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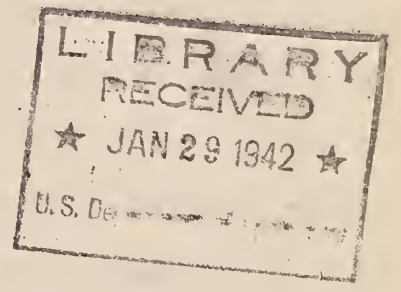
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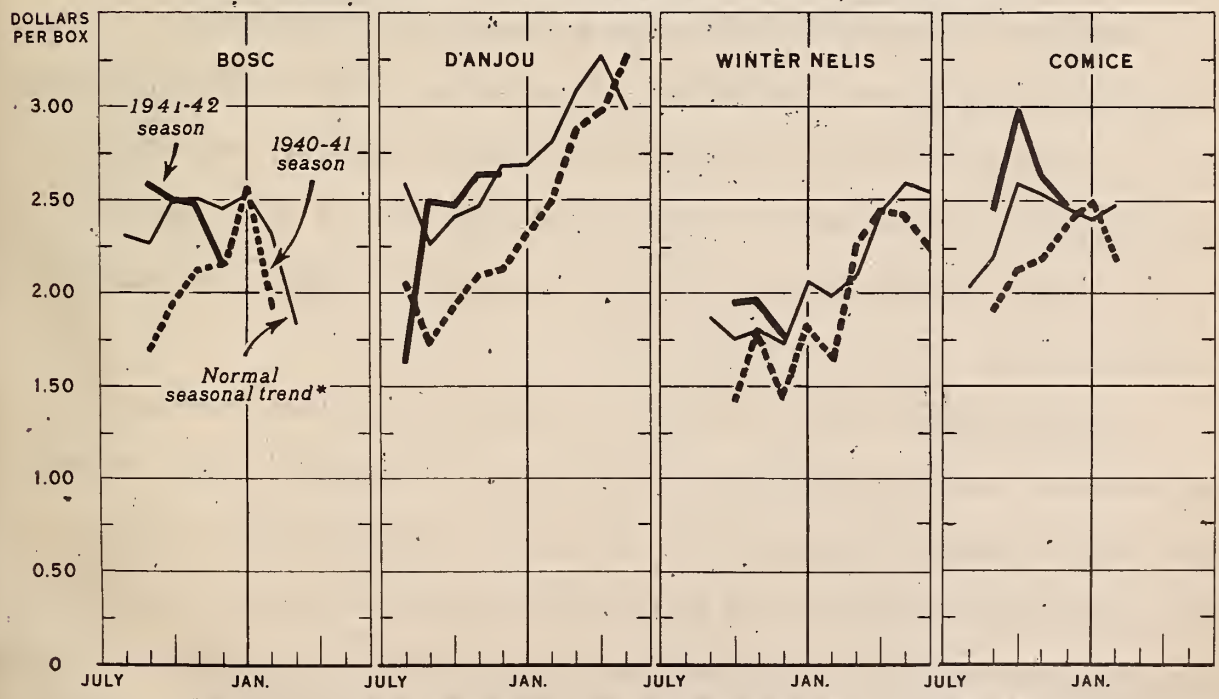
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PEARS, WESTERN: WEIGHTED AVERAGE AUCTION PRICES OF ALL GRADES, NEW YORK, NORMAL SEASONAL TREND, AND 1940-41



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

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Summary

In order to spare the dried prune and raisin industry much of the serious consequences of the loss of export markets in the 1940-41 marketing season, Federal loan programs operating in conjunction with California prorate programs were set up. With the passage of the Lend-Lease Act in the spring of 1941, however, the outlook for the dried prune and raisin industry brightened considerably. Large purchases by the Department of Agriculture helped to make the commercial carry-overs of dried prunes and raisins into the 1941-42 season the smallest in a decade.

The small commercial dried prune carry-over of 30,000 tons together with an estimated pack of 188,410 tons resulted in a total commercial supply at the beginning of the 1941-42 (September-August) season of only 218,410 tons compared with a commercial supply of 240,210 tons in 1940, and the 1935-39 average of 294,775 tons. The total commercial supply of raisins is roughly the same as that of a year ago.

Cold storage holdings of apples on January 1 were reported to total 25.7 million bushels compared with 28.6 million on January 1, 1941. Of the 25.7 million bushels reported held on January 1 approximately 2.4 million were owned by the Department of Agriculture. Prices of eastern and mid-western apples continue to increase relative to prices a year earlier largely as a result of the smaller stocks of these apples in storage this year. Market prices of eastern and midwestern apples increased approximately 15 percent from December through April last season, and auction prices of western apples increased about 8 percent.

The Agricultural Marketing Service reported that cold storage holdings of late variety pears on January 1 totaled 1.3 million bushels compared with 1.0 million on the same date in 1941. Prices of late variety pears in general from the beginning of the season through December have averaged above those in the comparable period last year largely as a result of a smaller production and increased purchasing power of consumers this year compared with last. Since September, however, prices relative to prices a year earlier have been decreasing.

On January 1 the Agricultural Marketing Service estimated that the 1941-42 orange crop would total 84.7 million boxes compared with 84.1 million from the bloom of 1940. Total shipment of Florida oranges from the beginning of the season to January 3 were about 20 percent less than in the comparable period in the preceding season. From December 22 to January 3, however, shipments from Florida were roughly the same this season as last. From the beginning of the season to date auction prices of Florida oranges at New York have averaged higher than a year earlier, but the spread between prices this season and last has narrowed as the season progressed. The Florida season started later this season than last, and weekly shipments have gradually been catching up with those of a year earlier.

Total grapefruit production from the bloom of 1941 was estimated, as of January 1, to total 41.4 million boxes compared with 43.0 million boxes from the bloom of 1940. Market prices of Florida and Texas grapefruit in December averaged about 31 percent and 17 percent higher respectively than in December 1940.

-- January 23, 1942.

