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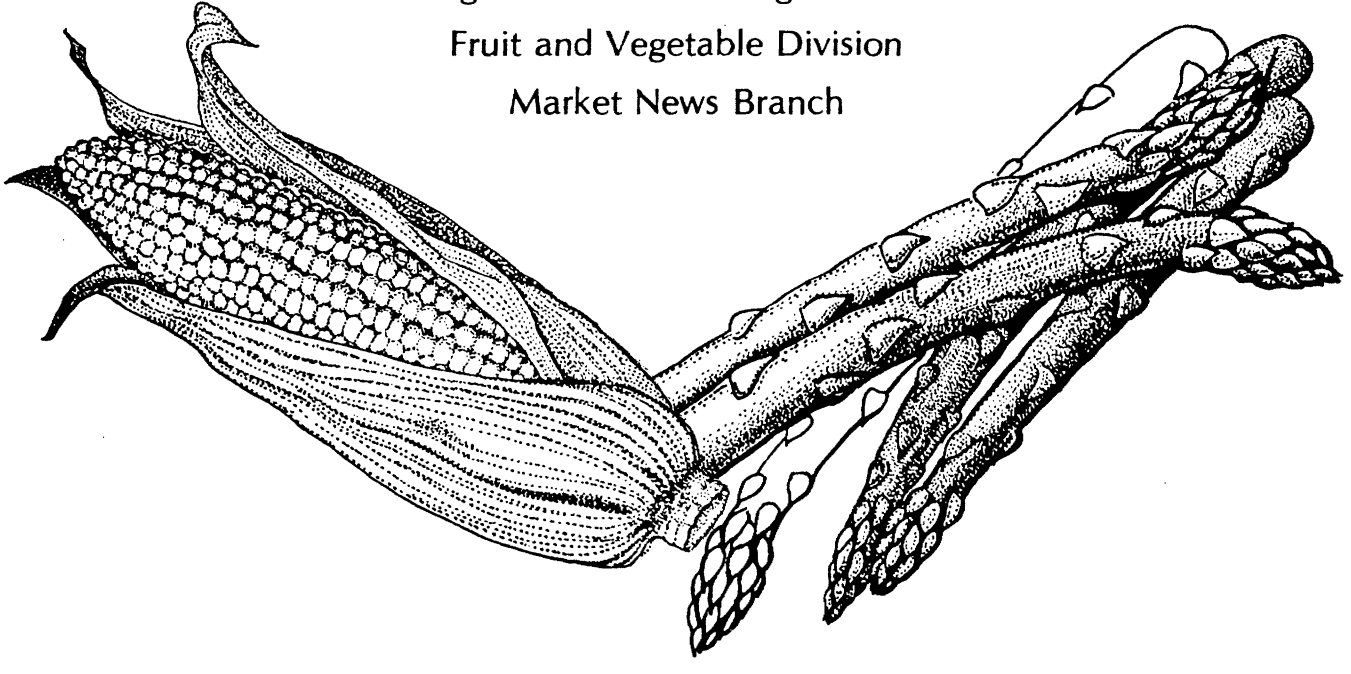

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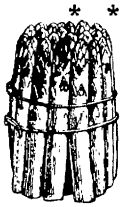

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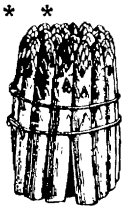

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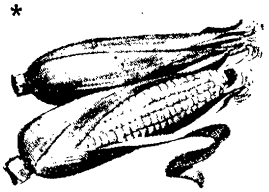

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MARKETING WASHINGTON ASPARAGUS

General Comments 1984 Crop

PRODUCTION: The Washington Asparagus Growers Association estimated the 1984 asparagus crop at 32,122 acres, of which, 30,603 acres were harvested. Washington produced approximately 71,794,638 pounds averaging 2,345 pounds per acre. In 1983 production was set at 70,246,000 pounds harvested from 30,097 acres and averaging 2,334 pounds per acre.

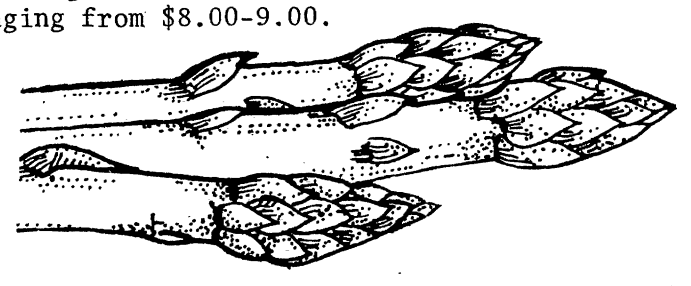
SHIPMENTS: Truck shipments of fresh asparagus, collected by the Market News Service, totaled 21,037,624 pounds. This total includes 592,443 - 30 pound crates; 2,029 - 26 pound crates and 160,579 - 20 pound cartons. Peak movement occurred during May with the weeks ending May 5th, 12th and 19th averaging 2,696,700 pounds per week. Fresh market shipments in 1983 were 20.2 million pounds; in 1982 - 8.82 million pounds and in 1981 - 5.55 million pounds.

WEATHER, GROWING AND HARVESTING CONDITIONS: Growers were busy working asparagus beds the 1st of March. Scattered showers during the last half of the month curtailed field work someshat but the crop progressed fairly well under near normal weather. Initial harvest began April 2nd but cool, wet weather slowed development during most of April. Some frost damage was reported with a record low of 27 degrees on April 28th. Temperatures during May continued below normal and rain delayed harvest at times, but all in all, the cooler weather helped keep production at an even pace throughout the season.

MARKETING: The 30 pound crate is the most popluar package comprising about 80% of the total shipments. However, there are many different packs such as: US #1 - 3/8" minimum size with a 8-9 inch cut or 7 inch cut; Washington #1 and #2 grades and a 30 pound Washington Consumer Pack. This season, some shippers started packing according to size which consisted of Jumbo, Large, Standard and Small.

The first f.o.b. issued April 20th showed 30 pound pyramid crates U.S. #1 3/8 inch minimum, 8-9" cut at $22.00. The market declined all most daily reaching the season low of $18.00 on May 1st. Prices fluctuated during May from the $18.00 low to a $21.00 high. The market showed signs of strength in June and closed at the seasons high ranging from $21.00-23.00 June 21st. Sized asparagus, Jumbo, Large and Standard opened at $21.00. Prices changed very little during the 9 weeks of reporting. The Jumbo size declined to $19.00 the last few days of April, but strengthened in May ranging mostly $21.00-22.00 through the month. The market trended upward in June reaching the season high of $25.00 and ranged from $24.00-25.00 the last day of reporting. Large and Standard sizes followed the same pattern at about $1.00 lower.

