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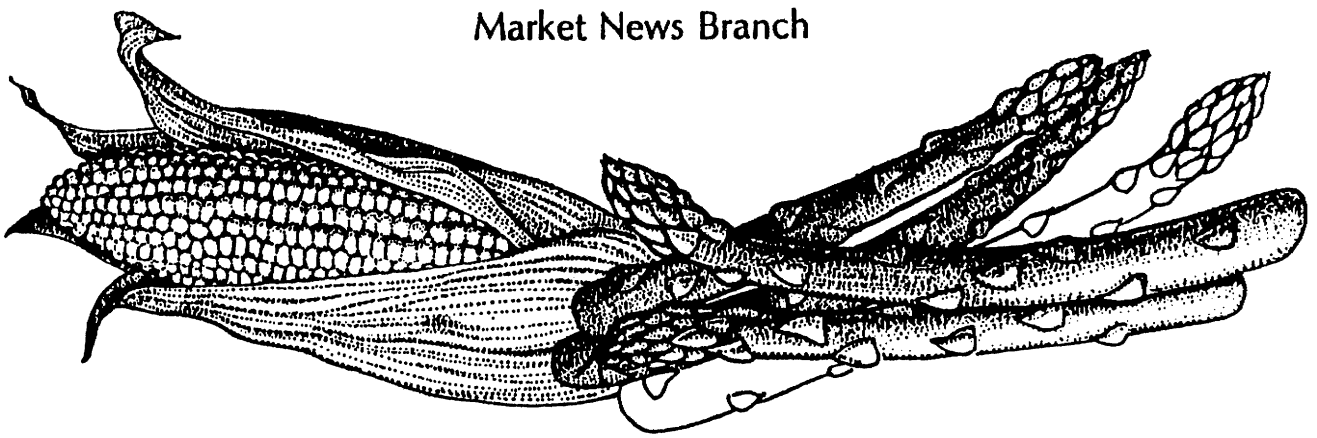

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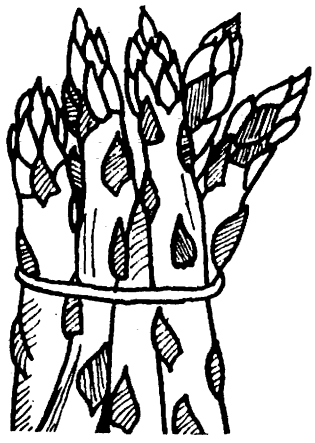

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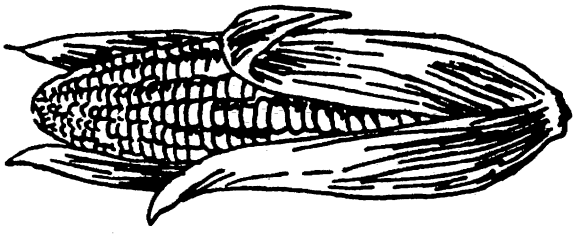

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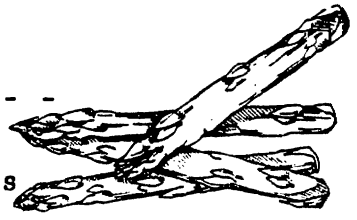

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MARKETING WASHINGTON ASPARAGUS
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GENERAL COMMENTS

WEATHER, GROWING & HARVESTING: Growers prepared beds in March and early April, but cool spring temperatures slowed plant development. By mid-April growers were just beginning to get started as the cool, wet spring weather kept production fairly light. The cool weather persisted into mid-May when some warmer temperatures finally began to pick up the pace. South Central Washington saw some more cool wet weather towards the end of May and again around the end of June as most were winding down.

PRODUCTION: Based on figures from the National Agricultural Statistical Service, growers in Washington harvested 24,000 acres of asparagus in 1996, the same as in 1995. Yields in Washington averaged 36 cwt per acre, compared 37 the last season.

Production for the fresh market totaled 268,000 cwt in 1996, compared to 231,000 cwt in 1995, and 248,000 cwt in 1994. Washington's fresh market asparagus averaged $114/cwt, compared to the $109/cwt in 1995 and $98/cwt in 1994..

The total processed was 28,000 tons, the down slightly from the 31,000 tons in 1995. Prices averaged $1,110.00 per ton, down slightly from $1,170.00 in 1995.

MARKETING: 28 lb pyramid crates, 85% or more green, 8-9 inch cut, Washington Extra Fancy.

All prices are for Standard size, bunched packed unless otherwise stated.

The first f.o.b. was issued on April 16th at $36.00. Production started to pick up and the price slipped to $34.00-36.00 by the end of the week as most sheds were packing. With limited production the price remained fairly steady through April and into the Mother's Day holiday in May. With slightly better production the market slipped again to $33.00-34.00. The market bottomed out at $32.00 during the first week in June, but picked up again the week of June 10th, jumping to $34.00-35.00 on Monday. By the next Monday the market hit the season high of $38.00-40.00 where it remained as the remaining supplies were marketed.

