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Summary

Market prices of most fruits have remained very stable during recent weeks with only those of California navel oranges and California lemons rising slightly, reports the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

The California orange crop from the 1938 bloom was decreased about 5 million boxes and the California lemon crop 550,000 boxes as a result of severe windstorms in mid-February. Otherwise the citrus supply situation remains about the same as a month ago. As a result of the relatively large supply and low prices, exports of all classes of citrus this season through January were substantially larger than for the corresponding period of the past 2 seasons. If the present trend of exports continues through the balance of the season, total exports for the marketing year will set a new high record.

Cold storage holdings of apples totaled 15 million bushels on March 1. This quantity, 23 percent less than a year earlier, indicates that the out-of-storage movement for February was slightly less than the 10-year average for the month. Despite the smaller apple crop this season, exports through January were greater than for the corresponding period last year.

Strawberry production in the early States is indicated to be about 24 percent greater than in 1938 largely because of a sharp increase in Louisiana.

## CITRUS FRUITS

A severe windstorm in mid-February caused heavy losses to the prospective California orange crop and a slight reduction in the lemon crop. The losses amounted to about 2.1 million boxes of navel oranges, 3.0 million boxes of Valencias and 548,000 boxes of lemons. Otherwise, no major changes from a month earlier occurred in the citrus crop prospects.

Although there was a reduction in the California navel orange crop, the total winter orange supply is still larger than the large supply available last year. The reduction in the Valencia crop, however, indicates that the summer supply of oranges this year will be slightly smaller than in 1938. The total crop of oranges is now indicated at 75.9 million boxes as compared with 80.9 million indicated a month earlier and 74.5 million boxes produced last year.

The prospects for grapefruit production remain unchanged. The indicated crop of 40.9 million boxes is about 32 percent larger than a year earlier.

Wind-damage to California lemons reduced crop prospects by 550,000 boxes. Current production indications are for a crop of 10.7 million boxes, only 14 percent more than a year earlier.

Because of the reduction in prospective supplies, prices of California navels and California lemons have advanced slightly in recent weeks. Prices of Florida and Texas oranges and grapefruit have shown little change recently.

Exports of citrus fruits from the United States from the beginning of the season through January increased sharply over those of the corresponding periods of the two previous seasons. Orange exports totaled 1,501,000 boxes for the period from November through January this season compared with 859,000 boxes for the corresponding months last season. Lemon exports in this period totaled 133,000 boxes against only 37,000 a year earlier. Grapefruit exports from September through January totaled 440,000 boxes compared with 263,000 in the same 5-month period last season.

Exports of oranges for the entire 1937-38 marketing season totaled 7,597,000 boxes or about 3 times as large as in 1936-37. If orange exports this season continue the recent trend, it is probable that close to 15 million boxes will be exported in 1938-39. Likewise the sharp increase in grapefruit exports this season through January would indicate that the total for the season will be substantially larger than in 1937-38 or close to 1.5 million boxes. This would compare with 1.0 million boxes in 1936-37. A sharp increase in total exports of lemons is also indicated.

## APPLES

Cold storage holdings of apples on March 1 totaled 15 million bushels or about 4.5 million bushels less than a year earlier but about 1.1 million more than the 10-year 1928-37 average for March 1. About 5.7 million moved out of storage in February. This was 15 percent less than in February 1938 and 5 percent less than average for the month. The out-of-storage movement apparently was slightly greater than normal in the eastern States but slightly less than normal in the West.

Market prices of apples have shown little change in recent weeks but averaged substantially higher than a year earlier. At principal shipping points in the western States prices of the Delicious variety tended to advance while those of the Winesap weakened slightly.

Exports of apples from July through January this season totaled 8.6 million bushels compared with 6.9 million bushels for the corresponding period last season. For the entire marketing season of 1937-38 only 11 million bushels were exported as compared with the average of 13 million bushels for the 5 years 1931-32 to 1935-36.