DRIED FRUITS

BACKGROUND.- Prior to the outbreak of hostilities in Europe in 1939 about 30 percent of the raisin pack, 40 percent of

the dried prune pack, and 50 percent of the dried apricot pack were exported. In the 5-year period, 1934-38, an average of 80 percent of our dried prune and raisin exports, and 90 percent of our dried apricot exports went to the United Kingdom and the European Continent.

In order to spare the dried prune and raisin industry much of the serious consequences of the loss of these export markets in the 1940-41 marketing season, Federal loan programs operating in conjunction with California prorate programs were set up. With the passage of the Lend-Lease Act in the spring of 1941 the outlook for the dried prune and raisin industry brightened considerably. Large purchases by the Department of Agriculture helped to make the commercial carry-overs of dried prunes and raisins into the 1941-42 season the smallest in a decade.

Dried Prunes

On December 1 the Agricultural Marketing Service estimated that the production of dried prunes in California and the Pacific Northwest totaled 188,410 tons compared with 177,710 tons in 1940, and the 1935-36 average of 237,800 tons. The small commercial carry-over on September 1 of 30,000 tons resulted in a total commercial supply of only 218,410 tons compared with a commercial supply of 240,210 tons in 1940, and the 1935-39 average of 294,775 tons. Exports during the 1935-39 period averaged 91,121 tons. The dried prune marketing problem that existed during the 1930's has vanished, at least temporarily.

During the 1940-41 dried prune season the Department of Agriculture purchased 71,500 tons of dried prunes for distribution to relief clients and for shipment to Great Britain under terms of the Lend-Lease Act. Part of this total was carried over on September 1. These prunes together with purchases from the 1941-42 crop will be available for lend-lease shipment this season.

The amount carried over into the 1942-43 season will depend upon the amount purchased by the Department of Agriculture in the 1941-42 season.

Raisins

The 1941 raisin pack has been estimated by the Agricultural Marketing Service at 220,000 tons. In 1940 the raisin pack totaled 171,000 tons, and the 1935-39 average pack was 233,400 tons.

The commercial carry-over on September 1, 1941 was roughly 23,000 tons compared with 70,000 tons on the same date a year earlier. Thus, the total commercial supply in 1941-42 is roughly the same as the supply a year ago.

Prices received by growers for raisins in 1941 averaged \$80.30 per ton according to preliminary estimates compared with \$57.60 received in 1940, and the 1935-39 average of \$55.80 per ton.

Table 1.- Dried prunes and raisins: Commercial supply and estimated disposition, average 1935-39, 1940 and 1941

Disposition	Prunes		Raisins	
	Average : 1935-39	1940 : Tons	Average : 1935-39	1940 : Tons
Supply (as of Sept. 1)				
Stocks:				
Commercial	1/ 56,975	62,500	1/ 76,000	70,000
Department of Agriculture	4,591	12,900	2,000	35,500
Total	61,566	75,400	78,000	105,500
Production:				
Calif.	215,000	175,000	233,400	171,000
Wash. and Oreg.	22,800	2,710	---	---
Total	237,800	177,710	233,400	171,000
Total supply	299,366	253,110	311,400	276,500
Estimated disposition				
(Sept.-Aug.)				
Substandards diverted to	12,800	15,100	25,000	---
byproducts				
Distributed by Department				
of Agriculture:				
Domestic	26,377	27,700	13,490	35,500
Lend-lease	---	2/ 10,000	---	2/ 19,000
Total	26,377	37,700	13,490	54,500
Distributed through regular				
trade channels:				
Domestic	99,387	107,210	146,301	156,000
Foreign	91,121	16,400	68,609	30,000
Total	190,508	123,610	214,910	186,000
Total disposition	229,685	176,410	228,400	240,500
Carry-out Aug. 31	69,681	76,700	83,000	36,000

1/ Rough estimate.
 2/ Estimated.
 3/ Total distribution by Department of Agriculture cannot be determined at this time.
 4/ Export figures no longer published.
 5/ Carry-out Aug. 31 depends in part upon Department of Agriculture purchases during the season.

The carry-over of 1941 raisins on September 1, 1942 will depend partly on the amount of raisins purchased by the Department of Agriculture during the current season, and in any event will be smaller than normal.

Other Dried Fruits

The packs of dried apples, apricots, peaches, pears, dates, and figs in 1941 are estimated to have totaled 98,500 tons compared with 89,249 tons in 1940.

APPLES

BACKGROUND.- Total production of apples has fluctuated widely in the past 30 years largely as a result of year-to-year changes in growing conditions. However, there has been a moderate downward trend in apple production since the peak year 1914. A decrease in the number of apple trees has taken place in the past 30 years, and reports of the Bureau of the Census indicate that the number of apple trees of all ages and of bearing age in 1940 was sharply lower than in 1935. The great decrease in number of trees has been caused by the abandonment of farm orchards, normal mortality, the removal of low-yielding trees, and loss from droughts, storms, and freezes. The census reports indicate that the yield per tree under average growing conditions increased from 1935 to 1940. Apple prices have recovered considerably from their low levels in the depression years.

Commercial Crop Larger Than a Year Earlier.

The Agricultural Marketing Service has estimated that the commercial apple crop in 1941 totaled 126.1 million bushels. The commercial crop in 1940 totaled 114.4 million bushels, and the 1934-39 average was 125.3 million bushels. Production in the Central and Eastern States in 1941 was estimated to be 27 percent and 9 percent higher, respectively, than in 1940. Commercial production in the Western States was estimated to be approximately 3 percent higher than in 1940.

January 1 Cold Storage Holdings Smaller

Cold storage holdings of apples on January 1 were reported to total 25.7 million bushels compared with 28.6 million on January 1, 1941, and the 1936-40 January 1 average of 27.2 million.

Of the 25.7 million bushels of apples reported held in cold storage on January 1 of this year, approximately 2.4 million bushels were held by the Department of Agriculture. Thus, the amount of apples held for distribution through regular trade channels after January 1 totaled about 5.3 million bushels less than was available a year earlier, and 3.9 million bushels less than was available in the comparable period from 1935-39. Exports of apples from January to June in the 5-year period, 1935-39, totaled 4.6 million bushels.