SHIPMENTS: WA growers shipped 180,774 cwt in 1996. Peak shipments went out the week ending May 19th 24,982 cwt were shipped, only slightly more than the 23,622 cwt shipped the week ending May 4th.

Asparagus for Fresh Market and Processing: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, Production, and Value by State and United States, 1994-96

State	Area Planted			Area Harvested		
	1994	1995	1996	1994	1995	1996
	Acres					
CA	34,500	30,800	30,000	30,200	28,000	29,000
IL	750	720	300	750	720	300
MI	18,500	17,500	18,000	18,000	17,000	17,500
NJ	900	1,000	1,000	900	900	900
WA	25,000	24,000	24,000	24,000	23,000	23,000
Oth Sts 1/	2,940	2,720	2,860	2,900	2,720	2,860
US	82,590	76,740	76,160	76,750	72,340	73,560

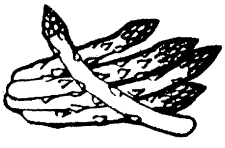
	Yield per Acre			Production		
	1994	1995	1996	1994	1995	1996
	Cwt			1,000 Cwt		
CA	33	28	26	997	784	754
IL	10	10	9	8	7	3
MI	13	18	17	234	306	298
NJ	20	28	40	18	25	36
WA	37	37	36	888	851	828
Oth Sts 1/	18	19	24	52	51	70
US	29	28	27	2,197	2,024	1,989

	Value					
	Per Cwt			Total		
	1994	1995	1996	1994	1995	1996
	Dollars			1,000 Dollars		
CA	102.00	117.00	85.90	101,694	91,728	64,769
IL	67.80	73.10	120.00	542	512	360
MI	60.70	65.70	67.50	14,194	20,106	20,110
NJ	98.00	112.00	107.00	1,764	2,800	3,852
WA	63.40	68.90	76.50	56,304	58,659	63,312
Oth Sts 1/	60.40	66.00	61.40	3,143	3,365	4,298
US	80.90	87.50	78.80	177,641	177,170	156,701

1/ IN, MD, MN, and OR.

Asparagus for Fresh Market and Processing: Production and Value by Utilization, State, and United States, 1994-96

Utilization and State	Production 1994	Production 1995	Production 1996
	1,000 Cwt		
Fresh Market			
MI	22	36	33
NJ	18	25	36
WA	248	231	268
Oth Sts 1/	1,023	808	783
US	1,311	1,100	1,120
	Tons		
Processing			
MI	10,600	13,500	13,260
WA	32,000	31,000	28,000
Oth Sts 1/	1,700	1,680	2,200
US	44,300	46,180	43,460
Canning	33,860	37,550	34,940
Freezing	10,440	8,630	8,520



	Value Per Unit 1994	Value Per Unit 1995	Value Per Unit 1996	Value Total 1994	Value Total 1995	Value Total 1996
	Dollars per Cwt			1,000 Dollars		
Fresh Market						
MI	67.00	71.00	79.00	1,474	2,556	2,607
NJ	98.00	112.00	107.00	1,764	2,800	3,852
WA	98.00	109.00	114.00	24,304	25,179	30,552
Oth Sts 1/	101.00	116.00	85.50	103,631	93,636	66,985
US	100.00	113.00	92.90	131,173	124,171	103,996
	Dollars per Ton			1,000 Dollars		
Processing						
MI	1,200.00	1,300.00	1,320.00	12,720	17,550	17,503
WA	1,000.00	1,080.00	1,170.00	32,000	33,480	32,760
Oth Sts 1/	1,030.00	1,170.00	1,110.00	1,748	1,969	2,442
US	1,050.00	1,150.00	1,210.00	46,468	52,999	52,705
Canning	1,040.00	1,120.00	1,220.00	35,323	41,984	42,581
Freezing	1,070.00	1,280.00	961.00	11,145	11,015	8,186

1/ CA, IL, IN, MD, MN, and OR.

A S P A R A G U S

WEEKLY SHIPMENTS FROM APRIL 6, 1996 THRU AUGUST 3, 1996

Rail - Piggyback - Truck - Air - Boat - Export - Import

Amounts are shown in 10,000 pound units

	---- CALIFORNIA ----					COLUMBIA	MEXICO	PERU	OTHER*	TOTAL
	NORTH Truck	CENT. Truck	CENT. Exp.	IMPVLY Truck	WA. Tr	Import	Import	Import	Import	
April										
6	10	413	115	25	--	--	121	--	--	684
13	17	462	162	8	23	--	76	--	--	748
20	13	502	177	--	153	--	8	--	--	853
27	11	402	156	--	187	22	4	28	--	810
May										
4	15	382	86	--	237	--	--	--	--	720
11	17	330	35	--	178	--	--	--	--	560
18	9	233	43	--	249	--	--	--	--	534
25	5	188	20	--	183	14	--	20	3	433
June										
1	8	125	6	--	185	--	--	--	--	324
8	2	64	4	--	201	--	--	--	--	271
15	--	34	5	--	195	--	6	--	--	240
22	--	13	4	--	149	--	50	--	--	216
29	--	--	--	--	84	23	77	39	30	253
July										
6	--	--	--	--	12	--	100	--	--	112
13	--	--	--	--	--	--	112	--	--	112
20	--	--	--	--	--	--	121	--	--	121
27	--	--	--	--	--	26	111	41	43	221
August										
3	--	--	--	--	--	--	90	--	--	90
TOTAL	107	3148	813	33	2036	85	876	128	76	7302

* Others include Canada, Costa Rica, Ecuador and Guatemala.