An important factor in the increased exports of apples in the current season is the sharp increase over 1937-38 in exports of apples in baskets to countries that heretofore were not important importers. Also significant in the export situation is the increase of total exports this season over 1937-38 to the United Kingdom. This is particularly important since the total United States apple crop in 1938 was materially smaller than in 1937. Usually apple exports change directly with the change in the size of the crop.

## STRAWBERRIES

Strawberry production in the early States for 1939 is indicated at 2,492,000 crates or about 24 percent more than in 1938. A large part of the increase this year is in Louisiana where production is indicated at 1,400,000 crates compared with 1,100,000 last year. Although there was an early bloom in this State, freezes in late February caused considerable damage and the crop was delayed about 3 weeks whereas shipments were expected to start early in March, it is now expected that they will not begin to move until around March 20-25.

Market prices of strawberries have been fairly stable in recent weeks at levels slightly below those of a year earlier.

Cold storage holdings of frozen fruits on March 1 totaled 103.2 million pounds or about 7 percent less than a year earlier. Holdings of blueberries and cherries on March 1 were sharply lower than a year earlier while those of strawberries were sharply higher.

Table 1.- Citrus fruits: Production, average 1927-36, annual 1937-38

Crop and State	Production <sup>1/</sup>				
	Average 1927-36	1937	Indicated 1938	1938 as percentage of average	1938 as percentage of 1937
	1,000 boxes	1,000 boxes	1,000 boxes	Percent	Percent
<u>Oranges:</u>					
Winter and spring varieties					
Calif. navels and misc....	14,871	16,680	16,380	110.1	98.2
Fla. all.....	16,121	26,700	29,900	185.5	112.0
Early and mid-season,...	<sup>2/</sup> 10,475	13,700	15,500	148.0	113.1
Valencias.....	<sup>2/</sup> 6,300	10,700	11,200	177.8	104.7
Tangerines.....	<sup>2/</sup> 2,275	2,300	3,200	140.7	139.1
Tex.....	540	1,440	2,400	444.4	166.7
Ariz.....	151	350	360	238.4	102.9
Ala. <sup>3/</sup> .....	81	76	96	118.5	126.3
Miss. <sup>3/</sup> .....	37	67	80	216.2	119.4
La.....	251	238	385	153.4	161.8
Total.....	32,052	45,551	49,601	154.8	108.9
Summer and early fall varieties:					
Calif. Valencias.....	17,526	28,925	26,270	149.9	90.8
Total 7 States <sup>4/</sup> .....	49,578	74,476	75,871	153.0	101.9
<u>Grapefruit:</u>					
Fla. all.....	12,194	14,600	21,000	172.2	143.8
Seedless.....	<sup>2/</sup> 4,225	5,500	7,500	177.5	136.4
Other.....	<sup>2/</sup> 9,650	9,100	13,500	139.9	148.4
Tex.....	2,410	11,800	15,000	622.4	127.1
Ariz.....	746	2,750	3,000	402.1	109.1
Calif.....	1,422	1,943	1,896	133.3	97.6
Total 4 States <sup>4/</sup> .....	16,772	31,093	40,896	243.8	131.5
<u>Lemons:</u>					
Calif. <sup>4/</sup> .....	7,487	9,355	10,686	142.7	114.2
<u>Limes:</u>					
Fla.....	12	70	<sup>5/</sup> 95	791.7	135.7

<sup>1/</sup> Relates to crop from bloom of year shown, picking beginning November 1 in California and September 1 in other States. <sup>2/</sup> Short-time average.

<sup>3/</sup> Production estimated in terms of standard boxes, each equal to about 2 of the "halfstraps" commonly used. <sup>4/</sup> 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. <sup>5/</sup> December 1 indicated production.

Table 2.- Citrus fruits: Weighted average auction price per box, New York and Chicago, by specified weeks, 1938-39

Market and week	Oranges				Grapefruit				Lemons	
	Calif. navels		Florida		Florida		Texas		California	
	1938	1939	1938 1/2	1939	1938 1/2	1939	1938 1/2	1939	1938	1939
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
<b>New York</b>										
Jan. 14	2.43	2.68	2.18	1.86	2.14	1.68	2.36	2.19	4.44	3.79
21	2.46	2.65	2.16	1.79	2.01	1.77	2.26	2.40	4.38	3.74
28	2.55	2.56	2.16	1.81	2.05	1.96	1.88	2.41	4.35	3.83
Mo. av.	2.44	2.68	2.22	1.85	2.13	1.78	2.11	2.20	4.52	3.86
Feb. 4	2.52	2.53	2.18	1.83	2.21	1.75	1.84	2.26	4.08	3.68
11	2.90	2.53	2.14	2.04	2.25	1.73	1.99	2.14	4.02	3.71
18	2.92	2.61	2.05	1.92	2.08	1.66	1.96	1.92	3.98	3.85
25	3.11	2.68	1.95	1.87	2.04	1.69	2.04	1.77	4.30	3.90
Mo. av.	2.85	2.58	2.08	1.92	2.14	1.71	1.95	2.02	4.10	3.77
Mar. 4	2.66	2.81	1.87	1.90	1.98	1.81	2.20	1.83	4.05	4.22
11	2.79	2.77	2.16	1.94	2.09	1.69	2.32	1.91	4.99	4.21
<b>Chicago</b>										
Jan. 13	2.32	2.66	2.06	2.02	2.11	1.86	1.96	1.93	4.67	3.83
20	2.39	2.62	2.09	1.89	2.35	1.68	2.00	1.95	4.44	4.10
27	2.43	2.49	2.05	1.95	1.52	1.67	1.79	2.06	4.13	3.83
Mo. av.	2.37	2.58	2.15	1.97	1.90	1.72	1.86	1.95	4.56	3.89
Feb. 3	2.64	2.37	2.30	2.04	1.52	1.80	1.76	2.10	4.14	4.02
10	2.64	2.32	2.26	2.10	1.86	2.05	1.90	1.97	4.25	4.03
17	2.90	2.45	2.01	1.99	1.66	1.92	1.87	1.83	4.23	4.39
24	2.74	2.64	1.95	1.99	1.70	1.64	1.93	1.85	4.22	4.06
Mo. av.	2.73	2.46	2.10	2.02	1.76	1.81	1.89	1.91	4.22	4.20
Mar. 3	2.73	2.47	1.96	1.94	2.47	1.92	2.14	1.80	4.50	4.41
10	2.88	2.66	2.11	2.00	1.91	1.56	2.19	1.72	5.03	4.18

/ Includes 2-bushel Bruce boxes converted to basis of standard boxes.

Table 3.- Oranges: Weekly shipments from producing areas, by varieties and totals, November to March 1937-38 and 1938-39

Week ended	1937					1938					Total				
	Calif.	Calif.	Ariz.	Navels	Fla.	Tex.	Total	Calif.	Calif.	Ariz.	Navels	Fla.	Tex.	Com-mer-cial	Relief pur-chases
	:Valen-cias	:& mis-cella-neous	:& mis-cella-neous	:	:	:	1/	:Valen-cias	:& mis-cella-neous	:& mis-cella-neous	:	:	:	1/	3/
	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars
	1937					1938									
Nov. 5	38	17	1,232	211	1,529	615		1,282	181	2,172	1				
12	10	273	966	192	1,513	338	5	1,231	168	1,991	--				
19	8	867	1,531	132	2,648	195	293	1,836	205	2,884	--				
26	13	1,224	979	96	2,490	144	1,047	1,387	224	3,232	--				
Dec. 3	--	1,702	1,361	159	3,553	77	1,332	1,704	260	3,853	--				
10	--	1,767	1,960	155	4,440	40	1,447	2,251	287	4,688	--				
17	--	857	2,324	128	4,054	16	946	3,092	355	5,180	--				
24	--	491	1,083	83	2,131	2	671	2,055	217	3,556	--				
31	--	663	997	55	2,255	4	713	1,315	143	2,719	--				
	1938					1939									
Jan. 7	--	907	1,356	57	2,703	3	762	1,889	242	3,560	--				
14	--	957	1,445	91	2,780	--	787	2,035	197	3,407	--				
21	--	848	1,417	126	2,695	--	990	2,130	255	3,648	--				
28	--	1,191	1,438	108	3,035	--	1,010	2,050	218	3,612	2				
Feb. 4	--	915	1,597	105	2,880	--	885	1,948	327	3,481	13				
11	--	1,313	1,940	138	3,618	--	645	2,304	374	3,600	26				
18	7	1,184	1,834	141	3,345	2	957	2,216	328	3,729	73				
25	10	1,700	1,743	108	3,677	15	906	2,467	261	3,837	63				
Mar. 4	3	649	1,564	145	2,426	1	1,259	2,177	278	3,841	60				
11	20	1,527	2,065	164	3,801	17	993	2,347	225	3,660	57				

1/ Includes shipments from Alabama, Mississippi, and Louisiana, and tangerines, and a few shipments of California-Arizona Navels and miscellaneous.

2/ Excluding relief shipments.

3/ Purchases made by Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation.



Table 4.-Grapefruit: Weekly shipments from producing areas and totals, November to March 1937-38 and 1938-39

Week ended	1937				1938				Total	
	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars		
Nov. 5	346	46	411	803	494	32	504	1,030		
12	360	53	399	812	622	32	511	1,165		
19	417	48	361	826	636	25	718	1,379		
26	451	31	548	1,030	543	25	506	1,074		
Dec. 3	528	27	736	1,291	571	33	619	1,223		
10	519	46	593	1,158	608	42	753	1,403		
17	531	42	519	1,092	688	27	654	1,369	11	
24	354	21	330	705	406	15	387	808	18	
31	339	27	570	936	451	16	413	880	8	
	<u>1938</u>				<u>1939</u>					
Jan. 7	513	40	510	1,063	592	36	747	1,375	74	
14	548	54	755	1,357	684	38	826	1,548	130	
21	600	53	1,003	1,656	712	42	671	1,425	86	
28	484	74	776	1,334	697	50	574	1,321	35	
Feb. 4	480	61	557	1,098	746	44	754	1,544	102	
11	534	68	665	1,267	754	47	774	1,575	198	
18	539	44	705	1,288	687	51	656	1,394	192	
25	545	60	565	1,170	769	49	748	1,566	165	
Mar. 4	596	40	760	1,396	902	41	814	1,757	102	
11	589	85	784	1,458	984	57	845	1,886	219	

1/ Purchases made by Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation.

Table 5.-United States exports of grapefruit, oranges, and lemons, seasons 1936-37 and 1937-38, and for specified months, 1936, 1937 and 1938

Year and month	Grapefruit	Oranges	Lemons
	Boxes	Boxes	Boxes
1936-37 season total	703,595	2,487,544	256,423
Sept. ....	44,573		
Oct. ....	61,304		
Nov. ....	57,432	187,716	16,700
Dec. ....	53,156	279,292	17,204
Jan. ....	82,582	252,603	31,999
Total above ..	299,047	719,611	65,903
1937-38 season total	1,003,912	7,597,494	719,991
Sept. ....	22,885		
Oct. ....	49,776		
Nov. ....	52,341	142,862	8,396
Dec. ....	58,024	313,467	11,494
Jan. ....	80,240	402,656	17,026
Total above ..	263,266	858,985	36,916
1938-39			
Sept. ....	28,006		
Oct. ....	88,834		
Nov. ....	96,638	385,610	41,029
Dec. ....	108,333	542,637	56,592
Jan. ....	117,837	572,548	35,749
Total above ..	439,648	1,500,795	133,370