The Central and Eastern States enjoy a more favorable cold storage situation relative to that of a year earlier than do the Western States. In spite of large crops in the Central and Eastern States this year's holdings on January 1 were 32 percent and 17 percent lower, respectively, than holdings on the same date in 1941. In the Western States cold storage holdings were 2 percent larger than a year ago.

Up to January 17 the Department of Agriculture had purchased 5.9 million bushels of fresh apples compared with 3.4 million up to January 4 in the 1940-41 season.

Market Prices Continue Above Those
of Last Season

Auction prices of western apples in December averaged about 13 percent higher than in December 1940. Wholesale prices of eastern and midwestern apples in December averaged about 14 percent and 18 percent higher respectively than in the comparable month a year earlier. Prices of eastern and midwestern apples continue to increase relative to prices a year earlier largely as a result of the smaller stocks of these apples in storage this year. Market prices of eastern and midwestern apples increased approximately 15 percent from December through April last season, and auction prices of western apples increased about 8 percent.

Auction prices of Washington Extra Fancy Delicious apples at New York and Jonathan apples at Chicago increased contraseasonally during December.

PEARS

BACKGROUND.- Pear production has about doubled in the last 20 years. The increase occurred largely in the Pacific Coast States, where during the 5-year period 1936-40, two-thirds of the total United States pear crop was produced. Farm prices of pears tended to decline with increased production.

The canning industry has provided an important outlet for pears. In the 5-year period, 1934-39, approximately 22 percent of the pear crop was placed in cans. In the same period the drying industry took about 5 percent of the crop. Increasing quantities of pears have been canned and dried in recent years, but since these outlets have not absorbed all of the increased production, the volume of pears for fresh consumption has been larger.

In 1934-38 approximately 18 percent of the total pear crop was marketed outside this country. In this period about 30 percent of the canned pack and 76 percent of the dried pack were exported. Substantial quantities of fresh pears also were exported. Export markets provided important outlets for the late variety pears; prior to the outbreak of hostilities in Europe in 1939 over 50 percent of total shipments of fresh Hardy, Comice, and Winter Nelis pears (important late varieties) went to foreign markets.

Production of Late Varieties Smaller

Production of fall and winter variety pears in the Pacific Coast States is estimated to total approximately 5.6 million bushels compared with 6.6 million bushels in 1940, and the 10-year (1930-39) average of 4.5 million bushels.

Cold Storage Holdings Larger

The Agricultural Marketing Service reported that cold storage holdings of late variety pears on January 1 totaled 1.3 million bushels compared with 1.0 million on the same date in 1941. Up to January 4, 1941 the Department of Agriculture had purchased 856,000 boxes of 1940 crop late variety pears, and up to the same date this season they had made no purchases of these varieties.

Auction Prices of Late Varieties Higher
Than a Year Earlier

Prices of late variety pears in general have averaged above those in the comparable period last year from the beginning of the season through December. Since September, however, prices have been decreasing relative to prices a year earlier. In September auction prices of late variety pears at New York averaged about 47 percent higher than in September 1940, but in December they averaged only 12 percent higher.

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Oranges

On January 1 the Agricultural Marketing Service estimated that the 1941-42 orange crop would total 84.7 million boxes compared with 84.1 million boxes from the bloom of 1940. The 1940-41 crop was of record size.

Total shipments of Florida oranges from the beginning of the season to January 3 were about 20 percent less than in the comparable period in the 1940-41 season. From December 22 to January 3, however, shipments from Florida were roughly the same as in the comparable period a year earlier. Total shipments of California and Arizona Naval and miscellaneous oranges from the beginning of the season to January 3 were about 9 percent less than in the comparable period last season.

From the beginning of the season to date, auction prices of Florida oranges at New York have averaged higher than a year earlier but the spread between prices this season and last has consistently narrowed as the season progressed. The Florida orange season started later this season than last, and weekly shipments have gradually been catching up with those of last season.

Grapefruit

Total grapefruit production from the bloom of 1941 was estimated, as of January 1, to total 41.4 million boxes compared with 43.0 million boxes from the bloom of 1940. Production in Florida is indicated to be approximately 13 percent less and that in Texas is indicated to be 9 percent larger than a year ago.

Total shipments of Florida and Texas grapefruit in December were 3 percent above those in December 1940.

Market prices of Florida and Texas grapefruit in December averaged about 31 percent and 17 percent higher respectively than in December 1940.

Table 2.- Apples, Washington: Weighted average auction price per box, specified varieties, extra fancy grade, New York and Chicago, 1940-42

Market and period	Delicious		Rome Beauty		Winesap		All leading varieties 1/	
	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
New York								
Month								
Oct.	2.01	2.18	1.77	---	---	---	1.84	2.07
Nov.	2.07	2.22	1.71	1.82	---	2.08	1.90	2.05
Dec.	2.12	2.24	1.79	1.93	1.89	2.13	1.95	2.10
Week ended								
Dec. 12	2.12	2.23	1.79	2.06	1.99	---	1.98	2.12
19	2.13	2.28	1.78	1.98	1.92	2.21	1.95	2.14
26	2.22	2.23	1.74	1.79	1.76	2.15	1.98	2.07
	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942
Jan. 2	2.07	2.20	1.76	1.89	1.85	1.95	1.89	2.01
9	2.02	2.00	1.89	1.89	1.86	2.19	1.81	1.89
16	1.89	1.97	2.04	2.06	1.95	2.31	1.84	1.84
Chicago								
Month								
Oct.	1.76	2.03	1.45	1.82	1.61	1.93	1.51	1.83
Nov.	1.80	2.07	1.58	1.91	1.58	1.75	1.59	1.83
Dec.	1.95	2.05	1.57	1.93	1.62	1.84	1.62	1.93
Week ended								
Dec. 12	2.00	2.02	1.52	1.87	1.59	1.88	1.59	1.90
19	1.95	2.02	1.60	1.93	1.61	1.78	1.69	1.90
26	1.87	2.05	1.47	1.85	1.75	1.87	1.42	1.88
	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942
Jan. 2	2.04	1.98	1.45	2.14	1.62	1.85	1.73	1.93
9	1.83	1.96	1.49	2.08	1.61	1.80	1.57	1.81
16	2.00	1.94	1.42	2.21	1.51	1.89	1.65	1.91

Compiled from New York Daily Fruit Reporter, deciduous section, and Chicago Fruit and Vegetable Reporter.

1/ Includes all grades of leading varieties from Western States.

Table 3.- Pears, western: Weighted average auction price per box, specified varieties, all grades, New York and Chicago, 1940-42

Market and period	Bosc		Comice		D'Anjou		Winter Nelis	
	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
New York								
Month								
Oct.	1.94	2.50	2.13	2.97	1.89	2.47	1.42	1.94
Nov.	2.12	2.47	2.19	2.63	2.09	2.63	1.78	1.96
Dec.	2.15	2.15	2.37	2.48	2.13	2.64	1.44	1.77
Week ended								
Dec. 12	2.07	2.10	2.36	2.46	2.03	2.75	1.53	1.80
19	2.18	2.17	2.40	2.54	2.19	2.60	1.38	1.56
26	2.21	2.11	2.28	2.52	2.32	2.50	1.44	1.64
	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942
Jan. 2	2.33	2.16	2.41	2.60	2.32	2.41	1.67	1.79
9	2.46	1.98	2.57	2.60	2.28	2.46	1.68	1.58
16	2.66	1.83	2.72	2.52	2.34	2.55	1.99	1.60
	1940	1941			1940	1941		
Chicago								
Month								
Oct.	1.87	2.42			1.78	2.44		
Nov.	1.96	2.33			2.12	2.60		
Dec.	2.18	2.15			2.12	2.60		
Week ended								
Dec. 12	2.18	2.23			2.07	2.72		
19	2.11	2.10			2.07	2.50		
26	2.22	1.93			2.39	2.55		
	1941	1942			1941	1942		
Jan. 2	---	1.84			2.22	2.68		
9	2.24	1.74			2.40	2.39		
16	---	---			2.33	2.25		

Compiled from New York Fruit Reporter, deciduous section, and Chicago Fruit and Vegetable Reporter.

Table 4.- Grapes, California: Weighted average auction price per lug, specified varieties, New York and Chicago, 1940-42

Month and week ended	New York				Chicago			
	Almeria		Emperor		Almeria		Emperor	
	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Month								
Oct.	1.85	1.73	1.31	1.55	1.59	1.45	1.14	1.39
Nov.	1.96	2.17	1.21	1.66	1.56	2.10	1.14	1.51
Dec.	1.97	2.22	1.50	1.96	1.79	1.95	1.48	1.83
Week ended								
Dec. 12	1.94	2.22	1.48	1.85	1.66	2.08	1.40	1.92
19	1.91	2.16	1.47	1.84	1.84	1.80	1.46	1.75
26	2.16	2.35	1.65	2.10	2.00	2.23	1.58	1.98
	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942
Jan. 2	2.18	2.51	1.78	2.20	1.54	2.40	1.73	1.98
9	1.70	1.93	1.68	1.92	1.31	1.94	1.59	1.85
16	1.40	1.75	1.90	1.95	---	1.72	1.77	1.68

Compiled from New York Daily Fruit Reporter, deciduous section, and Chicago Fruit and Vegetable Reporter.

Table 5.- Strawberries: Acreage, yield per acre and production, average 1931-40, annual 1941, and indicated 1942

Group and State	Acreage			Yield per acre 1/			Production 1/		
	10-year average 1931-40	1941	Preliminary 1942	10-year average 1931-40	1941	Indicated 1942	10-year average 1931-40	1941	Indicated 1942
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Crates	Crates	Crates	1,000 crates	1,000 crates	1,000 crates
Early (1):									
Florida ...	8,530	5,500	5,000	70.0	70.0	80.0	602	385	400
Early (2) to:			Intended						
late (2) ..	170,990	205,610	199,190	65.6	66.9	---	11,215	13,762	---
Total all:									
States ..	179,520	211,110	204,190	65.8	67.0	---	11,817	14,147	---

Compiled from the reports of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

1/ Crates of 24 quarts.

Table 6.- Oranges: Total weekly shipments from producing areas, by varieties, September to January 1940 and 1941 ^{1/}

Week ended	1940				1941						
	Calif. Ariz. and Fla. Tex.	Calif. Ariz. and Fla. Tex.	Calif. Ariz. and Fla. Tex.	Total	Calif. Ariz. and Fla. Tex.	Calif. Ariz. and Fla. Tex.	Calif. Ariz. and Fla. Tex.	Total	Com-mercial	Relief	
Sept. 6:	1,592	---	---	---	1,592	1,347	---	---	---	1,347	---
13:	1,463	---	---	---	1,463	1,688	---	---	---	1,688	---
20:	1,541	---	---	---	1,541	1,663	---	---	---	1,663	---
27:	1,311	---	---	---	1,311	1,615	---	---	---	1,615	---
Oct. 4:	1,528	---	---	---	1,528	1,588	---	---	---	1,588	---
11:	1,460	---	11	127	1,598	1,748	---	---	9	1,757	---
18:	1,625	---	92	156	1,873	1,569	---	14	45	1,628	---
25:	1,340	---	497	273	2,110	1,138	---	68	64	1,270	---
Nov. 1:	1,143	---	712	241	2,097	928	---	488	110	1,526	---
8:	609	1	1,170	229	2,033	1,164	---	802	239	2,207	---
15:	174	10	1,592	185	2,065	810	25	1,217	322	2,386	---
22:	75	1,042	1,701	300	3,376	631	961	1,346	342	3,358	---
29:	20	1,462	1,708	224	3,798	404	1,486	1,344	229	3,705	---
Dec. 6:	22	1,815	1,781	261	4,349	153	1,404	1,186	263	3,356	---
13:	10	1,606	2,609	354	5,152	141	1,800	2,020	305	4,691	---
20:	---	1,000	2,654	339	4,577	40	794	2,726	369	4,483	1
27:	---	799	771	88	1,892	20	739	1,006	179	2,437	---
	1941				1942						
Jan. 3:	---	1,008	1,619	223	3,506	---	833	1,368	188	2,775	---
10:	---	1,163	1,757	240	3,466	---	1,610	1,312	125	3,387	4
17:	---	1,213	2,157	251	3,870	---	2,007	1,711	232	4,293	4

Compiled from reports of the Agricultural Marketing Service and Surplus Marketing Administration.