All shipment figures are subject to revision...

A S P A R A G U S

Rail & Truck Arrivals in 20 U.S. Cities
APRIL THRU JUNE ---- 1996 CROP ---- 10,000 LB. UNITS

	CALIF.	N.J.	WASH.	MEXICO	OTHER	TOTAL
Atlanta	27	--	11	2	5	45
Baltimore-Washn DC	124	5	79	24	7	239
Boston	168	5	102	3	8	286
Chicago	271	--	56	34	104	465
Cincinnati	26	--	7	10	--	43
Columbia	6	--	--	--	--	6
Dallas	14	--	--	3	--	17
Detroit	49	--	4	2	8	63
Los Angeles	262	--	33	18	--	313
Miami	9	--	--	5	9	23
New York-Newark	135	101	167	25	2	430
Philadelphia	64	13	69	5	7	158
Pittsburgh	17	2	3	--	--	22
St. Louis	30	--	11	--	--	41
San Francisco-Oakland	566	--	76	2	--	644
Seattle-Tacoma	45	--	193	4	--	242
TOTAL	1813	126	811	137	150	3037

ASPARAGUS - 1996

LOWER YAKIMA VALLEY AND WALLA WALLA DISTRICTS, WASHINGTON

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis

	WA Extra Fancy				
	28 lb Pyramid Crates Bunched		30 lb Pyramid Crates Loose		20 lb Carton WA Consumer Pack
	Large	Standard	Large	Standard	Bunched
APR 16	33.00-34.00	-36.00	-32.00	-34.00	-19.00
APR 17	33.00-34.00	-36.00	-32.00	33.00-34.00	-19.00
APR 18	-32.00	34.00-36.00	30.00-32.00	33.00-34.00	-19.00
APR 19	-32.00	34.00-36.00	30.00-32.00	33.00-34.00	-19.00
APR 22	-32.00	34.00-36.00	30.00-32.00	33.00-34.00	-19.00
APR 23	-32.00	34.00-36.00	30.00-32.00	33.00-34.00	-19.00
APR 24	-32.00	34.00-36.00	30.00-32.00	33.00-34.00	-19.00
APR 25	32.00-34.00	34.00-36.00	30.00-32.00	33.00-34.00	-19.00
APR 26	32.00-34.00	34.00-36.00	30.00-32.00	33.00-34.00	-19.00
APR 29	32.00-34.00	34.00-36.00	30.00-32.00	33.00-34.00	-19.00
APR 30	32.00-34.00	34.00-36.00	30.00-32.00	33.00-34.00	-19.00
MAY 01	32.00-34.00	34.00-36.00	30.00-32.00	33.00-34.00	-19.00
MAY 02	32.00-34.00	34.00-36.00	30.00-32.00	33.00-34.00	-19.00
MAY 03	32.00-34.00	34.00-36.00	30.00-32.00	33.00-34.00	-19.00
MAY 06	32.00-34.00	34.00-36.00	30.00-32.00	33.00-34.00	-19.00
MAY 07	32.00-34.00	34.00-36.00	30.00-32.00	33.00-34.00	-19.00
MAY 08	32.00-34.00	34.00-36.00	30.00-32.00	33.00-34.00	-19.00
MAY 09	32.00-34.00	34.00-36.00	30.00-32.00	33.00-34.00	-19.00
MAY 10	32.00-34.00	34.00-36.00	30.00-32.00	33.00-34.00	-19.00
MAY 13	-32.00	34.00-35.00	30.00-31.00	33.00-34.00	18.00-19.00
MAY 14	-32.00	34.00-35.00	30.00-31.00	33.00-34.00	18.00-19.00
MAY 15	28.00-30.00	33.00-34.00	-28.00	31.00-32.00	17.00-18.00
MAY 16	28.00-30.00	33.00-34.00	-28.00	31.00-32.00	17.00-18.00
MAY 17	-30.00	33.00-34.00	-28.00	30.00-32.00	17.00-18.00
MAY 20	-30.00	33.00-34.00	-28.00	30.00-32.00	17.00-18.00
MAY 21	-30.00	33.00-34.00	-28.00	30.00-32.00	17.00-18.00
MAY 22	-30.00	33.00-34.00	-28.00	30.00-32.00	17.00-18.00
MAY 23	-30.00	33.00-34.00	-28.00	30.00-32.00	17.00-18.00
MAY 24	28.00-30.00	33.00-34.00	-28.00	30.00-32.00	17.00-18.00
MAY 28	28.00-29.00	32.00-34.00	-28.00	30.00-31.00	17.00-18.00
MAY 29	-28.00	32.00-33.00	-28.00	30.00-31.00	17.00-18.00
MAY 30	-28.00	32.00-33.00	-28.00	30.00-31.00	17.00-18.00
MAY 31	-28.00	32.00-33.00	-28.00	30.00-31.00	17.00-18.00
JUN 03	-28.00	-32.00	-28.00	-30.00	17.00-18.00
JUN 04	-28.00	-32.00	-28.00	-30.00	17.00-18.00
JUN 05	-28.00	-32.00	-28.00	-30.00	17.00-18.00
JUN 06	-28.00	-32.00	-28.00	-30.00	17.00-18.00
JUN 07	-28.00	-32.00	-28.00	-30.00	17.00-18.00
JUN 10	-32.00	34.00-35.00	-30.00	32.00-33.00	17.00-18.00
JUN 11	-32.00	34.00-36.00	-30.00	32.00-34.00	-
JUN 12	-32.00	34.00-36.00	-30.00	32.00-34.00	-
JUN 13	33.00-34.00	36.00-38.00	32.00-34.00	34.00-36.00	-
JUN 14	-34.00	36.00-38.00	-34.00	-36.00	-
JUN 17	-38.00	38.00-40.00	-36.00	-38.00	
JUN 18	-38.00	38.00-40.00	-36.00	-38.00	
JUN 19	-38.00	38.00-40.00	-36.00	-38.00	
JUN 20	-38.00	38.00-40.00	-36.00	-38.00	
JUN 21	-38.00	38.00-40.00	-36.00	-38.00	
JUN 24	-38.00	38.00-40.00	-36.00	-38.00	
JUN 25	-38.00	38.00-40.00	-36.00	-38.00	
JUN 26	-38.00	38.00-40.00	-36.00	-38.00	
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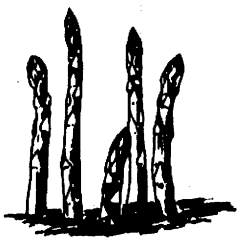

