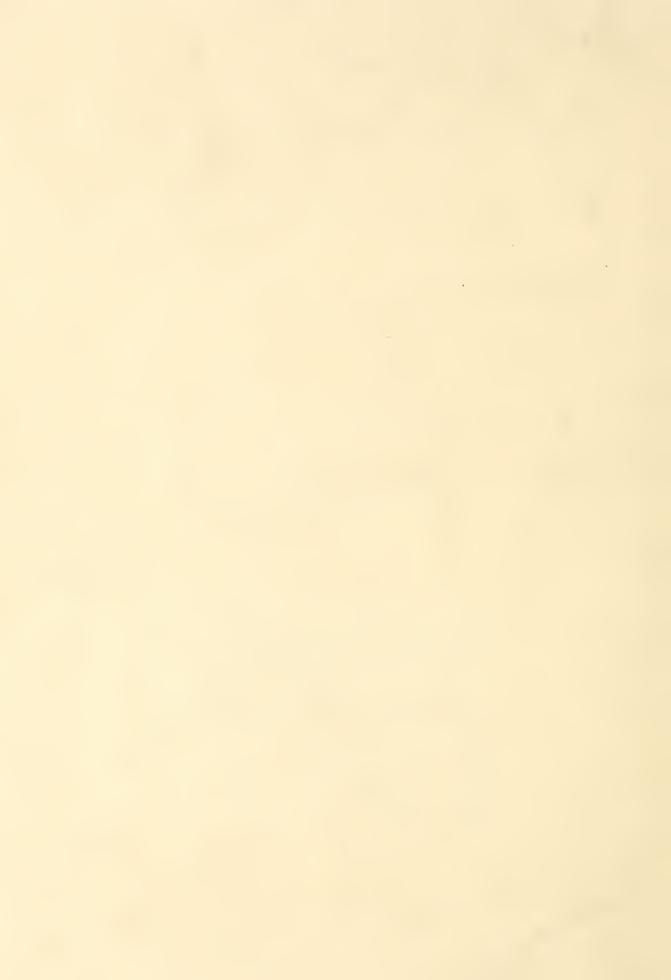
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THE FRUIT, & SI LANGE AT THE STANKER

Summary

January 25, 1938.

Total supplies of fresh fruits for the remainder of the current season are indicated to be materially larger than those of a year earlier and larger than the average of recent years.

Cold storage holdings of apples on January 1 were the largest on record, exceeding those of last year by 43 percent. Prices of apples in terminal markets have fluctuated somewhat during the past month, but in mid-January were slightly lower than prices a month earlier. Exports of apples for the first 5 months (July-November) of the current season were one-fourth greater than for the same period of the 1936-37 season.

It appears that the supply of oranges available for market during the remainder of the winter and spring is about one-third greater than that of a year ago. Terminal market prices of all oranges experienced some further declines during the past month, but it seems likely that they are now near the season's low point.

The supply of grapefruit available for market during the remainder of the season appears to be somewhat smaller than that for the same period of last year. Grapefruit prices continued to decline irregularly during the past month, and in mid-January prices were only slightly higher than those of a year earlier.

#### APPLES

Apple prices in terminal markets fluctuated irregularly during the past month, but by mid-January they were in general slightly lower than a month earlier. Prices of eastern apples at New York and Chicago showed some tendency to rise during most of December, but have since declined to November levels. Prices of western apples at New York and Chicago have fluctuated some, but current prices are the lowest for the season to date.

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# January 1 cold storage holdings largest on record

The total stocks of apples in cold storage on January 1, 1938, totaling 32 million bushels, were the largest on record, exceeding those of last year by 43 percent and the 1927-36 average by 22 percent. Cold storage stocks in the Western States are nearly one-fifth larger than those at the beginning of 1937, but are slightly below average. In the Eastern and Central States, however, cold storage holdings on January 1 this year were the largest on record. The total movement of apples out of cold storage during December this season was slightly smaller than in December a year earlier, owing to the apparent heavy movement of apples out of common storage and the continued relatively low prices.