^{1/} Rail, boat, and truck. No truck shipments reported for La., Ala., and Miss.; total truck shipments from Tex.; interstate truck shipments from Calif.-Ariz.; interstate and intrastate truck shipments (excluding trucked to canners and to boats) from Fla. All data subject to revision.

^{2/} Excluding relief shipments.

^{3/} Includes shipments from areas where shipping season is completed and also tangerines.

Table 7.- Grapefruit: Total weekly shipments from producing areas, September to January 1940 and 1941. 1/

Week ended	1940				1941				Total	
	Fla.	Calif.	Tex.	Total	Fla.	Calif.	Tex.	Com-mercial	Relief purchases	
	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	
Sept. 6	---	46	---	46	---	28	---	28	---	
13	---	81	---	81	1	32	---	33	---	
20	---	70	---	70	---	19	---	19	---	
27	---	55	---	55	---	12	---	12	---	
Oct. 4	36	23	63	122	2	8	7	17	---	
11	360	28	535	923	95	3	177	275	---	
18	585	69	710	1,364	515	14	445	974	---	
25	444	55	737	1,236	262	26	462	750	---	
Nov. 1	343	43	584	970	377	47	525	949	---	
8	457	41	604	1,102	472	47	740	1,259	---	
15	551	36	730	1,317	347	43	749	1,139	---	
22	426	32	775	1,233	315	58	613	986	---	
29	356	37	602	995	312	61	509	882	---	
Dec. 6	517	52	643	1,212	376	52	690	1,118	---	
13	601	52	712	1,365	431	38	881	1,350	---	
20	489	31	474	994	469	35	668	1,172	4	
27	296	27	281	604	364	35	515	914	2	
	1941				1942					
Jan. 3	668	31	735	1,434	488	38	694	1,220	8	
10	673	59	884	1,616	471	56	515	1,042	17	
17	709	76	924	1,709	508	85	867	1,460	13	

Compiled from the reports of the Agricultural Marketing Service and Surplus Marketing Administration.

1/ Rail, boat, and truck. Total truck shipments from Texas; interstate truck shipments from California-Arizona; interstate and intrastate truck shipments (excluding trucked to canners and to boats) from Florida. All data subject to revision.

2/ Excluding relief shipments.

Table 8.- Grapefruit: Weighted average auction price per box,
New York and Chicago, 1940-42

Month and week ended	Florida						Texas	
	Seedless		Seedlings		Total		1940	1941
	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941		
Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	
	New York						Chicago	
Month -								
Oct.	2.00	3.15	1.88	2.54	1.93	2.75	2.22	2.77
Nov.	2.11	2.36	1.70	1.93	1.95	2.16	1.83	2.03
Dec.	1.99	2.61	1.75	2.26	1.92	2.52	1.78	2.09
Week ended -								
Dec. 12	1.90	2.55	1.76	2.37	1.87	2.51	1.72	2.13
19	2.00	2.56	1.79	2.46	1.93	2.54	1.78	2.28
26	1.95	2.77	1.73	2.36	1.85	2.65	2.09	2.12
	<u>1941</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1942</u>	<u>1941</u>	<u>1942</u>
Jan. 2	2.14	2.71	1.68	2.04	1.95	2.50	2.06	1.97
9	2.12	2.26	1.58	1.86	1.92	2.18	1.88	1.99
16	1.90	2.23	1.45	1.86	1.74	2.16	1.87	1.94

Compiled from weekly reports of California Fruit Growers' Exchange, New York, and Fruit and Vegetable Reporter, Chicago.

Table 9.- Citrus fruits: Condition on January 1, with comparisons and production average 1930-39, annual 1939-41

Crop and State	Condition Jan. 1 1/			Production 2/			
	1940	1941	1942	Average : 1930-39	1939	1940	Indi- cated 1941 2/
	Percent	Percent	Percent	1,000 boxes	1,000 boxes	1,000 boxes	1,000 boxes
Oranges:							
California, all	72	78	80	37,198	44,425	49,478	49,528
Valencias	74	76	80	21,395	26,904	30,006	29,520
Navels and miscellaneous	70	82	81	15,803	17,521	19,472	20,008
Florida, all	79	63	63	21,290	28,000	31,100	31,300
Early and midseason..	79	63	66	3/12,521	15,600	15,900	16,800
Valencias	78	64	58	3/ 8,321	10,000	12,500	12,700
Tangerines	55	64	41	2,350	2,400	2,700	1,800
Satsumas	67	51	53	---	---	---	---
Texas	71	70	73	1,157	2,360	2,750	3,100
Arizona	68	73	71	252	520	500	600
Alabama.....	75	2	40	65	75	1	5
Mississippi	67	4/	5	46	59	4/	1
Louisiana	62	54	50	275	228	253	192
Seven States 5/	75	72	73	60,283	75,667	84,082	84,726
Grapefruit:							
Florida, all	54	66	55	14,760	15,900	24,600	21,400
Seedless	62	67	62	3/ 5,250	6,500	8,400	8,800
Other	50	66	52	3/10,393	9,400	16,200	12,600
Texas	63	55	63	6,350	14,400	13,800	15,100
Arizona	68	69	78	1,505	2,900	2,650	3,000
California, all	71	78	79	1,768	1,992	1,983	1,940
Desert Valley	---	---	---	789	1,087	960	965
Other	---	---	---	979	905	1,023	975
Four States 5/	59	63	61	24,383	35,192	43,033	41,440
Lemons:							
California 5/	74	85	76	8,815	11,983	17,099	14,580
Limes:							
Florida	65	60	66	37	95	80 6/	120

Compiled from reports of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

1/ Condition reported on January 1 refers to crop from bloom of previous calendar year. 2/ Relates to crop from bloom of year shown. In California the picking season usually extends from about October 1 to December 31 of the following year. In other States the season begins about September 1. For some States in certain years, production includes some quantities donated to charity and/or eliminated on account of market conditions. 3/ Short-time average. 4/ Failure reported. 5/ Net content of boxes varies. In California and Arizona the approximate average for oranges is 70 pounds net and grapefruit 60 pounds; in Florida and other States, oranges 90 pounds and grapefruit 80 pounds; California lemons about 76 pounds net. 6/ December 1 indicated production.

Table 10.- Citrus fruits: Weighted average auction price per box,
New York and Chicago, 1940-42

Market and period	Oranges						Lemons		
	California		California		Florida		California		
	Navel		Valencias						
	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941	
Dol.		Dol.		Dol.		Dol.		Dol.	
New York									
Month-									
Oct.	---	---	3.44	4.56	2.22	3.88	3.80	4.20	
Nov.	3.44	2.85	4.01	4.49	2.13	2.83	3.67	3.76	
Dec.	3.19	3.27	5.04	2.83	2.04	2.51	3.45	4.77	
Week ended-									
Dec. 12	3.01	3.22	5.80	2.58	2.03	2.37	3.44	4.29	
19	3.13	3.37	---	2.64	2.09	2.61	3.44	4.91	
26	3.62	3.32	---	3.16	2.14	2.77	3.62	5.23	
	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942	
Jan. 2	3.24	3.22	---	3.81	2.38	2.55	3.68	5.77	
9	2.90	2.99	---	3.05	2.31	2.32	3.99	4.62	
16	3.02	3.16	---	3.38	2.08	2.52	4.30	4.38	
	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941	
Chicago									
Month-									
Oct.	---	---	3.39	4.58	2.31	3.77	3.94	4.59	
Nov.	3.21	3.36	3.79	4.27	2.30	2.89	4.05	3.82	
Dec.	3.05	3.06	4.38	2.44	2.01	2.47	3.53	4.88	
Week ended-									
Dec. 12	3.00	3.01	---	2.25	1.99	2.43	3.67	4.06	
19	3.03	3.14	---	2.56	1.83	2.54	3.42	4.88	
26	3.21	3.07	---	2.75	2.32	2.64	3.48	5.79	
	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942	1941	1942	
Jan. 2	3.16	2.86	---	3.19	2.57	2.72	3.74	5.52	
9	2.86	3.03	---	3.03	2.16	2.30	3.89	4.69	
16	3.10	3.02	---	2.51	2.28	2.54	4.23	5.01	

Compiled as follows:

New York, weekly reports of California Fruit Growers' Exchange,
Chicago Fruit and Vegetable Reporter.

Table 11.- Fruits: Unweighted average wholesale price at New York and Chicago, for stock of generally good quality and condition (U. S. No. 1 when quoted) specified weeks, 1942 with comparisons

Market and commodity	Unit	Week ended					
		1941			1942		
		Jan. 18	Dec. 20	Dec. 27	Jan. 3	Jan. 10	Jan. 17
New York		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Apples, eastern: <u>1/</u>							
Baldwin	Bushel	1.08	1.42	1.59	1.39	1.53	1.56
Delicious	"	1.49	1.63	1.73	1.66	1.78	1.71
McIntosh	"	1.51	1.70	1.62	1.58	1.55	1.57
R. I. Greening	"	1.07	1.39	1.28	1.41	1.45	1.47
York Imperial	"	1.08	1.54	1.55	1.72	1.57	1.64
All varieties	"	1.38	1.58	1.53	1.58	1.59	1.61
Avocados:							
Florida	Flat crate	1.12	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.39	---
California	" "	---	1.77	1.80	1.80	1.85	1.80
Cranberries:							
Massachusetts	1/4 bbl. box	---	3.72	3.75	3.85	<u>2/3</u> 3.75	<u>3/3</u> 3.75
New Jersey	" "	---	3.50	3.50	<u>2/3</u> 3.88	<u>2/3</u> 3.75	<u>3/3</u> 3.62
Long Island	" " "	---	4.08	3.72	<u>2/3</u> 3.82	---	---
Kumquats:							
Florida	Quart	.09	.10	.14	<u>2/</u> .11	<u>3/</u> .10	.10
Limes, Persian:							
California	Flat crate	1.61	1.16	1.26	1.39	1.38	1.39
Florida	Carton	1.35	1.14	1.32	1.38	1.50	1.62
Pears, New York:							
Kieffer	Bushel	1.13	1.50	1.53	1.39	1.38	1.38
Strawberries:							
Florida	Pint	.19	.34	.36	.22	.18	.22
Chicago							
Apples, midwestern: <u>1/</u>							
Baldwin	Bushel	1.03	1.24	1.37	1.38	<u>2/1</u> 1.40	1.40
Delicious	"	---	1.63	1.65	1.65	1.72	1.72
Jonathan	"	1.32	1.74	1.71	1.79	1.79	1.86
McIntosh	"	1.54	1.69	1.72	1.62	1.62	1.74
R. I. Greening	"	1.24	1.50	1.55	1.55	1.56	1.70
All varieties	"	1.42	1.57	1.59	1.61	1.64	1.63
Avocados:							
California	Flat crate	1.38	1.73	1.82	1.71	1.66	1.58
Cranberries:							
Massachusetts	1/4 bbl. box	4.00	3.80	<u>2/3</u> 3.75	4.53	4.16	4.30
Limes:							
Persian, Florida	1/4 box	---	<u>2/1</u> 1.50	<u>2/1</u> 1.35	1.30	1.25	1.30
Seedless, California	Flat crate	1.10	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.18	<u>3/1</u> 1.18

Compiled from records of Agricultural Marketing Service.