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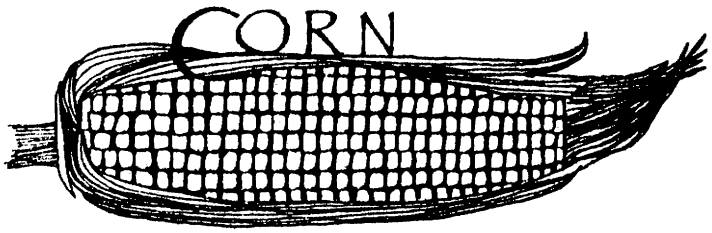

WEATHER, GROWING & HARVESTING: By mid-March Basin growers were planting corn for grain. Planting of sweet corn got underway in early May and continued in to early July. Due to the cool spring weather plant growth was slow, and only a very light supply of sweet corn was available in early July and most missed the 4th of July holiday. By mid-July most growers were beginning to pick. Results were mixed as spring rains and cool weather caused some planting gaps and irregular growth patterns in many areas.

Harvest continued through most of August and was mostly completed prior to the Labor day weekend. Harvest for local supply was active well into September on the West side.

PRODUCTION: According to the WA Agricultural Statistics Service, WA growers produced 390,000 cwt of corn, down a little more than 10% from the 435,000 cwt produced in 1995, and about the same as in 1994.

Although the yields of 150 cwt/acre was the same as in 1995 the acreage dropped from 3,000 to 2,700. Since 1990, acreage in WA has risen from 2,100 acres to 2,800 acres in 1993 and 1994. Yields have also increased from 110 cwt/acre in 1990 to 150 cwt/acre in 1993 and 1995 and 1996, although it fell off to 140 cwt/acre in 1994. The value of the 1996 crop was set at $15.00/cwt, up about 20% from the $12.00/cwt in 1995, and almost 30% better than in 1995.

PACKAGING: Most of the sweet corn for fresh market was packed in 50 pound cartons with approximately 4 dozen ears to the carton.

MARKETING: All prices are for 50 lb cartons of approximately 4 dozen ears, yellow corn. Hydrocooling was not included.

The first fob was issued July 17th at $6.00, and the market was very steady through out the season. Supplies were fairly balanced reflected by the steady market. In mid- August the price dipped to $5.75 6.00. The last fob was issued August 21st. Shipments continued through September although supplies were in too few hands to establish a market.

SHIPMENTS: Growers shipped 454,400 cartons in 1996 compared to 601,400 cartons during the 1995 season. Shipments peaked the week ending July 27th when 132,800 cartons were shipped.