# Exports running ahead of last season

Total exports of apples for the current season through November amounted to more than 4 million bushels - a fourth larger than exports during the same period of the 1936-37 season. The greater volume of exports this season is due to the larger production and lower domestic prices of apples, and to a more favorable foreign demand for American apples. The increase has been entirely of apples from areas which pack in barrels and baskets. Exports of boxed apples through November were the same as for the like period of last season.

Apples: January 1 cold storage holdings, 1927 to 1938

Year :	Baskets and barrels 1/	: Western boxes : :	Tctal
:	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels	1,000 bushels
1927: 1928: 1929: 1930: 1931: 1932: 1933: 1934: 1935: 1936:	14,703 8,274 11,302 10,793 9,587 15,513 12,744 9,548 10,956 13,856	13,365 12,260 15,853 13,108 19,137 14,617 12,794 11,857 15,713	28,068 20,534 27,155 23,901 28,724 30,130 25,538 21,405 26,669 29,057
Av. 1927-36 : 1937: 1938:	11,728 10,494 18,013	14,390 11,863 13,974	26,118 22,357 31,987

<sup>1/</sup> Includes eastern boxes or crates, barrels converted on basis of 1 barrel equivalent to 3 bushels.

Apples, eastern: L.c.l. price per bushel, Chicago and New York, by specified varieties and weeks, 1936-37 and 1937-38

