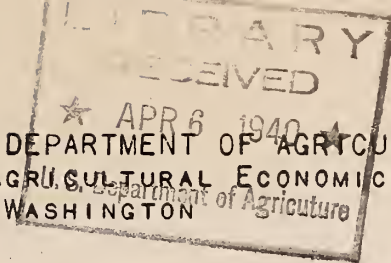


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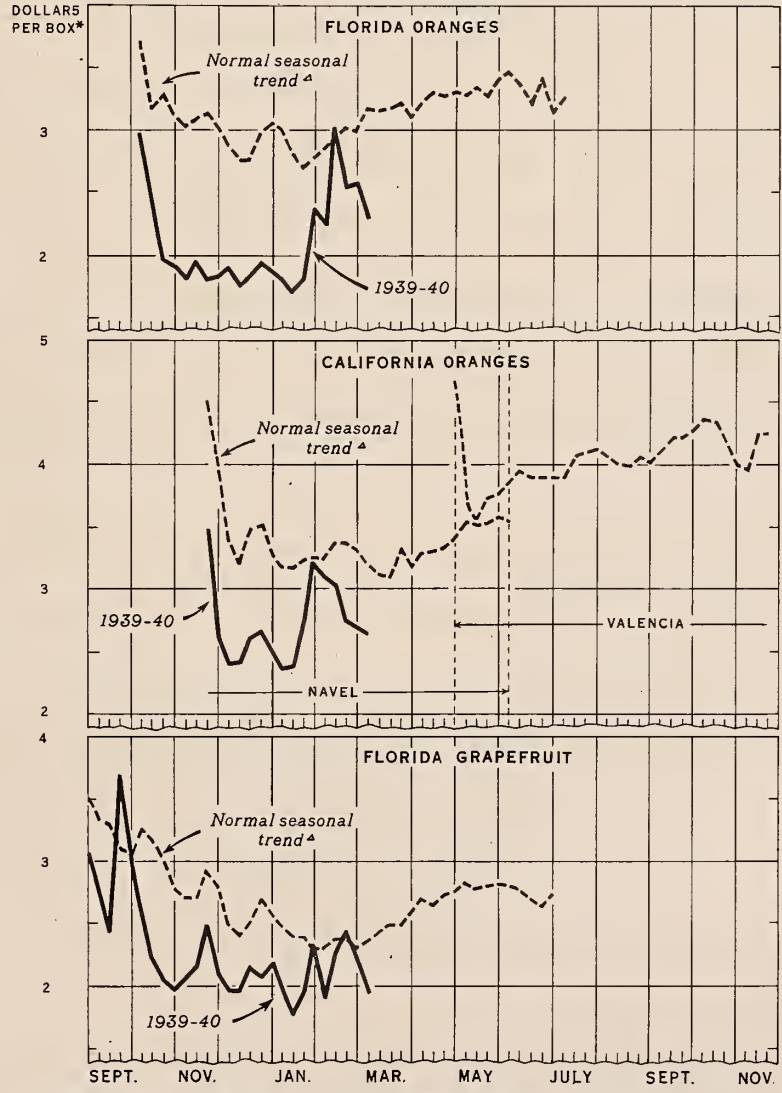
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ORANGES AND GRAPEFRUIT: WEIGHTED AUCTION PRICE AT NEW YORK, NORMAL SEASONAL TREND, AND 1939-40



* FLORIDA ORANGES, 90 POUNDS NET PER BOX; CALIFORNIA ORANGES, 70 POUNDS; FLORIDA GRAPEFRUIT, 80 POUNDS
 † ARITHMETIC MEAN OF THE EIGHT MEDIAN PRICES FOR EACH WEEK OF THE 12-YEAR PERIOD, 1927-38
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T H E F R U I T S I T U A T I O N

Summary

Prospective production of spring oranges in Florida declined further in February but was partially offset by an increase in California. As compared with last season, however, the supply of oranges for marketing during the next 2 or 3 months is approximately one-third less than in the corresponding period of 1939; but for the summer months beginning about June the supply, which comes largely from the California Valencia crop, probably will be as large as that of last summer. There is no change from a month ago in the grapefruit and lemon situation. The supply of grapefruit for the remainder of the current season is sharply lower than a year earlier, whereas the supply of lemons is probably about the same.

Cold storage holdings of apples and pears as of March 1 indicate that the out-of-storage movement in February was about normal, despite the sharp reduction in exports of these fruits. Purchases by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation tended to offset the effect of reduced exports, and market prices advanced seasonally.