SWEET CORN FOR FRESH MARKET

AREA PLANTED & AREA HARVESTED

1993 - 1994 - 1995 - 1996

STATE	AREA PLANTED 1993	AREA PLANTED 1994	AREA PLANTED 1995#	AREA PLANTED 1996*	AREA HARVESTED 1993	AREA HARVESTED 1994	AREA HARVESTED 1995#	AREA HARVESTED 1996*
	acres							
Alabama	4,000	4,200	4,400	4,300	3,000	3,400	3,000	3,600
California	20,000	21,600	22,300	24,100	20,000	21,600	22,300	24,100
Colorado	4,500	5,000	5,000	5,500	4,300	4,800	4,500	5,400
Connecticut	4,700	5,300	5,300	4,800	3,800	4,900	4,500	4,500
Florida	48,000	43,900	38,100	43,400	43,600	41,300	37,400	43,300
Georgia	18,000	19,500	21,000	20,000	13,000	17,000	20,000	18,000
Illinois	7,600	8,700	7,300	8,000	6,300	8,000	6,900	7,600
Indiana	7,300	7,300	7,100	7,000	6,800	6,900	6,700	6,500
Maine	2,700	2,500	2,500	2,900	2,100	2,300	2,200	2,400
Massachusetts	8,800	8,500	8,000	8,000	7,200	7,500	6,600	7,000
Michigan	13,000	13,500	13,000	12,500	11,500	12,000	11,500	10,500
New Hampshire	2,800	2,700	2,800	2,800	2,200	2,400	2,500	2,500
New Jersey	9,700	9,500	9,000	9,200	8,800	9,000	8,500	9,000
New York	25,000	25,500	25,800	22,200	23,000	24,400	24,000	20,900
North Carolina	6,100	6,000	6,000	6,100	5,800	5,700	5,700	6,000
Ohio	15,700	15,900	15,900	15,000	15,000	15,400	15,000	14,700
Oregon	2,400	2,300	2,200	1,900	2,300	2,200	2,100	1,800
Pennsylvania	20,800	20,200	19,500	19,500	19,100	18,700	17,200	17,000
Rhode Island	1,300	1,200	1,100	1,100	1,100	1,100	900	1,000
Texas	3,800	3,500	3,700	3,700	3,500	3,200	3,400	2,800
Vermont	1,600	1,400	1,500	1,400	1,300	1,200	1,200	1,200
Virginia	3,000	2,900	2,800	2,600	2,500	2,900	2,500	2,000
Washington	**2,900**	**2,900**	**3,000**	**2,700**	**2,800**	**2,800**	**2,900**	**2,600**
Wisconsin 1/		8,000	8,000	8,000		7,000	7,200	6,800
Other States 2/	6,290				4,930			
TOTAL U.S.	234,400	242,000	235,300	236,700	209,600	225,700	218,700	221,200

1/ Estamates started with the 1994 crop.

2/ 1993 - Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

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SWEET CORN FOR FRESH MARKET

YIELD PER ACRE & PRODUCTION

1993 - 1994 - 1995 - 1996

STATE	YIELD PER ACRE				PRODUCTION			
	1993	1994	1995	1996*	1993	1994	1995#	1996*
	cwt.				1,000 cwt.			
Alabama	55	60	40	60	165	204	120	216
California	140	140	150	155	2,800	3,024	3,345	3,736
Colorado	160	140	150	165	688	672	675	891
Connecticut	57	65	60	65	217	319	270	293
Florida	88	130	130	130	3,837	5,369	4,862	5,629
Georgia	60	120	140	120	780	2,040	2,800	2,160
Illinois	78	92	81	98	491	736	559	745
Indiana	77	68	66	71	524	469	442	462
Maine	65	55	55	60	137	127	121	144
Massachusetts	60	70	65	70	432	525	429	490
Michigan	75	85	80	85	863	1,020	920	893
New Hampshire	60	65	65	75	132	156	163	188
New Jersey	95	85	80	80	836	765	680	720
New York	85	100	85	75	1,955	2,440	2,040	1,568
North Carolina	55	60	55	105	264	342	314	630
Ohio	90	86	79	82	1,350	1,324	1,185	1,205
Oregon	110	120	140	150	253	264	294	270
Pennsylvania	50	60	47	65	955	1,122	808	1,105
Rhode Island	85	70	70	75	94	77	63	75
Texas	50	45	50	40	175	144	170	112
Vermont	60	55	50	65	78	66	60	78
Virginia	50	35	30	42	125	102	75	84
Washington	**150**	**140**	**150**	**150**	**420**	**392**	**435**	**390**
Wisconsin 1/		44	79	95		308	569	646
Other States 2/	65				320			
TOTAL U.S.	90	98	98	103	18,834	22,007	21,399	22,730

1/ Estimate started with the 1994 crop.