Table 6.-Apples: February 1 and March 1 cold storage holdings, 1928-39

Year	Baskets and bbl. 1/		Western boxes		Total	
	Feb. 1	Mar. 1	Feb. 1	Mar. 1	Feb. 1	Mar. 1
	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.
1928	6,114	4,074	9,809	7,023	15,923	11,097
1929	8,238	5,556	12,388	7,995	20,626	13,551
1930	7,953	5,496	10,149	7,282	18,102	12,778
1931	6,970	4,301	15,347	11,371	22,317	15,672
1932	11,660	7,468	11,761	8,789	23,421	16,257
1933	9,985	7,065	10,124	7,179	20,109	14,244
1934	7,183	4,983	9,239	6,591	16,422	11,574
1935	8,455	6,099	12,329	7,839	20,784	13,938
1936	11,731	8,554	12,944	9,374	24,675	17,928
1937	8,159	5,384	9,201	6,809	17,360	12,193
Average						
1928-37	8,645	5,898	11,329	8,025	19,974	13,923
1938	15,322	11,571	10,958	7,969	26,280	19,540
1939	10,189	7,257	10,520	7,751	20,709	15,008

1/ Includes eastern boxes or crates. Barrels converted on basis of 1 barrel equivalent to 3 bushels.

Table 7.-Apples: March 1 cold storage holdings, by States, and containers, 1938 and 1939

State	Mar. 1, 1939				Mar. 1,
	Barrels	Western boxes	Baskets	Total bushels	1938
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Vermont .....	---	11	15	26	64
Massachusetts .....	---	2	91	93	322
New York .....	8	13	2,363	2,400	3,413
New Jersey .....	---	8	622	630	690
Pennsylvania .....	3	53	682	744	1,057
Ohio .....	---	21	172	193	568
Indiana .....	---	17	74	91	188
Illinois .....	---	38	398	429	856
Michigan .....	---	---	551	551	566
Wisconsin .....	---	14	32	46	81
Minnesota .....	---	54	6	60	81
Missouri .....	---	31	181	212	540
Virginia .....	69	15	1,347	1,569	2,630
West Virginia .....	---	---	133	133	292
Texas .....	---	62	---	62	79
Washington .....	---	5,741	---	5,741	5,863
Oregon .....	---	421	---	421	370
California .....	---	1,114	---	1,114	1,017
Other States .....	1	136	354	493	863
United States ..	81	7,751	7,014	15,008	19,540

Table 8.- Apples: Exports from the United States, by countries, average 1926-27 to 1930-31 and 1931-32 to 1935-36, annual 1937-38 and July-January, 1937-38 and 1938-39

Countries of destination	July-June			July-January	
	Average				
	1926-27 to 1930-31	1931-32 to 1935-36	1937-38	1937-38	1938-39
	1,000 barrels	1,000 barrels	1,000 barrels	1,000 barrels	1,000 barrels
<b>In barrels:</b>					
United Kingdom .....	1,587	947	597	463	567
Germany 1/ .....	216	122	2	1	2/
Netherlands .....	139	34	16	1	39
Belgium .....	146	181	123	80	91
France .....	41	95	23	20	2
Denmark .....	76	22	0	0	0
Other Europe .....	116	83	66	53	97
Total Europe .....	2,321	1,484	827	625	796
Other countries .....	228	53	62	55	45
Total .....	2,549	1,537	889	680	841
	1,000 boxes	1,000 boxes	1,000 boxes	1,000 boxes	1,000 boxes
<b>In boxes:</b>					
United Kingdom .....	3,583	2,517	2,201	1,830	2,276
Germany 1/ .....	1,818	1,560	779	223	210
Netherlands .....	1,024	1,195	844	347	413
France .....	162	1,008	1,430	407	296
Other Europe .....	628	586	747	511	899
Total Europe .....	7,215	6,866	6,001	3,378	4,094
Canada .....	577	131	249	173	44
Argentina .....	255	95	62	62	40
Brazil .....	179	121	133	125	104
Philippine Islands ...	112	98	128	90	132
Palestine .....		57	167	111	93
Egypt .....		55	217	171	73
Cuba .....		35	80	47	58
Other countries .....	493	337	470	337	317
Total .....	8,831	7,795	7,507	4,494	4,955
	1,000 baskets	1,000 baskets	1,000 baskets	1,000 baskets	1,000 baskets
<b>In baskets:</b>					
Belgium .....		3/ 148	311	108	152
United Kingdom .....		3/ 238	303	208	205
Germany 1/ .....		3/ 34	2	2	0
France .....		3/ 73	56	35	29
Canada .....		3/ 27	51	40	21
Other countries .....		3/ 30	61	21	682
Total .....		550	784	414	1,089
	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.
Grand total 4/ .....	16,478	12,956	10,958	6,948	8,567