Prospects for early strawberries have improved considerably in recent weeks. Although marketings to date from Florida have been very small, shipments are expected to increase in late March and attain volume in April. Unless the crop is retarded by unfavorable weather, supplies in the next few months probably will be about normal. Market prices, reflecting the small supplies available in recent weeks, have held at high levels.

CITRUS FRUITS

Prospective production of winter and spring varieties of oranges from the bloom of 1939 is indicated to total 46.4 million boxes as of March 1. This is a slight reduction from the indication a month earlier, and the total crop compares with 55.6 million boxes produced from the bloom of 1938. The reduction occurred in Florida where the Valencia crop was reduced 2 million boxes from a month earlier to 7 million. Prospective production of the California navel crop was increased from 16.1 million to 17.4 million boxes. With the Florida Valencia crop (the marketings of which extend from March to June) indicated at about 6 million boxes less than a year earlier and the California navel crop slightly smaller, the prospect is that market supplies of oranges during the next 2 or 3 months will be at least one-third smaller than in the corresponding period of 1939. The California Valencia crop, which is marketed from June to October, is indicated to be only slightly larger than that of last year. On this basis, market supplies of oranges for the summer months probably will be little different from those of last summer. The grapefruit and lemon situation showed no change during the last month.

Citrus prices at auction markets declined in recent weeks from the levels attained immediately following the late January freeze in Florida and Texas. Prices in early March averaged substantially lower than in early February, and California citrus averaged lower than in early March a year ago. Prices of Florida oranges and grapefruit held to higher levels than a year earlier, largely because of the sharp reduction in supplies available in that area.

APPLES

Cold storage holdings of apples on March 1 totaled 14.4 million bushels, or slightly less than those of a year earlier and about 1.6 million bushels less than the average for March 1. March 1 holdings indicate that the out-of-storage movement during February totaled 5.9 million bushels, slightly more than the 5.6 million bushels moved out in February 1939 but slightly less than the 1935-39 average for February of 6.2 million bushels. Since exports of fresh apples in February 1940 were very small as compared with the 1.2 million bushels exported in February 1939, the increase in the sales of fresh apples in February this year in domestic markets was much larger than the total out-of-storage movement indicates. It is not unlikely that in February this year about one-third more apples were absorbed by domestic markets (including relief distribution by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation of 1,060,000 bushels) than in February 1939.

The effect of this larger movement on market prices was offset to some extent by improved demand conditions this season as compared with last and by the purchases for relief distribution by the Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation. Prices of western apples in auction markets averaged generally higher in February than in January and were slightly higher than a year earlier in early March. Wholesale market prices of eastern and midwestern apples also advanced in recent weeks. This upward movement of prices is a normal seasonal trend.

PEARS

Stocks of pears totaled 430,000 boxes on March 1 compared with 546,000 boxes a year earlier and 5-year average March 1 holdings of 374,000 boxes. Approximately 271,000 boxes were moved out of storage during February compared with 333,000 boxes in February 1939. In the latter period exports of about 43,000 boxes left 290,000 boxes for domestic markets. Thus, even if one assumes that there were no exports at all in February 1940, the absorption of domestic pears in the domestic market was obviously less than in February 1939.

As a result of this smaller out-of-storage movement, together with somewhat improved demand conditions over a year earlier, auction market prices of pears rose sharply in February and in early March averaged slightly higher than a year earlier. Sales of Argentine pears at New York City during February were somewhat heavier than a year earlier, however, and auction prices of these imported pears in early March averaged slightly lower than in early March 1939. It is indicated that approximately 175,000 boxes will be imported this season as compared with 97,000 boxes last season.

STRAWBERRIES

Production of early strawberries is indicated to total 2,274,000 crates this season as compared with 2,602,000 crates in 1939 and the recent 10-year average of 2,321,000 crates. Unfavorable weather has severely reduced the early harvest in Florida, but the set of fruit since the late January freeze was good and the crop has made rapid progress. Shipments in volume will move out in late March. Crop development in the other southern States, although a little later than usual, is making rapid progress. It appears, therefore, that market supplies of strawberries in April will be about as large as they were last year.

Conditions in Missouri, Illinois, and Tennessee are only fair because of the drought last summer and fall, and there has been some winter-kill. In North Carolina, strawberries are in excellent condition. The acreage in the second early group of States is indicated to total 47,900 acres, or 3 percent less than a year earlier. In the intermediate States the acreage totals 53,300 acres, or an increase of about 4 percent.

PEACHES

SPECIAL FREEZE DAMAGE REPORT, ISSUED BY
AGRICULTURAL MARKETING SERVICE,
FEBRUARY 20, 1940

Although it is still too early to determine the full extent of freeze damage to the 1940 peach crop, it now appears that the cold wave of late January reduced prospects drastically in Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, southwestern Michigan, and the extreme northwest portion of Arkansas. Trees in these States were not seriously injured, however. No appreciable losses are believed to have occurred in other areas.

In Ohio, damage was extremely severe in all sections except in some parts of the important commercial area in Ottawa County, on Lake Erie, where a portion of the Elberta crop appears to have survived. Damage probably was somewhat less severe in some of the Ohio River counties than in other parts of the State. In the important commercial areas of southern Illinois and Indiana, widespread damage occurred, and in many sections, the crop is believed to be almost a complete loss. Minimum temperatures ranging from 11 to 16 degrees below zero were reported in these areas, and sub-zero temperatures prevailed for several days. Extensive damage also occurred in nearly all parts of Missouri, but was relatively less severe in the extreme southeast portion of the State. In many orchards, it is believed that nearly all buds have been killed.

In southwestern Michigan, extensive damage occurred in the eastern portion of Berrien County and adjacent areas, where minimum temperatures ranged from 15 to 18 degrees below zero. Damage to the Hale and Elberta varieties was especially severe. Many growers in this section report that buds of these varieties have nearly all been killed. In orchards in the western part of the country, which are relatively close to Lake Michigan, and in other commercial peach counties along Lake Michigan, buds suffered only slight injury.

In most sections of the ten early southern peach States, no damage occurred, due chiefly to the fact that the buds were completely dormant in most localities because of relatively low temperatures which prevailed during the fall and early winter months. In Georgia, trees entered the dormant period with a larger-than-average set of buds, and present prospects in that State are favorable. Arkansas peach prospects were not materially reduced by the freeze except in the extreme northwest portion of the State, where considerable damage occurred. In many orchards in the Nashville-Highland, Clarksville, and Crowley Ridge areas, the loss of buds from the low temperatures probably will result merely in a good thinning. Damage was not severe in Texas except in the extreme northern counties north and northeast of Dallas, where a substantial reduction in prospects is reported. A fair crop is in prospect in the important commercial area in east Texas. Commercial orchards in the Fredericksburg area west of Austin were not damaged.

No serious damage is reported in Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Oklahoma, or in any of the Northeastern or Middle Atlantic States.

Table 1.- Apples, western: Weighted average auction price per box, all grades, at New York and Chicago, by specified varieties and weeks, 1939-40

Market and week	1939				1940			
	Washington			All leading	Washington			All leading
	Winesap	Delicious	Rome Beauty	varieties	Winesap	Delicious	Rome Beauty	varieties
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
New York								
Feb. 17	1.81	2.02	1.69	1.87	1.82	1.97	1.73	1.88
24	1.83	1.98	1.77	1.92	1.74	1.96	1.57	1.83
Mar. 2	1.85	2.01	1.75	1.93	1.64	2.03	1.58	1.85
9	1.77	1.97	1.54	1.84	1.72	2.13	1.70	1.99
16	1.81	2.11	1.62	1.94	1.80	2.06	1.80	1.97
	Jona- than	Delicious	Rome Beauty	all lead- ing vari- eties	Jona- than	Delicious	Rome Beauty	all lead- ing vari- eties
Chicago	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Feb. 17	1.69	1.76	1.44	1.68	1.54	1.82	1.53	1.70
24	1.54	1.69	1.21	1.58	1.61	1.94	1.63	1.77
Mar. 2	1.49	1.79	1.47	1.66	1.31	1.94	1.52	1.80
9	---	1.95	1.39	1.77	2.03	1.88	1.63	1.83
16	1.91	1.77	1.41	1.66	1.57	1.80	1.63	1.71

Table 2.- Pears, western: Weighted average auction price per box, all grades, at New York and Chicago, by specified varieties and weeks, 1939-40

Market and week	1939			1940		
	Winter Nelis	D'Anjou	All varieties	Winter Nelis	D'Anjou	All varieties
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
New York						
Feb. 17	1.40	2.31	2.22	2.03	2.39	2.37
24	1.90	2.29	2.25	1.84	2.35	2.30
Mar. 2	1.97	2.53	2.45	2.08	2.39	2.34
9	1.81	2.53	2.36	1.90	2.41	2.35
16	1.95	2.62	2.40	1.98	2.48	2.38
Chicago						
Feb. 17	1.44	1.96	1.90	---	2.14	2.14
24	1.49	2.11	1.99	---	2.45	2.45
Mar. 2	---	2.37	2.37	---	2.57	2.57
9	1.49	2.69	2.13	---	2.51	2.51
16	1.49	2.81	2.18	1.83	2.57	2.34

Table 4.- Grapefruit: Total weekly shipments from producing areas
September to March 1938-40 1/

Week ended	1938				1939			
	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars
Sept. 2	36	33	---	69	7	82	---	89
9	174	14	---	188	8	63	---	71
16	270	17	---	287	9	64	---	73
23	313	15	53	386	18	22	---	40
30	603	4	153	760	150	30	---	180
Oct. 7	643	2	371	1,016	491	32	56	579
14	482	20	529	1,031	573	35	401	1,009
21	344	91	446	881	564	44	599	1,207
28	358	49	581	988	498	32	688	1,218
Nov. 4	501	35	503	1,039	390	32	606	1,028
11	613	32	511	1,156	404	31	720	1,155
18	633	29	718	1,380	446	43	696	1,185
25	530	25	512	1,067	498	53	777	1,328
Dec. 2	566	33	614	1,213	604	48	664	1,316
9	584	42	764	1,390	504	56	632	1,192
16	669	28	656	1,353	568	30	934	1,532
23	392	15	384	791	392	18	521	931
30	434	17	426	877	323	22	366	711
	1939				1940			
Jan. 6	580	36	746	1,362	525	27	690	1,242
13	672	39	822	1,533	598	41	835	1,524
20	740	42	671	1,453	551	51	745	1,347
27	679	50	575	1,304	400	50	721	1,171
Feb. 3	785	42	754	1,581	822	70	839	1,731
10	790	46	775	1,611	120	68	823	1,011
17	703	52	647	1,402	428	42	668	1,138
24	759	47	736	1,542	463	33	628	1,124
Mar. 2	863	41	808	1,712	479	40	757	1,276
9	960	52	851	1,863	339	59	693	1,141
16	882	52	655	1,589				

1/ Rail, boat, and truck. Total truck shipments originating in Texas; interstate truck shipments only from Florida, California, and Arizona.

Table 5.- Strawberries: Acreage, yield per acre, and indicated production, 1940 with comparisons 1/

Group and State	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	10-year average 1929-38	1939	1940	10-yr. av. 1929-38	1939	Indicated 1940	10-year average 1929-38	1939	Indicated 1940
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Crates	Crates	Crates	1,000 crates	1,000 crates	1,000 crates
Early:									
Alabama	3,920	3,600	3,800	75	85	90	292	306	342
Florida	8,420	9,000	7,200	70	85	60	589	765	432
Louisiana	20,090	20,000	23,000	64	70	60	1,268	1,400	1,380
Mississippi ...	840	350	300	53	65	60	42	23	18
Texas	2,400	1,900	1,700	55	57	60	130	108	102
Group total ..	35,670	34,850	36,000	65.1	74.7	63.2	2,321	2,602	2,274
Second Early 2/	51,350	52,150	47,900	58.0	60.0		2,978	3,128	Apr. 9
Intermediate:									
Calif., other ..	2,930	3,320	3,400	190	164		552	544	May 9
Delaware	4,540	5,000	5,000	55	45		252	225	
Illinois	5,100	6,700	7,000	52	65		262	436	
Kansas	1,150	1,300	1,300	48	45		56	58	
Kentucky	6,820	8,900	8,500	55	60		362	534	
Maryland	7,270	7,900	8,300	68	60		495	474	
Missouri	10,360	13,500	14,200	40	35		417	472	
New Jersey	3,670	4,000	4,700	84	70		308	280	
Oklahoma	1,390	900	900	34	45		47	40	
Group total ..	43,230	51,520	53,300	63.6	59.5		2,751	3,063	
Late (1) 2/ ...	25,310	28,600	30,000	67.7	81.5		1,714	2,330	May 22
Late (2) 2/ ...	22,120	27,300	29,750	63.8	91.6		1,412	2,501	June 8
Total all States	177,680	194,420	197,750	62.9	70.1		11,176	13,624	

1/ Estimates include undetermined quantities used for manufacture, frozen pack, etc.
2/ Data are from releases February 9, (TC-40:211) for second early, and October 10, 1939 (TC-39:1017) for late States.

Table 6.- Citrus fruits: Production, average 1928-37, annual 1938, and indicated 1939

Crop and State	Production			1/	
	Average : 1928-37	1938	Indi- cated 1939	1939 as percent- age of average	1939 as percent- age of 1938
	1,000 boxes	1,000 boxes	1,000 boxes	Percent	Percent
Oranges:					
Winter and spring varieties-					
Calif. Navels and miscellaneous:	15,335	17,907	17,380	113.3	97.1
Florida, all	17,842	33,900	25,700	144.0	75.8
Early and mid-season	2/ 11,120	17,500	16,400	147.5	93.7
Valencias	2/ 7,180	13,000	7,000	97.5	53.8
Tangerines	2/ 2,280	3,400	2,300	100.9	67.6
Texas	677	2,815	2,450	361.9	87.0
Arizona	180	430	500	277.8	116.3
Alabama	78	96	75	96.2	78.1
Mississippi	39	85	59	151.3	69.4
Louisiana	255	385	228	89.4	59.2
Total	34,405	55,618	46,392	134.8	83.4
Summer and early fall varieties-					
Calif. Valencias	19,380	23,245	24,000	123.8	103.2
Total 7 States 3/	53,785	78,863	70,392	130.9	89.3
Grapefruit:					
Florida, all	12,838	23,600	13,700	106.7	58.1
Seedless	2/ 4,480	7,900	5,200	116.1	65.8
Other	2/ 9,540	15,700	8,500	89.1	54.1
Texas	3,538	15,670	12,400	350.5	79.1
Arizona	1,003	2,700	2,900	289.1	107.4
California	1,544	1,744	1,800	116.6	103.2
Total 4 States 3/	18,923	43,714	30,800	162.8	70.5
Lemons:					
California 3/	7,881	11,322	11,100	140.3	98.0
Limes:					
Florida	20	95	4/ 95	475.0	475.0

1/ Relates to crop from bloom of year shown, picking beginning November 1 in California and September 1 in other States. For some States, in certain years, production includes some quantities donated to charity and/or eliminated on account of market conditions.

2/ Short-time average.

3/ 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.

4/ December 1 indicated production.

Table 7.- Citrus fruits: Weighted average auction price per box, New York and Chicago, by specified months and weeks, 1938-40

Market and period	Oranges				Grapefruit				Lemons	
	Calif. Navel		Fla.		Tex.		Fla.		Calif.	
	1938- 39	1939- 40	1938- 39	1939- 40	1938- 39	1939- 40	1938- 39	1939- 40	1938- 39	1939- 40
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
<u>Month</u>										
<u>New York</u>										
Sept.	---	---	2.53	<u>1/3.26</u>	---	---	2.20	3.11	3.62	4.45
Oct.	---	---	2.08	2.25	2.24	2.64	1.74	2.37	3.27	4.52
Nov.	2.94	2.70	1.86	1.86	2.18	2.34	1.80	2.14	3.65	5.27
Dec.	3.31	2.51	1.90	1.85	1.95	1.99	1.79	2.04	4.14	4.58
Jan.	2.68	2.64	1.85	1.94	2.20	2.21	1.78	2.03	3.86	4.47
Feb.	2.58	2.88	1.92	2.56	2.02	2.08	1.71	2.20	3.77	4.25
<u>Chicago</u>										
Sept.	---	---	---	---	2.33	---	2.56	3.86	3.81	5.10
Oct.	---	---	2.23	2.49	1.94	2.29	1.89	2.37	3.77	4.77
Nov.	2.88	2.59	1.99	1.95	1.96	1.91	2.04	2.48	3.96	5.41
Dec.	2.93	2.50	1.98	1.90	1.85	1.88	1.93	2.46	4.08	4.73
Jan.	2.58	2.73	1.97	1.94	1.95	1.87	1.72	2.05	3.89	4.30
Feb.	2.46	2.86	2.02	2.31	1.91	1.96	1.81	1.92	4.20	4.03
<u>Week</u>										
<u>New York</u>										
Feb. 17	2.61	3.03	1.92	3.01	1.92	2.21	1.66	2.28	3.85	4.47
24	2.68	2.76	1.87	2.53	1.77	1.96	1.69	2.43	3.90	4.81
Mar. 2	2.81	2.70	1.90	2.58	1.83	1.90	1.81	2.25	4.22	4.01
9	2.77	2.65	1.94	2.30	1.91	1.89	1.69	1.96	4.21	3.74
16	2.81	2.64	2.12	2.48	2.01	1.93	1.57	2.13	4.06	3.67
<u>Chicago</u>										
Feb. 17	2.45	2.99	1.99	2.77	1.83	1.99	1.92	<u>2/1.74</u>	4.39	4.35
24	2.64	2.83	1.99	2.45	1.85	1.94	1.64	2.42	4.06	3.60
Mar. 2	2.47	2.60	1.94	2.49	1.80	1.90	<u>2/1.92</u>	<u>2/2.70</u>	4.41	3.64
9	2.66	2.68	2.00	2.43	1.72	1.99	1.56	1.99	4.18	3.63
16	2.61	2.65	2.13	2.52	1.63	1.97	1.68	<u>2/2.75</u>	3.90	3.66

1/ Less than 100 boxes sold.

2/ " " 500 " "

Table 8.- Fruit: Carlot (rail and boat) shipments from originating points in the United States for the week ended March 16, with comparisons

Item	Week ended						
	1939		Feb.			Mar.	
	Mar. 15	10	17	24	2	9	16
	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars
<u>Commercial</u>							
Apples (western)	831	630	550	478	633	561	526
Apples (eastern)	265	360	292	264	275	254	251
Grapefruit	1,078	676	714	703	853	709	669
Grapes	1	11	6	6	7	1	1
Lemons	429	287	308	298	294	248	274
Mixed citrus	423	140	267	257	290	220	175
Mixed deciduous	4	20	12	3	10	10	5
Oranges and satsumas..	2,958	1,125	2,655	2,305	2,397	2,193	2,492
Pears	82	58	50	52	51	40	44
Strawberries	37	0	0	0	0	0	23
Tangerines	46	27	27	22	7	3	0
Total	6,154	3,334	4,881	4,388	4,817	4,239	4,460
<u>Relief</u>							
Apples	0	310	265	232	272	271	267
Grapefruit	249	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oranges and satsumas..	98	1	0	0	0	0	0
Pears	0	10	13	2	0	0	0
Grand total	6,501	3,655	5,159	4,622	5,089	4,510	4,727

Table 9.- Exports of specified fresh and dried fruits from the United States, by months, year beginning July, 1938-39

Year beginning July	Fresh		Dried			
	Apples	Pears	Apples	Apricots	Prunes	Raisins
	Bushels	Bushels	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons	Short tons
<u>1938</u>						
July	121,358	159,036	593	896	4,992	3,419
Aug.	308,305	629,739	701	4,181	6,364	2,891
Sept.	1,286,150	781,086	608	4,067	5,546	9,138
Oct.	1,519,927	714,803	2,776	1,276	22,050	18,259
Nov.	1,230,645	369,073	2,515	918	16,735	13,359
Dec.	1,672,727	569,349	1,932	692	9,956	7,783
Jan.	2,395,748	107,393	1,743	527	7,284	4,804
Feb.	1,230,473	43,494	2,513	393	7,133	3,195
<u>1939</u>						
July	107,616	178,860	330	1,154	4,760	4,961
Aug.	285,919	391,398	228	4,610	4,448	2,771
Sept.	348,401	290,544	165	3,419	3,754	7,837
Oct.	665,943	478,322	2,403	3,673	15,268	27,351
Nov.	700,951	275,582	1,805	352	7,017	4,368
Dec.	338,006	132,798	1,129	727	2,731	3,385
Jan.	243,564	64,609	512	565	8,333	3,530
Feb.						

Table 10.- Fruits: Exports of fresh, dried and canned from the United States, year beginning July 1938 and 1939

Year beginning July	Fresh fruit									
	Apples		Pears		Oranges		Grapefruit		Lemons	
	1938	1939	1938	1939	1938	1939	1938	1939	1938	1939
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	bu.	bu.	bu.	bu.	boxes	boxes	boxes	boxes	boxes	boxes
July	121	108	159	179	1,108	287	115	60	87	102
Aug.	308	286	630	391	488	292	71	55	91	110
Sept.	1,286	348	781	291	269	234	28	56	60	60
Oct.	1,520	666	715	478	259	201	89	60	100	28
Nov.	1,231	701	369	276	386	260	97	71	41	26
Dec.	1,673	338	569	133	543	494	108	79	57	33
Jan.	2,396	244	107	65	573	289	118	104	36	42
Feb.	1,230		43		520		83		37	
	Dried fruit									
	Apples		Apricots		Prunes		Raisins		Total 1/	
	1938	1939	1938	1939	1938	1939	1938	1939	1938	1939
	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons
July	593	330	896	1,154	4,992	4,760	3,419	4,961	11,076	11,695
Aug.	701	228	4,181	4,610	6,864	4,448	2,891	2,771	15,516	12,568
Sept.	608	165	4,067	3,419	5,546	3,754	9,138	7,837	20,926	16,037
Oct.	2,776	2,403	1,276	3,673	22,050	15,268	18,259	27,351	50,163	55,000
Nov.	2,515	1,805	918	352	16,735	7,017	13,359	4,368	36,966	15,044
Dec.	1,932	1,129	692	727	9,956	2,731	7,783	3,385	22,455	8,592
Jan.	1,743	512	527	565	7,284	8,333	4,804	3,530	15,958	14,937
Feb.	2,513		393		7,133		3,195		14,747	
	Canned fruit									
	Apricots		Peaches		Pears		Grapefruit		Total 2/	
	1938	1939	1938	1939	1938	1939	1938	1939	1938	1939
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
July	3,150	3,447	2,492	2,847	1,843	1,169	1,895	3,204	16,311	16,165
Aug.	5,968	6,776	6,288	11,373	2,464	2,375	746	3,311	25,409	35,859
Sept.	3,711	5,870	19,538	18,109	8,647	15,531	611	2,784	48,863	64,350
Oct.	3,738	7,307	11,377	18,592	12,122	18,414	243	2,640	38,159	65,388
Nov.	3,398	1,781	11,084	7,043	10,956	6,472	115	10	33,122	24,589
Dec.	2,549	446	13,609	1,481	11,354	3,932	6,272	2,124	45,280	12,951
Jan.	1,824	1,142	4,996	5,259	6,446	2,199	6,209	6,228	23,945	19,412
Feb.	1,959		6,369		7,251		6,749		29,925	

1/ Includes evaporated and dried fruit for salads, pears, raisins, apples, apricots, peaches, prunes, apple waste (except pomace) and other.

2/ Includes grapefruit, loganberries, other canned berries, apples, and apple sauce, apricots, cherries, prunes, peaches, pears, pineapples, fruit for salads, and other canned fruits.

Table 11.- Fruits: Unweighted average wholesale price at New York and Chicago for stock of generally good quality and condition (United States No. 1 when quoted) specified weeks, 1940 with comparisons

Market and commodity	Unit	Week ended					
		1939 Mar. 18	Feb. 17	Feb. 24	1940 Mar. 2	Mar. 9	Mar. 16
<u>New York</u>	Bushel and	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Apples, eastern: 1/	eastern crate:						
Baldwin	" "	1.20	1.05	1.02	1.06	1.03	1.08
Delicious	" "	1.49	1.36	1.28	1.32	1.29	1.36
McIntosh 2/	" "	1.85	1.25	1.18	1.21	1.38	1.25
Rhode Island Greening	" "	1.27	1.00	1.06	1.07	1.06	1.10
Avocados:							
California	Flat	1.38	---	---	1.92	1.94	2.00
Florida	"	1.29	1.38	1.38	1.65	---	---
Kumquats,							
Florida	Quart	.08	.16	.14	.12	.11	.10
Papayas,							
Cuba	Crate	---	1.33	1.34	1.94	1.81	1.75
Strawberries,							
Florida	Pint	.14	.19	.24	.29	.25	.19
<u>Chicago</u>							
Apples: 1/	Bushel and						
Midwestern Delicious	eastern crate:	1.90	1.48	1.52	1.48	1.48	1.60
" Jonathan	" "	1.90	1.51	1.52	1.55	1.57	1.54
Midwestern and eastern:							
Baldwin	" "	1.41	1.16	1.18	1.17	1.21	1.18
Midwestern and eastern:							
McIntosh	" "	1.51	1.26	1.28	1.36	1.44	1.47
Midwestern and eastern:							
Rhode Island Greening:	" "	1.32	1.17	1.11	1.22	1.31	---
Avocados,							
California	Flat	1.42	2.06	1.93	1.94	1.92	1.98
Strawberries,							
Florida	Pint	.15	.22	.22	.34	.26	.20

1/ 2-1/2 inch minimum.

2/ Excluding Vermont McIntosh.

Table 12.- Apples and pears: Cold storage holdings

Commodity	Unit	Mar. 1,	Mar. 1,	Feb. 1,	Mar. 1,
		5-yr. av.	1939	1940	1940
		1935-39			
		Thou-	Thou-	Thou-	Thou-
		sands	sands	sands	sands
Apples	Barrels	239	81	157	128
Apples	Western boxes	7,990	7,959	8,214	6,278
Apples	Eastern boxes	<u>1/</u>	<u>1/</u>	5,711	3,726
Apples	Bushel baskets	7,061	7,200	5,910	4,009
Total apples	Bushels	15,768	15,402	20,306	14,397
Pears, Bartletts	Packed boxes	---	5	26	17
Pears, Bartletts	Loose boxes	---	2	1	---
Pears, all other varieties	Boxes	355	495	670	412
Pears	Bushel baskets	19	44	4	1
Total pears	Boxes and bushel baskets	374	546	701	430

1/ Previously included with "bushel baskets."

Table 13.- Frozen fruits: Cold storage holdings, by varieties, February 1, 1940, with comparisons

Commodity	Feb. 1	Mar. 1	Mar. 1,	Feb. 1,	Mar. 1,
	5-yr. av.	5-yr. av.	1939	1940	1940
	1935-39	1935-39			
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
Blackberries	Data for these		1,999	4,907	3,860
Blueberries	earlier years		4,831	4,542	4,426
Cherries	not comparable		15,622	21,004	18,087
Logan and similar berries			2,756	1,982	1,780
Raspberries			6,745	7,464	6,640
Strawberries			29,385	34,218	30,545
Other fruits			19,107	18,317	16,767
Classification not reported			22,668	24,906	21,870
Total	86,550	77,712	103,113	117,340	103,975

Table 14.- Apple holdings in cold storage, by States

State	March 1, 1940				Mar. 1, 1939	
	Barrels	Boxes		Baskets	Total bushels	Total bushels
		Western	Eastern			
	Thou- sands	Thou- sands	Thou- sands	Thou- sands	Thou- sands	Thou- sands
Vermont	-	-	49	-	49	27
Connecticut	-	-	111	-	111	120
Massachusetts ..	-	5	334	1	340	192
New York	13	8	2,037	746	2,830	2,394
New Jersey	1	41	149	236	429	643
Pennsylvania	14	13	185	546	786	744
Ohio	-	6	106	249	361	192
Indiana	-	2	15	65	82	92
Illinois	-	16	107	226	349	429
Michigan	-	-	123	321	444	552
Wisconsin	-	10	8	28	46	46
Minnesota	-	20	-	4	24	60
Missouri	-	17	-	201	218	212
Virginia	96	36	358	1,016	1,698	1,569
West Virginia ..	3	2	14	112	137	133
Texas	-	40	-	-	40	62
Washington	-	5,081	-	-	5,081	5,948
Oregon	-	303	-	-	303	421
California	-	640	-	-	640	1,114
Other States	1	33	130	258	429	452
United States :	128	6,278	3,726	4,009	14,397	15,402

Table 15.- Fruits, fresh: Cold storage holdings, March 1, 1940, by geographic divisions

Commodity	Unit	New	Middle	East North	West North	South
		England	Atlantic	Central	Central	Atlantic
		Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Apples	Barrels	-	27	-	1	100
Apples	West. boxes	5	63	34	39	50
Apples	East. boxes	597	2,371	358	1	399
Apples	Bu. baskets	5	1,528	889	270	1,243
Total	Bushels	607	4,043	1,281	313	1,992
Pears, Bartletts:	Packed boxes	-	-	-	-	1
Pears, Bartletts:	Loose boxes	-	-	-	-	-
Pears, all other:						
varieties	Boxes	-	34	5	1	9
Pears	Bu. baskets	-	-	1	-	-
Total	Bxs.& bskts.	-	34	6	1	10
		East South	West South	Moun-	Pacific	Total
		Central	Central	tain		
		Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Apples	Barrels	-	-	-	-	128
Apples	West. boxes	2	44	16	6,025	6,278
Apples	East. boxes	-	-	-	-	3,726
Apples	Bu. baskets	27	3	44	-	4,009
Total	Bushels	29	47	60	6,025	14,397
Pears, Bartletts:	Packed boxes	-	-	-	16	17
Pears, Bartletts:	Loose boxes	-	-	-	-	-
Pears, all other:						
varieties	Boxes	1	1	-	361	412
Pears	Bu. baskets	-	-	-	-	1
Total	Bxs.& bskts.	1	1	-	377	430