2/ 1993 - Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont

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SWEET CORN FOR FRESH MARKET

VALUE: PER CWT & TOTAL

1993 - 1994 - 1995 - 1996

STATE	VALUE PER CWT. 1993	1994#	1995#	1996*	VALUE TOTAL 1993	1994#	1995#	1996*
	dollars				1,000 dollars			
Alabama	12.00	15.00	15.70	13.30	1,980	3,060	1,884	2,873
California	17.80	18.30	18.70	17.60	49,840	55,339	62,552	65,754
Colorado	10.50	10.80	8.60	9.20	7,224	7,258	5,805	8,197
Connecticut	27.50	25.00	28.00	27.00	5,968	7,975	7,560	7,911
Florida	20.60	19.60	22.30	16.50	102,588	105,232	108,423	92,879
Georgia	14.90	16.50	12.50	11.10	11,622	33,660	35,000	23,976
Illinois	14.40	14.00	15.30	14.80	7,070	10,304	8,553	11,026
Indiana	18.30	18.80	18.60	20.20	9,589	8,817	8,221	9,332
Maine	27.00	30.00	29.00	30.00	3,699	3,810	3,509	4,320
Massachusetts	25.00	27.00	27.00	28.00	10,800	14,175	11,583	13,720
Michigan	16.20	15.00	15.70	17.00	13,981	15,300	14,444	15,181
New Hampshire	31.00	32.00	33.00	32.00	4,092	4,992	5,379	6,016
New Jersey	19.00	16.90	16.60	21.90	15,884	12,292	11,288	15,768
New York	11.90	12.70	18.90	14.80	23,265	30,988	38,556	23,206
North Carolina	17.80	15.30	14.70	13.50	4,699	5,233	4,616	8,505
Ohio	16.30	14.50	18.50	17.10	22,005	19,198	21,923	20,606
Oregon	22.10	16.80	16.80	13.00	5,591	4,435	4,939	3,510
Pennsylvania	19.70	17.80	19.50	20.50	18,814	19,972	15,756	22,653
Rhode Island	21.00	29.00	27.00	26.00	1,974	2,233	1,701	1,950
Texas	18.00	10.80	16.00	10.00	1,350	1,555	2,720	1,120
Vermont	22.50	26.00	25.00	28.00	1,989	1,716	1,500	2,184
Virginia	13.00	23.50	17.70	16.80	1,625	2,397	1,328	1,411
Washington	**11.90**	**10.80**	**12.00**	**15.00**	**4,998**	**4,239**	**5,220**	**5,850**
Wisconsin 1/		13.50	12.00	13.70		4,158	6,828	8,850
Other States 2/	17.80				8,534			
TOTAL U.S.	17.80	17.20	18.20	16.60	335,213	378,970	389,288	376,798

1/ Estimates started with the 1994 crop.

2/ Maine, New Hampshire, Rhode Island and Vermont.

SWEET CORN FOR PROCESSING
HARVESTED AREA - YIELD PER ACRE - PRODUCTION
1993 - 1994 - 1995 - 1996

STATE	AREA PLANTED				AREA HARVESTED			
	1993	1994	1995	1996*	1993	1994	1995	1996*
	acres							
Idaho	21,400	17,400	15,900	17,700	20,500	17,100	14,000	17,500
Illinois	36,800	36,700	29,200	22,900	35,800	32,900	26,300	22,200
Maryland	4,800				4,700			
Michigan	7,000	7,100	5,000	3,900	7,000	7,100	4,100	3,700
Minnesota	121,700	143,000	133,900	127,500	109,300	131,300	116,400	120,100
New York	33,400	32,500	40,300	41,900	30,800	30,300	38,500	40,900
Oregon	46,100	48,600	49,400	49,100	44,800	47,300	48,900	48,300
Pennsylvania	2,600	2,700	3,100	2,800	2,600	2,700	2,900	2,700
Washington	**65,100**	**74,700**	**84,700**	**78,000**	**64,400**	**73,500**	**82,700**	**75,300**
Wisconsin	143,200	160,800	140,400	120,100	133,500	147,100	123,800	115,900
Other States 1/	19,190	27,200	29,510	28,100	18,660	26,800	26,310	27,600
TOTAL U.S.	501,290	550,700	531,410	492,000	472,060	516,100	483,910	474,200
CANNING	316,040	329,590	320,890	286,600	293,990	303,490	284,290	276,200
FREEZING	185,250	221,110	210,520	205,400	178,070	212,610	199,620	198,000

STATE	YIELD PER ACRE				PRODUCTION			
	1993	1994	1995	1996*	1993	1994	1995	1996*
	tons				tons			
Idaho	8.20	8.50	8.85	9.22	168,100	145,350	123,900	161,350
Illinois	5.11	5.91	5.10	6.20	182,940	194,440	134,130	137,640
Maryland	5.46				25,660			
Michigan	6.30	6.50	6.00	6.75	44,100	46,150	24,600	24,980
Minnesota	3.85	6.58	5.77	5.99	420,810	863,950	671,630	719,400
New York	6.90	6.80	5.80	5.50	212,520	206,040	223,300	224,950
Oregon	8.65	9.13	9.25	9.07	387,520	431,850	452,330	438,080
Pennsylvania	7.35	6.87	5.10	6.30	19.110	18,550	14,790	17,010
Washington	**9.12**	**9.00**	**9.96**	**9.04**	**587,330**	**661,500**	**823,690**	**680,710**
Wisconsin	4.41	6.81	5.58	6.05	588,740	1,001,750	690,800	701,200
Other States 1/	4.52	6.02	6.27	6.92	84,360	161,460	164,980	191,010
TOTAL U.S.	5.76	7.23	6.87	6.95	2,721,190	3,731,040	3,324,150	3,296,330
CANNING	4.97	6.98	6.00	6.24	1,460,780	2,119,840	1,707,050	1,723,620
FREEZING	7.08	7.58	8.10	7.94	1,460,780	1,611,200	1,617,100	1,572,710