1/ Includes Austria beginning May 6, 1938.

2/ Only 5 barrels.

3/ Average 1932-36.

4/ 1 barrel assumed equivalent to 3 bushels.

Table 9.-Apples, western: Weighted average auction price per box, all grades, at New York and Chicago, by specified varieties and weeks, 1938-39

Market and week	1938				1939			
	Washington		All		Washington		All	
	Deli- cious	Rome Beauty	Wine- sap	leading varie- ties	Deli- cious	Rome Beauty	Wine- sap	leading varie- ties
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
<u>New York</u>								
Jan. 14	1.54	1.48	1.44	1.51	1.95	1.61	1.88	1.90
21	1.52	1.43	1.40	1.49	1.94	1.89	1.93	1.93
28	1.55	1.37	1.41	1.50	1.88	1.70	1.90	1.84
Feb. 4	1.55	1.34	1.41	1.49	1.82	1.59	1.89	1.78
11	1.60	1.33	1.43	1.53	1.94	1.54	1.72	1.82
18	1.59	1.25	1.41	1.48	2.02	1.69	1.81	1.89
25	1.53	1.32	1.38	1.48	1.98	1.77	1.83	1.92
Mar. 4	1.52	1.46	1.44	1.49	2.01	1.75	1.85	1.93
11	1.52	1.33	1.40	1.46	1.97	1.54	1.77	1.84
<u>Chicago</u>								
Jan. 13	1.37	1.08	1.06	1.22	1.71	1.57	1.64	1.67
20	1.27	1.08	1.18	1.21	1.56	1.49	1.57	1.57
27	1.35	1.05	1.14	1.21	1.50	1.40	1.36	1.45
Feb. 3	1.35	1.10	1.15	1.25	1.62	1.57	1.80	1.64
10	1.27	1.14	1.08	1.17	1.65	1.43	1.61	1.59
17	1.28	1.13	1.06	1.18	1.76	1.44	1.69	1.68
24	1.34	1.18	1.14	1.25	1.69	1.21	1.54	1.58
Mar. 3	1.26	1.00	1.03	1.13	1.79	1.47	1.49	1.66
10	1.29	1.09	1.02	1.14	1.95	1.39	---	1.77

Table 10.-Apples, eastern and mid-western: Average wholesale price per bushel, New York City and Chicago, by specified varieties and weeks, 1938-39

Market and week	1938			All ties 1/	1939			All varie-ties 1/
	New York	New York	New York		New York	New York	New York	
	Mc-Intosh	Green-ing	Bald-win		Mc-Intosh	Green-ing	Bald-win	
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
<u>New York City</u>								
Feb. 11	1.25	.78	.80	1.00	1.71	1.12	1.15	1.40
18	1.25	.71	.79	.99	1.72	1.19	1.21	1.50
25	1.24	.86	.76	.98	1.73	1.14	1.14	1.47
Mar. 4	1.25	.88	.80	1.02	1.75	<u>1/1.26</u>	1.14	1.48
11	1.27	.95	.79	1.06	1.75	<u>1/1.18</u>	1.14	1.50
<u>Michigan</u>								
	Mc-Intosh	Green-ing 2/	Bald-win	All varie-ties 2/	Mc-Intosh	Green-ing 2/	Bald-win	All varie-ties 2/
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
<u>Chicago</u>								
Feb. 11	1.20	.98	.88	1.00	1.62	1.25	1.30	1.54
18	1.16	.92	.88	.99	1.60	1.26	1.34	1.42
25	1.25	.89	.82	1.00	1.54	1.26	1.32	1.48
Mar. 4	1.25	.90	.82	1.00	1.61	1.27	1.35	1.46
11	1.28	1.00	.84	1.00	1.50	1.30	1.36	1.46

1/ Eastern.

