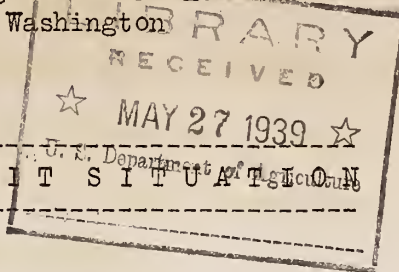


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THE FRUIT SITUATION

Summary

Mid-May market prices of oranges and lemons averaged slightly higher than in mid-April. Prices of strawberries and of eastern apples in eastern cities also were higher, reports the Bureau of Agricultural Economics.

The estimate of the winter orange crop from the bloom of 1938 in Florida, reported as of May 1, was increased by 1 million boxes but the California Valencia crop prospect was reduced nearly 2 million boxes. The Valencia crop is now indicated to be about 15 percent less than in 1938 and is likely to run to small sizes. It is probable, therefore, that the marketable supply of summer oranges for fresh consumption in 1939 will be considerably smaller than a year earlier but substantially above the 10-year average supply.

Peach prospects in 10 Southern States indicate a crop for 1939 slightly larger than in 1938 and 1.7 million bushels more than average. Prospects for peaches for both canning and drying in California are also good as are pear and grape prospects in the Pacific Coast States. Fruit crops in general give promise of good crops this season in all areas except the Central and South Atlantic States.

Cold storage holdings of apples as of May 1 were lower than a year earlier but slightly larger than average for this date. The out-of-storage movement during April was also slightly greater than average and the season is nearing completion.

Strawberry production in the second early, intermediate and first section of late States is indicated to be somewhat larger than last year but the crop in these areas is late and marketings have been delayed.

#### CITRUS FRUITS

The indicated production of Florida early and mid-season orange crop from the bloom of 1938 was increased 1 million boxes to 16.5 million boxes in the report as of May 1, 1939. This increase resulted in a total indicated production of winter and spring varieties of oranges for 1938-39 of 51.2 million boxes or about 12 percent more than was produced in 1937-38 and nearly 60 percent more than the average crop. Most of the winter and spring oranges have been harvested and marketings are on the decline. Florida shipments last season were 89 percent completed by May 14 and shipments of California navels were about finished for the season.

Harvesting of the California Valencia or summer orange crop from the bloom of 1938 has just begun, and May 1 indications point to a production of 24.5 million boxes. This production is about 7 percent less than was indicated a month earlier, and about 15 percent smaller than the final outturn from the bloom of 1937. It is nearly 40 percent larger, however, than the 10-year average summer crop. Because of the relatively large proportion of small sizes and because of frost injury occasioned by low temperatures last November, it is expected that less than the usual proportion of the total crop - perhaps not more than 75 percent - will be of marketable quality for fresh consumption.

No other significant changes occurred in citrus fruit prospects from the bloom of 1938 during April. Rail and boat shipments of grapefruit from the beginning of the 1938-39 season to the middle of May were about 22 percent larger than in the corresponding period the previous season, largely because of an increase of 37 percent in shipments from Florida and of 18 percent from Texas. Last year, shipments from Florida were 90 percent completed by the middle of May and those from Texas were finished.

Prospects for citrus crops from the bloom of 1939 are reported as favorable in California but additional soil moisture is needed in Florida and Texas. Lack of moisture in the latter two States during the early spring months appears to have caused an irregular set and a heavy dropping of young fruit.

As compared with a month earlier, mid-May orange and lemon prices at market centers were slightly higher but grapefruit prices were slightly lower. Mid-May prices of each class of citrus, however, were slightly lower than a year earlier.

#### PEACHES

Prospective production of early peaches in 10 Southern States, as of May 1, is indicated at 16.2 million bushels or slightly more than was



produced in these States last year and about 1.7 million bushels more than the average crop. Low temperatures during the first half of April reduced earlier prospects materially but the May 1 indications point to better than average production in all of the 10 States except North Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

Condition of California peaches as of May 1 is reported to be about 16 percent higher than a year earlier. Condition of clingstone is 20 percent higher than a year earlier and indicates an increased volume of peaches available for canning this season. Condition of Freestone peaches, which are used largely for drying, is about 9 percent higher than in 1938.

Fruit prospects in general for 1939 appear to be fair to good in all sections except in the Central and South Atlantic Coast States where April freezes caused considerable damage. Indications point to a good crop of pears in the Pacific Coast States and of grapes in California. Cherry prospects are also good in all important States except Idaho and Utah.

### APPLES

Cold storage holdings of apples on May 1 totaled 4.7 million bushels compared with 9.1 million a month earlier, 5.8 million bushels a year earlier and 4.2 million bushels the 10-year average for May 1. The out-of-storage movement during April totaled 4.4 million bushels compared with 6.3 million during April 1938 and 4.2 million bushels the average for April.

Market prices of apples in mid-May averaged generally lower than a month earlier although those for a few eastern varieties in eastern markets averaged slightly higher. Prices in both eastern and western shipping areas, however, averaged slightly higher than in mid-April as the marketing season neared its close.

### STRAWBERRIES

Indicated production of strawberries in the three areas now marketing in volume - the second early, the intermediate, and the first section of late States - totals 7,934,000 crates compared with 6,263,000 crates produced in these areas in 1938. Most of the increased production this season is the result of increased acreage remaining for harvest, although prospective yields in some States are also higher than the estimated yield per acre last year. In many areas cool weather has retarded crop development, and marketings are starting somewhat later than usual.

Because of the delayed marketings in some of the second early and intermediate States, prices of strawberries rose fairly sharply in eastern cities from mid-April to mid-May. Prices at Chicago, however, continued to decline under the pressure of heavy marketings from Louisiana and other South Central States.

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
<b>Oranges:</b>					
Winter and spring varieties					
Calif. navels and misc. ..	14,871	16,680	16,800	113.0	100.7
Fla. all .....	16,121	26,700	30,900	191.7	115.7
Early and mid-season ...	<sup>2/</sup> 10,475	13,700	16,500	157.5	120.4
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	2,600	481.5	180.6
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 .....	32,051	45,551	51,221	159.8	112.4
Summer and early fall varieties:					
Calif. Valencias .....	17,526	28,925	24,500	139.8	84.7
Total 7 States <sup>4/</sup> .....	49,577	74,476	75,721	152.7	101.7
<b>Grapefruit:</b>					
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	1,824	128.3	93.9
Total 4 States <sup>4/</sup> .....	16,772	31,093	40,824	243.4	131.3
<b>Lemons:</b>					
Calif. <sup>4/</sup> .....	7,487	9,355	10,686	142.7	114.2
<b>Limes:</b>					
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, month & week	Oranges				Grapefruit			Lemons		
	Calif. navels:		Florida		Florida	Texas		California		
	1938	1939	1938 <sup>1/</sup>	1939	1938 <sup>1/</sup>	1939	1938 <sup>1/</sup>	1939	1938	1939
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
<b>New York</b>										
Jan. av.:	2.44	2.68	2.22	1.85	2.13	1.78	2.11	2.20	4.52	3.86
Feb. 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
18 :	2.51	2.81	1.89	2.12	2.16	1.57	2.15	2.01	5.35	4.06
25 :	2.50	2.72	1.94	2.10	2.27	1.58	2.13	1.98	4.86	3.76
Apr. 1 :	2.33	2.83	1.96	2.03	1.95	1.65	2.11	1.96	4.18	3.45
Mo. av.:	2.55	2.79	1.96	2.02	2.07	1.66	2.19	1.94	4.65	3.92
Apr. 8 :	2.50	2.83	2.11	2.08	2.05	1.83	2.49	1.90	4.13	3.23
15 :	2.69	2.82	2.05	2.21	2.17	1.83	3.04	2.05	4.33	3.22
22 :	2.78	2.81	1.88	2.34	2.22	1.75	2.78	2.01	4.13	3.36
29 :	2.70	2.65	1.83	2.28	1.95	1.72	2.49	2.23	4.00	3.30
Mo. av.:	2.66	2.78	1.98	2.23	2.08	1.78	2.69	2.01	4.14	3.28
May 6 :	2.81	2.93	2.34	2.40	1.80	1.73	2.44	2.40	4.32	3.41
13 :	3.14	2.98	2.30	2.22	2.15	1.64	2.66	2.12	4.43	4.09
:										
:										
<b>Chicago</b>										
Jan. av.:	2.37	2.58	2.15	1.97	1.90	1.72	1.86	1.95	4.56	3.89
Feb. av.:	2.73	2.46	2.10	2.02	1.76	1.81	1.89	1.91	4.22	4.20
Mar. 4 :	2.73	2.47	1.96	1.94	2.47	1.92	2.14	1.80	4.50	4.41
11 :	2.88	2.66	2.11	2.00	1.91	1.56	2.19	1.72	5.03	4.18
18 :	2.47	2.61	2.03	2.13	2.09	1.68	1.91	1.63	4.60	3.90
25 :	2.44	2.73	2.08	2.15	2.06	1.30	1.88	1.74	4.47	3.57
Apr. 1 :	2.36	2.70	2.06	2.30	1.38	<sup>2/</sup> 2.03	1.97	1.76	4.39	3.33
Mo. av.:	2.56	2.65	2.07	2.14	2.03	1.61	2.02	1.71	4.58	3.81
Apr. 8 :	2.43	2.72	2.12	2.24	2.40	1.65	2.20	1.80	4.01	3.36
15 :	2.80	2.76	2.18	2.42	2.09	1.88	2.47	1.89	3.92	3.29
22 :	2.68	2.72	1.89	2.57	1.84	1.73	1.96	1.95	3.81	3.30
29 :	2.69	2.80	2.01	2.56	2.17	1.71	2.12	1.78	3.55	3.52
Mo. av.:	2.63	2.75	2.05	2.44	2.06	1.74	2.20	1.85	3.84	3.37
May 6 :	2.86	2.79	2.10	2.44	2.06	1.73	1.95	1.75	4.67	3.50
13 :	3.08	2.91	2.84	2.42	2.42	1.68	2.32	1.88	4.67	3.78

<sup>1/</sup> Includes 2-bushel Bruce boxes converted to basis of standard boxes.<sup>2/</sup> Less than 500 boxes sold.

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

Week ended	1937				1938						1939	
	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars
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	---	
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	1,070	2,343	225	3,732	57	
18:	52	1,256	1,692	148	3,167	31	1,213	2,483	206	3,993	98	
25:	112	1,339	1,609	119	3,188	91	1,116	2,280	219	3,772	72	
Apr. 1:	52	1,030	1,565	96	2,744	102	988	2,149	173	3,451	83	
8:	41	1,256	1,765	77	3,139	157	1,048	1,868	134	3,238	116	
15:	373	1,208	1,846	67	3,494	207	1,364	1,653	121	3,361	132	
22:	441	1,442	1,378	48	3,309	351	1,367	1,871	150	3,747	128	
29:	329	1,248	1,323	36	2,936	326	1,189	1,634	117	3,275	128	
May 6:	977	655	1,374	20	3,026	283	1,000	1,738	63	3,088	96	
13:	1,679	328	1,597	5	3,609	162	766	1,425	47	2,407	42	

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 May 1937-38 and 1938-39

Week ended	1937				1938				Total	Relief pur- chases
	Florida	California Ari- zona	Texas	Total	Florida	California Ari- zona	Texas	Total		
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	
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	1,283	687	51	656	1,394	192	
25:	545	60	565	1,170	769	49	748	1,566	165	
Mar. 4:	536	40	760	1,396	902	41	814	1,757	102	
11:	589	85	784	1,458	989	58	845	1,892	219	
18:	510	99	721	1,330	885	59	654	1,598	249	
25:	637	82	545	1,264	737	57	759	1,553	269	
Apr. 1:	562	102	423	1,087	690	51	654	1,395	221	
8:	569	97	392	1,058	809	64	528	1,401	173	
15:	712	141	395	1,248	946	81	434	1,461	139	
22:	536	153	159	908	996	60	350	1,406	138	
29:	624	175	96	895	811	87	299	1,197	157	
May 6:	447	161	23	631	825	95	240	1,160	182	
13:	599	170	6	715	660	84	225	969	212	

1/ Purchases made by Federal Surplus Commodities Corporation.

Table 5.- Peaches: Condition and indicated production of 10 Southern States, May 1, 1939, with comparisons

State	Condition May 1			Production		
	Average	1938	1939	Average	1938	Indicated
	1928-37	Percent	Percent	1928-37	1,000 bu.	1,000 bu.
North Carolina ...:	66	76	41	1,909	2,232	1,395
South Carolina ...:	65	70	64	1,140	1,515	1,419
Georgia .....	63	69	60	<u>1/5,537</u>	5,320	4,680
Florida .....	65	66	45	62	68	29
Alabama .....	60	69	66	1,304	1,705	1,788
Mississippi .....	59	72	75	770	1,061	1,125
Arkansas .....	46	50	65	1,681	2,451	2,795
Louisiana .....	58	61	69	259	325	403
Oklahoma .....	30	28	38	529	429	555
Texas .....	45	37	68	1,278	964	2,002
10 States .....	57	61	60	<u>1/14,466</u>	16,070	16,191

1/ Includes some quantities not harvested on account of market conditions.

Table 6.- California and Florida: Condition May 1 of certain fruit and nut crops

Crop and State	Condition May 1		
	Average	1938	1939
	1928-37	Percent	Percent
PEACHES: Fla. ....:	65	66	45
Calif., all .....	78	77	89
Clingstone .....	78	76	91
Freestone .....	78	78	85
PEARS: Fla. ....:	62	65	39
Calif. ....:	75	87	78
GRAPES: Fla. ....:	74	76	73
Calif., all .....	82	86	87
Wine varieties .....	82	86	86
Raisin varieties .....	81	86	87
Table varieties .....	82	89	86
OTHER CROPS: Calif.: Apples .....	78	82	82
Cherries ....:	60	79	79
Plums .....	71	69	73
Prunes .....	64	83	59
Apricots ....:	62	52	83
Almonds .....	56	54	78
Walnuts .....	78	73	83
FLORIDA: Avocados .....	70	65	66
Pineapples .....	<u>1/</u> 69	60	57
Blueberries .....	<u>1/</u> 76	80	68

1/ Short-time average.

Table 7.- Apples: April 1 and May 1 cold storage holdings,  
1928-39

Year	Baskets and barrels 1/		Western boxes		Total	
	April 1	May 1	April 1	May 1	April 1	May 1
1928 .....	2,403	1,245	4,960	2,889	7,363	4,134
1929 .....	3,264	1,548	4,889	2,224	8,153	3,772
1930 .....	2,997	1,449	4,790	2,446	7,787	3,895
1931 .....	1,899	829	6,852	3,683	8,751	4,512
1932 .....	3,843	1,765	5,886	3,392	9,729	5,157
1933 .....	4,220	2,238	4,462	2,463	8,682	4,701
1934 .....	2,627	1,191	3,766	1,965	6,393	3,156
1935 .....	3,741	1,760	4,185	1,804	7,926	3,564
1936 .....	5,255	2,403	6,052	2,946	11,307	5,349
1937 .....	2,780	1,271	4,580	2,258	7,360	3,529
Av. 1928-37 .....	3,303	1,570	5,042	2,607	8,345	4,177
1938 .....	7,232	3,461	4,807	2,318	12,039	5,779
1939 .....	4,167	2,098	4,972	2,603	9,139	4,701

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

Table 8.- 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
New York								
Mar. 18 .....	1.62	1.43	1.39	1.51	2.11	1.62	1.81	1.94
25 .....	1.52	1.34	1.24	1.41	2.21	1.57	1.76	2.01
Apr. 1 .....	1.40	1.36	1.13	1.35	2.26	1.60	1.74	2.05
8 .....	1.37	1.36	1.26	1.37	2.23	1.75	1.84	2.03
15 .....	1.65	1.58	1.41	1.64	2.11	1.59	1.84	1.91
22 .....	1.74	1.57	1.39	1.58	2.20	1.60	1.81	1.92
29 .....	1.64	1.43	1.35	1.47	2.08	1.64	1.67	1.84
May 6 .....	1.51	1.18	1.61	1.45	2.07	1.60	1.88	1.97
13 .....	1.52	1.39	1.80	1.57	1.73	1.26	1.90	1.88
Chicago								
Mar. 18 .....	1.33	1.11	1.07	1.13	1.77	1.41	1.71	1.66
25 .....	1.28	1.09	1.04	1.08	1.75	1.32	1.66	1.60
Apr. 1 .....	1.23	.99	1.10	1.06	1.77	1.27	1.65	1.64
8 .....	1.27	1.03	1.14	1.14	1.97	1.35	1.64	1.73
15 .....	1.47	1.20	1.28	1.30	1.93	1.41	1.70	1.79
22 .....	1.30	1.05	1.13	1.16	2.06	1.44	1.59	1.72
29 .....	1.22	.98	1.04	1.06	1.77	1.37	1.51	1.61
May 6 .....	1.15	.83	1.12	1.04	1.64	1.26	1.47	1.49
13 .....	1.28	1.02	1.56	1.14	1.44	1.13	1.55	1.42



Table 9.- Apples, eastern and mid-western: Unweighted average wholesale price per bushel, for stock of generally good quality and condition (U.S. #1 when quoted) at New York City and Chicago, by specified varieties and weeks, 1938-39

Market and week	1938				1939			
	New York		All varieties and States		New York		All varieties and States	
	Mc-Intosh	York Imperial	Baldwin	win	Mc-Intosh	York Imperial	Baldwin	win
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
<b>New York</b>								
Mar. 18	1.25		.78	1.00	1.85		1.20	1.60
25	1.19		.81	1.02	1.90		1.18	1.57
Apr. 1	1.21	.65	.69	1.05	1.81	1.23	1.23	1.57
8	1.26	.49	.73	1.00	1.82	1.31	1.24	1.58
15	1.27	.55	.77	1.07	1.79	1.33	1.16	1.53
22	1.22	.55	.73	.99	1.77	1.39	1.22	1.62
29	1.24	.58	.75	.93	1.68	1.46	1.30	1.64
May 6	1.35	.48	.78	.97	1.64	1.49	1.32	1.70
13	1.11	.45	.87	.83	1.62	1.50	1.33	1.60
<b>Michigan</b>								
	Mc-Intosh	Ben Davis	Baldwin	win	Mc-Intosh	Ben Davis	Baldwin	win
		1/				1/		
<b>Chicago</b>								
Mar. 18	1.32		.83	1.06	1.50		1.42	1.46
25	1.25		.82	1.00	1.53		1.39	1.45
Apr. 1	1.12	---	.82	.88	1.52	1.00	1.36	1.40
8	1.25	---	.80	1.04	1.44	.96	1.43	1.38
15	1.34	---	.86	1.07	1.53	1.10	1.44	1.46
22	1.24	---	.88	1.07	1.32	1.06	1.36	1.40
29	1.12	---	.88	1.04	---	1.10	1.40	1.38
May 6	1.14	---	.70	.97	---	.99	1.40	1.30
13	1.20	---	.75	1.04	---	1.10	1.40	1.38

1/ Eastern and mid-western.

Table 10.- Apples, western: Unweighted average 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
Mar. 18	.99	.74	1.76	1.20
25	.93	.73	1.72	1.17
Apr. 1	1.00	.68	1.75	1.13
8	1.02	.72	1.75	1.13
15	1.14	.77	---	1.14
22	---	.79	---	1.12
29	---	.80	---	1.08
May 6	---	.80	---	1.09
13	---	.89	---	1.10

Table 11.-Apples: May 1 cold storage holdings, by States, and containers, 1938 and 1939

State	May 1, 1939				May 1, 1938
	Barrels	Western boxes	Baskets	Total bushels	Total bushels
	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands	Thousands
Massachusetts .....	---	12	14	26	131
New York .....	---	19	630	649	1,155
New Jersey .....	---	5	254	259	262
Pennsylvania .....	---	18	151	169	276
Ohio .....	---	17	67	84	179
Indiana .....	---	4	15	19	18
Illinois .....	---	20	177	197	312
Michigan .....	---	2	205	207	160
Wisconsin .....	---	7	11	18	29
Minnesota .....	---	34	2	36	39
Missouri .....	---	27	53	80	98
Virginia .....	9	7	395	429	787
West Virginia .....	---	---	28	28	51
Texas .....	---	25	---	25	52
Washington .....	---	1,735	---	1,735	1,533
Oregon .....	---	140	---	140	52
California .....	---	488	---	488	398
Other States .....	---	43	69	112	247
United States .....	9	2,603	2,071	4,701	5,779

Table 12.--Frozen fruits: Cold storage holdings, by varieties, May 1, 1938 and 1939, with comparisons

Varieties	: Apr. 1,	: May 1	:	:	:
	: 5-yr. av.	: 5-yr. av.	: May 1,	: Apr. 1,	: May 1,
	: 1934-38	: 1934-38	: 1938	: 1939	: 1939
	: Pounds	: Pounds	: Pounds	: Pounds	: Pounds
Blackberries <u>1/</u> .....	:	:	---	1,722	1,407
Blueberries .....	:	Data	6,531	4,706	4,176
Cherries .....	:	for	15,503	13,108	11,049
Logan and similar berries <u>1/</u> :	:	these	---	2,356	2,681
Raspberries <u>1/</u> .....	:	earlier	---	5,867	5,198
Strawberries .....	:	years	20,166	25,755	22,006
Other fruits .....	:	not	<u>2/</u> 52,898	19,716	12,563
Classification not reported <u>1/</u> .....	:	comparable	:	17,930	16,860
Total .....	:	:	61,573	54,270	95,098
	:	:	91,160	75,940	

1/ Prior to July 1, 1938, included under "other".

2/ Includes items designated by note 1/.

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Table 13.--Frozen fruits: April 1 and May 1 cold storage holdings by varieties and size of containers, 1939.

Commodity	: In small containers		: In bulk or large containers	
	:(less than 30 lb.capacity)		:(30 lb.or greater capacity)	
	: Apr. 1	: May 1	: Apr. 1	: May 1
	: pounds	: pounds	: pounds	: pounds
Blackberries .....	180	357	1,542	1,050
Blueberries .....	1,085	1,015	3,621	3,161
Cherries .....	1,463	2,059	11,645	8,990
Logan and similar berries ..	448	667	1,908	2,014
Raspberries .....	891	857	4,976	4,341
Strawberries .....	9,442	7,893	16,313	14,113
Other fruits .....	5,556	3,625	14,160	8,938
Classification not reported:	4,814	2,447	13,116	14,413
Total .....	23,879	18,920	67,281	57,020

1/ Beginning April 1, 1939, warehousemen were asked to report their holdings of frozen fruits on the basis of small and large-size containers, instead of by the previous method of attempting to segregate the quick-frozen and cold-packed holdings. Indications are that most of the storage operators have shifted their reports to the new basis, but it may be several months before the container segregation can be considered productive of fully dependable results for the detailed classifications.





Table 16.- Strawberries 1/: Acreage and indicated production,  
1939 with comparisons

Group and State	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	: 10-year:			: 10-yr.:			: 10-year:		
	: average: 1938			: av.:			: average: 1938		
	: 1928-37:			: 1928-37:			: 1928-37:		
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Crates	Crates	Crates	1,000	1,000	1,000
				2/	2/	2/	crates	crates	crates
<u>Early</u>									
Florida.....	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
<u>Second Early</u>									
Arkansas.....	19,370	14,100	16,900:	41	60	55	800	846	930
Calif., S. dist.:	1,700	1,800	2,150:	186	175	165	316	315	355
Georgia.....	490	400	250:	52	60	75	26	24	19
N. Carolina....	7,910	7,200	7,900:	80	52	90	629	374	711
S. Carolina....	510	250	300:	70	60	75	35	15	22
Tennessee.....	16,530	15,600	17,500:	47	45	60	777	702	1,050
Virginia.....	6,610	7,300	7,700:	78	70	75	523	511	578
Group total..	53,120	46,650	52,700:	58.5	59.7	69.5	3,106	2,787	3,665
<u>Intermediate</u>									
Calif., other..	2,840	3,230	3,300:	196	160	155	552	517	512
Delaware.....	4,480	5,200	5,000:	57	45	55	257	234	275
Illinois.....	4,910	6,200	6,700:	52	50	57	255	310	382
Kansas.....	1,160	1,100	1,300:	45	50	50	53	55	65
Kentucky.....	6,870	7,700	8,900:	55	55	70	369	424	623
Maryland.....	7,540	8,100	7,900:	67	55	65	499	446	514
Missouri.....	12,110	9,000	13,500:	38	60	45	480	540	608
New Jersey....	3,710	3,400	3,800:	83	100	100	308	340	380
Oklahoma.....	1,620	400	900:	32	60	45	53	24	40
Group total..	45,240	44,330	51,300:	62.5	65.2	66.3	2,826	2,890	3,399
<u>Late (1)</u>									
Indiana.....	2,560	3,100	4,000:	67	80	95	172	248	380
Ohio.....	3,820	4,500	4,900:	61	75	100	232	338	490
Group total..	6,380	7,600	8,900:	63.3	77.1	97.8	404	586	870
Total 4 groups..	140,360	133,690	147,750:	61.7	61.9	70.6	8,661	8,271	10,426
<u>Late (2) 3/</u>	40,070	46,300	48,200:	66.5	69.1		2,665	3,198	Rpt. due June 9
TOTAL ALL STATES.....	180,430	179,990	195,950:	62.8	63.7		11,326	11,469	

1/ Estimates include quantities used for canning, frozen pack, etc.

2/ Crates of 24 qts. - 36 lbs.

3/ Late (2) group includes Iowa, Mich., N. Y., Oregon, Pa., Utah, Washington and Wisconsin.

Table 17.- Strawberries: Average auction price at Hammond, La., Chadbourn & Wallace, N. C., by varieties and specified weeks, 1938-39

Week ended	24 pt. crate		24 qt. crate								
	Hammond, La.		Chadbourn, N. C.:				Wallace, N. C.				
	Klondike		Klondike		Blakemore		Missionary				
	1938	1939	1/	1938	1939	1938	1939	1938	1939	1938	1939
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
Apr. 1	2.32	2.05									
8	2.19	1.99	--								
15	2.11	2.03	--	3.54		3.88		--		3.88	
22	1.28	1.69	3.23	2.83	2.84	2.62	2.12			2.36	
29	1.38	1.66	3.74	3.40	3.12	2.83	2.73			2.26	
May 6	--	1.87	3.69	4.88	2.88	4.41	2.88			3.65	
13	--	1.19	2.99	4.44	2.72	3.55	2.72			3.25	

1/ Weighted average.

Table 18.- Strawberries: Unweighted average wholesale price, for stock of generally good quality and condition at New York City and Chicago, by specified varieties and weeks, 1938-39

Week ended	New York City					Chicago				
	Pint		Quart			24 pt. crate		24 qt. crate		
	Fla.	La.	Various	La.	Blakemore	all sources				
	Miss- ionary	Klon- dike	all sources		Klon- dike					
	1938	1939	1938	1939	1938	1939	1938	1939	1938	1939
	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Apr. 1	.12	.14	.13	.14	.26		3.00	3.44		
8	.12	.10	.12	.11	.25		2.76	2.44		
15	.12	.11	.12	.11	.24		2.88	2.70		
22	.09	.10	.10	.11	.16	.15	1.92	2.41		
29	.11	--	.12	.12	.19	.16	2.04	2.39		
May 6	.08	--	.10	.14	.17	.20	2.16	2.57	4.08	3.46
13	.08	--	--	.12	.14	.18	1.80	2.34	3.60	3.79