1/ 1993 - Arizona, California, Deleware, Illinois, Iowa, New Jersey and Ohio.
1994 - California, Deleware, Indiana, Iowa, New Jersey & Ohio.
1995 - California, Deleware, Iowa, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio & Virginia.
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SWEET CORN FOR PROCESSING

VALUE: PRICE PER TON & TOTAL

1993 - 1994 - 1995 - 1996

STATE	VALUE PER TON 1993	1994	1995#	1996*	VALUE TOTAL 1993	1994	1995#	1996*
	dollars				1,000 dollars			
Idaho	62.00	62.00	75.00	76.00	10,422	9,012	9,293	12,263
Illinois	88.00	94.10	95.00	104.00	16,099	18,297	12,742	14,315
Maryland	64.70				1,660			
Michigan	76.00	65.00	70.00	82.00	3,352	3,000	1,722	2,048
Minnesota	67.00	61.10	72.00	78.00	28,194	52,787	48,357	56,113
New York	76.60	65.40	73.60	72.30	16,279	13,475	16,435	16,264
Oregon	83.30	82.50	78.20	84.10	32,280	35,628	35,372	36,843
Pennsylvania	50.00	53.60	52.50	60.00	956	994	776	1,021
Washington	**72.70**	**73.80**	**77.70**	**76.00**	**42,699**	**48,819**	**64,001**	**51,734**
Wisconsin	65.80	62.40	72.60	78.60	38,739	62,509	50,152	55,114
Other States 1/	76.20	71.60	74.60	68.70	6,432	11,566	12,306	13,125
TOTAL U.S.	72.40	68.60	75.60	78.50	197,112	256,087	251,156	258,840
CANNING	71.90	67.50	77.50	81.10	105,005	143,189	132,381	139,708
FREEZING	74.90	70.10	73.40	75.70	92,106	112,898	118,775	119,132

1/ 1993-Arizona, California, Deleware, Illinois, Indiana, New Jersey and Ohio.
1994-California, Deleware, Indiana, Iowa, Maryland, New Jersey and Ohio.
1995-California, Deleware, Iowa, Maryland, New Jersey, Ohio & Virginia.

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U. S. PRODUCTION, SUPPLY & UTILIZATION OF SWEET CORN

(Metric Tons)

	1993	1994	1995	1996
C A N N E D - NET PRODUCT WEIGHT...				
Beginning Stocks	421,990	262,818	415,673	380,388
Production 1/	538,049	780,794	628,749	667,479
Imports 2/ 5/	7,205	9,712	9,101	6,000
Total Supply	967,244	1,053,324	1,053,523	1,053,867
Exports 2/ 5/	173,366	148,945	162,708	166,000
Ending Stocks	262,818	415,673	380,388	366,373
Domestic Util.	531,160	488,706	510,427	521,494
F R O Z E N - NET PRODUCT WEIGHT...				
Beginning Stocks	222,456	168,358	220,152	234,841
Production 3/	309,031	395,042	396,489	355,518
Imports 2/ 5/	9,167	15,128	8,764	9,000
Total Supply	540,654	578,528	633,295	599,359
Exports 2/ 5/	62,307	64,395	61,344	61,000
Ending Stocks	168,358	220,152	234,841	205,220
Domestic Util.	309,989	293,981	333,492	333,139
F R E S H - FARM WEIGHT...				
Beginning Stocks	0	0	0	0
Production	854,305	998,231	975,234	1,043,273
Imports 5/	2,909	4,826	7,038	10,000
Total Supply	857,214	1,003,057	982,272	1,053,273
Exports 5/	34,241	33,772	49,665	45,000
Ending Stocks	0	0	0	0
Domestic Util.	822,973	969,285	932,607	1,008,273

1/ Converted from farm weight equivalent to net product weight by using a factor of 0.406.
2/ U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.
3/ Converted from farm weight equivalent to net weight by using a factor of 0.27.
4/ ERS forecast.

5/ FAS estimates for 1996.