2/ Eastern and mid-western.

Table 11.-Apples, western: Price per box, extra fancy grade, medium size, f.o.b. usual terms, Wenatchee-Yakima, Washington, by specified varieties and weeks, 1938-39

Week ended	1938		1939	
	Delicious	Winesap	Delicious	Winesap
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Jan. 14	.91	.79	1.51	1.28
21	.86	.75	1.45	1.25
28	.84	.74	1.43	1.24
Feb. 4	.85	.74	1.44	1.25
11	.94	.75	1.42	1.24
18	.95	.76	1.50	1.21
25	.95	.76	1.49	1.22
Mar. 4	.96	.76	1.50	1.16
11	.95	.77	1.72	1.18

Table 12.- Apples, eastern: Price per bushel, United States No. 1, 2 1/2 inch minimum, f. o. b. usual terms, Rochester, New York by specified varieties and weeks, 1938-39

Week ended	1938			
	Baldwin	McIntosh	Ben Davis	All varieties
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Jan. 15.....	--	.92	--	.77
22.....	--	.95	--	.80
29.....	--	.92	--	.81
Feb. 5.....	--	.93	--	.80
12.....	--	1/ .85	--	.77
19.....	.75	.86	--	.82
26.....	--	2/ .89	1/ .45	.79
Mar. 5.....	1/ .80	.87	--	.81
12.....	.70	.83	1/ .35	.74
1939				
Jan. 14.....	--	1/ 1.25	--	.93
21.....	2/ 1.08	1.30	--	1.01
28.....	1.08	2/ 1.32	--	.96
Feb. 4.....	1.09	1.34	--	1.06
11.....	1.16	1.25	2/ .75	.98
18.....	1.16	1.22	.74	1.07
25.....	1.11	1.19	.73	.98
Mar. 4.....	1.12	1.15	.74	.94
11.....	1.12	1.22	.72	1.00

1/ Average for 1 day.

2/ Average for 2 days.

Table 13.- Pears: Cold storage holdings, by varieties and containers, March 1, 1938 and 1939, with comparisons

Variety	Unit	Feb. 1,	Mar. 1,	Mar. 1,	Feb. 1,	Mar. 1,
		5-yr. av.	5-yr. av.	1938	1939	1939
		1934-38	1934-38	1,000	1,000	1,000
Pears, Bartletts	:Packed boxes	--	--	11	9	6
Pears, Bartletts	:Loose boxes	--	--	3	6	2
Pears, all others	:Boxes	532	306	317	796	494
Pears.....	:Baskets (bu.)	31	21	14	68	44
Total.....	:Boxes and baskets	563	327	345	879	546

Table 14.- Pears: February 1 cold storage holdings, by States, 1938 and 1939.

State	March 1, 1939	March 1, 1938
	Boxes and bushel baskets	Boxes and bushel baskets
	Thousands	Thousands
New York.....	52	22
New Jersey.....	21	19
Pennsylvania.....	3	10
Illinois.....	7	18
Washington.....	24	38
Oregon.....	333	173
California.....	93	35
Other States.....	13	30
United States..	546	345

Table 15.- Strawberries <sup>1/</sup>: Acreage and indicated production 1939, with comparisons