-	: 1936-37 : 1937-78												
Market	*	Michigan		AC1	. 1/	ichigan		: All					
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date					Intosh:			: ties					
,	:Dollars							Dollars					
Chicago	:						,						
Oct. 2	1.26	1.30	1.58	1.28	.80	. 83	1.03	.87					
9		1.30	1.58	1.33	.84	.74	.98	.88					
16		1.16	1.45	1.32	.88	. 30	1.12	.92					
23		1.25	1.45	1.41	1.04	• 98	.88	.88					
30		1.27	1, 45	1.42	1.14	.86	1.00	.97					
Nov. 6		1.32	1.52	1.33	1.25	.92	1.01	1.06					
13		1.25	1.64	1.47	1.36	. 97	1.01	1.05					
20		1.52	1.80	1.63	1.32	. 30	1.06	1.08					
27		1.48	1.79	1.63	1.24	.99	1.20	1.05					
Dec. 4		1.53	1.73	1.74	1.32	1.00	1.21	1.10					
11		1.44	1.06	1.61	1.38	1.13	1.27	1.15					
18		1.42	1.52	1.57	1.38	1.12	1.28	1.22					
25 Jan. 1		1.32	1,68	1,50	1.38	1.18	1.28	1.25					
		1.38	1.71	1.53	1.38	1.08	1.25	1.21					
8		1.78	1.86	1.58	1.38	1.03	. 1.20	1.18					
Τυ	1.68	1.33	1.74	1.60	1.26	.92	. 1.20	1.08					
	•	1936	-37				37-38						
-		New York		A11		York		: All					
	lic-	Vew York Green-:	Bald-	varie-	Mc-	York : Green-	: Fald-	: varie-					
	Mc- Intosh	New York Green-: ing:	Bald- win	varie- ties	Mc- Intosh	York: Green-ing	: Pald-	varie-					
	lic-	New York Green-: ing:	Bald- win	varie- ties	Mc- Intosh	York: Green-ing	: Pald-	varie-					
New York	Mc- Intosh: Dollars	New York Green-: ing: Dollars	Bald- win	varie- ties Dollars	Mc- Intosh Dollars	York : Green- : ing Dollars	: Pald-	varieties  Dollars					
New York Oct. 2	Mc- Intosh: Dollars	New York Green-: ing: Dollars 1.04	Bald- win Dollars	varie- ties Dollars	Mc- Intosh Dollars	York : Green- : ing : Dollars	: Bald- : win	varieties  Dollars .87					
New York Oct. 2	Mc- Intosh: Dollars 1.54 1.73	New York Green-: ing: Dollars 1.04 .93	Bald- win Dollars	varie- ties Dollars 1.35	Mc- Intosh Dollars	York : Green- : ing Dollars .62 .72	: Fald- : win Dollars	varieties  Dollars  .87 .94					
New York Oct. 2 9 16	Mc- Intosh: Dollars 1.54 1.73 1.32	New York Green-: ing: Dollars 1.04 .93 1.16	Bald- win Dollars	varie- ties  Dollars  1.35 1.35 1.53	Mc- Intosh Dollars .88 .95 1.24	York: Green-ing Dollars .62 .72 .76	: Fald- : win Dollars	varieties  Dollars  .87 .94 1.08					
New York Oct. 2 9 16 23	Mc- Intosh: Dollars 1.54 1.73 1.32 1.88	New York Green-: ing: Dollars 1.04 .98 1.16 1.30	Bald- win Dollars  .91 1.05	varie- ties Dollars 1.35 1.35 1.53 1.59	Mc- Intosh Dollars .88 .95 1.24 1.38	York: Green- : Green- : ing Dollars .62 .72 .76 .32	: Fald- : win : Dollars : Dollars : 1/ .62 .69 .67	: varie- : ties  Dollars  .87 .94 1.08 1.14					
New York Oct. 2 9 16 23 30	Mc- Intosh: Dollars 1.54 1.73 1.32 1.88 2.09	New York Green-: ing: Dollars  1.04 .98 1.16 1.30 1.33	Bald- win Dollars  .91 1.05 1.15	varie- ties Dollars 1.35 1.35 1.53 1.59 1.62	.88 .95 1.24 1.38	York: Green-ing Dollars .62 .72 .76 .32 .37	: Fald- : win Dollars 1/.62 .69 .67 .72	: varie- : ties Dollars .87 .94 1.08 1.14 1.16					
New York  Oct. 2  9  16  23  30  Nov. 6	Mc- Intosh: Dollars 1.54 1.73 1.32 1.88 2.09 1.98	New York Green-: ing: Dollars 1.04 .98 1.16 1.30 1.33 1.36	Bald- win Dollars  .91 1.05 1.15 1.14 1.12	varie- ties Dollars 1.35 1.35 1.53 1.59 1.62 1.65	. Mc- : Intosh Dollars .88 .95 1.24 1.38 1.40 1.37	Fork: Green-ing Dollars  .62  .72  .76  .32  .37  .86	: Fald- : win Dollars : 1/.62 .69 .67 .72 .75	: varie- : ties Dollars .87 .94 1.08 1.14 1.16					
New York Oct. 2 9 16 23 30 Nov. 6 13	Mc- Intosh: Dollars 1.54 1.73 1.32 1.38 2.09 1.98 2.00	New York Green-: ing: Dollars 1.04 .98 1.16 1.30 1.33 1.36 1.36	Bald- win Dollars  .91 1.05 1.15 1.14 1.12	varie- ties  Dollars  1.35 1.35 1.53 1.59 1.62 1.65 1.53	.88 .95 1.24 1.39 1.40 1.37	Fork: Green-ing Dollars  .62 .72 .76 .32 .37 .86 .92	: Fald- : win Dollars 1/.62 .69 .67 .72 .75	: varie- : ties Dollars .87 .94 1.08 1.14 1.16 1.11					
New York Oct. 2 9 16 23 30 Nov. 6 13 20	Mc- Intosh: Dollars 1.54 1.73 1.32 1.38 2.09 1.98 2.00 2.00	New York Green-: ing: Dollars 1.04 .98 1.16 1.30 1.38 1.36 1.36	Bald- win Dollars  .91 1.05 1.15 1.14 1.12 1.12	varie- ties  Dollars  1.35 1.35 1.53 1.59 1.62 1.65 1.53 1.43	Mc- Intosh Pollars .88 .95 1.24 1.38 1.40 1.37 1.29 1.42	Fork: Green-ing Dollars  .62 .72 .76 .32 .37 .86 .92 .94	Pald- win Dollars  1/ .62 .69 .67 .72 .75 .74 .82	: varie- : ties  Dollars  .87 .94 1.08 1.14 1.16 1.11 1.16 1.12					
New York Oct. 2  9 16 23 30 Nov. 6 13 20 27	Mc- Intosh: Dollars 1.54 1.73 1.32 1.88 2.09 1.98 2.00 2.00 2.00	New York Green-: ing: Dollars 1.04 .98 1.16 1.30 1.33 1.36 1.36 1.35	Bald- win Dollars  .91 1.05 1.15 1.14 1.12 1.12 1.23 1.32	varie- ties  Dollars  1.35 1.35 1.53 1.62 1.65 1.53 1.43 1.44	Mc- Intosh  Dollars  .88 .95 1.24 1.38 1.40 1.37 1.29 1.42 1.40	Fork: Green-ing Dollars .63 .72 .76 .32 .37 .86 .92 .94 .94	Eald- win Dollars  1/ .62 .69 .67 .72 .75 .74 .82 .72	: varie- : ties  Dollars  .87 .94 1.08 1.14 1.16 1.11 1.16 1.12 1.09					
New York Oct. 2  9 16 23 30 Nov. 6 13 20 27 Dec. 4	Mc- Intosh Dollars  1.54 1.73 1.32 1.88 2.09 1.98 2.00 2.00 2.00 1.95	New York Green-: ing: Dollars 1.04 .98 1.16 1.30 1.33 1.36 1.36 1.35 1.38 1.33	Bald- win Dollars  .91 1.05 1.15 1.14 1.12 1.23 1.32 1.36	varie- ties  Dollars  1.35 1.35 1.53 1.62 1.65 1.63 1.43 1.44 1.64	Mc- Intosh Dollars .88 .95 1.24 1.38 1.40 1.37 1.29 1.42 1.40 1.34	York: Green- : ing : Dollars : 62 .72 .76 .32 .37 .86 .92 .94 .94	: Fald- : win Dollars 1/ .62 .69 .67 .72 .75 .74 .82 .72	: varie- : ties  Dollars  .87 .94 1.08 1.14 1.16 1.11 1.16 1.12 1.09 1.13					
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<sup>1/</sup> Average for 1 day. 2/ 1937 is preliminary.