This year the 20 pound carton of Washington Consumer pack 1/4 inch minimum accounted for about 15% of the total shipments. The market opened at $11.00-12.00 on April 20th dropping to $10.00 the last day of the month. Prices were unchanged the next two weeks then trended downward reaching the seasons low of $7.50 the first week of June and closed the season out ranging from $8.00-9.00.



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Rail & Truck combined Arrivals in 22 U.S. & 5 Canadian Cities
APRIL - MAY - JUNE 1984 CROP 10,000 Lb. Units

	California	New Jersey	Washington	Mexico	Other	TOTAL
Atlanta	35	-	-	-	-	35
Baltimore - Washn DC	139	5	30	-	-	174
Boston	193	8	174	2	2	379
Buffalo	44	-	2	-	-	46
Chicago	160	1	52	-	8	221
Cincinnati	27	-	21	22	-	70
Columbia	2	-	-	-	-	2
Dallas	26	-	4	-	-	30
Denver	60	-	5	-	10	75
Detroit	120	-	21	3	18	162
Los Angeles	293	-	47	3	-	343
New Orleans	12	-	1	-	-	13
New York - Newark	432	20	50	9	-	511
Philadelphia	195	13	115	-	2	325
Pittsburgh	28	1	15	2	-	46
St. Louis	60	-	8	-	2	70
San Francisco - Oakland	441	-	31	2	1	475
Seattle - Tacoma	39	-	301	-	-	340
TOTAL	2306	48	877	43	43	3317
5 CANADIAN CITIES						
Montreal	40	14	9	-	34	97
Ottawa	12	-	1	-	7	20
Toronto	59	-	38	-	25	122
Vancouver	41	-	61	-	-	102
Winnipeg	5	-	3	-	8	16
TOTAL	157	14	112	-	74	357

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WEEKLY SHIPMENTS FROM APRIL 7th thru JULY 7th -- 1984 CROP

(Amounts are shown in units of 10,000 lbs.)

	APRIL				MAY				JUNE					JULY	
	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	TOTAL
WASHINGTON - - -															
Truck	-	14	100	210	266	275	265	211	162	218	212	119	51	-	2103
CALIFORNIA - NORTHERN - - -															
Truck	3	4	3	2	3	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	18
CALIFORNIA - CENTRAL - - -															
Piggyback	-	3	-	3	-	-	3	13	6	3	-	-	-	-	31
Truck	716	773	601	504	464	395	294	216	150	113	45	14	3	-	4288
Air	6	6	6	6	5	4	3	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	41
CALIFORNIA - SOUTHERN - - -															
Truck	25	17	25	14	12	9	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	103
CALIFORNIA - IMPERIAL VALLEY - - -															
Truck	33	9	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	48
Total California	783	812	641	529	484	409	302	234	157	116	45	14	3	-	4529
MEXICO															
Truck Import	41	26	6	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	76
Import	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
T O T A L															
Piggyback	-	3	-	3	-	-	3	13	6	3	-	-	-	-	31
Truck	777	817	735	730	745	680	561	428	312	331	257	133	54	-	6560
Air	6	6	6	6	5	4	3	4	1	-	-	-	-	-	41
GRAND TOTAL MOVEMENT															
Domestic & Import	824	852	747	741	751	685	568	446	319	334	257	133	54	-	6711

All figures are subject to revision

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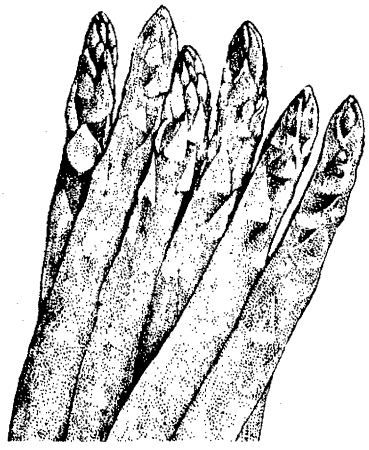
LOWER YAKIMA VALLEY & WALLA WALLA DISTRICTS

Daily f.o.b. Prices----------1984 CROP

		7" Cut 26# CRATE	WA. Consumer Pack--20# 1/4" MIN.	30# CRATE	WA. #2
April	20		11.00-12.00		
	23		11.00-12.00		
	24		11.00-11.50		
	25		11.00-11.50		
	26		11.00-11.50		
	27	20.00-21.00	11.00-11.50		
	30	17.00-18.00	10.00-10.50		
May	1	17.00-18.00	10.00		
	2	too few to quote	10.00	16.00-16.50	16.50-17.00
	3	17.00-18.00	10.00	16.00-16.50	16.50-17.50
	4	17.00-18.00	10.00	16.00-16.50	16.50-17.50
	7	17.00-18.50	10.00	no sales	16.50-17.50
	8	17.00-18.00	10.00	17.00-18.00	16.00-17.50
	9	17.00-18.00	10.00	17.00-18.00	16.00-18.00
	10	18.00-19.00	10.00	17.00-18.00	16.00-18.00
	11	18.00-19.00	10.00	17.00-18.00	16.00-18.00
	14	18.00-19.00	10.00	17.00-18.00	17.50-18.50
	15	18.00-19.00	9.50-10.00	17.00-18.00	17.50-18.50
	16	18.00-21.00	9.50-10.00	17.00-18.00	17.50-18.50
	17	no sales	9.50-10.00	16.50-17.00	16.75-18.00
	18	17.00-18.00	9.50-10.00	16.50-17.00	16.75-18.00
	21	17.00-18.00	9.50-10.00	16.50-17.00	16.75-18.00
	22	17.00	9.50-10.00	16.50-17.00	16.75-18.00
	23	19.50-20.00	9.00-10.00	16.50-17.00	17.00-18.00
	24	no sales	9.00-10.00	16.50-17.00	17.00-18.00
	25	no sales	9.00-9.50	16.50-17.00	17.00-18.00
	28	holiday	holiday	holiday	holiday
	29	no sales	9.00-9.50	no sales	no sales
	30		9.00	16.00	16.00-17.00
	31		9.00	16.00	16.00-17.00
June	1		9.00	16.00	16.00-17.00
	4		7.50-9.00	no sales	no sales
	5		7.50-9.00		17.00-17.50
	6		7.50-9.00		17.00-17.50
	7		7.50		17.00-17.50
	8		7.50-9.00		17.00-18.00
	11		8.00-9.00		17.00-18.00
	12		8.00-9.00		no sales
	13		8.00-9.00		
	14		8.00-9.00		
	15		8.00-9.00		
	18		8.00-9.00		



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LOWER YAKIMA VALLEY & WALLA WALLA DISTRICTS

Daily f.o.b. Prices- - - - - - - -1984 CROP
US1 - 3/8" minimum, 8-9" cut - 30# Pyramid Crates

		JUMBO	LARGE	STANDARD	SMALL	MIXED SIZES
April	20					22.00
	23					22.00
	24					20.00-21.00
	25	21.00	21.00	21.00	19.00	20.00-21.00
	26	21.00	21.00	21.00	19.00	20.00-21.00
	27	19.00-21.00	21.00	21.00	19.00	19.00-21.00
	30	19.00-21.00	20.00-21.00	20.00-21.00	18.00-19.00	19.00-20.00
May	1	20.00-21.00	19.50-20.00	19.00-19.50	17.00-18.00	18.00-20.00
	2	20.00-21.00	19.50-20.00	19.00-19.50	17.00-18.00	18.00-20.00
	3	20.00-21.00	19.50-20.00	19.00-19.50	17.00-18.00	18.00-20.00
	4	20.00-21.00	19.50-20.00	19.00-19.50	17.00-18.00	18.00-20.00
	7	21.00-22.00	20.00-21.00	20.00-21.00	19.00	19.00-21.00
	8	21.00-22.00	21.00	20.00-21.00	19.00	19.00-21.00
	9	21.00-22.00	21.00	20.00-21.00	19.00	19.00-21.00
	10	21.00-22.00	21.00	20.00-21.00	19.00	19.00-21.00
	11	21.00-22.00	21.00	20.00-21.00	19.00	19.00-20.00
	14	21.00-22.00	21.00	20.00-21.00	19.00	20.00
	15	21.00-22.00	21.00	20.00-21.00	19.00	20.00
	16	21.00-22.00	21.00	20.00-21.00	19.00	20.00
	17	21.00-22.00	21.00	20.00-21.00	19.00	20.00-21.00
	18	21.00-22.00	21.00	20.00-21.00	19.00	20.00-21.00
	21	21.00-22.00	21.00	20.00-21.00	19.00	20.00-21.00
	22	21.00-22.00	20.00-21.00	20.00-21.00	19.00	19.00-20.00
	23	21.00-22.00	20.00-21.00	20.00-21.00	19.00	19.00-20.00
	24	21.00-22.00	20.00-21.00	20.00-21.00	19.00	19.00-20.00
	25	21.00-22.00	19.00-21.00	19.00-21.00	18.00-19.00	18.00-20.00
	28	holiday	holiday	holiday	holiday	holiday
	29	21.00-22.00	19.50-20.50	19.00-20.00	17.00-18.00	18.00-19.00
	30	20.00-22.00	19.00-20.00	19.00-19.50	17.00-18.00	18.00-19.00
	31	20.00-22.00	19.00-20.00	19.00-19.50	17.00-18.00	18.00-19.00
June	1	20.00-22.00	19.00-20.00	19.00-19.50	17.00-18.00	18.00-19.00
	4	21.00-24.00	20.00-21.00	20.00-21.00	18.00-19.50	19.00-20.00
	5	22.00-24.00	20.00-21.00	20.00-21.00	19.00-19.50	19.00-20.00
	6	22.00-24.00	20.00-21.00	20.00-21.00	19.00-19.50	19.00-20.00
	7	22.00-24.00	20.00-21.00	20.00-21.00	19.00-19.50	19.00-20.00
	8	22.00-24.00	20.00-21.00	20.00-21.00	19.00-19.50	19.00-20.00
	11	22.00-25.00	21.00-22.00	21.00-22.00	19.00-19.50	20.00-22.00
	12	22.00-24.00	22.00	21.00-22.00	19.00-19.50	20.00-22.00
	13	23.00-25.00	22.00	21.00-22.00	19.00-19.50	20.00-22.00
	14	23.00-25.00	22.00	21.00-22.00	19.00-19.50	20.00-21.00
	15	23.00-25.00	22.00	21.00-22.00	19.00-19.50	20.00-21.00
	18	23.00-25.00	22.00-23.00	21.00-23.00	19.00-19.50	20.00-22.00
	19	23.00-25.00	22.00-23.00	21.00-23.00	19.00-19.50	20.00-22.00
	20	23.00-25.00	22.00-23.00	21.00-23.00	19.00-19.50	20.00-22.00
	21	24.00-25.00	23.00	22.00-23.00	19.50	21.00-23.00

WHOLESALE MARKET PRICES - WASHINGTON ASPARAGUS - 1984 CROP

S E A T T L E

		Wa. 20# Ctns	Pyramid Crates---30# loose--3/8" minimum	
		CONSUMER PACKS	U.S. & WA. #1	U.S. & WA. #2
April	9	16.50-17.00		
	10	16.00		
	11	16.00	25.00	
	12	no report	no report	
	13	no sales	25.25-25.50	
	14	+++	+++	
	15	+++	+++	
	16	13.50	25.25-25.50	
	17	13.50	26.50-27.00	23.25-25.00
	18	13.50-15.00	26.50-27.00	23.25-25.00
	19	13.50-15.00	26.50-27.00	23.25-25.00
	20	13.50-15.00	26.00-27.00	23.25-25.00
	21	+++	+++	+++
	22	+++	+++	+++
	23	13.50	24.25-26.00	22.25-23.00
	24	13.50	24.25-26.00	22.25-23.00
	25	13.50	24.00-25.00	22.25-23.00
	26	13.50	24.00-25.00	22.25-23.00
	27	13.50	24.00-25.00	22.25-23.00
	28	+++	+++	+++
	29	+++	+++	+++
	30	10.25-12.40	24.00-25.00	20.50-21.00
May	1	10.25-12.50	24.00-25.00	20.50-21.00
	2	10.25-12.50	24.00-25.00	20.50-21.00
	3	10.50-12.00	24.00-25.00	20.50-21.00
	4	10.50-12.00	24.00-25.00	20.50-21.00
	5	+++	+++	+++
	6	+++	+++	+++
	7	10.75-12.00	24.00-25.00	20.50-21.00
	8	10.75-11.75	24.00-25.00	20.50-21.00
	9	10.75-11.75	23.50-25.00	20.50-21.00
	10	10.75-11.75	23.30-25.00	20.50-21.00
	11	10.75-11.75	23.30-25.00	20.50-21.00
	12	+++	+++	+++
	13	+++	+++	+++
	14	11.50-12.25	23.30-25.00	20.50-21.00
	15	11.50-12.25	23.30-25.00	20.50-21.00
	16	11.50-12.25	19.00-23.50	20.50-21.00
	17	11.50-12.25	19.00-23.50	20.50-21.00
	18	11.50-12.25	19.00-23.50	20.50-21.00
	19	+++	+++	+++
	20	+++	+++	+++

SEATTLE WHOLESALE MARKET continued

		Wa. 20# Ctns	Pyramid Crates---30# loose--3/8" minimum	
		CONSUMER PACKS	U.S. & WA. #1	U.S. & WA. #2
May	21	11.00-11.25	19.00-23.50	20.50-21.00
	22	10.25-11.50	23.00-24.50	20.50-21.00
	23	10.25-11.50	23.00-24.00	20.50-21.00
	24	11.25-12.00	23.00-24.00	20.50-21.00
	25	11.25-12.00	23.00-24.00	20.50-21.00
	26	+++	+++	+++
	27	+++	+++	+++
	28	holiday	holiday	holiday
	29	9.75-10.25	23.00-24.00	20.50-21.00
	30	9.75-10.25	23.00-24.00	20.50-21.00
	31	9.75-10.25	23.00-24.00	20.50-21.00
June	1	9.75-10.25	23.00-24.00	20.50-21.00
	2	+++	+++	+++
	3	+++	+++	+++
	4	8.75-10.25	23.00-24.00	20.50-21.00
	5	8.75-10.25	23.00-24.00	20.50-21.00
	6	8.75-10.25	23.00-24.00	20.50-21.00
	7	8.75-11.90	23.00-24.00	20.50-21.00
	8	8.75-11.90	23.00-24.00	20.50-21.00
	9	+++	+++	+++
	10	+++	+++	+++
	11	11.25-12.00	23.00-24.00	20.50-21.00
	12	11.25-12.00	23.00-24.00	20.50-21.00
	13	11.25-12.00	23.00-24.00	20.50-21.00
	14	11.25-12.00	23.00-24.00	20.50-21.00
	15	11.25-12.00	23.00-24.00	20.50-21.00
	16	+++	+++	+++
	17	+++	+++	+++
	18	7.50-12.50	23.00-24.00	20.50-21.00
	19	7.50-12.50	23.00-24.00	20.50-21.00
	20	7.50-12.50	23.00-24.00	20.50-21.00
	21	7.50-12.50	23.00-24.00	20.50-21.00
	22	7.50-12.50	23.00-24.00	20.50-21.00
	23	+++	+++	+++
	24	+++	+++	+++
	25	7.50-12.50	23.75-24.00	20.50-21.00
	26	7.50-12.50	23.75-24.00	20.50-21.00
	27	7.50-12.50	23.75-24.00	20.50-21.00
	28	12.45-12.75	23.75-24.00	20.50-21.00
	29	12.45-12.75	23.75-24.00	20.50-21.00
	30	+++	+++	+++
July	1	+++	+++	+++
	2	12.95-13.50	25.00-27.00	20.50-21.00

+++ Weekends

WHOLESALE MARKET PRICES - WASHINGTON ASPARAGUS - 1984 CROP

Washington 30# Pyramid Crates or Cartons--
Loose---------U.S. #1-------3/8" minimum

		BALTIMORE	BOSTON	CHICAGO	CINCINNATI	NEW YORK	PHILADELPHIA	PITTSBURGH
April	16		33.00	32.00				
	17		33.00	31.00				
	18		30.00	30.00-31.00				
	19		30.00	29.00-32.00				
	20		30.00	29.00-31.00		28.00-30.00		
	23		30.00	29.00		30.00		40.00
	24		27.00-28.00	28.00		28.00-30.00		40.00
	25		25.00-27.00	28.00		26.00-28.00	25.00-27.00	40.00
	26		24.00-26.00	24.00-26.00		24.00-26.00	26.00-27.00	30.00
	27		25.00-27.00	24.00-26.00		24.00-26.00	25.00	30.00
	30	22.00-23.00	24.00-25.00	23.00-25.00		22.00-24.00	25.00	30.00
May	1	21.00-23.00	24.00	22.00-23.00		20.00-22.00	25.00-26.00	28.00
	2	21.00-23.00	23.00-24.00	25.00		20.00-22.00	25.00-26.00	26.00
	3	21.00-23.00	23.00-25.00	25.00		20.00-22.00	24.00-25.00	25.00
	4	21.00-23.00	23.00-25.00	26.00		20.00-22.00	25.00	24.00-25.00
	7	21.00-23.00	23.00-25.00	26.00	24.00	18.00-22.00	24.00-25.00	23.00-25.00
	8	22.00	24.00-25.00	28.00	24.00	22.00-24.00	23.00-25.00	
	9	21.00	24.00-25.00	28.00	24.00	22.00-24.00	25.00	23.00-25.00
	10	21.00	24.00-25.00	26.00-27.00	24.00	24.00-27.00	25.00	23.00-25.00
	11	21.00	no sales	24.00-26.00	24.00	28.00-30.00	25.00	25.00
	14	21.00	no sales	25.00-27.00	25.50	30.00-32.00	24.00-26.00	25.00
	15	21.00	26.00-27.00	24.00-25.00	25.50	30.00-32.00	24.00-26.00	25.00
	16	23.00-24.00	26.00-28.00	25.00	25.50	32.00	24.00-26.00	28.00
	17	23.00-24.00	27.00-29.00	26.00	25.50	32.00-34.00	23.00-25.00	28.00
	18	24.00-25.00	27.00-29.00	24.00	25.50	no sales	23.00-25.00	28.00
	21	24.00-25.00	27.00-28.00	25.00-26.00	25.50	34.00	25.00-26.00	27.00
	22	24.00-25.00	26.00-28.00	25.00-26.00	25.50	34.00-36.00	25.00-26.00	28.00
	23	24.00-25.00	27.00-29.00	25.00	25.50	34.00	24.00-26.00	28.00
	24	24.00-25.00	25.00-26.00	24.00-25.00	25.50	32.00-34.00	24.00	28.00
	25	24.00-25.00	24.00-26.00	24.00-25.00	25.50	30.00-34.00	25.00	28.00
	28	holiday	holidah	holiday	holiday	holiday	holiday	holiday
	29	22.00-23.00	24.00-26.00	20.00	25.50-26.00	30.00-34.00	24.00-25.00	26.00
	30	19.00-20.00	24.00-26.00	19.00	25.50-26.00	26.00-28.00	23.00-25.00	23.00
	31	20.00	21.00-23.00	15.00	25.00	25.00-26.00	20.00-22.00	22.00-23.00
June	1	18.00	21.00-24.00	10.00-12.00	25.00	22.00-25.00	22.00	22.00-23.00
	4	20.00	24.00	no sales	25.00	20.00-22.00	21.00	22.00
	5	20.00	23.50-24.00	24.00-25.00	25.00	20.00-24.00	24.00	22.00
	6	20.00-21.00	23.00-24.00	24.00-25.00	25.00	20.00-22.00	24.00	22.00
	7	20.00-21.00	22.00-24.00	no sales	25.00	20.00-22.00	24.00	24.00
	8	15.00-20.00	20.00-24.00	25.00	25.00	28.00-30.00	27.00	24.00
	11	no sales	23.00-27.00	no sales	25.00	35.00	26.00	28.00
	12	5.00-10.00*	27.00	no sales	25.00	25.00-26.00	26.00	28.00
	13	1.00-3.00 *	30.00	no sales	26.00	25.00-26.00	25.00-26.00	28.00
	14	no sales	30.00	no sales	26.00	26.00-30.00	29.00	27.00-28.00
	15		28.00-30.00	no sales	26.00	27.00-30.00	29.00	27.00-28.00
	18		29.00	30.00	26.00	35.00	30.00	no sales
	19		30.00	no sales	26.00	35.00	30.00	no sales
	20		30.00	35.00	26.00	30.00-32.00	no sales	no sales
	21		32.00-34.00	35.00	26.00	30.00	no sales	no sales
	22		32.00-34.00	35.00	26.00	35.00-40.00	no sales	no sales
	25		32.00-34.00	35.00	30.00	35.00-40.00	32.00	35.00
	26		33.00-35.00	35.00	30.00	38.00-42.00	28.00-30.00	35.00
	27		32.00-35.00	30.00	30.00	40.00	28.00-30.00	35.00
	28		34.00-35.00	28.00-30.00	30.00	40.00-45.00		35.00
	29		35.00	30.00	30.00			

* poor to very poor condition...

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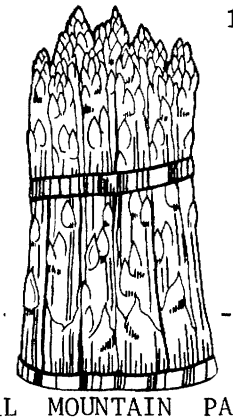
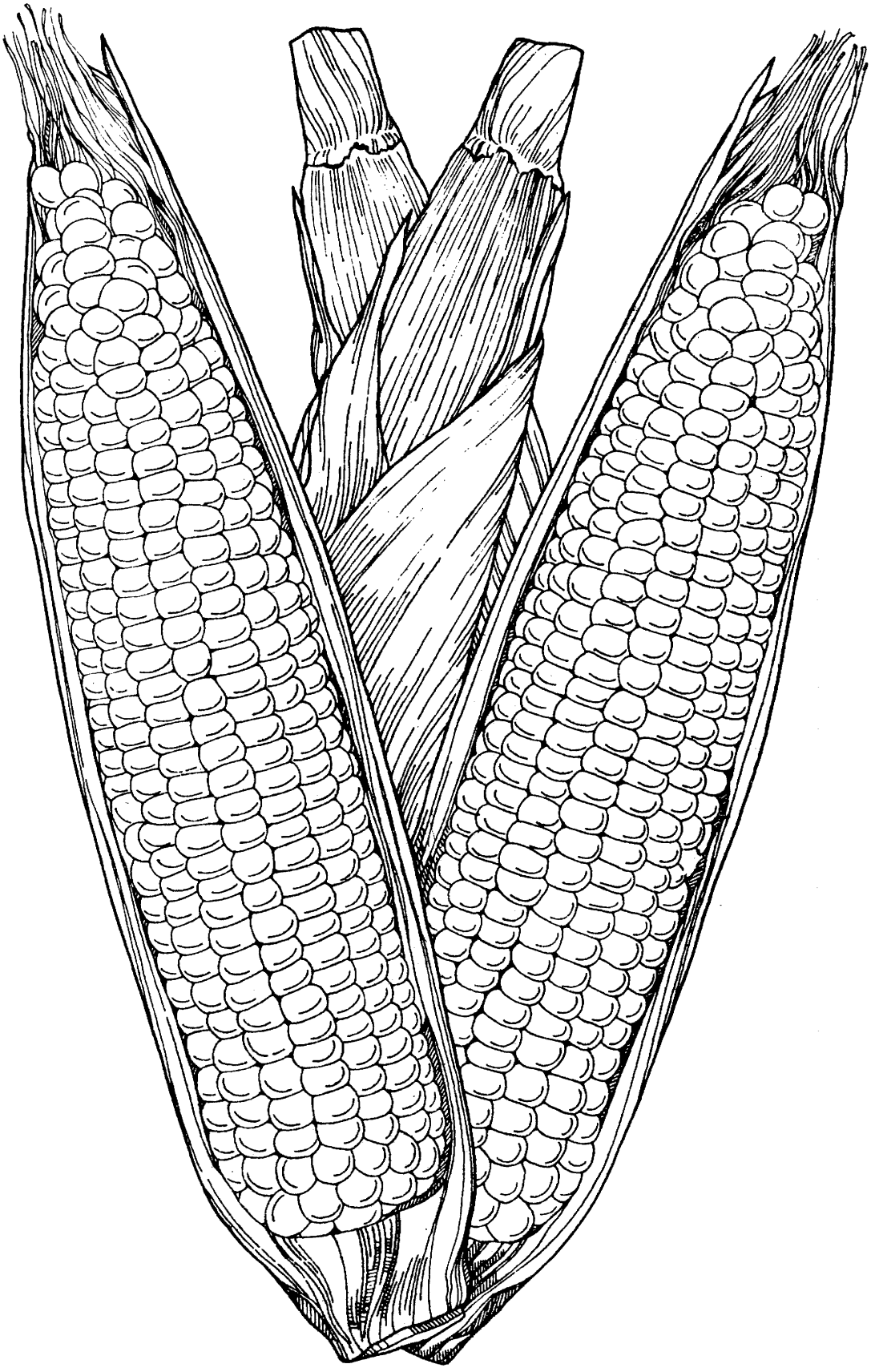


STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE - BY REGIONS

1,000 Lbs.

	NEW ENGLAND	MIDDLE ATLANTIC	EAST NORTH CENTRAL	WEST NORTH CENTRAL	SOUTH ATLANTIC	EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	MOUNTAIN	PACIFIC
1983									
Sept.	196	776	2743	1192	317	285	45	227	4476
Oct.	193	669	2490	1144	280	259	24	172	3977
Nov.	175	567	1735	891	226	200	22	128	3463
Dec.	139	517	1590	941	220	199	19	63	2646
1984									
Jan.	112	450	1388	723	177	165	19	74	2031
Feb.	123	378	1362	543	143	135	15	40	1666
Mar.	80	435	1179	462	121	108	13	20	1465
Apr.	56	506	1040	328	135	108	14	23	2103
May	125	559	2118	638	282	192	15	170	3475
June	123	815	2674	1016	353	322	9	284	6819
July	169	811	2742	1372	363	309	9	331	4582
Aug.	152	710	2422	1159	338	282	17	293	3644
Sept.	146	692	1886	1106	478	266	18	267	3654
Oct.	120	633	1603	983	278	233	15	229	3381



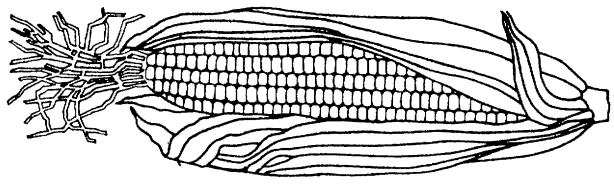
MARKETING WASHINGTON SWEET CORN
GENERAL COMMENTS 1984 CROP

PRODUCTION: The Washington Crop Reporting Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture estimated the production of sweet corn in Washington for fresh market at 251,940 cwt. harvested from approximately 2,782 acres, yielding 89 cwt. per acre. For comparison, the 1983 crop produced 221,000 cwt. harvested from approximately 2,600 acres, yielding 85 cwt. per acre; the 1982 production was 232,000 cwt. harvested from 2,900 acres, yielding 80 cwt. per acre.

SHIPMENTS: Truck shipments collected and compiled by the Market News Service for the Yakima Valley totaled 1,790 - 10,000 pound units (358,000 cartons, based on 5 dozen ears weighing 50 pounds per carton). The 1984 crop was down 8% from the 1983 season. The Yakima Valley was 5th in the nation in total volume for fresh market. The 1983 shipments totaled 1,929 units (385,000 cartons); 1982 1,718 units (409,048 cartons); 1981 - 1,484 (353,000 cartons); 1980 - 1,290 units (307,143 cartons). The 1980 through 1982 shipments were based on one carton of five dozen ears weighing 42 pounds.

WEATHER, GROWING & HARVESTING CONDITIONS: Planting of sweet corn in the Yakima Valley began in mid-April and was nearly completed around June 8th. Planting was begind schedule in 1984 due to cooler and wetter weather than normal. Maturity was delayed in areas due to late spring planting and cool night-time temperatures. Greening up was evident in early planted fields by June 15th. The first harvest was reported the week of July 15th, which was about one week begind last year. Quality was good good and harvest was near completion by mid-August.

MARKETING: The first f.o.b. for yellow sweet corn was issued on July 24th, 10 days later than last year's first report. The market opened with the season's high at $6.50 per carton of 5 dozen ears with active trading and good demand for light supplies. Prices dropped to $6.00 on July 25th and remained unchanged until hitting the season's low of $5.75-6.00 the rest of the season and closed at $6.00 on August 13th. Light shipments continued through September 9th. Hydrocooling charges are included in the f.o.b. price.



SWEET CORN FOR FRESH MARKET, PROSPECTIVE AREA FOR HARVEST

SUMMER QUARTER

STATE	AREA HARVESTED 1982	AREA HARVESTED 1983	AREA FOR HARVEST 1984	1984 AREA HARVESTED AS PERCENT OF 1983
	ACRES			PERCENT
California	6,600	7,400	7,100	96
Connecticut	3,200	3,900	4,000	103
Illinois	3,800	3,700	3,800	103
Massachusetts	7,700	8,700	8,600	99
Michigan	12,200	12,000	12,200	102
New Jersey	9,600	11,500	12,500	109
New York	20,000	21,300	23,000	108
North Carolina	4,900	4,700	4,900	104
Ohio	16,000	15,700	15,500	99
Pennsylvania	15,800	15,300	15,300	100
TOTAL	99,800	104,200	106,900	103

PRELIMINARY PLANTINGS BY CROP & EXPECTED UTILIZATION

UTILIZATION	PLANTED AREA 1982 TOTAL	PLANTED AREA 1983 TOTAL	PLANTED AREA 1983 CONTRACT	PLANTED AREA 1984 CONTRACT	CONTRACT CHANGE 1984/1983
	ACRES				PERCENT
ALL PROCESSING:					
Snap Beans	213,260	205,790	193,340	205,550	106
SWEET CORN	455,900	416,400	414,800	450,300	109
Green Peas	318,430	318,930	318,930	352,950	111
Tomatoes	317,640	299,050	290,950	298,340	103
TOTAL	1,305,230	1,240,170	1,218,020	1,307,140	107
CANNING:					
Snap Beans	150,190	145,550	134,190	140,460	105
SWEET CORN	295,390	278,960	277,960	298,600	107
Green Peas	162,110	165,310	165,310	184,220	111
TOTAL	607,690	589,820	577,460	623,280	108
FREEZING:					
Snap Beans	63,070	60,240	59,150	65,090	110
SWEET CORN	160,510	137,440	136,840	151,700	111
Green Peas	156,320	153,620	153,620	168,730	110
TOTAL	379,900	351,300	349,610	385,520	110

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SWEET CORN FOR PROCESSING

STATE	HARVESTED AREA			
	1982 TOTAL	1983 TOTAL	1983 CONTRACT	INDICATED 1984 CONTRACT
	ACRES			
DEL	3,900	4,000	4,000	4,300
IDAHO	21,500	14,100	14,100	17,500
ILL	38,400	34,500	34,400	39,200
MD	8,600	9,200	9,200	10,000
MINN	119,300	108,400	108,400	116,900
N Y	24,600	25,500	25,100	29,000
OREG	45,500	38,800	38,600	40,800
PA	4,500	3,700	3,700	3,700
WASH	51,700	36,900	36,900	37,000
WIS	122,200	117,900	117,300	128,000
OTH STS 1/	6,700	5,700	5,400	6,500
U S	446,900	398,700	397,100	432,900

STATE	YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION			
	1982 TOTAL	1983 TOTAL	INDICATED 1984 CONTRACT	1982 TOTAL	1983 TOTAL	1983 CONTRACT	INDICATED 1984 CONTRACT
	TONS						
DEL	5.28	4.58	5.50	20,590	18,320	18,320	23,650
IDAHO	8.71	8.32	7.90	187,270	117,310	117,310	138,250
ILL	4.88	4.19	5.40	187,390	144,560	144,100	211,680
MD	4.61	3.47	5.30	39,650	31,920	31,920	53,000
MINN	5.73	4.60	5.50	683,590	498,640	498,640	642,950
N Y	5.27	5.21	5.60	129,640	132,860	130,600	162,400
OREG	9.01	8.55	8.80	409,960	331,740	329,600	359,040
PA	3.61	2.48	5.20	16,250	9,180	9,180	19,240
WASH	9.08	9.02	8.80	469,440	332,840	332,840	325,600
WIS	4.60	4.82	4.90	562,120	568,280	566,100	627,200
OTH STS 1/	5.16	4.37	5.12	34,550	24,920	23,700	33,250
U S	6.13	5.54	6.00	2,740,450	2,210,570	2,202,310	2,596,260

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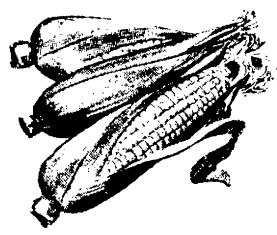

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SWEET CORN

Rail & Truck Combined Arrivals in 22 U.S. & 5 Canadian Cities
JULY - AUGUST - SEPTEMBER — 10,000 Lb. Units

1984 CROP

	CA	FL	GA	IL	NJ	NY	NC	OH	OR	WA	OTHER	TOTAL
Atlanta	-	55	186	5	57	121	123	101	-	-	112	760
Baltimore - Washn DC	-	99	35	1	45	161	212	-	-	-	153	706
Boston	-	104	103	-	177	207	111	3	-	-	603	1308
Buffalo	-	1	10	-	9	182	14	3	-	-	8	227
Chicago	-	119	21	584	-	13	-	18	3	-	287	1045
Cincinnati	1	147	39	9	-	6	6	202	-	-	147	557
Columbia	4	42	2	-	10	134	57	19	-	-	77	345
Dallas	20	24	25	-	-	8	6	2	2	4	334	425
Denver	85	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	736	821
Detroit	-	101	64	-	34	14	42	84	-	-	277	616
Los Angeles	975	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	67	127	31	1200
New Orleans	16	19	5	7	6	1	4	3	-	-	75	136
New York - Newark	-	100	108	-	547	392	67	2	-	-	77	1293
Philadelphia	8	140	30	-	315	25	31	-	-	-	200	749
Pittsburgh	-	118	5	-	49	6	52	207	-	-	102	539
St. Louis	4	61	27	189	-	7	2	28	-	-	318	636
San Francisco - Oakland	646	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	79	20	-	745
Seattle - Tacoma	116	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	450	14	596
TOTAL	1875	1130	660	795	1249	1277	727	672	167	601	3551	12704
5 CANADIAN CITIES												
Montreal	-	108	4	-	51	-	67	-	-	38	618	886
Ottawa	-	13	10	-	4	-	1	-	-	-	235	263
Toronto	-	33	24	-	4	-	63	-	-	-	400	524
Vancouver	129	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	321	189	643
Winnipeg	11	3	5	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	102	128
TOTAL	140	161	43	-	59	-	138	-	-	359	1544	2444

SWEET CORN

WEEKLY SHIPMENTS FROM JULY 7th thru OCTOBER 6th - 1984 CROP

(Amounts are shown in units of 10,000 lbs)

	JULY				AUGUST				SEPTEMBER					OCT.	
	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	TOTAL
WASHINGTON - - -															
Truck	-	-	30	428	466	430	204	96	78	48	10	-	-	-	1790
CALIFORNIA - NORTHERN - - -															
Truck	55	73	43	23	67	38	29	-	8	10	-	23	-	-	369
CALIFORNIA - CENTRAL - - -															
Truck	60	53	55	51	41	14	17	42	16	18	22	22	-	-	411
CALIFORNIA - SOUTHERN - - -															
Truck	352	332	287	122	98	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1197
Total California	467	458	385	196	206	58	46	42	24	28	22	45	-	-	1977
COLORADO - - -															
Truck	-	-	4	357	389	339	311	247	315	231	224	99	-	-	2516
FLORIDA - - -															
Piggyback	25	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	28
Truck	947	306	61	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	7	47	1383
NEW JERSEY - - -															
Truck	17	166	508	378	342	164	66	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1641
NEW YORK - - -															
Truck	-	-	-	124	204	432	484	452	340	304	224	288	196	160	3208
NORTH CAROLINA - - -															
Truck	314	439	299	132	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1184
CANADA	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	27	-	-	-	-	-	-	31
MEXICO															
Truck Import	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
TOTAL - Domestic & Import	1771	1372	1287	1627	1607	1423	1111	864	758	611	481	438	203	207	13760

All figures are subject to revision

SWEET CORN - LOWER YAKIMA VALLEY
DAILY F.O.B. PRICES 1980-1984 CROP

		1984#	1983#	1982#	1981*	1980*
July	13		7.00			
	14		7.00			6.00
	15		7.00-7.50			6.00
	16		+++			5.50
	17		+++		6.50#	5.50
	18		7.00		+++	5.50
	19		6.50-7.00	5.50	+++	+++
	20		6.50-7.00	5.00	6.00	+++
	21		6.00	5.00	6.00	5.50
	22		5.50-6.00	5.00	6.00	5.00
	23		+++	5.00	6.00	5.00
	24	6.50	+++	+++	5.50	5.00-5.50
	25	6.00	5.00-6.00	+++	+++	5.00
	26	6.00	5.00	5.00	+++	+++
	27	6.00	5.00-5.50	5.00-5.50	5.50	+++
	28	+++	5.00	5.00-5.50	5.50	5.00
	29	+++	5.00	5.00-5.50	5.00	5.00
	30	6.00	+++	5.00	5.00	5.00
	31	6.00	+++	+++	5.00	5.00
August	1	6.00	5.00	+++	+++	5.00
	2	5.75	5.00	5.00	+++	+++
	3	5.75	5.00	5.00	5.00	+++
	4	+++	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
	5	+++	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00
	6	5.75	+++	5.00	5.00	5.00
	7	5.75	+++	+++	5.00	5.00
	8	5.75	5.00	+++	+++	5.00
	9	5.75-6.00	5.00	5.00	+++	+++
	10	5.75-6.00	5.00	5.00	6.00	+++
	11	+++	5.00	5.00	6.00	5.00
	12	+++	5.50	5.00	6.00	
	13	6.00	+++	5.00	6.00	
	14		+++	+++	6.50	
	15		5.50	+++		
	16		5.50	5.00-5.50		
	17			5.00-5.50		
	18			4.50-5.00		

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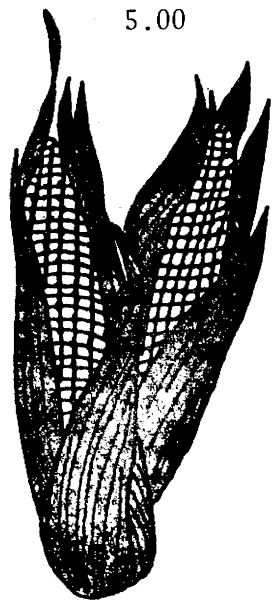
# Hydrocooling Included
* Hydrocooling Extra...1981 - 50¢ extra
1980 - 30¢ extra



WHOLESALE MARKET PRICES - - - WASHINGTON SWEET CORN

1984 & 1983 Crops--Yellow--5 Dozen Per Crate or Ctn

S E A T T L E

	1984	1983
July 11		11.75-12.25
12		11.75-12.25
13		8.50-9.80
14		8.50-9.80
15		8.50-9.80
16		+++
17		+++
18		8.60-10.25
19		8.60-11.25
20	9.50-10.50	8.60-10.25
21	+++	8.60-10.25
22	+++	8.60-10.25
23	8.50-9.50	+++
24	9.50	+++
25	8.00	8.00-9.50
26	8.00-9.00	8.00-9.50
27	8.00-9.00	7.50-9.00
28	+++	7.50-9.00
29	+++	7.50-9.00
30	7.35-9.00	+++
31	7.35-9.00	+++
Aug. 1	7.35-9.00	7.25-8.00
2	7.35-9.00	6.75-8.00
3	7.35-9.00	6.75-8.00
4	+++	6.75-8.00
5	+++	6.75-8.00
6	7.35-8.50	+++
7	7.35-8.50	+++
8	7.85-8.50	6.75-8.00
9	7.85-8.50	6.75-8.00
10	7.85-8.50	6.75-8.00
11	+++	6.75-8.00
12	+++	6.75-8.00
13	7.25-8.50	+++
14	7.25-8.50	+++
15	7.25-8.50	7.50-8.25
16	7.85-8.50	7.50-8.25
17	---	7.50-8.25
18	+++	7.50-8.25
19	+++	7.50-8.25
20	7.00-8.00	+++
21	---	+++
22	---	7.50-8.00
23	---	7.50-8.00
24	---	7.50-8.00
25	+++	7.50-8.00
26	+++	7.50-8.00

	1984	1983
Aug. 27	8.75-9.50	+++
28	8.75-9.50	+++
29	8.75-9.50	7.00-7.25
30	8.75-10.00	7.00-7.25
31	8.75-10.00	7.00-7.75
Sept. 1	+++	7.00-7.75
2	+++	7.00-7.75
3	holiday	+++
4	8.50-9.50	+++
5	8.50-9.50	holiday
6	8.50-9.50	7.00-7.50
7	8.50-9.50	7.00-7.50
8	+++	
9	+++	
10	8.40-9.00	
11	8.40-9.00	
12	8.40-9.00	
13	8.40-9.00	
14	7.50-8.75	
15	+++	
16	+++	
17	8.25-8.75	
18	8.25-8.75	
19	8.25-8.75	
20	8.25-8.75	
21	8.25-8.75	
22	+++	
23	+++	
24	8.25-8.75	
25	8.25-8.75	
26	8.25-8.75	
27	8.25-8.75	
28	8.25-8.75	
29	+++	
30	+++	
Oct. 1	7.00-8.75	
2	7.00-8.75	
3	8.00-8.50	
4	no report	
5	8.00-8.50	
6	+++	
7	+++	
8	holiday	
9	7.75-8.50	

+++ Weekend

SWEET CORN

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE - BY REGIONS

1,000 Lbs.

All Warehouses

	NEW ENGLAND	MIDDLE ATLANTIC	EAST NORTH CENTRAL	WEST NORTH CENTRAL	SOUTH ATLANTIC	EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	MOUNTAIN	PACIFIC
CORN - CUT									
Jan.	1006	18313	26633	18804	6818	2245	707	5345	160555
Feb.	989	16010	20968	15243	5932	2218	330	2778	128676
Mar.	1105	13412	16567	13122	4729	2179	297	9106	107334
Apr.	1166	10957	13895	11002	4654	2199	210	8661	93360
May	1032	8480	10698	9298	3951	2098	219	7340	68563
June	888	6284	8680	7401	3155	2147	241	6779	51245
July	916	5612	7455	6217	8149	2175	257	6019	38492
Aug.	790	14094	27527	26953	14767	2186	252	8384	71938
Sept.	651	28309	44094	34680	24814	2400	307	13338	293626
Oct.	686	29004	41561	31658	20804	2903	197	12734	158172
CORN - COB									
Jan.	1926	30470	16160	42198	4656	8919	2897	10353	115471
Feb.	1650	27898	14611	33289	3299	2218	330	2778	128676
Mar.	1508	24480	12876	24668	2865	6701	2264	8349	89218
Apr.	1054	21571	8184	15497	2478	5777	1866	6334	73021
May	856	15921	5294	12246	1927	6536	1416	2198	57656
June	642	11881	3411	9385	1583	4639	1098	1506	43391
July	523	5334	1748	5395	1317	3267	889	630	30146
Aug.	604	18675	6956	37951	2390	4309	1763	11171	39328
Sept.	938	41719	16709	50060	4277	5308	3502	21153	120218
Oct.	1090	47374	16596	46746	4640	8254	3865	20712	141652