Group and State	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	10-yr. av. : 1938	1939	1939	10-yr. av. : 1938	Ind. : 1938	Ind. : 1939	10-yr. av. : 1938	1938	Ind. : 1939
	: 1928-37:	:	:	: 1928-37:	: 1938	: 1939	: 1928-37:	:	:
							1,000	1,000	1,000
	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Crates</u>	<u>Crates</u>	<u>Crates</u>	<u>Crates</u>	<u>Crates</u>	<u>Crates</u>
Early									
Florida <sup>2/</sup> .....	8,120	7,500	9,000	68	70	75	559	525	675
Other States...	27,500	27,610	25,850	64.2	53.7	70.3	1,766	1,483	1,817
Group total...	35,620	35,110	34,850	65.3	57.2	71.5	2,325	2,008	2,492
Second Early <sup>2/</sup>	53,120	46,650	53,700	58.5	59.7		3,106	2,787	Apr. 10
Intermediate <sup>2/</sup>	45,240	44,330	49,200	62.5	65.2		2,826	2,890	May 10
Late <sup>2/</sup> .....	46,450	53,900	57,000	66.1	70.2		3,069	3,784	June 9
Total all States.....	180,430	179,990	194,750	62.8	63.7		11,326	11,469	

<sup>1/</sup> Estimates include undetermined quantities used for manufacture, frozen pack, etc.

<sup>2/</sup> Data are from release of January 10 (Tc-39:111) for Florida and February 10 (Tc-39:208) for second early, intermediate, and late States.



Table 16.- Strawberries: Price per pint at wholesale markets, and truck-loads, cash to growers, Plant City, Florida, by weeks, 1938-39

Week ended	New York		Chicago		Plant City, Florida	
	1938	1939	1938	1939	1938	1939
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Jan. 14	.27	.14	.26	.14	<u>1/</u> .18	.10
21	.18	.13	.20	.14	.12	.11
28	.14	.14	.14	.15	.10	.10
Feb. 4	.14	.11	.14	.13	.09	.08
11	.12	.11	.12	.12	.08	.07
18	.13	.11	.14	.13	.10	.10
25	.13	.12	.14	.14	.10	.08
Mar. 4	.14	.11	.16	.12	.11	.07
11	.14	.11	.12	.13	.07	.10

1/ Average for one day.

Table 17.- Frozen fruits: Cold storage holdings, by varieties, March 1, 1938 and 1939, with comparisons

Varieties	Feb. 1,	Mar. 1,	Mar. 1,	Feb. 1	Mar. 1,
	:5-yr.av.	:5-yr. av.:	Mar. 1,	: Feb. 1	: Mar. 1,
	:1934-38	:1934-38	: 1938	: 1939	: 1939
	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds	Pounds
Blackberries <u>1/</u> .....			---	2,625	1,999
Blueberries .....	Data		7,143	5,092	4,829
Cherries .....	for		18,583	18,171	15,620
Logan and similar berries <u>1/</u> :	these		---	2,969	2,756
Raspberries <u>1/</u> .....	earlier		---	7,351	6,744
Strawberries .....	years		24,821	33,686	29,386
Other fruits .....	not		<u>2/</u> 60,281	17,487	19,093
Classification not reported <u>1/</u> :	comparable			29,377	22,762
Total .....	74,285	66,922	110,828	116,758	103,189

1/ Data for this item prior to July 1, 1938, included under "other".

2/ Includes items designated by note 1/.

Table 18.- Frozen fruits: February 1 and March 1 cold storage holdings segregated by method of processing, 1939

Commodity	Quick freeze		Frozen and preserved	
	processed		(cold packed)	
	Feb.1,1939	Mar.1, 1939:	Feb.1,1939	Mar.1,1939
	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.	1,000 lb.
Blackberries .....	348	294	2,277	1,705
Blueberries .....	1,248	1,318	3,844	3,511
Cherries .....	2,483	2,139	15,688	13,481
Logan and similar berries ...:	741	696	2,228	2,060
Raspberries .....	1,147	1,192	6,204	5,552
Strawberries .....	12,243	10,451	21,443	18,935
Other fruits .....	5,532	6,001	11,955	13,092
Classification not reported ..:	5,106	4,612	24,271	18,150
Total .....	28,848	26,703	87,910	76,486

