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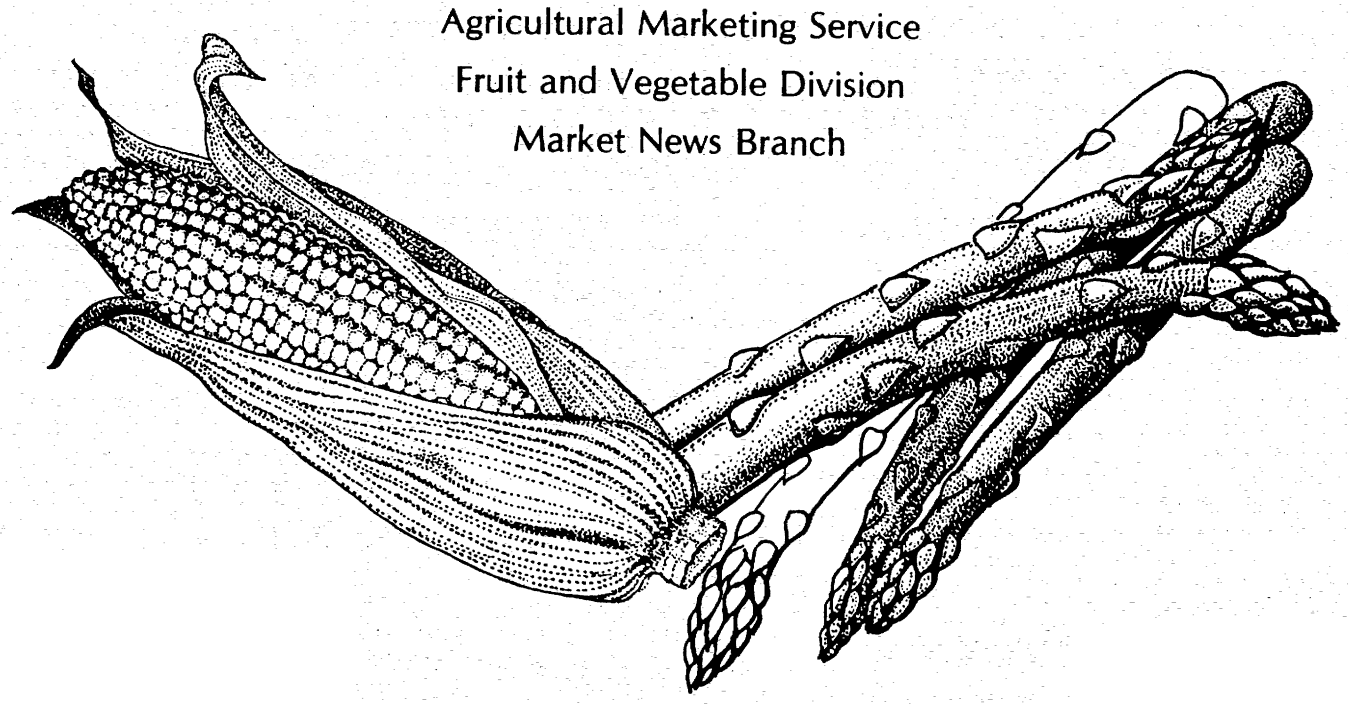

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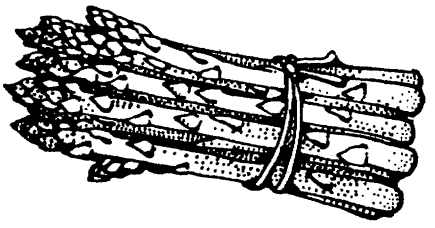

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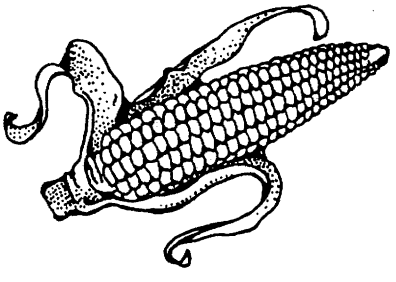

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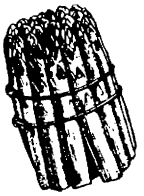

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WEATHER, GROWING & HARVESTING CONDITIONS: Under sunny skies, growers starting beds on March 20th. Precipitation levels were well below average but the crop progressed fairly well. Initial harvest began April 6th with ideal weather, but production was curtailed due to record cold weather the last full week of April, which froze many fields back to ground level. April 21st showed a record low of 20 degrees F. Temperatures in May continued slightly below normal with a second frost on May 9th reaching a low temperature of 27 degrees F. Harvesting was back in full swing when warm, windy weather near the end of the month delayed cutting at times. Ideal weather in June kept production at a fairly even pace until seasonal decline ended harvesting on June 29th.

PRODUCTION: The Washington Crop Reporting Service estimated the 1985 crop at 31,000 acres of which 29,000 acres were harvested. Washington produced approximately 81,200,000 pounds averaging 2,800 pounds per acre. In 1984 production was set at 71,794,638 pounds harvested from 30,603 acres and averaging 2,345 pounds per acre. Acreage and production figures prior to 1985 included approximately 1,000 acres grown in the Milton-Freewater and Hermiston, Oregon areas which were marketed through outlets in Washington.

MARKETING: Several grades on asparagus were used this year. These included Washington Extra Fancy, Washington Fancy, Washington Consumer Packs, U.S. #1 and U.S. #2. The Washington Extra Fancy and U.S. #1 grades required a 3/8 inch or larger size diameter. The Extra Fancy grade was classified on size as Jumbo, Large and Standard depending on stem widths of 13/16 inch, 7/16 inch, and 6/16 inch minimums respectively and the U.S. #1 grade size classification was a diameter marking of 6/16 inch minimum. The Washington Fancy and U.S. #2 grades required a 1/4 inch or larger size diameter and the Fancy was classified as small and the U.S. #2 was classified by the diameter marking of 4/16 inch minimum.

All grades except the Washington Consumer Pack, required 85% or more of the stalk green and were packed in 30 pound pyramid crates. This was the most popular package comprising 74% of the total shipments. The 20 pound carton Washington Consumer Pack Grade, which required no more than 1 1/2 inch maximum white stalk and a 1/4 inch minimum diameter comprised 26% of the total shipments. This grade was sometimes packed in 30 pound pyramid crates. All grades had to be clean, fresh, not wilted and free from decay.

The first f.o.b. issued April 19th showed the 30 pound pyramid crate Washington Extra Fancy, loose, Jumbo and Large, 85% or more green, 8-9 inch cut at $21.00, Standard at $20.00. After a period of insufficient supplies caused by cold temperatures in late April, the market increased to a high of $23.00 on Large and $22.00 on Standard. The market declined steadily in May to a low of $19.00 on Jumbo and Large and $18.00 on Standard. Much of the crop was diverted to processors due to heavy supplies in competing areas. The market strengthened in June closing at the seasons high of $26.00-27.00 on June 24th for Jumbo, Large and Standard sizes.

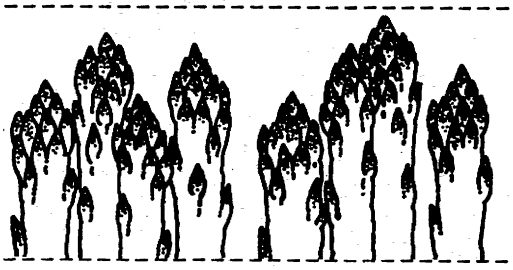
The 20 pound carton Washington Consumer Pack, 1/4 inch minimum, random length opened at $10.00 on April 17th. The market was generally steady at $9.00-10.00 for the season, closing at $9.00 on May 14th.

SHIPMENTS: Truck shipments of fresh asparagus, collected by the Market News Service, totaled 15,267,000 pounds. This total was comprised of 434,788 - 30 pound crates and 111,168 - 20 pound cartons. Peak movement occurred the weeks ending May 11th and 18th averaging 1,931,510 pounds per week. Fresh market shipments in 1984 were 21.04 million pounds, in 1983 - 20.2 million pounds and in 1982 - 8.82 million pounds.

A S P A R A G U S 1/
AREA, YIELD PER ACRE, PRODUCTION & VALUE
1984 and 1985

Production of asparagus in the major producing states is estimated at 2.04 million cwt. (92.6 thousand metric tons), 10 percent more than a year ago. Harvested acreage is placed at 86.6 thousand acres (35.0 thousand hectares), a 1 percent increase from 1984. The yield is estimated at 24 cwt. per acre, up 2 cwt. from last year's 22 cwt. per acre.

STATE	AREA PLANTED 1984	AREA PLANTED 1985	AREA HARVESTED 1984	AREA HARVESTED 1985	YIELD PER ACRE 1984	YIELD PER ACRE 1985
	acres				cwt.	
California	34,200	35,300	34,200	35,200	25	27
Illinois	1,400	1,300	1,400	1,300	10	11
Michigan	20,000	20,000	19,200	19,200	12	12
New Jersey	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,900	15	19
Washington	31,000	31,000	29,000	29,000	25	28
GROUP TOTAL	88,600	89,600	86,800	86,600	22	24



STATE	PRODUCTION 1984	PRODUCTION 1985	VALUE PER CWT. 1984	VALUE PER CWT. 1985	VALUE TOTAL 1984	VALUE TOTAL 1985
	1,000 cwt.		dollars		1,000 dollars	
California	855	950	69.90	75.90	59,796	72,059
Illinois	14	14	75.20	72.40	1,053	1,013
Michigan	230	230	57.90	57.40	13,318	13,207
New Jersey	30	36	70.90	68.70	2,127	2,473
Washington	725	812	51.70	52.10	37,454	42,304
GROUP TOTAL	1,854	2,042	61.40	64.20	113,748	131,056

1/ Includes fresh and processing

A S P A R A G U S

Rail & Truck Arrivals in 22 U.S. & 5 Canadian Cities
APRIL - MAY - JUNE----1985 CROP-----10,000 Lb. Units

	CALIF.	N.J.	WASH.	MEXICO	OTHER	T O T A L
Atlanta	34	--	--	--	--	34
Baltimore-Washn DC	154	6	28	3	--	191
Boston	246	4	149	1	--	400
Buffalo	55	2	3	--	--	60
Chicago	227	--	3	2	13	245
Cincinnati	60	--	9	5	1	75
Columbia	2	--	--	--	--	2
Dallas	36	--	9	1	--	46
Denver	56	--	2	16	--	74
Detroit	40	--	8	--	10	58
Los Angeles	269	--	22	18	--	309
New Orleans	14	--	--	--	--	14
New York-Newark	426	15	29	--	2	472
Philadelphia	294	18	101	3	6	422
Pittsburgh	32	1	9	--	1	43
St. Louis	60	--	2	--	1	63
San Francisco-Oakland	540	--	36	2	--	578
Seattle-Tacoma	48	--	145	5	--	198
TOTAL	2593	46	555	56	34	3284
5 C A N A D I A N C I T I E S - - -						
Montreal	19	14	13	--	36	82
Ottawa	15	--	--	2	10	27
Toronto	69	--	6	--	42	117
Vancouver	46	--	34	--	4	84
Winnipeg	7	--	--	1	14	22
TOTAL	156	14	53	3	106	332

ASPARAGUS

WEEKLY SHIPMENTS FROM APRIL 6, 1985 THRU JULY 6, 1985

Amounts are shown in 10,000 pound units

	APRIL				MAY				JUNE					JULY	
	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	TOTAL
WASHINGTON---															
Truck	--	21	137	69	122	200	182	157	146	173	166	115	38	--	1526
CALIFORNIA - NORTHERN ---															
Truck	16	22	17	16	13	10	11	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	109
CALIFORNIA - CENTRAL ---															
Piggyback	3	41	20	6	3	3	12	33	3	6	--	--	--	--	130
Truck	657	894	788	669	463	408	342	284	165	117	38	24	9	2	4860
Air	3	3	5	6	4	7	4	3	4	3	--	--	--	--	42
CALIFORNIA - SOUTHERN ---															
Truck	115	70	32	37	27	11	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	292
CALIFORNIA - IMPERIAL VALLEY ---															
Truck	60	15	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	75
Total Calif.	854	1045	862	734	510	439	369	324	172	126	38	24	9	2	5508
MEXICO---															
Truck Import	72	38	1	1	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	113
Import	--	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
TOTAL															
Piggyback	3	41	20	6	3	3	12	33	3	6	--	--	--	--	130
Truck	848	1022	974	791	625	629	535	445	311	290	204	139	47	2	6862
Air	3	3	5	6	4	7	4	3	4	3	--	--	--	--	42
GRAND TOTAL MOVEMENT															
Domestic & Import	926	1104	1000	804	633	640	551	481	318	299	204	139	47	2	7148

All 1985 figures are subject to revision...

U.S. EXPORTS OF FRESH ASPARAGUS TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS

Current Month, Current Marketing Season and Last Season
(Units in Metric Tons)

COMMODITY REGION/COUNTRY (Beg. Mktg Year)	AUGUST 1984	AUGUST 1985	SEASON TO DATE PREVIOUS	SEASON TO DATE CURRENT	LAST FULL SEASON
FRESH ASPARAGUS.....(Oct)	43	20	9,640	8,496	9,690
Canada.....	16	9	7,461	6,795	7,505
European Com.-Ten...	8	11	293	279	295
Other W. Europe.....	--	--	116	83	116
E. Asia & Pacific...	14	--	1,711	1,058	1,714
Japan.....	13	--	1,619	904	1,621
Middle East & Northern Africa.....	--	--	0	--	0
Latin America, Exc. Carribean.....	3	--	47	278	47
Bermuda & Carribean.	2	--	12	3	12
Other.....	--	--	--	--	1

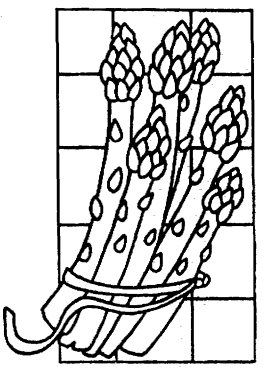
U.S. IMPORTS OF ASPARAGUS FROM SELECTED COUNTRIES

COMMODITY REGION/COUNTRY (Beg. Mktg Year)	AUGUST 1984	AUGUST 1985	SEASON TO DATE PREVIOUS	SEASON TO DATE CURRENT	LAST FULL SEASON
FRESH ASPARAGUS.....(Feb)	191	439	3,808	5,245	6,393
Mexico.....	191	439	3,784	5,097	5,534
CANNED ASPARAGUS.....(Apr)	564	69	1,332	1,375	2,897
China (Taiwan).....	527	60	795	194	2,086
Mexico.....	1	--	411	1,030	513

SOURCE: USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service

A S P A R A G U S
LOWER YAKIMA VALLEY AND WALLA WALLA DISTRICTS
Daily f.o.b. Prices - - - 1985 Crop

	30# Pyramid Crates 85% or more green 8 to 9 inch cut			3/8" Min.	20# ctns--1/4" Min. 1 1/2" Max. White
	JUMBO	STANDARD	LARGE	U.S. ONE	WA. CONSUMER PACKS
April					
17					10.00
18					10.00
19	21.00	20.00	21.00	20.00	10.00
22		supplies insufficient to quote			
23		supplies insufficient to quote			
24		supplies insufficient to quote			
25		supplies insufficient to quote			
26		supplies insufficient to quote			
29	22.00-23.00	21.00-22.00	22.00-23.00	---	10.00-11.00
30	22.00-23.00	21.00-22.00	22.00-23.00	---	10.00-11.00
May					
1	22.00-23.00	21.00-22.00	22.00-23.00	---	10.00
2	22.00-23.00	21.00-22.00	22.00-23.00	---	10.00
3	22.50-23.00	21.50-22.00	22.50-23.00	---	9.00-10.00
6	22.00-23.00	21.00-22.00	22.00-23.00		9.00-10.00
7	22.00-23.00	21.00-22.00	22.00-23.00		9.00-10.00
8	22.00-22.50	21.00-21.50	22.00-22.50		9.00
9		no report issued			
10		no report issued			
13	22.00-22.50	22.00-22.50	20.50-21.50		9.00
14	22.00-22.50	22.00-22.50	21.00-21.50		9.00
15	22.00-22.50	22.00-22.50	21.00-21.50		too few to quote
16	22.00-22.50	22.00-22.50	21.00-21.50		no sales
17	22.00-22.50	22.00-22.50	21.00-21.50		no sales
20*	19.75-20.00	19.75-20.00	19.00-20.00		
21*	19.75-20.00	19.75-20.00	19.00-20.00		
22*	19.75-20.00	19.75-20.00	19.00-20.00		
23*	19.75-20.00	19.75-20.00	19.00-20.00		
24*	19.00-20.00	19.00-20.00	18.00-20.00		
27*	holiday	holiday	holiday		
28*	19.00-21.00	19.00-20.00	18.00-19.00		
29*	19.00-21.00	19.00-21.00	18.00-19.00		
30*	19.00-21.00	19.00-20.00	18.00-19.00		
31*	19.00-20.75	19.00-20.00	18.00-19.00		
June					
3*	19.00-20.75	19.00-20.00	18.00-19.00		
4*	19.00-20.75	19.00-20.00	18.00-19.00		
5*	20.00	20.00	19.00-20.00		
6*	20.00	20.00	19.00-20.00		
7*	22.00	20.00-22.00	20.00-22.00		
10*	24.00-24.75	23.75-24.00	22.00-22.75		
11*	24.00-24.75	23.75-24.00	22.00-22.75		
12*	24.00-24.75	23.75-24.00	22.75-24.00		
13*	24.00-25.75	24.00-24.75	23.75-24.00		
14*	25.00-27.00	24.50-26.00	23.75-25.00		
17*	26.00-27.00	24.75-26.00	24.75-26.00		
18*	26.00-27.00	24.75-26.00	24.75-26.00		
19*	26.00-27.00	24.75-26.00	24.75-26.00		
20*	26.00-27.00	24.75-27.50	24.75-26.50		
21*	26.00-27.00	24.75-27.50	24.75-26.50		
24*	26.00-27.00	24.75-27.50	24.75-26.00		
25*	26.00-27.00	24.75-27.50	24.75-26.00		
26	too few to quote - - LAST REPORT				



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WHOLESALE MARKET PRICES - WASHINGTON ASPARAGUS - 1985 CROP

Washington 30# Pyramid Crates or Cartons
Loose - U.S. 1 - 3/8" Minimum, Large to Standard Size

	BALTIMORE	BOSTON	CHICAGO	NEW YORK	PHILADELPHIA	PITTSBURGH
April						
24				27.00		26.00-27.00
25				27.00-28.00		26.00-27.00
26				27.00-28.00		26.00-27.00
29				27.00-28.00		26.50-27.00
30				27.00-28.00		25.50-27.00
May						
1				27.00		25.50-27.00
2				27.00-28.00		25.50-27.00
3				25.00-26.00		25.50-27.00
6				25.00-27.00		25.50-27.00
7				26.00-27.00		25.50-27.00
8			19.00-22.00	26.00-27.00		25.50-27.00
9				26.00-28.00		25.50-27.00
10	no reports	issued...				
13				26.00-28.00		25.50-27.00
14				26.00-30.00		25.50-27.00
15	24.00-25.00			26.00-33.00		25.50-27.00
16	25.00			25.00-27.00		25.50-27.00
17	25.00			25.00-27.00		25.50-27.00
20	24.00-25.00			23.00-26.00		26.00-27.00
21	24.00-25.00	25.00-27.00	25.00	22.00-25.00		26.00-27.00
22	23.00-24.00	25.00-26.00	---	20.00-22.00		26.00
23	22.00-25.00	24.00-26.00	23.00-25.00	15.00-20.00	22.00-24.00	20.00-21.00
24	18.00-21.00	20.00-27.00	25.00	15.00-18.00	23.00-24.00	20.00-21.00
27	holiday	holiday	holiday	holiday	holiday	holiday
28	20.00-21.00	24.00-26.00	24.00-25.00	18.00-22.00	23.00-24.00	26.00-27.00
29	22.00-23.00	23.00-26.00	22.00-23.00	18.00-22.00	23.00-24.00	26.00-27.00
30	23.00	20.00-25.00	21.00-22.00	18.00-22.00	18.00-24.00	25.00-27.00
31	18.00-20.00	23.00-25.00	21.00-22.00	---	18.00-24.00	25.00-27.00
June						
3	18.00	20.00	23.00	22.00-26.00	18.00-20.00	25.00-27.00
4	18.00	23.00-25.00	24.00	26.00-27.00	20.00-22.00	25.00-26.00
5	17.00-18.00	25.00	24.00	22.00-27.00	20.00-22.00	25.00-26.00
6	17.00-18.00	23.00-25.00	22.00-24.00	---	22.00	---
7	---	25.00-29.00	21.00-22.00	25.00-26.00	24.00-25.00	---
10		26.00-30.00	25.00	26.00-28.00	25.00	
11		26.00-30.00	24.00-25.00	26.00-28.00	29.00	
12		28.00-30.00	24.00-25.00	26.00-30.00	26.00-30.00	
13		26.00-32.00	25.00	---	---	
14		26.00-28.00	25.00-26.00	---	30.00	
17		30.00-34.00	30.00	30.00-32.00	30.00	
18		30.00-35.00	30.00	28.00-30.00	25.00-30.00	
19		30.00-33.00	---	30.00-32.00	32.00	
20		30.00-32.00	---	30.00-35.00	30.00	
21		30.00-32.00	---	34.00-35.00	25.00	
24	34.00	35.00-36.00		35.00-40.00	35.00-38.00	
25	35.00-36.00	36.00-40.00		35.00-38.00	30.00-35.00	
26	34.00-35.00	35.00-36.00		35.00-40.00	40.00	
27	35.00-36.00	36.00		37.00-40.00	38.00	
28		36.00-38.00		37.00-40.00	---	
July						
1		38.00				
2		38.00-40.00				
3		38.00				
4		holiday				
5		---				
8		---				
9		48.00-50.00				

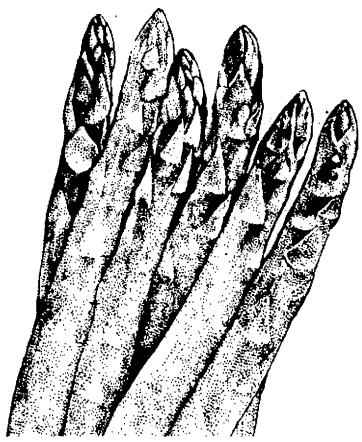
WHOLESALE MARKET PRICES - WASHINGTON ASPARAGUS - 1985 CROP

S E A T T L E

	20# Ctns-Loose	Pyramid Crates - - - 30# Loose - - - 3/8 Inch Minimum			
	CONSUMER PACKS	U.S. 1	WA EXFCY STANDARD	U.S. 2	WA. FANCY SMALL
April					
10	14.00-14.50				
11	14.00-14.50				
12	13.50-14.50				
13	+++				
14	+++				
15	too few to quote				20.25-20.50
16	too few to quote				20.25-20.50
17	12.00-12.50	24.00			20.25-20.50
18	12.00-12.50	24.00			20.25-20.50
19	12.00-12.50	24.00-24.50			20.50-21.50
20	+++	+++			+++
21	+++	+++			+++
22	9.25-12.75	24.00-24.50			18.75-19.50
23	9.25-12.75	---	24.50-24.75	21.50	18.75-19.50
24	9.25-14.25	---	24.50-24.75	21.50	18.75-19.50
25	9.25-14.25	22.50-24.75	22.50-24.75	---	---
26	too few to quote	22.50-24.75	22.50-24.75	---	---
27	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++
28	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++
29	12.50-13.50	23.50-24.50	25.50	23.70	23.00-23.50
30	12.50-13.50	23.50-24.50	24.50	23.70	---
May					
1	12.50-13.50	24.50-25.00	24.50-27.30	22.30	---
2	12.50-14.10	24.50-25.00	24.50-27.30	22.30	19.75-22.50
3	12.50-13.50	19.00-25.00	19.00-27.30	22.30	1.975-22.50
4	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++
5	+++	+++	+++	+++	+++
6	9.75-12.50		22.00-24.00		19.45-19.75
7	9.75-12.50		22.00-23.00		19.45-19.75
8	9.75-12.50		22.00-23.00		19.45-19.75
9	reporter absent - - - no report was issued				
10	reporter absent - - - no report was issued				
11	+++		+++		+++
12	+++		+++		+++
13	9.75-12.50		22.00-23.00		19.45-19.75
14	9.75-12.75		24.50-25.00		19.45-19.75
15	9.00-12.75		24.50-25.00		20.25-21.25
16	9.00-12.75		24.50-25.00		20.25-21.25
17	9.00-12.75		24.50-25.00		20.25-21.50
18	+++		+++		+++
19	+++		+++		+++
20	9.00-9.75		23.00-24.50		20.25-21.00
21	9.00-9.75		23.00-24.50		20.25-21.00
22	9.00-9.75		23.00-24.50		20.25-21.00
23	9.00-9.75		23.00-24.50		20.25-21.00
24	9.00-9.75		23.00-24.50		20.25-21.00

SEATTLE WHOLESALE MARKET continued

	20# Ctns-Loose CONSUMER PACKS	Pyramid Crates-30# WA EXFCY STANDARD	Loose-3/8" Min. WA. FANCY SMALL
25	+++	+++	+++
26	+++	+++	+++
27	holiday	holiday	holiday
28	9.75-12.75	23.75	19.45-20.00
29	9.75-12.75	23.00-25.00	19.45-20.00
30	9.75-12.75	23.00-25.00	19.45-20.00
31	9.75-12.75	23.00-25.00	19.45-20.00
June			
1	+++	+++	+++
2	+++	+++	+++
3	9.75-12.50	23.00-24.00	19.45-20.00
4	9.75-12.50	23.00-24.00	19.45-20.00
5	9.75-12.50	23.00-23.50	19.45-20.00
6	9.75-12.00	23.00-23.50	19.45-20.25
7	9.75-12.50	23.00-23.50	19.45-20.25
8	+++	+++	+++
9	+++	+++	+++
10	10.00-12.50	23.00	19.45-20.25
11	11.00-12.50	23.00	19.45-20.25
12	11.00-12.50	23.00	19.45-20.25
13	11.00-12.50	23.00	19.45-20.25
14	11.00-12.50	23.00	19.45-20.25
15	+++	+++	+++
16	+++	+++	+++
17	11.00-12.70	27.75-28.00	19.45-20.25
18	11.00-12.70	27.75-28.00	19.45-20.25
19	11.00-12.70	27.75-28.00	19.45-20.25
20	11.00-12.70	27.75-28.00	19.45-20.25
21	11.00-12.70	27.75-28.00	19.45-20.25
22	+++	+++	+++
23	+++	+++	+++
24	11.00-12.70	25.00-30.00	19.45-21.00
25	11.00-12.70	27.75-28.00	19.45-21.00
26	no report due to absence of reporter		
27	11.00-12.70	no sales	no sales
28	11.00-12.70	no sales	no sales
29	+++	+++	+++
30	+++	+++	+++
July			
1	11.00-11.50		19.45-20.00
2	11.00-11.75		no sales
3	11.00-11.75		



FROZEN ASPARAGUS

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE - BY REGIONS

1,000 POUNDS

	NEW ENGLAND	MIDDLE ATLANTIC	EAST NORTH CENTRAL	WEST NORTH CENTRAL	SOUTH ATLANTIC	EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	MOUNTAIN	PACIFIC
1984									
Sept.	146	692	1886	1106	478	266	18	267	3654
Oct.	120	632	1735	971	278	233	15	229	3328
Nov.	105	610	1619	1233	303	208	228	235	2566
Dec.	53	533	1381	1149	267	184	179	197	1727
1985									
Jan.	32	454	1052	832	204	156	136	137	1351
Feb.	15	329	834	595	152	102	71	103	965
March	20	334	873	506	127	90	54	60	726
April	32	429	1087	360	223	98	75	80	1654
May	119	811	4785	725	402	268	142	123	6898
June	100	721	5928	1035	456	320	98	152	7809
July	149	892	5753	1300	438	307	80	118	7552
August	145	920	5335	1281	385	269	72	318	6425
Sept.	136	913	4819	1391	367	245	66	290	5676
Oct.	102	823	3825	1186	306	257	392	279	4739

MARKETING WASHINGTON SWEET CORN

GENERAL COMMENTS 1985 CROP

WEATHER, GROWING AND HARVESTING CONDITIONS: Planting of sweet corn in the Yakima Valley begain in mid-April. Early plantings were damaged by a severe frost when temperatures dropped to 18-25 degrees F. during the weekend of April 19th - 21st. Some fields recovered from below the frost line while many were replanted. Seeding continued through May but cool temperatures slowed crop development to put it slightly behind its normal stage of development. Seeding was complete by mid-June. Harvesting began the week of July 14th, which was about the same time last year and approximately one week behind 1983's crop. Quality was good and harvest was near completion by September.

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 396,000 cwt. harvested from approximately 3,300 acres, yielding 120 cwt. per acre. For comparison the the 1984 crop produced 294,000 cwt. harvested from approximately 2,800 acres, yielding 105 cwt. per acre; 1983 production was at 221,000 cwt. harvested from 2,600 acres, yielding 85 cwt. per acre, and in 1982 production was 232,000 cwt. harvested from 2,900 acres, yielding 80 cwt. per acre.

MARKETING: The first f.o.b. for yellow sweet corn was issued July 15th, nine days earlier than last years first report. The market opened with the seasons high of $6.50 per carton of five dozen ears with active trading and good demand. Prices dropped to $5.00-5.50 for the peak of the season and closing at the seasons low of $5.25 on August 12th with a moderate demand on light supplies. Light shipments continued through August and September. Hydrocooling charges are included in the f.o.b. price.

SHIPMENTS: Truck shipments collected by the Market News Service for the Yakima Valley totaled 1,754 - 10,000 pound units. (351,000 cartons, based on five dozen ears weighing 50 pounds per carton). The 1985 crop was slightly down from the 1984 season. Shipments in 1984 totaled 1,790 units (358,000 cartons) and in 1983 - 1,929 units (385,000 cartons).

SWEET CORN FOR FRESH MARKET, PROSPECTIVE AREA FOR HARVEST
SUMMER QUARTER

State	Area Harvested 1983	Area Harvested 1984	Area for Harvest 1985	1985 Area Harvested as Percent of 1984
	acres			percent
California	7,400	8,200	7,000	85
Connecticut	4,600	4,500	4,700	104
Illinois	3,700	3,800	3,900	103
Massachusetts	8,700	8,100	8,100	100
Michigan	12,800	12,300	12,000	98
New Jersey	12,000	12,500	12,800	102
New York	25,300	26,800	28,400	106
North Carolina	4,700	4,800	5,000	104
Ohio	15,000	15,000	15,000	100
Pennsylvania	15,300	15,900	16,400	103
TOTAL	109,500	111,900	113,300	101

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SWEET CORN FOR PROCESSING
HARVESTED AREA - YIELD PER ACRE - PRODUCTION
1984 - Indicated 1985 Contract

STATE	HARVESTED AREA			
	1983	1984		INDICATED 1985
	TOTAL	TOTAL	CONTRACT	CONTRACT
	acres			
Deleware	4,000	5,000	5,000	6,100
Idaho	14,100	17,400	17,400	16,900
Illinois	34,500	36,500	36,500	36,100
Maryland	8,900	8,300	8,300	11,100
Minnesota	108,400	115,000	114,700	119,800
New York	25,500	28,300	28,300	29,000
Oregon	38,800	42,000	41,000	38,000
Pennsylvania	3,700	3,600	3,600	3,900
Washington	38,300	32,900	32,900	37,500
Wisconsin	117,900	129,000	129,000	128,300
Other States 1/	5,700	9,200	8,900	7,200
TOTAL U.S.	399,800	427,200	425,600	433,900

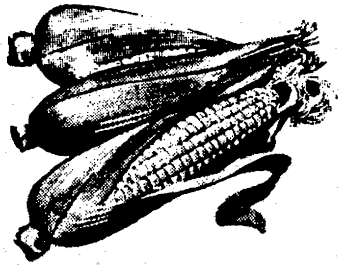
STATE	YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION			
	TOTAL		INDICATED 1985	1983	1984		INDICATED 1985
	1983	1984	CONTRACT	TOTAL	TOTAL	CONTRACT	CONTRACT
	tons						
Deleware	4.58	5.71	5.60	18320	28550	28550	34160
Idaho	8.32	8.17	8.45	117310	142160	142160	142810
Illinois	4.19	5.32	6.30	144560	1194180	194180	2227430
Maryland	3.59	5.86	5.40	31950	48640	48640	59940
Minnesota	4.60	5.82	6.10	498640	669300	667800	730780
New York	5.21	5.58	4.85	132860	157910	157910	140650
Oregon	8.55	8.70	9.00	331740	365400	357020	342000
Pennsylvania	2.48	4.66	4.20	9180	16780	16780	16380
Washington	9.12	7.47	8.10	349300	245760	245630	303750
Wisconsin	4.82	4.95	5.20	568280	638550	638550	667160
Other States 1/	4.37	4.88	5.86	24920	44940	43440	42200
U.S. TOTAL	5.57	5.97	6.24	2227060	2552170	2540660	2707260

1/ 1983 - 1984 Indiana and Iowa
1985 Indiana, Iowa and Michigan

Crop Reporting Board, SRS, USDA

U.S. EXPORTS OF SWEET CORN TO SELECTED DESTINATIONS
Current Month, Current Marketing Season and Last Season
(Units in Metric Tons)

COMMODITY REGION/COUNTRY (Beg. Mktg Year)	AUGUST 1984	AUGUST 1985	SEASON TO DATE PREVIOUS	SEASON TO DATE CURRENT	LAST FULL SEASON
CANNED CORN.....(Aug)	3,535	4,046	3,535	4,046	57,432
European Com-Ten....	1,452	1,715	1,452	1,715	25,662
United Kingdom.....	504	355	504	355	9,855
Germany, Fed. Rep..	228	921	228	921	9,526
France.....	592	391	592	391	4,885
Other West Europe...	450	275	450	275	7,126
Switzerland.....	238	114	238	114	4,228
Sweden.....	136	99	136	99	1,939
E. Asia & Pacific...	1,532	1,844	1,532	1,844	22,226
Japan.....	1,085	912	1,085	912	14,541
Hong Kong.....	154	138	154	138	2,616
China (Taiwan).....	149	185	149	185	2,389
Middle East & North Africa.....	35	49	35	49	748
Latin America, Ex. Carribean.....	50	46	50	46	1,094
Bermuda & Carribean.	17	57	17	57	449
Other.....	--	--	--	--	6
FROZEN CORN....(July)	1,421	1,991	4,819	5,463	33,485
European Com.-Ten...	228	216	660	513	4,274
United Kingdom.....	213	180	587	365	3,527
Ireland.....	15	--	15	51	446
Other W. Europe.....	--	16	--	35	521
E. Asia & Pacif.....	1,123	1,658	3,892	4,575	26,249
Japan.....	817	1,568	2,888	3,867	20,185
Australia.....	270	52	938	604	5,490
Middle East & Northern Africa.....	--	9	9	9	166
Latin America.....	13	--	49	--	208
Bermuda & Carribean.	9	7	17	14	76



SOURCE: USDA, Foreign Agricultural Service

S W E E T C O R N

Rail & Truck Arrivals in 22 U.S. & 5 Canadian Cities
JULY-AUGUST-SEPTEMBER-----1985 CROP-----10,000 Lb. Units

	CA	FL	GA	IL	NJ	NY	NC	OH	OR	WA	OTHER	TOTAL
Atlanta	--	73	208	--	24	138	51	62	--	--	75	631
Baltimore-Washn DC	--	45	11	--	49	254	121	2	--	--	162	644
Boston	--	7	49	--	293	115	151	--	--	--	636	1251
Buffalo	--	26	4	--	6	113	18	1	--	--	8	176
Chicago	--	23	21	445	1	13	16	13	--	--	140	672
Cincinnati	--	64	63	34	8	35	20	216	--	--	63	503
Columbia	--	21	--	--	22	59	13	4	--	--	75	194
Dallas	--	15	16	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	365	396
Denver	56	8	27	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	681	772
Detroit	1	32	10	4	5	--	13	13	--	--	285	363
Los Angeles	1392	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	143	37	54	1626
New Orleans	3	3	11	3	--	4	12	--	--	--	117	153
New York-Newark	--	125	3	--	366	344	50	--	--	--	120	1008
Philadelphia	--	22	43	11	316	60	55	1	--	--	189	697
Pittsburgh	--	36	10	5	49	7	11	220	--	--	126	464
St. Louis	--	7	13	174	--	11	--	38	--	--	175	418
San Francisco-Oakland	769	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	250	39	3	1061
Seattle-Tacoma	113	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	21	553	--	687
TOTAL	2334	507	489	676	1139	1153	531	570	414	629	3274	11716
5 C A N A D I A N C I T I E S - - -												
Montreal	--	13	25	--	57	--	69	--	--	--	776	940
Ottawa	--	1	4	--	--	--	4	--	--	--	154	163
Toronto	--	--	14	--	24	--	8	--	--	--	350	396
Vancouver	114	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	219	184	517
Winnipeg	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	4	147	155
TOTAL	118	14	43	--	81	--	81	--	--	223	1611	2171

SWEET CORN

WEEKLY SHIPMENTS FROM JULY 6, 1985 THRU OCTOBER 5, 1985

(Amounts are in 10,000 Lb. Units)

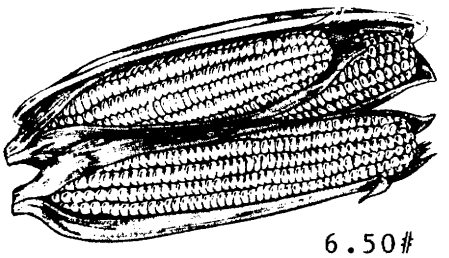
	JULY				AUGUST					SEPTEMBER				OCT.	
	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	TOTAL
WASHINGTON - - -															
Truck	--	143	382	527	364	158	70	27	27	27	11	3	13	2	1754
CALIFORNIA - NORTHERN - - -															
Truck	21	2	23	64	53	26	3	21	16	11	--	3	14	18	275
CALIFORNIA - CENTRAL - - -															
Truck	128	47	62	58	26	6	--	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	331
CALIFORNIA - SOUTHERN - - -															
Truck	261	347	205	191	249	171	145	86	53	48	28	31	22	33	1870
Total Calif.	410	396	290	313	328	203	148	111	69	59	28	34	36	51	2476
COLORADO - - -															
Truck	--	16	194	379	323	358	332	343	496	305	267	242	6	--	3261
FLORIDA - - -															
Piggyback	--	10	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	10
Truck	477	144	15	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	16	652
NEW JERSEY - - -															
Truck	199	483	364	283	181	116	99	4	--	--	--	--	--	--	1729
NEW YORK - - -															
Truck	--	20	127	255	343	410	374	312	368	266	220	160	130	20	3005
NORTH CAROLINA - - -															
Truck	362	254	39	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	655
MEXICO - - -															
Truck Import	1	1	1	4	--	--	--	--	1	3	1	2	1	2	17
TOTAL - Domestic & Import	1449	1467	1488	1945	1759	1413	1187	969	1109	804	667	453	186	91	14987

All figures are subject to revision...

SWEET CORN - LOWER YAKIMA VALLEY

DAILY F.O.B. PRICES - - 1981 THRU 1985 CROPS

Cartons - 5 dozen - Yellow



	1985#	1984#	1983#	1982#	1981*
July					
13	+++		7.00		
14	+++		7.00		
15	6.50		7.00-7.50		
16	6.00-6.50		+++		
17	6.00		+++		6.50#
18	5.50-6.00		7.00		+++
19	5.50		6.50-7.00	5.50	+++
20	+++		6.50-7.00	5.00	6.00
21	+++		6.00	5.00	6.00
22	5.50		5.50-6.00	5.00	6.00
23	5.50		+++	5.00	6.00
24	5.50	6.50	+++	+++	5.50
25	5.50	6.00	5.00-6.00	+++	+++
26	5.50	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
29	no report	+++	5.00	5.00-5.50	5.00
30	no report	6.00	+++	5.00	5.00
31	5.00-5.50	6.00	+++	+++	5.00
Aug.					
1	5.00-5.50	6.00	5.00	+++	+++
2	5.00-5.50	5.75	5.00	5.00	+++
3	+++	5.75	5.00	5.00	5.00
4	+++	+++	5.00	5.00	5.00
5	5.00-5.50	+++	5.00	5.00	5.00
6	5.00-5.50	5.75	+++	5.00	5.00
7	5.00-5.50	5.75	+++	+++	5.00
8	5.00-5.50	5.75	5.00	+++	+++
9	5.00-5.50	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
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	

+++Weekend
Hydrocooling Included
* Hydrocooling Extra...1981 - 50 cents extra

WHOLESALE MARKET PRICES - - WASHINGTON SWEET CORN

1984 & 1985 Crops - - Yellow - - 5 Dozen per Crate or Carton

S E A T T L E

		1985	1984
July	15	9.00-9.60	
	16	8.60-9.60	
	17	8.60-9.60	
	18	8.60-9.60	
	19	8.60-9.60	
	20	+++	9.50-10.50
	21	+++	+++
	22	6.40-8.00	+++
	23	6.40.8.00	8.50-9.50
	24	6.75.7.50	9.50
	25	6.75-7.50	8.00
	26	6.40-8.00	8.00-9.00
	27	+++	8.00-9.00
	28	+++	+++
	29	6.40-8.00	+++
	30	6.40-8.00	7.35-9.00
	31	6.40-8.00	7.35-9.00
Aug.	1	6.40-8.00	7.35-9.00
	2	6.40-8.00	7.35-9.00
	3	+++	7.35-9.00
	4	+++	+++
	5	6.50-7.50	+++
	6	6.50-7.50	7.35-8.50
	7	6.50-7.50	7.35-8.50
	8	6.50-7.50	7.85-8.50
	9	6.50-7.50	7.85-8.50
	10	+++	7.85-8.50
	11	+++	+++
	12	6.75-7.25	+++
	13	6.75-7.25	7.25-8.50
	14	6.50-7.50	7.25-8.50
	15	6.50-7.50	7.25-8.50
	16	6.50-7.50	7.85-8.50
	17	+++	---
	18	+++	+++
	19		+++
	20		7.00-8.00
	21		---
	22		---
	23		---
	24		---
	25		+++
	26		+++

		1985	1984
Aug.	27		8.75-9.50
	28		8.75-9.50
	29		8.75-9.50
	30		8.75-10.00
	31		8.75-10.00
Sept.	1		+++
	2		+++
	3		holiday
	4		8.50-9.50
	5		8.50-9.50
	6		8.50-9.50
	7		8.50-9.50
	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 POUNDS

	NEW ENGLAND	MIDDLE ATLANTIC	EAST NORTH CENTRAL	WEST NORTH CENTRAL	SOUTH ATLANTIC	EAST SOUTH CENTRAL	WEST SOUTH CENTRAL	MOUNTAIN	PACIFIC
CORN--CUT									
1984 Oct.	686	28978	39666	31593	20852	2903	197	12719	157488
Nov.	599	26073	33049	27403	9502	2583	260	11132	154460
Dec.	497	23579	28277	22252	9448	2425	266	10648	134472
1985 Jan.	464	20606	22025	17036	7937	2640	255	9539	113813
Feb.	452	17553	17056	13627	7962	2409	230	8324	99128
March	441	15511	14855	9766	6402	2501	176	7646	82664
April	453	11553	11468	7643	5458	2534	217	5049	67906
May	364	10002	9240	5935	4747	2477	637	3487	56605
June	279	8552	7516	5446	3723	2349	377	2129	44144
July	313	6165	9343	5780	5765	2349	687	1787	38683
Aug.	263	15791	23689	19042	9234	4846	474	5442	88675
Sept.	429	23418	47475	38159	14347	7985	582	6637	143400
Oct.	470	24327	43732	37414	16237	2839	572	6748	173519
CORN--COB									
1984 Oct.	1090	47374	14354	46674	4640	8254	3865	20562	140286
Nov.	977	43606	11501	38080	4429	7124	3548	19387	134021
Dec.	964	41385	10679	33972	4106	7709	3253	18221	122573
1985 Jan.	882	35504	10382	27182	3679	7662	2796	16791	103112
Feb.	921	31015	9338	25257	3033	6306	2482	16718	91498
March	747	24972	7043	19324	2556	5315	2054	15643	81518
April	562	20488	3879	13111	2070	5169	1689	9704	68258
May	558	15624	2852	10481	1878	5204	1280	4683	50622
June	359	10055	2693	7708	1477	4686	1099	3328	37134
July	377	8753	1834	4734	1113	2578	845	2806	26625
August	514	23265	8654	26971	1990	3724	1542	15840	64399
Sept.	1028	43286	17164	50053	2892	6939	2584	23586	144927
Oct.	1557	43548	16676	47944	3433	4394	2836	24830	180168