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Apples, western: Weighted average auction price per box, all grades, at Chicago and New York, by specified varieties and weeks, 1936-37 and 1937-38

		19.36	5-37		<u>-33</u>								
Market	Wa. Wa	ashingtor		All :	W	ashingto	n :	All					
and	Deli-	Jona-	Tome	verie:	Deli-:	Jona-:	Rome :	varie-					
week	cious	than	Beauty:	ties:	cious:	than:	Beauty:	ties					
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars I	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars I	Oollars					
Chicago	,												
Oct. 2	1.95	1.66	1.79	1.79	1.84	1.72		1.77					
9		1.61	2.10	1.76	1.82	1.42	1.54	1.57					
16		1.60	2.00	1.80	1.73	1.25	1.88	1.54					
23		1.51	1.86	1.68	1.72	1.26	1.78	1.50					
30		1.56	1.62	1.69	1.54	1.21	1.39	1.39					
Nov. 6		1.68	1.73	1.75	1.65	1.18	1.32	1.42					
13		1.79	1.69	1.87	1.53	1.23	1.14	1.33					
20		1.79	1.72	1.93	1.61	1.21	1.21	1.31					
27		1.75	1.69	1.90	1.70	1.07	1.11	1.33					
Dec. 4		1.68	1.67	1.83	1.59	1.15	1.10	1.33					
11		1.74	1.77	1.88	1.58	1.19	1,12	1.39					
18		1.65	1.79	1.93	1.42	1.20	1.29	1.29					
25		. 1.45	1.73	1.68	1.46	1.20	1.03	1.28					
Jan. 1		1.91	1.78	2.03	1.56	1.13	1.27	1.30					
8	2.30	1.88	1.72	2.01	1.47	1.11	1.26	1.28					
15		1.86	1.64	1.94	1.37	1.06	1.08	1.22					
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	:												
	:	Wine-		•		Wine-							
	:	sap				sap							
New York	:							11.44					
Oct. 2			1.78	1.95	2.04			1.89					
9			2.28	2.14	2.41	•	1.96	1,92					
16			, 2.33	2.05	2.21		2.03	2.00					
23			2.06	2.06	1.89		1.37	1.80					
30			1.86	2.02	1.85		1.78	1.76					
Nov. 6			1.85	2.01	1.93		1,56	1.74					
13			1.84	2.01	1.30		1.52	1.70					
20			1.90	2.16	1.73		1.56	1.70					
27			1.96	2.16	1.89		1.57	1.79					
Dec. 4			1.93	2.15		7 10	1.58	1.79					
11			1.98		1.77	1.42							
18		2.04	1.90										
25	and the second s		1.79			1.41							
Jan. 1			1.95										
8			1.97										
15	2.44	2.13	1.95	2.25	1.54	1.44	T. 4C	1.01					