Source: USDA/Economic Research Service (ERS)

U. S. EXPORTS OF FRESH, CANNED & FROZEN SWEET CORN
Calendar Year

(Quantity in Metric tons & Value in $1,000)

COMMODITY/ DESTINATION	1993 MT	1993 VALUE	1994 MT	1994 VALUE	1995* MT	1995* VALUE	1996 1/ MT	1996 1/ VALUE
F R E S H . . .								
Canada	32,010	13,117	29,089	12,466	32,197	12,637	32,412	12,621
Japan	66	52	2,650	2,508	7,944	3,779	2,358	1,133
United Kingdom	1,479	681	920	538	1,041	626	651	486
Mexico	199	109	161	120	36	25	303	95
Switzerland	315	167	214	245	148	224	185	234
Others	172	183	738	611	2,210	1,164	1,729	1,097
TOTAL	34,241	14,309	33,772	16,488	43,576	18,455	37,638	15,666
C A N N E D . . .								
Asia:	97,124	77,328	100,161	87,501	97,090	83,054	81,103	69,453
Japan	56,011	44,585	55,384	46,480	51,514	42,517	39,020	32,218
Taiwan	16,632	14,340	17,748	16,852	14,951	13,305	15,985	13,903
Hong Kong	14,013	9,017	13,070	10,640	13,349	11,047	12,924	10,756
Korea	5,661	5,721	8,046	8,546	9,571	9,855	7,040	7,228
United Kingdom	16,918	11,713	11,015	7,892	14,938	11,688	8,739	6,561
Netherlands	10,114	7,327	6,541	4,010	4,021	2,798	2,209	1,556
Germany	17,791	12,753	5,040	3,790	19,370	14,704	11,173	8,484
Mexico	3,815	3,029	5,520	4,098	2,594	1,800	1,695	1,154
Sweden	4,222	3,211	4,052	3,322	2,739	2,191	3,942	2,962
Canada	3,410	2,455	2,826	1,926	1,953	1,353	1,302	1,048
Norway	3,794	2,785	2,127	1,580	3,114	2,305	4,074	3,036
Others	16,178	12,241	11,663	9,056	16,889	13,027	12,446	9,791
TOTAL	173,366	132,842	148,945	123,175	162,708	132,920	126,683	104,045
F R O Z E N . . .								
Asia:	45,535	38,754	47,275	43,706	44,233	40,349	34,686	30,511
Japan	38,816	33,557	38,341	36,268	38,054	35,287	29,455	26,507
Taiwan	2,081	1,782	4,683	3,827	1,827	1,622	1,005	905
Hong Kong	4,235	3,108	3,545	3,162	3,575	2,784	3,355	2,369
Australia	6,202	4,786	3,434	2,766	2,578	2,084	434	402
Canada	2,117	1,530	3,619	2,927	3,380	2,747	3,008	2,538
Mexico	2,649	1,656	3,531	1,882	1,851	1,068	655	369
EU-15 2/	3,339	2,791	2,491	2,132	2,747	2,032	1,225	823
Others	2,465	2,436	4,045	4,030	6,555	5,163	2,546	2,104
TOTAL	62,307	51,953	64,395	57,443	61,344	53,443	42,554	36,747

* Revised

2/ Prior to 1994, data included EU-12.

1/ January to September - Subject to Revision

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

U. S. IMPORTS OF FRESH, CANNED & FROZEN SWEET CORN

Calendar Year

(Quantity in Metric tons & Value in $1,000)

COMMODITY/ DESTINATION	1993 MT	1993 VALUE	1994 MT	1994 VALUE	1995* MT	1995* VALUE	1996 1/ MT	1996 1/ VALUE
F R E S H . . .								
Mexico	2,649	1,243	4,045	2,141	6,006	2,941	7,184	3,534
Canada	245	81	184	103	797	2,941	7,184	3,534
Costa Rica	10	20	592	337	217	214	0	0
Others	5	1	5	9	18	14	1	3
TOTAL	2,909	1,345	4,826	2,590	7,038	3,365	7,903	3,839
C A N N E D . . .								
Thailand	6,099	4,952	5,648	4,750	6,574	5,709	2,056	1,859
Mexico	285	251	16	12	0	0	17	18
Canada	563	309	2,958	2,210	2,267	1,807	665	374
Indonesia	258	174	82	73	208	170	0	0
Australia	0	0	454	258	0	0	0	0
New Zealand	0	0	496	260	0	0	0	0
Others	0	11	58	70	52	56	3	8
TOTAL	7,205	5,697	9,712	7,633	8,764	6,802	6,178	4,731
F R O Z E N . . .								
Canada	8,767	5,791	10,933	8,247	8,305	6,312	5,838	4,421
Israel	0	0	1,582	1,453	0	0	0	0
Chile	0	0	480	309	0	0	0	0
South Africa	0	0	977	706	0	0	0	0
Dom. Republic	149	72	421	172	227	251	80	100
Mexico	52	30	349	228	118	71	231	133
Others	199	162	386	316	114	168	29	77
TOTAL	9,167	6,055	15,128	11,431	8,764	6,802	6,178	4,731

* Revised

1/ January to September - Subject to Revision

Source: U.S. Dept. of Commerce, Bureau of the Census

S W E E T C O R N

WEEKLY SHIPMENTS FROM JUNE 29 THRU AUGUST 31, 1996

(Amounts are in 10,000 Lb. Units)

Rail - Piggyback - Truck - Air - