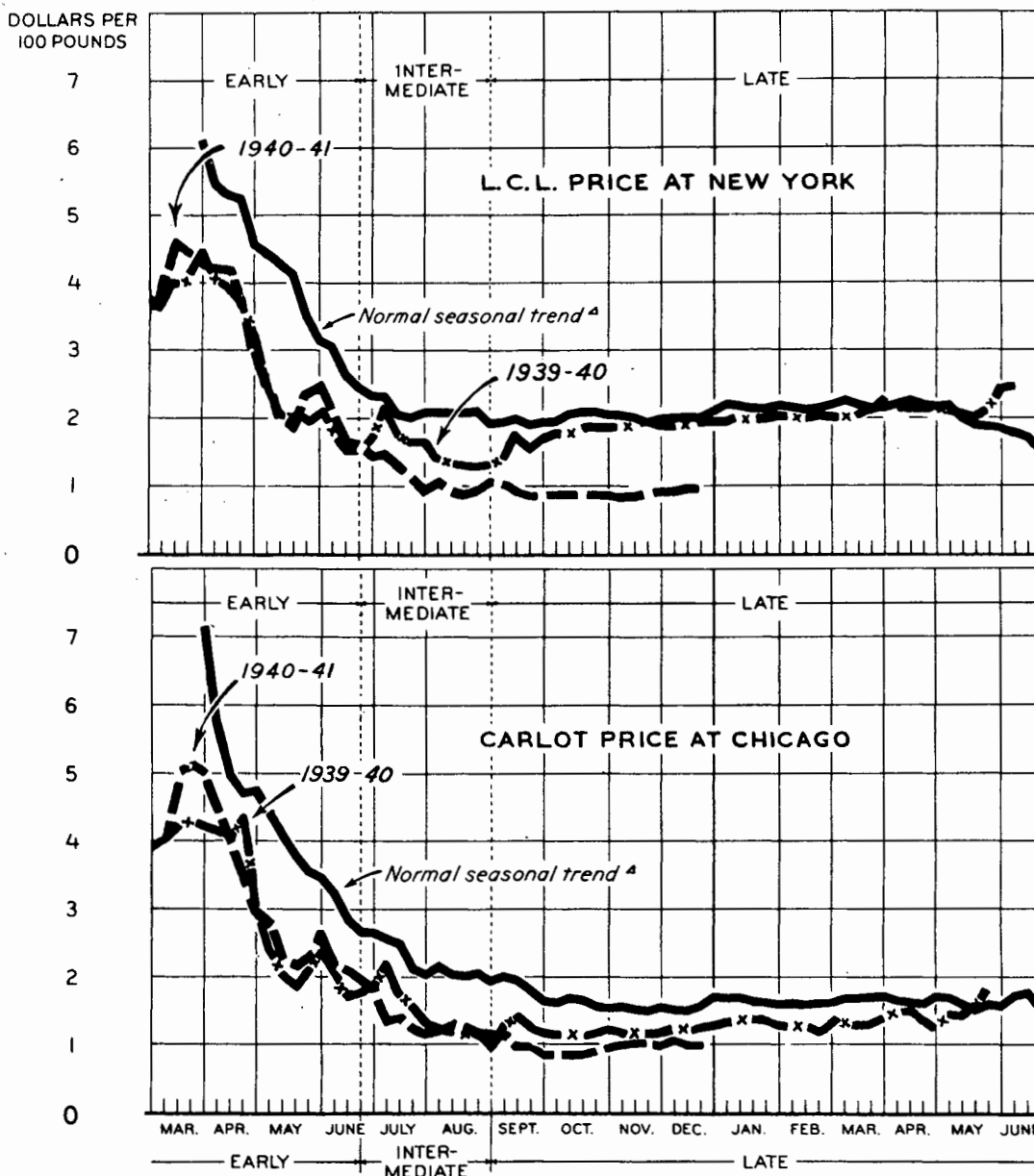
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POTATOES, U.S. NO. 1: PRICES AT NEW YORK AND CHICAGO, NORMAL SEASONAL TREND, AND 1939 TO DATE *



* EXCLUDING IMPORTANT WESTERN VARIETIES
 † ARITHMETIC MEAN OF THE SIX MIDDLE PRICES FOR EACH WEEK OF THE 10-YEAR PERIOD, 1921-30

T H E V E G E T A B L E S I T U A T I O N

Summary

Prospective supplies of fresh vegetables for late winter marketings are indicated to be substantially larger than a year earlier, but consumer purchasing power likewise will be higher than it was last winter.

The supply of late Irish potatoes in storage for marketing after January 1 is considerably larger than the supply a year ago but that of sweetpotatoes is smaller. Prices of Irish potatoes, particularly those in eastern markets, reflecting the increase in supplies, are about 50 percent lower than a year earlier. Market prices of sweetpotatoes in recent weeks averaged substantially higher than in the corresponding period of 1939.

Because of a record large production and a record large carry-over, the total supply of dry edible beans is substantially larger this season than last. Supplies of great northern, small whites, pintos, small reds, pinks, and blackeyes, are particularly large this season. Market prices reflect this supply situation, in that the averages in mid-December of these varieties were considerably below those of a year ago.

Marketings of truck crops slackened somewhat in mid-December because of unfavorable growing conditions in the various producing areas, but it is expected that marketings will increase somewhat in January. It is also probable that supplies during the next few months will be somewhat larger than those of early 1940. Acreages of early vegetables, planted or to be planted, are indicated to be increased somewhat, and unless another severe freeze occurs in the deep South, as was experienced last January, production of many of the fresh vegetables will be substantially larger than a year earlier. There are also considerable supplies of stored vegetables available for marketing in the Northern States.

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POTATOES

There is little change in the late potato supply situation from that reported a month ago, and market prices continue to average substantially below those of a year earlier. The December estimate of the late crop, totaling about 313 million bushels, is about 4 million bushels larger than the November estimate and about 24 million bushels (8 percent) larger than the 1939 late crop. A large portion of this crop is usually stored for marketing during the winter and spring months. If the proportion so stored this season is about normal, the quantity of potatoes available for marketing during the next 3 months will be substantially larger than a year earlier.

Beginning about April, the early crop in the Southern States becomes an important factor in the market supply situation, but little information is now available concerning the 1941 prospect. In the 1940 season early potato producers received somewhat higher prices than in 1939, and probably will be encouraged to plant larger acreages of potatoes in 1941. Also in some States there has been a tendency to shift to higher-yielding varieties in recent years, and this has resulted in higher returns per acre. It is not unlikely, therefore, that the production of new potatoes in the early Southern States will be increased substantially in 1941 over that of 1940. Larger crops in these areas together with larger holdings of old stock would mean increased supplies of potatoes available for marketing during the first half of 1941 than were available in the corresponding period in 1940. It appears, therefore, that the seasonal rise in prices which usually occurs during this period will be very small this season.

The acreage planted to the fall crop of potatoes in Florida and Texas is indicated to total 13,300 acres compared with 13,800 acres in the fall of 1939. The first car of the Florida harvest was shipped during the week ended December 14, but marketings are expected to be distributed over the next several months and, therefore, are not likely to become heavy at any time.

SWEETPOTATO SUPPLIES BELOW AVERAGE

The December estimate of the sweetpotato crop, totaling 62 million bushels, is about 10 million bushels below last year's harvest which was about equal to the 10-year 1929-38 average. The crop in the two Atlantic Coast groups of States and in the South Central group is smaller than a year earlier, whereas in the North Central States and in California it is slightly larger. Because of the small total crop this season, supplies of sweetpotatoes for marketing during the winter and spring months are expected to be considerably smaller than both those of last year and the recent 10-year average. Market prices in recent weeks have reflected this supply situation and have advanced materially from the seasonal low level of early November. It is probable that market prices will continue to rise during the next 6 months.

DRY EDIBLE BEANS

The commercial supply of dry edible beans available for the 1940 marketing season beginning about September 1 totals 19.5 million bags (100 pounds) and is the largest on record. It exceeds the supply available in each of the last two seasons by about 2 million bags, and exceeds the maximum disappearance in recent years by about 5.3 million bags. The large supply this season is the result of a combination of a record large crop of 16.1 million bags and a record

large carry-over of 3.4 million. During the 1939 marketing season exports of beans increased substantially and producers became over-optimistic as to the market prospect for 1940. This resulted in increased plantings, whereas normally decreases would have occurred. Also yields per acre were larger than the recent 10-year average although slightly below those of 1939.

The large supply of beans available this season is reflected in lower prices for many important varieties, despite considerable improvement in domestic consumer purchasing power, and a slightly larger export movement during the first 2 months of the season compared with a year earlier. The United States farm price averaged \$2.90 per bag in November 1940 compared with \$3.18 a year earlier, and the prospect is for very little seasonal rise during the remainder of the marketing season. Market prices of the different varieties reflect the supply situation of the particular variety. Supplies of pea beans, white narrows, white kidneys, red kidneys, cranberrys, and yellow-eyes are indicated to be smaller than in 1939, and recent prices of these varieties were slightly to materially higher than a year earlier. On the other hand, supplies of great northern, small whites, pintos, small reds, pinks, standard and baby limas, and blackeyes are larger, and prices recently were lower. Supplies of great northern, pintos, pinks, and blackeyes are unusually large this season, a result of large crops added to heavy carry-overs.

Exports of dry edible beans during September and October, the first 2 months of the 1940 marketing season, totaled 122,800 bags compared with 117,500 bags during the corresponding period last season. There were considerable increases in the exports of beans this season to Cuba, Haiti, and some other Latin American countries, and to Australia. Last season France, Sweden, Belgium, Greece, and the Netherlands took large quantities of beans exported from the United States, but the prospect this season is that these countries will take very few because of the blockade. It is probable, therefore, that total exports for the 1940 season will be somewhat smaller than the 793,000 bags exported during the 1939 season.

Exports to foreign countries plus shipments to territories accounted for 1,227,000 bags last season, but because of the reduced export prospect these two outlets may account for only about 1 million bags this season. Approximately 13 million bags of beans were used in the United States during the 1939 season, and it is probable that this figure will be increased somewhat in the 1940 season. It is likely, therefore, that between 14.5 and 15.0 million bags will disappear this season compared with about 14.2 million last season. This will leave between 4.5 and 5 million bags to be carried over into the 1941 marketing season. This large carry-over coupled with the relatively low prices now being received probably will result in some decreases in plantings next spring.

TRUCK CROPS

Early crops, 1941

Marketings of truck crops produced in winter-producing sections of the South and West have been curtailed in recent weeks by unfavorable weather conditions, and it is probable that supplies will continue below those of a year earlier until mid-January. As a result of these decreased marketings, prices of the crops affected have risen considerably.

A freeze in the Central Valley areas of California did considerable damage to celery and retarded the growth of other crops. A deficiency of soil moisture continues to retard development in Florida, and November frosts reduced fall production of tender vegetables in Texas. Favorable growing condition during the latter half of December and early January, however, would result in increased marketings from all these States in January. Also storage stocks of cabbage, celery, carrots, beets, and onions in the late Northern States appear to be ample. It is probable, therefore, that market supplies of vegetables generally for the remainder of the winter will be plentiful.

Reports to date on 16 commercial truck crops for harvest in the 1941 season show acreages planted or to be planted about 13 percent larger than the 1940 acreage. Compared with last year's acreage for harvest important increases are reported for fall snap beans, Texas beets, early carrots, early lettuce, early onions, fall and early spinach, and fall tomatoes. Despite the increases this season in the plantings of early lettuce and onions, the acreage of lettuce is only about average, and that of early onions is still below average.

As compared with early 1940, prospects indicate increased market supplies during the next few months of California artichokes, snap beans, new and old cabbage, winter cauliflower, early carrots, early celery, kale, early lettuce, and early spinach. There may be slight reductions, however, in some of the fall produced vegetables, a large portion of which has already been marketed. The larger late winter supplies are based, of course, on the assumption that a severe freeze like that occurring last season will not occur this season. The freeze and cold wave about January 20, 1940 reduced the output of truck crops materially in the Southern States. Barring a repetition of these conditions this season, the outlook is for substantially increased supplies of vegetables generally during the late winter and early spring months this season.

REVIEW OF 1940 SEASON

Market truck crops

The total acreage of commercial truck crops for fresh market shipment decreased about 4 percent to 1,691,000 acres in 1940 from the record high level of 1,753,000 acres in 1939 but remained about 8 percent above the 1929-38 average. There was little change from a year ago in the total acreage in the North Central and Atlantic Coast groups of States, but there were material decreases in the South Central and Western groups. Although the decreases in acreage were quite general, there were slight increases in the acreage of artichokes, asparagus, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, and celery.

Although there was a smaller total acreage for harvest in 1940, the tonnage produced, totaling 6,780,000 tons, was a new high record. Higher yields per acre resulted in an increase of nearly 2 percent over the production a year earlier. The 1940 tonnage was about 16 percent larger than the 10-year (1929-38) average of 5,841,000 tons. Larger tonnages of asparagus, beets, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, celery, and watermelons more than offset decreases in the other important truck crops. On a regional basis total

production was larger in the North Central and Atlantic Coast groups of States but somewhat smaller in the South Central and Western groups.

Despite the larger output of truck crops in 1940, prices to growers averaged slightly higher (about 3 percent) than in 1939. The higher level of prices resulted largely from a considerable improvement in consumer buying power. With both production and prices higher than in 1939, the total cash income from the market truck crops produced in 1940 was up slightly more than 5 percent. This larger income received from crops grown on a smaller acreage resulted in the highest return per acre since 1930. It averaged \$127.87 per acre in 1940 compared with \$117.13 in 1939, \$94.04 in 1932 (the lowest level of the depression period), and \$140.96 in 1930.

Truck crops for processing

The acreage of truck crops harvested for processing was increased 17 percent in 1940 over the relatively small acreage harvested in 1939. Carry-over stocks of most canned vegetables were at relatively low levels in the spring of 1940, and this encouraged processors to contract for larger acreages. The increase in 1940 marks the first of a probable 3-year period of acreage increases, if the processing industry follows past experience. The acreage of these crops was decreased from the record high level of 1,564,000 acres in 1937 in two successive seasons to a cyclical low of 1,139,000 acres in 1939. The acreage in 1940 totaled 1,333,000 acres.

Although yields per acre in 1940 were generally slightly below those of a year earlier, the substantial increase in acreage resulted in a larger total output of processing truck crops. A total of 3,729,000 tons was produced compared with 3,388,000 tons in 1939 and the record high tonnage of 3,841,000 tons in 1937.

As is usually the case when acreage and production of the processing vegetables are increased, prices received by producers advanced somewhat. Prices in 1940 averaged about 5 percent higher than in 1939. The higher prices and the larger tonnage produced resulted in a 16-percent increase in cash income from these crops. Because of the slightly lower yields per acre, however, the returns per acre average only \$46.85 compared with \$47.33 in 1939. Except for 1939, the 1940 returns per acre were the highest since 1930, when the average was \$51.68.

Potatoes: Acreage, yield and production, average 1929-38,
annual 1939 and 1940

Group and classification	Acreage			Yield			Production		
	Aver-			Aver-			Aver-		
	age	1939	1940	age	1939	1940	age	1939	1940
	1929-			1929-			1929-		
	38			38			38		
	1,000	1,000	1,000				1,000	1,000	1,000
	acres	acres	acres	Bu.	Bu.	Bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
Early									
Total	421.0	451.3	468.0	87.9	103.2	104.0	37,205	46,586	48,695
Commercial ...	169.4	194.2	196.6	122.9	147.9	148.6	20,812	28,721	29,209
Other	251.6	257.1	271.4	65.2	69.5	71.8	16,393	17,865	19,486
Intermediate									
Total	321.2	289.0	289.5	106.0	95.6	125.1	33,972	27,617	36,207
Commercial ...	130.7	119.0	115.7	149.3	125.5	170.4	19,518	14,934	19,719
Other	190.5	170.0	173.8	75.9	74.6	94.9	14,454	12,683	16,488
18 surplus late									
Total	2,137.3	1,913.3	1,918.3	120.3	130.2	141.5	256,482	249,018	271,439
3 eastern ...	611.0	560.0	567.0	161.7	154.5	168.4	98,875	86,497	95,463
5 central ...	1,028.0	881.0	887.0	81.1	88.9	90.6	83,222	78,326	80,380
10 western ...	498.2	472.3	464.3	150.1	178.3	205.9	74,384	84,195	95,596
12 other late									
Total	416.2	364.1	377.0	94.6	109.7	109.8	39,291	39,938	41,381
5 eastern ...	60.4	62.9	67.6	146.1	158.9	165.5	8,822	9,997	11,191
5 central ...	348.0	293.0	301.0	86.1	99.8	97.8	29,862	29,241	29,434
2 western ...	8.0	8.2	8.4	75.2	85.4	90.0	607	700	756
30 late	2,553.5	2,277.4	2,295.3	116.1	126.9	136.3	295,772	288,956	312,820
37 late and intermediate	2,874.7	2,566.4	2,584.8	115.0	123.4	135.0	329,744	316,573	349,027
United States total	3,295.7	3,017.7	3,052.8	111.5	120.3	130.3	366,949	363,159	397,722
30 late									
8 eastern ...	671.4	622.9	634.6	160.4	154.9	168.1	107,697	96,494	106,654
10 central ...	1,376.0	1,174.0	1,188.0	82.2	91.6	92.4	113,084	107,567	109,814
12 western ...	506.2	480.5	472.7	148.1	176.7	203.8	74,991	84,895	96,352

Compiled from reports of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

Potatoes: Unweighted price per 100 pounds for stock of generally good quality and condition (U. S. No. 1 when quoted) at shipping points and terminal markets, week ended December 21, 1940 with comparisons

Location and variety	Week ended					
	1939:			1940		
	Dec.	November		December		
	23	23	30	7	14	21
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
<u>F.o.b. shipping point</u>						
Waupaca, Wisconsin	1.10	.84	.85	.86	.80	.80
Presque Isle, Maine	1.29	.73	.72	.73	.72	.71
Idaho Points, Idaho .....	.92	.84	.83	.81	.78	.81
Rochester, New York	1.28	.96	.93	.96	1.03	1.02
Western Michigan Points	1.20	.97	1.01	1.02	1.02	.99
Western Nebraska .....	.90	1.11	1.05	1.04	1.04	1.08
San Luis Valley, Colorado .....	.81	.65	.62	.62	.63	.63
Belle Glade, Florida 1/	3.24	---	---	---	2.50	2.22
<u>Warehouse cash to grower</u>						
Waupaca, Wisconsin .....	.82	.64	.63	.68	.62	.59
Presque Isle, Maine	1.14	.53	.53	.53	.53	.52
Idaho Points, Idaho .....	.70	.50	.47	.47	.45	.46
Rochester, New York	1.00	.68	.68	.73	.72	.73
<u>Terminal markets</u>						
New York City						
Russet Burbanks, Idaho	2.20	1.98	1.99	1.99	1.96	1.97
Green Mountains, Maine	1.92	---	---	---	1.15	1.14
Green Mountains, Long Island	1.90	.99	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.02
Chippewas, Long Island	1.78	.95	.95	.98	.98	1.00
Cobblers, Long Island	1.70	.84	.85	.85	.85	.83
Long Whites, California 1/	4.44	---	---	4.16	4.00	3.24
Bliss Triumphs, Florida 1/	4.56	---	---	---	---	3.30
Excluding western stock	1.90	.92	.94	.95	.99	.98
Chicago						
Red McClures, Colorado	1.74	1.52	1.47	1.40	1.42	1.49
Russet Burbanks, Idaho	1.82	1.60	1.60	1.55	1.58	1.53
Bliss Triumphs, Nebraska	1.70	1.64	1.63	1.61	1.54	1.68
Bliss Triumphs, Minnesota and North Dak. 2/ ..	1.19	1.48	1.39	1.40	1.32	1.23
Early Ohios, Minnesota and North Dakota ..	1.22	.98	.98	.96	.99	.98
Cobblers, Minnesota and North Dakota	1.22	1.01	.99	1.03	.99	1.00
Excluding western stock	1.23	1.02	.99	1.05	1.00	1.01

Compiled from reports of Agricultural Marketing Service.

1/ New stock, bushel price doubled.

2/ U. S. No. 1 and 85 percent.

Sweetpotatoes: Acreage, yield and production by groups of States, average 1929-38, annual 1939 and 1940

Group of States	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Average:	1939	1940	Average:	1939	1940	Average:	1939	1940
	1929-38:			1929-38:			1929-38:		
	1,000	1,000	1,000				1,000	1,000	1,000
	acres	acres	acres	Bu.	Bu.	Bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.
4 Central									
Atlantic 1/	67	61	60	121.5	140.5	131.4	8,141	8,568	7,885
4 Lower									
Atlantic 2/	283	280	254	82.2	91.0	79.3	23,263	25,490	20,154
8 South Central 3/	470	483	418	79.4	72.4	71.4	37,340	34,953	29,858
5 North Central 4/	30	28	28	84.3	87.8	95.0	2,528	2,458	2,661
California	11	10	12	105.0	120.0	120.0	1,164	1,200	1,440
Total United States	860	862	772	84.6	84.3	80.3	72,436	72,579	61,998

Compiled from reports of Agricultural Marketing Service.

1/ New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia.

2/ North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida.

3/ Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, and Texas.

4/ Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas.

Sweetpotatoes: Unweighted price per bushel for stock of generally good quality and condition (U. S. No. 1 when quoted) at New York and Chicago, week ended December 21, 1940 with comparisons

Market and type	Week ended					
	1939		1940			
	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Nov.
	23	23	30	7	14	21
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
New York:						
Goldens, Md.	.80	1.54	1.51	1.50	1.54	1.56
" N. J.	.88	---	1.46	1.59	1.62	1.58
Jerseys, N. J.	.88	1.54	1.51	1.59	1.62	1.58
" Md.	---	1.17	1.19	1.25	1.00	1.42
Puerto Ricans, N.C., and S.C.	1.18	1.53	1.48	1.47	1.45	1.45
" " Md.	.92	1.17	1.20	1.16	1.08	1.10
" " Va.	---	1.10	1.02	.99	.92	1.08
All varieties	1.03	1.29	1.24	1.28	1.31	1.42
Chicago:						
Puerto Ricans, Ill.	1.50	1.60	1.52	1.58	1.58	1.60
" " Ind.	1.16	1.53	1.42	1.65	1.60	1.58
" " La.	1.47	1.70	1.70	1.64	1.70	1.72
" " Tenn.	1.29	1.54	1.38	1.50	1.50	1.52
" " Tex.	---	1.84	1.78	1.76	1.83	1.88
Nancy Halls, Tenn.	1.22	1.34	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.29
" " Ill.	1.42	1.52	1.45	1.42	1.54	1.50
Jerseys, N. J. 1/	1.81	2.18	2.08	2.08	2.24	2.27
" " 2/	1.50	1.76	1.54	1.43	1.92	1.93
" " Ill.	1.48	---	---	1.52	1.58	1.66
All varieties	1.40	1.62	1.55	1.56	1.58	1.58

Compiled from reports of Agricultural Marketing Service.

1/ Red soil stock. 2/ Sandy soil stock.

Truck crops: Commercial acreage, yield and production, average 1930-39, annual 1940 and indicated 1941

Commodity	Acreage			Unit	Yield per acre			Production		
	Av. 1930-39	1940	1941		Av. 1930-39	1940	1941	Av. 1930-39	1940	1941
	Acres	Acres	Acres		Thou-	Thou-	Thou-	sands	sands	sands
Artichokes	8,480	10,600	10,400	Box	106	80	100	889	848	1,040
Asparagus, early	82,010	90,140	89,500	Crate	87	85	---	7,109	7,729	---
Asparagus, late	28,110	39,550	41,320	"	101	115	---	2,836	4,592	---
Snap beans, fall 1/2	16,650	17,500	21,600	Bu.	99	94	121	1,642	1,638	2,621
Beets, early	6,080	6,400	7,800	"	140	120	---	848	768	---
Cabbage, fall 1/2	1,650	2,330	2,620	Ton	6.4	6.9	8.4	11	16	22
Cabbage, early	41,350	49,650	50,200	"	5.3	5.4	---	221	268	---
Cabbage, second early	19,950	23,400	23,250	"	5.1	4.2	---	102	99	---
Carrots, fall 1/2	6,460	9,800	9,800	Bu.	508	484	450	3,194	4,743	4,410
Carrots, early	9,970	10,700	12,750	"	171	190	---	1,706	2,035	---
Cauliflower, fall and winter 1/2	9,260	8,000	8,700	Crate	264	303	288	2,444	2,426	2,507
Celery, fall and winter 1/2	7,710	8,850	8,420	"	179	240	230	1,367	2,124	1,937
Celery, early	6,910	8,350	9,000	"	324	375	---	2,241	3,134	---
Cucumbers, fall 1/2	1,600	1,800	1,800	Bu.	76	90	95	122	162	171
Eggplant, fall 1/2	1,380	1,450	1,600	"	155	121	121	214	176	194
Kale, Va.	1,630	900	1,100	"	372	270	400	572	243	440
Lettuce, early	43,180	33,750	42,550	Crate	119	171	---	5,154	5,781	---
Onions, early	51,210	30,600	45,300	Sack	42	43	---	2,143	1,325	---
Peppers, fall 1/2	2,840	4,800	4,600	Bu.	166	150	142	472	720	653
Shallots, fall 1/2	3,000	2,700	2,400	"	97	120	108	291	324	259
Spinach, fall 1/2	2,460	2,400	3,000	"	257	250	300	674	600	900
Spinach, early	40,710	39,400	41,500	"	173	164	---	7,030	6,449	---
Tomatoes, fall 1/2	6,680	11,800	15,000	"	59	120	83	395	1,420	1,240
Total above	399,280	414,870	454,210							
Total excluding crops having no production estimate in 1941	69,800	82,930	91,040	Ton	3.98	4.61	4.29	278	382	390

Compiled from reports of Agricultural Marketing Service.

1/ Fall and winter crops supply earliest new-crop movement moving to market in fall preceding year shown.

Truck crops: Unweighted average wholesale price at New York and Chicago for stock of generally good quality and condition (U.S. No. 1 when quoted) for week ended December 21, 1940 with comparisons

Commodity	Unit	Week ended					
		1939			1940		
		Dec. 23	Nov. 23	Dec. 30	Dec. 7	Dec. 14	Dec. 21
		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
<u>New York</u>							
Anise, Calif.	L. A. crate	2.92	2.72	2.04	3.00	3.88	2.98
" Va.	Bushel crate	---	---	---	---	1.24	1.02
Artichokes, Calif.	Box	3.68	3.88	2.67	3.73	3.83	4.38
Beans, lima, Fla.	Bushel	3.12	---	---	---	4.00	3.15
" " Cuba	Bushel hamper	2.59	3.44	3.58	3.04	3.19	3.06
" snap, green, Fla. ...	Bushel	2.69	1.35	1.24	1.55	1.53	1.38
" " wax " ...	"	2.82	2.22	2.29	2.38	1.92	1.98
Beets, bunched, Tex.	1/2 crate	1.27	1.17	1.21	1.44	1.34	1.30
Broccoli, Ariz.	Pony crate	3.08	---	---	3.25	3.50	3.54
" Calif.	" "	2.85	2.50	2.79	3.08	3.18	3.30
" L. I.	Crate	1.75	1.18	1.16	1.33	1.19	---
" N. J.	"	---	.93	.93	1.16	1.04	---
Brussel sprouts, Calif. ...	1/2 drum	1.66	1.30	1.42	1.60	1.60	2.08
" " eastern ...	Quart	.10	.09	.08	.10	.09	.09
Cabbage, Danish, N. Y.	50 pound sack	.59	.33	.34	.40	.41	.37
" red N. Y.	" " "	1.20	.52	.45	.53	.58	.57
" savoy, Pa.	1 1/2 bushel hamper	---	.41	.44	.50	.40	.40
" domestic, N. C. ...	" " "	---	.62	.83	.96	1.06	1.10
" " Fla.	" " "	1.38	---	---	1.10	1.09	1.13
Carrots, topped, N. Y.	Bushel	1.03	.78	.76	.75	.81	.72
" bunched, N. Mex. ...	L. A. crate	---	---	---	1.48	1.57	1.50
" " Calif. ...	" " "	2.76	3.62	3.50	3.48	3.25	3.56
Cauliflower, " ...	Pony crate	1.48	---	---	1.75	1.42	1.83
" L. I.	Crate	---	.74	.92	1.42	1.12	1.88
Celery, Calif.	Cub crate	---	1.45	1.45	1.50	1.50	1.50
" Pascal, Calif.	1/2 crate	2.45	2.25	1.79	1.83	2.08	2.48
" Golden Heart, Calif.:	" " "	2.75	2.45	2.24	2.35	2.21	2.75
" " " Fla. :	16 inch crate	---	---	---	---	2.28	2.62
Celery cabbage, N. Y.	Eastern lettuce	---	---	---	---	---	---
" :	crate	---	.52	.53	.58	.60	.61
Collards, Va.	Bushel	.44	.33	.36	.42	.36	.37
Cucumbers, Cuba	"	3.96	---	---	4.17	4.00	3.50
" Fla.	"	4.38	2.22	2.52	3.94	4.67	---
Dandelions, Va.	"	---	.58	.57	.58	.46	.55
" bunched, Tex. ...	1/2 crate	1.04	.91	1.07	1.09	.99	1.07
Dill, Tex.	" " "	1.15	1.65	1.35	1.29	1.20	1.12
Eggplant, Fla.	1-1/2 bushel crate	2.58	2.35	2.75	2.98	2.45	2.44
" Cuba	" " "	2.79	---	---	3.29	2.75	2.50
Endive, Calif.	L. A. crate	3.10	3.50	3.51	3.38	2.98	2.83
" Fla.	1 1/2 bushel hamper	---	---	---	---	1.19	1.31

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Truck crops: Unweighted average wholesale price at New York and Chicago for stock of generally good quality and condition (U.S. No. 1 when quoted) for week ended December 21, 1940 with comparisons -Contd.

Commodity	Unit	Week ended					
		1939		1940			
		Dec. 23	Nov. 23	Nov. 30	Dec. 7	Dec. 14	Dec. 21
		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
<u>New York</u>							
Escarole, Fla.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel hamper	.97	1.15	1.27	1.09	1.13	1.09
" S. C.	" "	---	---	---	.97	.95	.95
Garlic, Calif.	Pound	.08	.16	.16	.16	.16	.16
" Mexico	" "	---	.15	.15	.15	.15	.15
Kale, Va.	Bushel	.42	.31	.47	.42	.37	.38
" nearby	" "	---	.28	.36	.30	.26	---
Kohl-rabi, S. C.	1/2 crate	1.06	1.08	1.02	1.14	1.12	1.31
Leeks, nearby	Bushel	.81	.64	.62	.90	.95	.88
Lettuce, Big Boston, Fla. ..	Crate - 2 dozen	.84	.63	.68	1.46	2.00	2.18
" iceberg, Calif. ...	L. A. crate	2.28	3.32	3.27	3.79	3.05	3.38
" " Ariz.	" " "	2.58	---	---	3.92	3.35	3.29
Mushrooms, N. Y. and Pa. ...	3 pound basket	.56	.50	.46	.47	.44	.45
Onions, yellows, N. Y.	50 pound sack	.68	.76	.75	.78	.78	.80
" red, " "	" " "	.70	.84	.88	.81	.84	.85
" sweet Spanish	" " "	1.12	1.48	1.52	1.55	1.55	1.55
Parsley, Tex.	1/2 crate	1.40	1.67	1.41	1.58	1.34	1.14
" Calif.	" "	1.12	1.68	1.73	1.72	1.68	1.62
Parsnips, Pa.	1/2 bushel	.42	.40	.40	.35	.36	.32
Peas, Fla.	Bushel	1.96	2.18	2.60	2.60	2.54	2.52
" Calif.	" "	2.19	2.91	3.20	3.09	3.11	3.26
Peppers, green sweet, Fla. :	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel hamper	2.18	2.45	2.02	2.15	2.62	3.10
" red " " ..	" " "	2.32	2.25	1.97	2.15	2.38	2.60
" hot, Fla.	" " "	1.92	---	1.34	1.55	1.73	2.07
Radishes, Fla.	12 quart basket	---	---	---	.56	.53	.44
" Tex.	Bushel crate	---	.88	---	1.32	1.00	.94
" N. and S. C.	" "	1.53	1.62	1.72	1.50	1.06	1.04
Rhubarb, Calif.	20 pound box	1.12	1.10	1.09	1.10	1.08	1.24
Rutabagas, plain, Canada ..	50 pound sack	.58	.58	.59	.60	.58	.58
" waxed, " ..	" " "	.70	.68	.67	.68	.68	.68
Shallots, La.	8 dozen bunch.	2.62	3.50	3.44	3.50	3.46	3.38
Spinach, Tex.	Bushel	.78	---	---	.93	.84	.84
" Pa.	" "	---	.60	.75	.75	.45	---
Squash, green, Fla.	" "	1.72	1.53	1.38	1.33	1.29	1.17
" yellow, "	" "	1.62	1.55	1.62	2.40	2.29	2.23
" white, "	" "	.90	.83	---	1.42	1.72	1.77
" Hubbard, N. Y.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ bushel hamper	.75	---	1.09	1.06	1.17	1.17
" acorn, N. J.	Bushel	.71	1.41	---	1.62	2.16	2.33
Tomatoes, Fla.	Lug	2.35	3.24	2.64	2.17	1.93	1.99
" Cuba 1/ ..	" "	1.88	3.02	3.55	2.21	1.84	2.20
Turnips, nearby	Bushel	.45	.51	.48	.50	.52	.50
Turnip, tops, Va.	" "	---	.48	.39	.40	.39	.35

Truck crops: Unweighted average wholesale price at New York and Chicago for stock of generally good quality and condition (U.S. No. 1 when quoted) for week ended December 31, 1940 with comparisons -Contd.

Commodity	Unit	Week ended					
		1939	1940				
		Dec.	Nov.	Dec.			
		23	23	30	7	14	21
		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	
<u>Chicago</u>							
Anise, Calif.	L. A. crate	2.54	2.88	2.42	2.41	2.75	2.65
Artichokes, Calif.	Box	2.88	3.50	3.62	3.65	4.08	4.25
Beans, lima, Calif.	23 pound crate	2/3.45	2.75	---	2.75	2.75	2.38
" " Fla.	Bushel	3.48	---	---	---	4.12	3.20
" snap, green, Fla. ...	"	2.92	1.56	1.32	1.54	1.73	1.50
" " wax, " ...	"	3.06	2.09	2.12	2.25	2.42	2.20
Beets, bunched, Tex.	1/2 crate	1.14	1.27	1.14	1.24	1.26	1.13
" topped, Ill.	Bushel	.70	.51	.50	.62	.61	.58
Broccoli, Tex.	Crate - 28 bunch.	1.95	2.95	2.69	2.00	2.02	2.16
" Calif.	Pony crate	2.44	2.98	2.69	2.62	2.64	2.68
Brussel sprouts, Calif.	1/2 drum	1.50	1.14	1.21	1.36	1.38	1.70
Cabbage, Danish, N. Y.	50 pound sack	.70	.52	.53	.52	.53	.52
" domestic, Fla.	1 1/2 bushel hamper	1.25	---	---	---	---	1.00
" " Tex.	L. A. crate	2.24	---	---	1.90	1.94	1.98
" " Ariz.	" " "	2.16	2.48	2.32	2.38	2.08	2.09
" " S. C.	1 1/2 bushel hamper	1.50	1.48	1.32	1.26	1.18	1.26
" savoy, S. C.	" " "	1.35	---	---	1.00	.98	.95
" red, N. Y.	50 pound sack	1.49	.80	.70	.70	.72	.75
Carrots, topped, Ill.	Bushel	.43	.57	.50	.50	.50	.47
" bunched, Calif.	L. A. crate	2.24	3.19	2.94	2.75	2.92	2.96
" " Tex.	" " "	---	---	---	2.20	1.86	1.88
Cauliflower, Calif.	Pony crate	1.29	1.19	1.12	1.30	1.31	1.53
" N. Y.	" " "	---	1.28	1.44	1.68	1.77	1.85
Celery, Golden Self Blanch- ing, Calif.	1/2 crate	2.30	2.21	1.90	2.00	2.15	2.54
Celery, Golden Self Blanch- ing, Fla.	16 inch crate	---	---	---	---	2.67	2.62
Celery, Pascal, Calif.	1/2 crate	2.14	2.06	2.02	2.11	2.10	2.03
" Mich.	Square crate	---	1.02	.46	.51	.52	.74
" cabbage, Ohio	12 quart basket	---	---	.31	.36	.32	.38
" " Mich.	Lug	---	.44	.42	.40	.36	.42
Collards, La.	Bushel	.71	1.02	1.00	.90	1.00	.94
" Va.	"	.42	.94	.84	.66	.68	.72
Cucumbers, Fla.	"	4.85	2.31	2.20	4.18	4.60	5.75
" Cuba	"	4.50	---	---	4.50	4.50	4.50
Dandelions, Tex.	1/2 crate	1.14	1.16	.86	.82	.81	.90
Eggplant, Fla.	1 1/2 bushel hamper	3.29	2.46	2.12	---	3.30	3.30
Endive, Calif.	L. A. crate	2.84	3.08	2.78	2.76	2.62	2.45
" Fla.	1 1/2 bushel hamper	---	---	---	1.02	1.00	1.18

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Truck crops: Unweighted average wholesale price at New York and Chicago for stock of generally good quality and condition (U.S. No. 1 when quoted) for week ended December 21, 1940 with comparisons -Contd.

Commodity	Unit	Week ended					
		1939	1940				
		Dec. 23	Nov. 23	Nov. 30	Dec. 7	Dec. 14	Dec. 21
		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
<u>Chicago</u>							
Escarole, Fla.	1½ bushel hamper	1.37	1.75	1.48	1.12	1.11	1.20
" La.	Bushel	.65	.82	.93	.78	.73	.65
Garlic, Calif.	50 pound sack	3.88	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.25	9.25
Horseradish, Ill.	Bunch	.45	.44	.46	.46	.49	.46
Kale	Bushel	.65	.62	.62	.64	.62	.60
Leeks, Ill.	Bunch	---	.07	.07	.06	.06	.08
Lettuce, iceberg, Ariz.	L. A. crate	2.15	---	---	3.66	2.83	2.70
" " Calif.	" " "	2.25	2.95	3.07	3.49	2.51	2.72
Mushrooms, Ill.	Pound	.25	.23	.20	.19	.19	.22
Mustard greens, La.	Bushel	.96	1.04	.96	.84	.88	.88
" " Tex.	1/2 crate	1.10	---	---	---	---	.94
Okra, Cuba	Crate	3.50	---	---	5.25	4.65	4.10
Onions, sweet Spanish	50 pound sack	.75	---	1.21	---	1.30	1.29
" yellow Mid-western :	" " "	.56	.66	.66	.66	.66	.61
" white " " :	" " "	1.05	---	---	1.02	1.07	1.02
Parsley, Va.	Bushel basket	---	1.81	1.90	1.46	1.11	.80
" Tex.	1/2 crate	1.20	1.97	1.86	1.64	1.50	1.29
Parsnips, Ill.	Bushel	.48	.54	.50	.53	.58	.45
Peas, Calif.	"	1.98	2.66	2.79	2.56	2.72	2.84
Peppers, Fla.	1½ bushel hamper	3.01	2.47	2.22	2.50	2.45	3.75
" Tex.	" " "	2.45	1.97	2.05	1.95	1.88	2.94
Radishes, Fla.	16 quart basket	.88	---	---	.61	.54	.59
" Tex.	Crate	1.21	---	---	1.38	1.03	1.07
Rhubarb, Calif.	20 pound box	1.00	.96	.95	.95	.95	.96
Rutabagas, Canada	50 pound sack	.62	.64	.64	.65	.62	.64
Shallots, La.	Barrel - 20 dozen:	6.00	7.75	8.35	8.08	6.80	7.65
Spinach, Va.	Bushel	---	1.01	.58	.72	.78	.79
" Tex.	"	.78	1.03	.79	1.03	.74	.76
Squash, green, Fla.	"	3.00	2.09	2.88	2.50	2.17	2.00
" acorn type, Ill.	"	.42	.55	.57	.64	.68	1.06
Tomatoes, Fla.	Lug	---	---	---	2.36	2.36	1.99
" Mexico	"	2.70	---	---	---	2.25	1.98
Turnips, Ill.	Bushel	---	.50	.54	.62	.71	.60
" La.	Bushel bunched	.85	---	1.12	1.18	1.00	.98
" Tex.	L. A. crate	---	---	---	1.82	1.78	1.49
Turnip tops, Tenn.	bunched Bushel	---	.99	1.54	1.56	1.58	1.71

Compiled from reports of Agricultural Marketing Service.

1/ Weighted average.
2/ 35-pound crate.

Beans, dry edible: Acreage, yield and production by groups of States,
average 1929-38 annual 1939 and 1940

Group of States	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production 1/		
	Average:			Average:			Average:		
	1929-38	1939	1940	1929-38	1939	1940	1929-38	1939	1940
	38			38			38		
	1,000	1,000	1,000				1,000	1,000	1,000
	acres	acres	acres	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	bags	bags	bags
Me., Vt., N.Y.,:									
Mich., Wis., and									
Minn. 2/	723	642	713	714.0	951.9	746.7	5,162	6,111	5,324
Nebr., Mont., :									
Idaho, Wyo., and									
Oreg. 3/	200	185	209	1,157.5	1,263.8	1,327.8	2,315	2,338	2,775
Kans., Colo., :									
N. Mex., and :									
Ariz. 4/	489	475	540	353.8	410.3	459.8	1,730	1,949	2,483
Calif. 5/	326	329	374	1,187.0	1,213.0	1,468.0	3,879	3,990	5,492
Total :									
United States:	1,737	1,631	1,836	759.0	882.2	875.5	13,086	14,388	16,074

Compiled from reports of Agricultural Marketing Service. 1/ Bags of 100 pounds: includes beans for seed. 2/ Largely pea beans but most important source of Red Kidney, Yelloweye, and Cranberry. 3/ Largely Great Northern but Idaho most important source of supply of Small Reds. 4/ Largely Pinto. 5/ Miscellaneous varieties, mostly Lima, Baby Lima, Blackeye, Small White and Pink.

Dry edible beans: Average price per 100 pounds received by
farmers, 1935-40

Month	Year beginning September					
	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
September	3.08	4.35	3.52	2.68	3.80	2.89
October	2.89	4.83	3.37	2.54	3.34	2.83
November	2.67	5.30	2.77	2.47	3.18	2.90
December	2.44	5.49	2.88	2.48	3.07	
January	2.61	5.27	3.02	2.58	3.21	
February	2.85	6.43	2.97	2.55	3.21	
March	2.86	6.32	2.92	2.54	3.14	
April	3.00	6.10	2.84	2.54	3.11	
May	3.02	5.25	2.93	2.77	3.18	
June	2.96	5.66	3.00	2.66	3.12	
July	3.76	5.35	3.30	2.62	3.14	
August	4.33	4.46	2.94	2.63	2.79	
Weighted average	2.93	5.38	3.07	2.54	3.24	

Compiled from reports of Agricultural Marketing Service.

Dry edible beans: Production, supply and disappearance, by varieties, 1938-40

Variety	Production			Total supply			Disappearance	
	1938	1939	1940	1938	1939	1940	1938	1939
	1,000 bags	1,000 bags	1,000 bags	1,000 bags	1,000 bags	1,000 bags	1,000 bags	1,000 bags
Pea beans	4,666	4,362	4,276	5,216	5,112	4,892	4,466	4,496
Great Northern	1,712	1,533	1,768	2,162	2,158	2,518	1,537	1,408
Small white ...	540	420	651	808	666	829	562	488
White Marrow ..	152	148	101	152	148	101	152	148
White Kidney ..	65	71	46	65	71	46	65	71
Total	7,135	6,534	6,842	14,403	8,155	8,386	6,782	6,611
Pinto	2,075	2,417	2,961	4,125	2,664	3,661	1,878	1,964
Red Kidney	923	762	637	938	910	887	840	660
Small red	306	333	371	361	441	489	253	323
Pink	637	457	875	679	589	948	547	516
Cranberry	274	669	279	275	710	529	234	460
Yellow Eye	155	132	82	155	132	82	155	132
Total	4,370	4,770	5,205	4,583	5,446	6,596	3,907	4,055
Standard lima ..	1,395	1,139	1,290	1,542	1,456	1,525	1,225	1,221
Baby lima	864	653	836	1,167	1,026	1,047	794	815
Total	2,259	1,792	2,126	2,709	2,482	2,572	2,019	2,036
Blackeye	512	573	1,154	766	725	1,172	614	707
Miscellaneous ..	777	719	747	842	780	798	781	729
Total	1,289	1,292	1,901	1,608	1,505	1,970	1,395	1,436
Grand total ..	15,053	14,383	16,074	17,303	17,588	19,524	14,103	14,138

Beans, dry edible: Average wholesale price per 100 pounds at New York City, and f.o.b. quotations per 100 pounds at Colorado and Idaho points, 1939 and 1940

Period	Wholesale price New York City								F.o.b. quotations 1/			
	Marrow		Lima (regular)		Pea		Red Kidney		Colorado points		Idaho points	
	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940	1939	1940
Month	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Sept.	5.76	4.82	6.43	5.36	4.70	3.87	5.84	4.96	4.95	3.09	3.83	2.63
Oct.	5.02	5.15	6.35	5.22	3.84	3.85	5.32	5.55	4.18	2.75	3.28	2.64
Nov.	4.81	5.33	6.09	5.15	3.71	3.80	4.78	7.23	3.92	2.69	3.04	2.62
Week												
Nov. 2	4.85	5.16	6.15	5.15	3.70	3.80	4.68	6.33	3.88	2.75	3.15	2.65
19	4.85	5.20	6.18	5.15	3.73	3.80	4.95	6.92	4.02	2.70	3.20	2.58
16	4.81	5.40	6.06	5.15	3.72	3.80	4.79	8.00	3.90	2.75	3.10	2.72
23	4.80	5.40	6.05	5.15	3.71	3.80	4.78	7.80	---	2.70	---	2.72
30	4.68	5.50	6.01	5.15	3.60	3.80	4.68	7.59	3.88	2.60	2.70	2.58
Dec. 7	4.67	5.64	6.00	5.15	3.70	3.75	4.72	7.42	3.92	2.70	2.70	2.50
14	4.66	5.85	6.00	5.15	3.72	3.70	4.94	7.50	3.98	2.75	2.85	2.58
21	4.58	5.85	5.92	5.15	3.85	3.63	4.95	7.35	4.08	2.70	3.15	2.58

New York compiled from The Producers Price Current; f.o.b. quotations from reports of Agricultural Marketing Service.

1/ Prices are for Wednesday of week shown.

Dry edible beans: Supply and disposition, 5-year average 1933-37, and for 1938-40 seasons

Item	Average 1933-37	1938-39	1939-40	1940-41
	1,000 bags	1,000 bags	1,000 bags	1,000 bags
Production	13,095	15,053	14,388	16,074
Carry-over 1/	1,274	2,250	3,200	3,450
Imports	279	65	68	
Total supply	14,648	17,368	17,656	
Exports	65	298	793	
Shipments	334	394	434	
Carry-over 2/	1,474	3,200	3,450	
Domestic disappearance	12,775	13,476	12,979	
Seed and waste	1,675	1,677	1,545	
Consumption	11,100	11,799	11,434	
Relief purchases	114	764	287	
Remainder	10,986	11,055	11,147	

1/ Stocks in warehouses and elevators in main producing sections at the beginning of the marketing season, September 1,

2/ Stocks at the end of the season.

Commercial acreage and production of 22 truck crops 1929-40 1/

Year	Acreage			Production			Index of prices received by producers		
	For processing	For market	Total	For processing	For market	Total	1924-29 = 100	For processing	For market
	1,000 acres	1,000 acres	1,000 tons	1,000 tons	1,000 tons	1,000 tons			
1929	1,184	1,305	2,489	3,042	5,650	8,692	100.2		95.4
1930	1,378	1,450	2,828	3,343	5,776	9,119	98.5		86.1
1931	1,121	1,506	2,627	2,394	5,639	8,033	84.0		75.4
1932	782	1,551	2,333	2,047	5,644	7,691	65.5		61.1
1933	897	1,452	2,349	1,990	5,022	7,012	69.4		65.4
1934	1,155	1,661	2,816	2,641	5,901	8,542	75.7		66.7
1935	1,457	1,652	3,109	3,359	5,788	9,147	77.9		71.6
1936	1,368	1,723	3,096	3,320	6,041	9,371	83.9		75.3
1937	1,564	1,691	3,255	3,841	6,206	10,047	88.2		76.0
1938	1,393	1,729	3,122	3,620	6,634	10,314	81.2		65.5
1939	1,139	1,753	2,892	3,388	6,669	10,057	77.0		69.8
1940	1,532	1,691	3,223	3,729	6,730	10,503	78.2		73.8

Compiled from reports of Agricultural Marketing Service.

1/ Crops for market: artichokes, asparagus, lima beans, snap beans, beets, cabbage, cantaloups, carrots, cauliflower, celery, sweet corn (N. J.), cucumbers, eggplant, kale, lettuce, onions, green peas, green peppers, spinach, tomatoes, and watermelons. Crops for processing: asparagus (Calif.), lima beans, snap beans, beets, cabbage for kraut, sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, green peas, pimentos, spinach and tomatoes.

Vegetables, frozen: Cold storage holdings, December 1, 1940,
with comparisons

Commodity	1939		1940	
	Nov. 1	Dec. 1	Nov. 1	Dec. 1
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
Asparagus	6,009	6,544	6,624	6,420
Beans, lima	17,245	15,935	14,877	14,165
Beans, snap	7,175	6,833	7,264	6,856
Broccoli, green	1,458	1,726	1,154	2,344
Corn, sweet	7,205	6,953	5,923	5,910
Peas, green	26,700	24,026	36,409	30,798
Spinach	4,095	6,412	4,149	5,511
Other vegetables	2,535	3,150	6,560	6,117
Classification not reported ..	4,508	4,387	3,087	6,026
Total	76,920	76,042	86,047	84,047

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Truck crops for market: Commercial acreage, production, and price per unit,
average 1929-38, annual 1939 and 1940

Commodity and group	Acreage			Unit	Production			Price per unit		
	Average	1939	1940		Average	1939	1940	Average	1939	1940
	1929-38				1929-38			1929-38		
	Acres	Acres	Acres				Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	
Artichokes, Calif.	8,350	10,200	10,600	1,000 boxes	875	1,122	848	1.81	1.80	1.70
Asparagus				1,000 crates						
Early	37,370	36,970	41,160	"	2,785	2,679	3,239	1.66	1.33	1.67
Late	26,900	36,000	39,550	"	2,597	4,203	4,592	1.55	1.34	1.27
All States	64,270	72,970	80,710	"	5,382	6,882	7,831	1.61	1.34	1.44
Lima beans				1,000 bushels						
Fall	130	---	---	"	10	---	---	1.83	---	---
Early	2,340	4,800	4,000	"	178	480	280	1.87	1.50	1.50
Second early	3,030	2,600	3,150	"	161	208	198	1.26	.95	.97
Intermediate (1) ..	1,210	1,600	1,400	"	67	72	84	1.16	1.50	1.75
Intermediate (2) ..	5,240	4,600	4,550	"	357	351	364	1.41	1.05	1.41
Late	960	650	700	"	46	29	49	1.41	1.60	1.15
All States	11,460	14,250	13,800	"	714	1,140	975	1.39	1.26	1.36
Snap beans				"						
Fall	15,140	20,500	17,500	"	1,392	2,788	1,638	1.26	.70	1.56
Early (1)	20,730	31,000	17,000	"	1,775	2,035	1,190	1.86	1.28	2.05
Early (2)	29,750	24,450	31,750	"	2,575	2,933	3,800	1.28	1.08	1.22
Second early	23,410	25,500	23,600	"	1,434	1,662	1,306	.88	.80	1.05
Intermediate (1) ..	17,360	24,900	21,600	"	1,132	1,325	1,283	.81	.62	.84
Intermediate (2) ..	12,150	11,500	11,400	"	1,171	911	1,017	.87	.86	1.00
Intermediate (3) ..	---	7,350	6,900	"	---	757	590	---	.63	.58
Late (1)	6,950	13,050	12,850	"	921	1,682	1,955	.87	.86	1.12
Late (2)	9,430	9,920	10,800	"	799	950	859	.94	.55	.70
Late (3)	8,520	11,670	12,650	"	803	1,228	1,521	1.00	1.00	.97
All States	144,170	179,840	166,050	"	12,076	16,871	15,153	1.11	.90	1.17
Beets				"						
Early	5,800	6,600	6,400	"	840	858	768	.26	.23	.35
Second early	2,360	1,670	1,700	"	322	264	302	.50	.53	.65
Intermediate	2,450	2,820	2,750	"	663	690	706	.73	.55	.77
Late	330	550	600	"	117	209	249	.73	.55	.45
All States	10,940	11,640	11,450	"	1,942	2,021	2,025	.50	.41	.56

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Truck crops for market: Commercial acreage, production, and price per unit,
average 1929-38, annual 1939 and 1940 - Continued

Commodity and group	Acreage			Unit	Production			Price per unit		
	Average	1939	1940		Average	1939	1940	Average	1939	1940
	1929-38				1929-38			1929-38	1939	1940
	Acres	Acres	Acres				Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	
Cabbage										
Fall	1,430	2,700	2,830	Tons	9,600	14,500	19,900	25.42	14.28	25.88
Early	38,970	49,230	49,050	"	212,200	253,700	265,700	15.92	10.86	15.56
Second early	20,250	23,200	24,300	"	103,600	113,000	104,000	21.57	19.97	17.26
Intermediate	28,770	33,230	35,330	"	166,900	203,700	212,600	18.34	16.25	13.62
Late (domestic) ..	23,150	23,700	27,950	"	184,500	171,500	239,000	12.29	18.65	10.30
Late (Danish)	32,300	31,500	32,230	"	292,800	240,400	294,800	10.07	16.31	6.15
All States	150,550	163,560	171,690	"	976,400	996,800	1,136,000	14.92	16.32	11.99
Cantaloups										
Early	36,450	33,040	26,600	1,000 crates	5,326	3,619	2,175	1.31	1.44	1.96
Second early	40,710	52,000	56,280	"	4,845	5,486	6,078	.91	.93	1.05
Intermediate	21,420	25,450	22,980	"	2,109	2,358	2,467	.86	.61	.72
Late	19,630	22,920	23,640	"	2,610	2,939	2,593	.91	.83	.84
All States	118,210	133,410	129,500	"	14,890	14,402	13,317	1.04	.98	1.10
Carrots										
Fall	5,890	8,600	9,800	1,000 bushels	2,934	4,197	4,743	.64	.63	.65
Early	9,720	8,900	10,700	"	1,706	1,491	2,035	.35	.54	.33
Second early	11,570	16,600	16,500	"	4,639	6,998	6,573	.61	.57	.70
Intermediate	1,680	2,170	2,500	"	466	514	662	.76	.66	1.00
Late	6,220	7,250	7,300	"	2,815	2,861	3,213	.42	.57	.58
All States	35,080	43,520	46,800	"	12,560	16,061	17,226	.54	.59	.63
Cauliflower										
Fall and winter ..	9,180	7,800	8,020	1,000 crates	2,423	2,259	2,440	.62	.51	.57
Early	8,120	7,650	9,010	"	2,216	2,573	2,864	.69	.60	.60
Late (1)	7,860	8,800	9,800	"	1,733	2,573	2,986	.81	.75	.62
Late (2)	3,980	4,700	4,700	"	912	1,622	1,716	.91	.71	.45
All States	29,140	28,950	31,530	"	7,284	9,027	10,006	.72	.64	.57

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Truck crops for market: Commercial acreage, production, and price per unit,
average 1929-38, annual 1939 and 1940 - Continued

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Commodity and group	Acreage			Unit	Production			Price per unit		
	Average	1939	1940		Average	1939	1940	Average	1939	1940
	1929-38				1929-38			1929-38		
	Acres	Acres	Acres					Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
<u>Celery</u>				1,000						
Fall and winter ..:	7,510	9,050	8,850:	crates	1,387	1,312	2,124	1.38	1.80	1.40
Early	6,700	8,150	8,350:	"	2,165	2,772	3,134	1.93	1.91	2.12
Second early	3,330	3,600	4,100:	"	1,218	1,219	1,761	2.00	1.83	2.53
Intermediate	4,130	4,640	4,680:	"	1,066	1,370	1,317	1.58	1.87	2.05
Late (1)	11,710	12,700	14,110:	"	3,193	3,543	3,833	1.16	1.07	1.24
Late (2)	1,660	2,100	2,070:	"	496	611	587	1.33	1.07	1.16
All States	35,040	40,270	42,160:	"	9,525	11,527	12,756	1.53	1.58	1.74
<u>Corn, green, N. J.</u>	24,350	26,000	23,400:	1,000 cars	116,020	114,400	112,320	11.91	10.00	15.00
<u>Cucumbers</u>				1,000						
Fall	1,670	1,800	1,800:	bushels	118	180	162	1.87	1.35	1.85
Early (1)	12,400	10,200	9,200:	"	890	969	1,130	1.65	1.52	1.56
Early (2)	12,690	12,400	12,650:	"	1,215	1,466	1,390	.78	.79	.90
Second early	6,340	5,550	5,300:	"	517	421	461	.81	1.05	.60
Intermediate	8,320	8,100	7,900:	"	1,048	1,085	1,061	.69	.61	.77
Late (1)	2,520	3,560	4,270:	"	290	372	347	.71	.90	1.39
Late (2)	1,260	1,300	1,750:	"	93	163	105	1.08	.71	1.10
All States	45,200	43,410	42,870:	"	4,171	4,656	4,656	.98	.96	1.07
<u>Eggplant</u>										
Fall	1,280	1,500	1,450:	"	188	316	186	.85	.73	1.08
Early	860	1,000	400:	"	274	400	160	.88	.75	1.55
Second early	480	800	600:	"	69	100	54	.84	.70	.85
Late	1,090	1,200	900:	"	291	276	234	.51	.40	.60
All States	3,710	4,500	3,350:	"	822	1,092	634	.73	.65	1.00
<u>Garlic</u>	3,840	4,300	3,890:	1,000 sacks:	157	193	153	3.32	3.19	7.18
<u>Kale, Va.</u>	1,700	1,100	900:	1,000 bu:	598	550	243	.34	.25	.40
<u>Lettuce</u>				1,000						
Early	44,140	37,000	33,750:	crates	5,136	6,670	5,781	1.48	1.43	1.29
Second early	49,400	70,150	46,890:	"	5,438	7,485	7,063	1.71	1.31	1.88
Intermediate	4,850	4,130	4,150:	"	948	801	933	.90	.77	1.43
Late (1)	26,060	26,890	26,030:	"	3,622	4,144	4,319	1.35	1.34	1.14
Late (2)	32,390	32,550	35,250:	"	4,392	4,904	4,440	1.46	1.51	1.34
All States	156,840	170,720	146,070:	"	19,536	24,004	22,536	1.49	1.37	1.47

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Truck crops for market: Commercial acreage, production, and price per unit,
average 1929-38, annual 1939 and 1940 - Continued

Commodity and group	Acreage			Unit	Production			Price per unit		
	Average	1939	1940		Average	1939	1940	Average	1939	1940
	1929-38				1929-38			1929-38		
	Acres	Acres	Acres				Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	
<u>Onions</u>				: 1,000						
Early	49,660	50,900	30,600	sacks	2,176	2,180	1,325	1.59	1.08	3.18
Intermediate (1) ..	12,470	15,300	15,950	"	829	1,066	1,090	1.20	.84	2.13
Intermediate (2) ..	6,440	6,190	5,650	"	862	630	697	1.32	1.05	2.11
Late	53,410	58,750	55,030	"	10,290	13,964	12,285	1.13	.84	1.04
All States	121,980	131,140	107,290	"	14,157	17,840	15,397	1.21	.87	1.35
<u>Peas, green</u>				: 1,000						
Early	10,460	14,400	17,500	bushels	739	1,269	1,325	1.60	1.71	1.51
Second early	41,430	41,350	27,200	"	2,674	3,163	2,069	1.23	1.12	1.21
Intermediate (1) ..	5,800	5,400	6,400	"	381	339	480	.79	.72	.68
Intermediate (2) ..	3,920	5,040	5,150	"	250	392	457	1.02	.54	.56
Late (1)	19,380	22,910	25,650	"	1,979	2,671	2,745	1.01	.77	.83
Late (2)	3,210	5,100	6,100	"	309	527	469	.81	.71	.45
Late (3)	10,160	10,050	9,500	"	1,024	1,215	912	1.68	1.82	1.56
Late (4)	7,420	3,000	2,300	"	324	150	92	1.78	1.65	1.50
All States	101,830	107,250	99,800	"	7,690	9,726	8,549	1.25	1.11	1.06
<u>Peppermint for</u>				: 1,000 lb:						
oil	38,280	29,460	32,000	of oil	902	876	965	2.01	1.95	2.10
<u>Peppers, green</u>				: 1,000						
Fall	2,480	4,400	4,800	bushels	420	634	772	1.18	.86	1.16
Early, winter	2,580	2,500	1,500	"	698	1,000	255	1.28	1.40	2.85
Early, spring	2,990	2,400	2,100	"	662	768	693	1.00	1.15	1.15
Second early	1,680	1,530	1,560	"	292	207	224	.66	1.15	.86
Intermediate (1) ..	350	2,000	2,200	"	164	280	352	.60	.70	.45
Intermediate (2) ..	5,940	6,700	6,300	"	1,445	1,541	1,863	.42	.35	.50
Late	1,400	2,400	2,300	"	387	636	610	.69	.80	.80
All States	18,020	21,930	21,360	"	4,068	5,066	4,769	.75	.85	.88
<u>Shallots, La.</u>	1/ 5,850	5,400	4,700	"	1/ 605	674	596	1/ .88	.50	.65

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Truck crops for market: Commercial acreage, production, and price per unit,
average 1929-38, annual 1939 and 1940 - Continued

Commodity and group	Acreage			Unit	Production			Price per unit		
	Average 1929-38	1939	1940		Average 1929-38	1939	1940	Average 1929-38	1939	1940
	Acres	Acres	Acres		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.			
<u>Spinach</u>				1,000						
Fall	2,570	3,000	2,400	bushels	695	1,020	600	.54	.40	.45
Early	39,950	40,200	39,400	"	7,329	7,104	6,449	.40	.33	.56
Second early	9,100	9,090	9,680	"	2,609	2,819	3,062	.44	.41	.37
Intermediate	840	1,000	1,500	"	109	125	188	.42	.45	.45
Late	6,970	6,840	7,050	"	1,861	2,207	2,215	.47	.35	.42
All States	59,430	60,130	60,030	"	12,603	13,275	12,514	.43	.36	.48
<u>Tomatoes</u>										
Fall	6,480	7,300	11,800	"	374	556	1,420	2.28	2.46	2.11
Early (1)	13,140	18,000	5,500	"	1,608	2,880	935	2.50	2.40	3.15
Early (2)	29,680	42,100	40,000	"	2,174	3,713	3,140	2.06	2.14	2.27
Second early	42,550	51,700	52,700	"	3,634	3,564	3,973	1.24	1.31	.77
Intermediate	43,810	48,050	52,430	"	5,873	6,667	7,756	.91	.94	.91
Late (1)	33,700	36,000	36,140	"	4,957	6,279	5,716	.83	.82	.88
Late (2)	7,900	7,300	5,100	"	964	1,095	765	1.52	1.50	1.40
All States	177,260	210,450	203,670	"	19,584	24,754	23,705	1.26	1.37	1.24
<u>Watermelons</u>				1,000						
Early	33,230	28,600	29,000	melons	12,031	8,994	9,180	168.00	164.00	183.00
Second early	163,390	172,100	176,200	"	36,135	30,070	41,620	96.00	122.00	94.00
Late	58,160	77,420	72,500	"	20,734	27,139	28,628	105.00	96.00	99.00
All States	254,780	278,120	277,700	"	68,900	66,203	79,428	112.00	117.00	107.00

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1/ Two-year average.

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Truck crops for processing: Acreage, production and price per ton, average 1929-38,
annual 1939 and 1940

Commodity	Acreage			Production			Price per ton		
	Average	1939	1940	Average	1939	1940	Average	1939	1940
	1929-38	1939	1940	1929-38	1939	1940	1929-38	1939	1940
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Tons	Tons	Tons	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Asparagus	42,720	50,120	48,980	52,850	47,610	53,880	71.90	72.80	87.60
Beans, lima (shelled)	29,970	49,440	45,420	16,460	29,790	25,680	67.39	63.75	68.38
Beans, snap	55,080	52,910	54,730	81,500	94,100	100,800	47.51	42.27	42.82
Beets	7,600	8,320	12,000	43,700	44,700	71,100	11.75	12.66	12.12
Cabbage (sauerkraut) ..	20,420	19,710	19,270	158,000	146,600	178,200	7.90	7.59	5.44
Corn, sweet (corn in the husk)	330,500	248,260	312,580	676,100	561,100	725,600	10.24	8.40	8.81
Cucumbers (pickles)	82,730	59,360	91,220	128,664	96,000	145,200	25.00	24.58	24.58
Peas, green (shelled)	264,720	252,430	330,130	204,140	198,110	306,120	51.53	47.25	47.56
Pimentos	11,220	22,090	15,500	17,410	23,210	11,670	32.39	28.13	26.99
Spinach	15,940	17,860	16,830	48,790	47,200	31,000	13.50	14.56	19.19
Tomatoes	369,100	358,260	385,930	1,533,200	1,999,900	2,080,100	12.54	12.14	11.73
Total all crops:	1,230,000	1,138,760	1,332,590	2,960,814	3,388,320	3,729,350	---	---	---

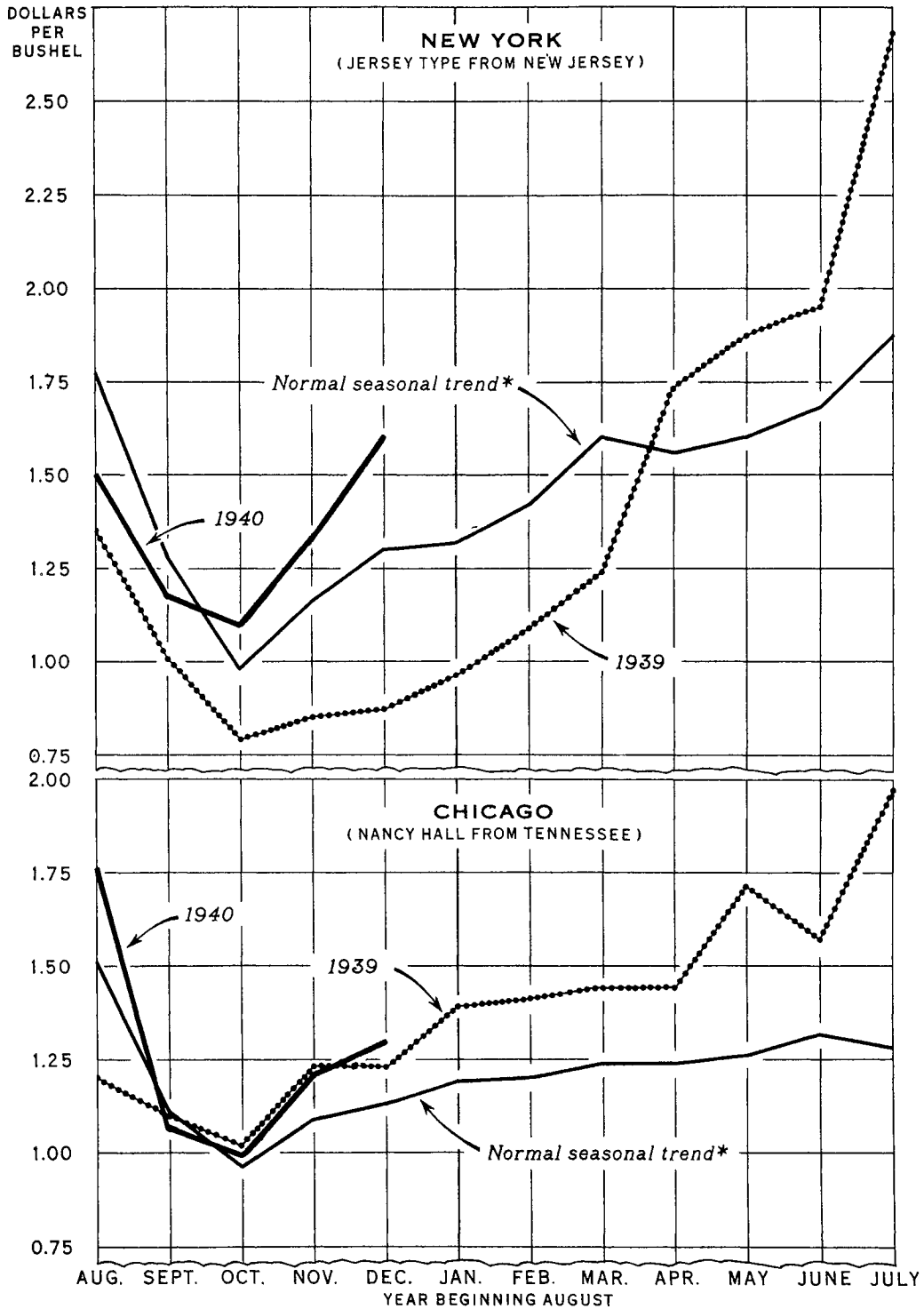
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Truck crops and potatoes: Carlot (rail and boat) shipments from
originating points in the United States for the week ended
December 21, 1940 with comparisons

Commodity	Week ended					
	1939			1940		
	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Nov.	Dec.	Nov.
	23	23	30	7	14	21
	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars
Asparagus	---	1	---	---	---	---
Beans, snap and lima, old crop	---	3	1	1	---	---
" " " " new " 	132	217	183	150	200	151
Beets, old crop	2	3	1	1	1	
" new " 	13	8	8	24	22	17
Broccoli	95	37	46	58	48	72
Cabbage, old crop	185	213	219	228	235	151
" new " 	162	12	48	104	105	117
Carrots, old crop	9	10	28	8	6	3
" new " 	161	206	216	198	246	101
Cauliflower	126	155	136	175	193	193
Celery, old crop	13	99	32	24	23	32
" new " 	597	389	594	543	687	407
Cucumbers	6	30	6	1	2	2
Eggplant	---	1	1	---	1	---
Escarole	38	14	34	33	30	26
Greens, except spinach	55	51	61	65	69	87
Lettuce and romaine, old crop	---	29	5	2	1	---
" " " new " 	970	831	804	826	1,241	1,525
Mixed vegetables	678	405	428	594	686	501
Onions	263	457	424	393	317	268
Peas, old crop	45	48	51	48	51	7
" new " 	48	---	4	12	22	27
Peppers, old crop	31	26	14	8	4	2
" new " 	32	45	32	28	30	17
Spinach	130	56	141	230	191	181
Sweetpotatoes	148	243	170	154	193	171
Tomatoes, old crop	109	162	53	19	4	---
" new " 	76	70	95	151	171	184
Turnips and rutabagas, old crop	5	12	12	10	11	6
" " " new " 	---	---	1	---	---	---
Total	4,129	3,833	3,848	4,088	4,790	4,248
Potatoes, total	2,557	2,803	2,702	2,550	2,715	2,686
Early States (1941 crop)	35	---	3	3	16	40
Early and Intermediate, 1940 crop ..	1	36	14	8	4	6
Late States	2,521	2,767	2,685	2,539	2,695	2,640
Total above	6,666	6,636	6,550	6,638	7,505	6,934
Relief - cabbage:	---	96	81	54	69	56
Onions	11	---	---	---	---	---
Potatoes	---	136	132	123	87	46
Imports - Beans, snap and lima	5	6	8	12	10	7
Cucumbers	20	---	---	2	8	21
Eggplant	2	---	1	5	7	8
Peas	1	---	---	---	---	1
Peppers	2	---	---	---	4	10
Potatoes	---	---	---	---	5	1
Tomatoes	72	10	78	106	135	121
Turnips and rutabagas	73	108	79	62	80	73

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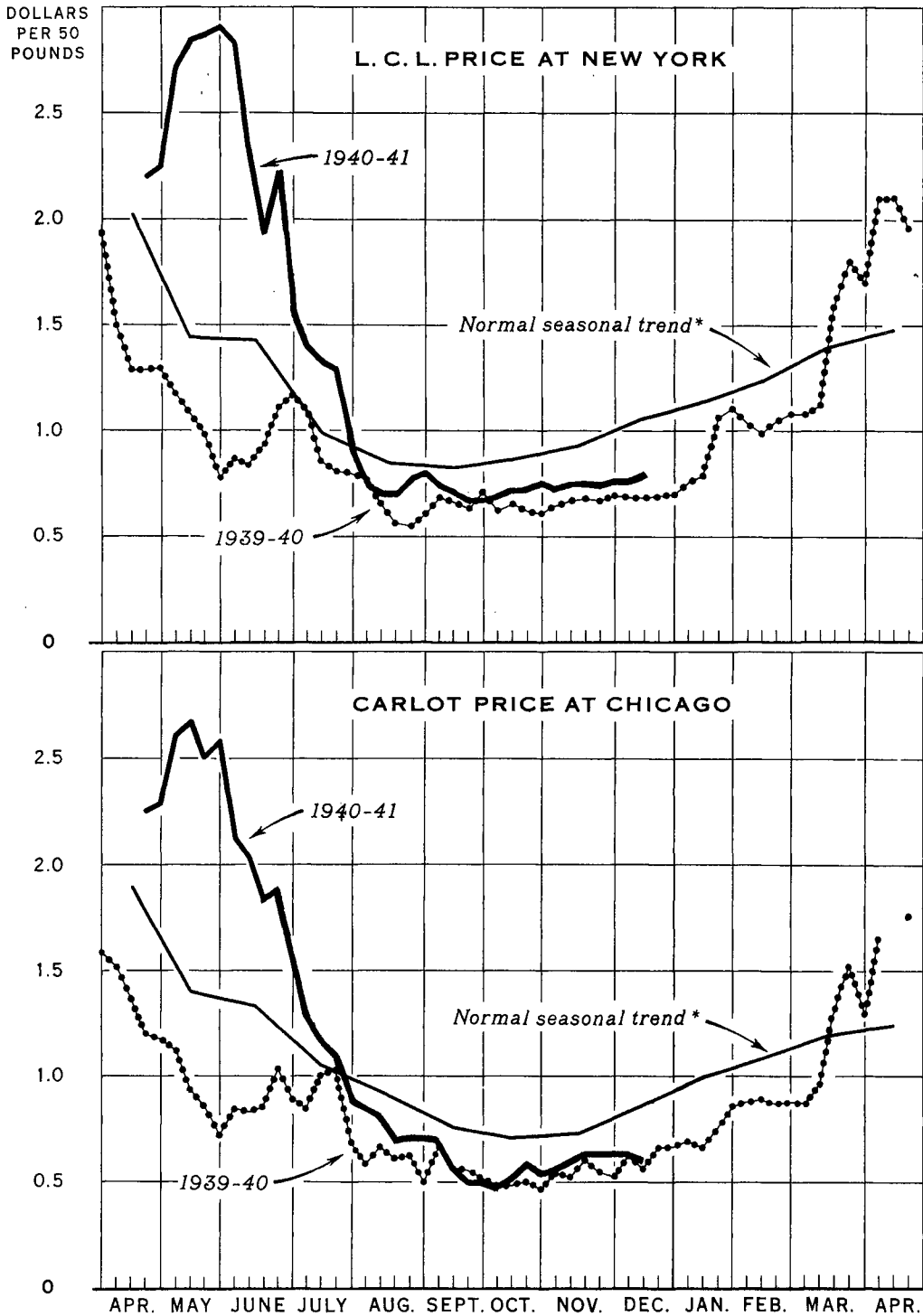
SWEETPOTATOES: UNWEIGHTED AVERAGE WHOLESALE PRICES AT NEW YORK CITY AND CHICAGO, NORMAL SEASONAL TREND, AND 1939-40



* ARITHMETIC AVERAGE OF THE 10 MIDDLE PRICES FOR EACH MONTH DURING THE 14-YEAR PERIOD, 1926-39

FIGURE 1

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*ARITHMETIC MEAN OF THE 10 MIDDLE PRICES FOR EACH WEEK OF THE 14-YEAR PERIOD, 1926-27 TO 1939-40

FIGURE 2