Apples: Exports from the United States, by countries, average 1926-27 to 1930-31 and 1931-32 to 1935-36, annual 1936-37 and July-November

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	Jul	ly - Juno	Strainfall v. Affair-186 G. v. Our affairmail G. v. J. Affairfold and mai	: July - N	Vovember
	L	Average :		•	
Countries	1926-27	1931-32.:		: 1936 :	1937
of destination	to :	: to :	1936-37	:	
	: 1930-31 :			:	
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
:	: barrels	barrels	barrels	barrels	barrels
In barrels:					
United Kingdom		947	. 249	143	35,1
Germany		122	6	1	1/
Netherlands		34	8	8	1
Belgium		181	79	47	45
France		95	. 11	6	17
Denmark		22	0	0	C
Other Europe		83	44	32	47
Total Europe:		1,484	397	237	461
Other countries:		53	49	36	43
Total		1,537	446	273	504
	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
:	bcxes	boxes	bexes	boxes	boxes
In boxes:					
United Kingdom:		2,517	1,622	1,059	995
Germany	•	1,560	628	182	75
Netherlands:		1,195	537	237	131
France:		1,008	706	83	97
Other Europe:		586	415	221	328
Total Europe:		6,866	3,908	1,782	1,626
Canada:		131	473	145	137
Argentina		95	41	40	56
Brazil		121	114	108	105
Philippine Islands:		98	76	38	61
Palestine			132	81	84
Egypt			152 55	100	74 26
Other countries		484		22 104	232
Total		7,795	255 5,206	2,420	2,401
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:	*	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
In baskets:	baskets	baskets	baskets	baskets	baskets
		0/740	0.5	7.4	7.0
Bolgium		2/ 148	93	34	36
United Kingdom		2/ 148 2/ 238 2/ 34 2/ 73 2/ 27	66	33	163
Germany		$\frac{2}{2}$ 34 73	1/	0 2	0
Canada		$\frac{2}{2}$ 27	23	17	18 37
Other countries		$\frac{2}{2}$ 30	23 15	12	20
Total		550	210	98	274
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				. 1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.
Grand total 3/		12,956	6,754	3,337	4,187
1/ Less than 500. 2/ 3 bushels.	Average 19	32-36.	3/ 1 barre:	l assumed eq	uivalent to

## APPLE PRODUCTION ESTIMATES

Some communications have been received recently from producers and distributors of fruits protesting against the Bureau's estimates of apple production. The chief complaint is that present estimates refer only to the total apple crop and that supplementary estimates of commercial production formerly published have been discontinued. It is true that the so-called commercial estimates were discontinued beginning with the 1937 season, but this action was taken only after careful consideration of all the difficulties involved in making these estimates.

"Commercial" apple reports, as formerly published, represented estimates of that part of the crop to be sold for fresh consumption. They originated prior to 1920 in response to a definite demand for this type of information and when carlot shipments of apples were a fairly adequate measure of such sales. In recent years, however, the motor-truck has become an important factor in the transportation of apples, probably accounting for more than half of the total movement in eastern and mid-western States. Since adequate records of motor truck movement are not available, it is no longer possible to make a satisfactory check-up on "commercial" estimates at the end of the shipping season.

The problem of continuing such estimates was further complicated by the economic factors which tend to influence the volume of fruit sold for fresh consumption. Some of these factors are size of the total apple crop, quality of the fruit, export outlets, requirements of canners, driers, cider mills and other processors, competition of other fruits, and prices received by growers. These factors vary from year to year and from month to month during a given season. Because of the increasing difficulty in measuring the effects of some of these factors, mid-season estimates of commercial production, as compiled in recent years, were not on a sufficiently sound basis and were subject to an increasing amount of criticism. The lack of adequate check data on apple shipments had placed the Department in the very difficult position of attempting to forecast how many apples would be sold for fresh consumption without being able to verify these figures at the end of the season. It was decided, therefore, to limit the apple estimates to total production for the present, and to explore the possibility of supplementing these with estimates of production within commercial areas of the important States should there be sufficient demand for such information and should facilities permit the additional work involved.

## ORANGES

Terminal market prices of oranges experienced some further declines during the past month. It seems likely, however, that orange prices are now near the season's low point, and although some fluctuation may be expected from week to week, some seasonal rise may occur during the remainder of the season. Prices of Florida oranges stayed rather close to those of last season until the latter part of December, but during recent weeks prices have been somewhat lower than those of a year earlier. From the time the season got well under way in early December, prices of California Navels this

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year have been somewhat lower than those of a year ago. At New York City, prices of Florida oranges averaged \$2.22 per box during the second week of January this year, compared with \$2.82 for the same week of 1937. In the same week California Navels averaged \$2.43 per box this year and \$3.58 a year earlier.

# Remaining supplies larger than last year

Shipments of oranges this season have been slightly heavier than those of a year ago, but the larger indicated production of winter and spring varieties points to a supply of oranges available for market during the remainder of the winter and spring about one-third larger than for the same period a year earlier. On January 1 the total crop of all winter and spring varieties of oranges was indicated at 42.5 million boxes, compared with 38.3 million for 1936-37 and with the 1931-35 average of 33.1 million boxes. The crop of California Valencias, which constitute the chief source of supply during the summer and early fall, was indicated at 25.2 million boxes, compared with 16.8 million a year ago and with the 1931-35 average of 20 million boxes.

## GRAPEFRUIT

Grapefruit prices continued to decline irregularly during December and early January, and in mid-January prices were only slightly higher than those of a year earlier. For the second week of January, Florida grapefruit prices at New York averaged \$2.21 per box, compared with \$2.15 a year earlier. Texas grapefruit prices for the same week this year averaged \$1.96 per box compared with \$1.80 a year earlier.

If the utilization of grapefruit by processing plants is as large as now appears likely, the total supply of grapefruit available for market during the remainder of the season may be at least one-tenth smaller than for the same period a year earlier. Although the quantity of grapefruit going to processing plants will be comparatively large this year, it probably will be considerably less than the extremely large quantity so utilized last season. Total shipments of fresh grapefruit to market thus far this season have been slightly greater than for the same period last year, with shipments from Texas one-fourth larger than a year ago and shipments from Florida about 13 percent smaller than those of a year earlier.

On January 1 the total grapefruit crop was indicated at 26.1 million boxes, compared with the record crop of 30.3 million produced last year and the 1931-35 average of 16.9 million boxes. The crop in Florida is indicated to be about 28 percent smaller and the Texas crop about 4 percent less than the respective crops of last season.

Citrus fruits: Production, average 1931-35, annual 1936 and 1937

	•	Production ,1/	
Crop and states	Average 1931-35	1936	Indicated 1937
Oranges: Winter and spring varieties: Calif., Navels and miscel Fla. all	16,824	1,700 boxes 13,234 22,500 2,611	1,000 boxes 15,920 24,000 2,604
Total	33,036	38,345	42,524
Summer and early fall varieties Calif., Valencias Total 7 states	19,965	16,329 55,174	25,232 67,756
Grapefruit: Fla., all Seedless Other	: <u>2</u> / 3,633	18,100 6,000 12,100	13,000 5,000 8,000
Texas	1,786	9,231 1,550 1,400	8,900 1,890 2,300
Total 4 states	:16,869	30,281	26,090
Lemons: Calif. Limes: Florida	8,045 12	8,102 45	<u>3</u> / 8,550

<sup>1/</sup> Relates to crop of bloom of year shown; picking beginning November 1 in California and September 1 in other states.

<sup>2/ 1932-35</sup> average.

<sup>3/</sup> December 1 indicated production.

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Ħ	Oranges	Lavels:	1937-38	Dollars				4.17	4.62	4.57	3.00	5.69	2.64	2.44	2.47	2.66	2.54	2.43					3,00	3.77	3.09	3.09	2.88	2.72	2,72	2.65	₽.	2.65	2.34	2.32
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11.5	Week	ended	1/	New York	2010	Nov. 6	13	20	27	Mc. av.	Dec. 4	11	18	25	Jan. 1	Mo. av.	Jan. 8	15		Chicago		Mcv. 6	13	20	27	Mo. av.	Dec. 4	11	18	25	Jan. 1	Mo. av.	Jan. 8	15

1/ Based on 1937-38 calendar.

Oranges and tangerines: Total shipments (rail, boat and truck) 1/from producing areas by weeks, average 1933-35, 1936, and 1937

Week	ended		rerage to 1935-3:	3 1930	5-37	193	57-38
	Ollava	: Weekly	: Our ilst	ive: Weekly	: Cumulative:	Weeltly	: Cumulative
		:	Iotal		Total		Total
		: Cars	Cars	Cars	cars	Cars	cers
Sept.	18	· : 1,187	1,187	1,153	1,153	944	944
	25	: 1,772	2.559	1,138	2,341	361	1,805
Oct.	S	: 1,3.36	€, 115	1,142	2,403	846	2,651
	9	: 1,347	4,002	1,193	4,676	852	3,503
	16	: 1,273	5,078	1,302	5,978	1,221	4,724
	23	: 1,455	7,533	1,422	7,400	1,201	5,925
	30	: 1,568	8,901	1,320	8,720	1,309	7,234
Nov.	6	: 1,830	10,731	1,541	10,261	1,521	8,755
	13	: 2,229	12,960	2,473	12,734	1,509	10,264
	20	: 2,475	15,435	3,634	16,868	2,652	12,916
	27	: 2,675	18,110	2,628	18,996	2,506	15,422
Dec.	٠	: 5,733	21,443	3,806	22,302	3,512	18,934
	11	: 3,592	25,035	4,339	27,141	4,451	23,385
	18	: 3,113	28,148	3,917	31,058	4,042	27,427
	25	: 1,816	29,964	-1,768	32,326	2,096	29,523
Jan.	1	: 2,490	32,454	1,740	34,566	2,250	31,773
	8	: 2,447	34,901	2,452	37,018	2,644	34,417
	15	: 2,820	37,521	2,608	39,626	2,737	37,154
	22	: 2,577	40,093	2,937	42,563		
	29	: 2,420	42,513	3,031	45,594		
		:					

<sup>1/</sup> No truck shipments reported for Louisiana, Alabama, and Mississippi; total truck shipments from Texas, and interstate truck shipments from Florida and California-Arizona.

Grapefruit: Total shipments (rail, boat, and truck) 1/ from producing areas, by weeks, average 1934-35, 1936, and 1937

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	Week			to 1935-36:	193	36-37	19	937-38	
	ended		Weekly	: Cumulative:	Weekly	:Cumulative:	Weekly	:Cumulative	
		:	Cars	Total cars	Cars	Total cars	Cars	Total cars	
		:							
Seg	pt. 18		221	221	661	661	196	196	
	25		341	562	330	991	400	596	
001		•	431	993	508	1,499	485	1,081	
	9	-	458	1,451	609	2,108	499	1,580	
	16		543	1,994	529	2,637	681	2,261	
	23	-	650	2,644	1,006	3,643	1,305	3,566	
	30		738	3,382	1,062	4,705	1,369	4,935	
roM			689	4,071	1,046	5,751	794	5,729	
	13	-	767	4,838	912	6,663	811	6,540	
	20		899	5,737	1,062	7,725	801	7,341	
	27	-	781	6,518	1,085	8,810	399	8,340	
Dec	4	:	925	7,443	1,012	9,822	1,300	9,640	
	11	•	933	8,376	1,061	10,883	1,142	10,782	
	18		700	9,076	942	11,825	1,077	11,859	
	25	:	433	9,509	633	12,458	727	12,586	
Jar	1. 1	:	713	10,222	1,033	13,491	933	13,519	
	8		954	11,176	1,526	15,017	1,096	14,615	
	15	-	993	12,169	1,669	16,686	1,362	15,977	
	22		916	13,085	1,758	18,444			
	29	:	861	13,946	1,440	19,884			
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<sup>1/</sup> Total truck shipments from Texas; interstate truck shipments only from Texas and California-Arizona.