1/ 2-1/2 inch minimum.

2/ Average for 1 day.

3/ Average for 2 days.

Table 12.- Apples: Holdings in cold storage, by States

State	Jan. 1, 1942				Jan. 1, 1941	
	Barrels	Boxes		Baskets	Total bushels	Total bushels
		Western	Eastern			
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Vt.	---	---	85	---	85	105
Conn.	---	---	619	14	633	274
Mass.	---	---	299	---	299	824
N. Y.	13	299	2,807	700	3,845	4,215
N. J.	---	23	428	260	711	943
Pa.	12	37	311	815	1,199	1,605
Ohio	---	18	89	359	466	482
Ind.	---	36	6	192	234	218
Ill.	---	55	94	412	561	855
Mich.	---	49	272	169	490	805
Wis.	---	67	15	38	120	113
Mo.	---	15	7	221	243	762
Va.	32	80	774	1,894	2,844	3,491
W. Va.	1	3	112	332	450	508
Wash.	---	10,320	---	---	10,320	9,785
Oreg.	---	575	---	---	575	954
Calif.	---	1,494	---	---	1,494	1,298
Other States ..	3	567	200	367	1,143	1,402
U. S.	61	13,638	6,118	5,773	25,712	28,639

Compiled from reports of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

Table 13.- Fruit: Carlot (rail and boat) shipments from originating points in the United States for the week ended January 17, 1942 with comparisons

Item	Week ended						
	1941				1942		
	Jan.	Dec.		Jan.			
	18	13	20	27	3	10	17
	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars
Apples, western	533	893	396	387	488	409	604
Apples, eastern	173	261	336	185	83	135	223
Cranberries	---	31	13	1	1	---	---
Grapefruit	1,004	858	642	651	826	651	964
Grapes	28	258	117	88	87	55	44
Lemons	423	193	217	259	299	179	281
Mixed citrus	402	491	784	481	505	536	654
Mixed deciduous	10	24	15	17	21	15	20
Oranges and satsumas ...	2,535	3,097	2,041	1,271	1,693	2,405	3,143
Pears	120	186	67	68	101	85	126
Strawberries	---	---	---	---	---	2	---
Tangerines	138	212	196	291	217	174	165
Total	5,366	6,504	4,824	3,699	4,321	4,646	6,224
Relief							
Apples	330	225	179	169	102	84	86
Grapefruit	130	---	4	2	8	17	13
Oranges and satsumas ..	16	---	1	---	---	4	4
Pears	47	---	---	---	---	---	---
Grand total	5,889	6,729	5,008	3,870	4,431	4,751	6,327

Compiled from reports of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

Table 14.- Pears: Holdings in cold storage, by States

State	Jan. 1, 1942		Jan. 1, 1941	
	Boxes and bushel baskets		Boxes and bushel baskets	
	Thousands		Thousands	
N. Y.	29		50	
N. J.	8		9	
Pa.	7		5	
Ill.	5		11	
Wash.	295		208	
Oreg.	904		653	
Calif.	44		108	
Other States ...	45		58	
U. S.	1,337		1,102	

Compiled from reports of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

Table 15.- Fruits, frozen: Cold storage holdings in large and small containers on December 1, 1941 and January 1, 1942

Commodity	: In small containers		: In bulk or large con-	
	: (Less than 30 lb.		: tainers (30 lb. or	
	: capacity)		: greater capacity)	
	Dec. 1, 1941	Jan. 1, 1942	Dec. 1, 1941	Jan. 1, 1942
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
Blackberries	479	441	5,941	5,080
Blueberries	975	939	4,651	4,482
Cherries	2,179	2,078	30,463	28,486
Logan and similar berries	1,234	1,090	3,575	3,303
Raspberries	1,391	1,472	13,144	13,715
Strawberries	11,776	11,030	40,124	37,577
Other fruits	4,376	4,420	25,242	26,614
Classification not reported	3,302	2,819	37,862	31,502
Total	25,712	24,289	161,002	150,759

Compiled from reports of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

Table 16.- Fruits, fresh: Cold storage holdings, January 1, 1942, by geographic divisions

Commodity	Unit	New	Middle	East	West	South
		England	Atlantic	North	North	Atlantic
		Central	Central	Central	Central	Central
		Thou-	Thou-	Thou-	Thou-	Thou-
		sands	sands	sands	sands	sands
Apples	Barrel	---	25	---	---	35
Apples	Western box	---	359	224	389	97
Apples	Eastern box	1,111	3,546	476	8	969
Apples	Bushel basket	33	1,774	1,171	292	2,392
Total	Bushel	1,144	5,754	1,871	689	3,563
Pears, Bartletts	Packed box	---	---	5	1	1
Pears, Bartletts	Loose "	---	---	---	---	---
Pears, all other varieties	Box	1	26	14	4	3
Pears	Bushel basket	---	18	11	---	---
Total	Box and basket	1	44	30	5	4
		East	West	Moun-	Pacific	Total
		Central	Central	tain		
		Thou-	Thou-	Thou-	Thou-	Thou-
		sands	sands	sands	sands	sands
Apples	Barrel	1	---	---	---	61
Apples	Western box	10	53	116	12,390	13,638
Apples	Eastern "	8	---	---	---	6,118
Apples	Bushel basket	59	13	39	---	5,773
Total	Bushel	80	66	155	12,390	25,712
Pears, Bartletts	Packed box	---	1	---	43	51
Pears, Bartletts	Loose "	---	1	---	3	4
Pears, all other varieties	Box	2	3	2	1,197	1,252
Pears	Bushel basket	---	---	1	---	30
Total	Box and basket	2	5	3	1,243	1,337

Compiled from reports of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

Table 17.- Frozen fruits: Cold storage holdings, by varieties, January 1, 1942 with comparisons

Commodity	Jan. 1	Jan. 1,	Dec. 1,	Jan. 1,
	5-year av.	1941	1941	1942
	1937-41			
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
Blackberries	Data	6,435	6,420	5,521
Blueberries	for	7,658	5,626	5,421
Cherries	these	21,189	32,642	30,564
Logan and similar berries ..	earlier	3,796	4,809	4,393
Raspberries	years	12,342	14,535	15,187
Strawberries	not	40,475	51,900	48,607
Other fruits	comparable	23,464	29,618	31,034
Classification not reported..		27,185	41,164	34,321
Total		118,386	142,544	175,048

Compiled from reports of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

Table 18.- Apples and pears: Cold storage holdings January 1, 1942 with comparisons.

Commodity	Unit	Jan. 1	Jan. 1,	Dec. 1,	Jan. 1,
		5-year	1941	1941	1942
		average			
		1937-41			
		Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Apples	Barrel	229	78	100	61
Apples	Western box	12,389	12,805	15,825	13,638
Apples	Eastern "	1/	7,552	7,706	6,118
Apples	Bushel basket	14,006	8,048	7,350	5,773
Total apples	Bushel	27,082	28,639	31,181	2/25,712
Pears, Bartletts	Packed box	35	52	8	51
Pears, Bartletts	Loose box	7	7	27	4
Pears, all other					
varieties	Box	1,052	987	1,926	1,252
Pears	Bushel basket	44	56	43	30
	Box and bushel				
Total pears	basket	1,138	1,102	2,004	1,337

Compiled from reports of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

1/ Previously included with "bushel baskets".

2/ Includes 2,355,000 bushels and boxes held by Surplus Marketing Administration.

Table 19.- Fruits, frozen: Cold storage holdings, by geographic divisions, January 1, 1942

Commodity	New		Middle		East		West		South		East		West		Mountain		Pacific		Total	
	land	:Atlantic	:At-	:lantic	:North	:Central	:North	:Central	:South	:Atlantic	:South	:Central	:South	:Central	tain	:Pacific	:Pacific	Total		
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	pounds	
<u>In small containers</u>																				
Blackberries	2	16	250	81	10	1	1	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	81	441
Blueberries	113	350	379	34	52	1	2	2	5	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	939
Cherries	72	1,018	510	107	272	2	24	29	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	44	2,078
Logan and similar berries	1	15	329	16	8	---	2	13	706	706	706	706	706	706	706	706	706	706	706	1,090
Raspberries	91	298	354	144	295	6	12	25	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	247	1,472
Strawberries	1,002	2,822	2,849	752	904	129	319	162	2,091	2,091	2,091	2,091	2,091	2,091	2,091	2,091	2,091	2,091	2,091	11,030
Other fruits	219	1,802	1,425	374	168	311	78	13	2,849	2,849	2,849	2,849	2,849	2,849	2,849	2,849	2,849	2,849	2,849	7,239
Total	1,500	6,321	6,096	1,508	1,709	450	437	247	6,021	6,021	6,021	6,021	6,021	6,021	6,021	6,021	6,021	6,021	6,021	24,289
<u>In bulk or large containers</u>																				
Blackberries	156	1,224	573	146	978	263	61	3	1,676	1,676	1,676	1,676	1,676	1,676	1,676	1,676	1,676	1,676	1,676	5,080
Blueberries	318	2,456	1,299	259	24	2	3	---	121	121	121	121	121	121	121	121	121	121	121	4,482
Cherries	392	15,657	7,859	1,024	618	116	124	1,949	747	747	747	747	747	747	747	747	747	747	747	28,486
Logan and similar berries	56	116	472	66	24	2	2	81	2,484	2,484	2,484	2,484	2,484	2,484	2,484	2,484	2,484	2,484	2,484	3,303
Raspberries	2,242	6,089	2,918	322	179	79	14	30	1,842	1,842	1,842	1,842	1,842	1,842	1,842	1,842	1,842	1,842	1,842	13,715
Strawberries	2,500	14,548	7,485	1,169	2,236	268	1,604	267	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	37,577
Other fruits	171	20,090	12,303	1,457	925	1,014	924	376	20,856	20,856	20,856	20,856	20,856	20,856	20,856	20,856	20,856	20,856	20,856	58,116
Total	5,835	60,180	32,909	4,443	4,984	1,744	2,732	2,706	35,226	35,226	35,226	35,226	35,226	35,226	35,226	35,226	35,226	35,226	35,226	150,759
<u>Total, all containers</u>																				
Blackberries	158	1,240	823	227	988	264	61	3	1,757	1,757	1,757	1,757	1,757	1,757	1,757	1,757	1,757	1,757	1,757	5,521
Blueberries	431	2,806	1,678	293	76	3	5	5	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	124	5,421
Cherries	464	16,675	8,369	1,131	890	118	148	1,978	791	791	791	791	791	791	791	791	791	791	791	30,564
Logan and similar berries	57	131	801	82	32	2	4	94	3,190	3,190	3,190	3,190	3,190	3,190	3,190	3,190	3,190	3,190	3,190	4,393
Raspberries	2,333	6,387	3,272	466	474	85	26	55	2,089	2,089	2,089	2,089	2,089	2,089	2,089	2,089	2,089	2,089	2,089	15,187
Strawberries	3,502	17,370	10,334	1,921	3,140	397	1,923	429	9,591	9,591	9,591	9,591	9,591	9,591	9,591	9,591	9,591	9,591	9,591	48,607
Other fruits	390	21,892	13,728	1,831	1,093	1,325	1,002	389	23,705	23,705	23,705	23,705	23,705	23,705	23,705	23,705	23,705	23,705	23,705	65,355
Total	7,335	66,501	39,005	5,951	6,693	2,194	3,169	2,953	41,247	41,247	41,247	41,247	41,247	41,247	41,247	41,247	41,247	41,247	41,247	175,048

Compiled from reports of the Agricultural Marketing Service.

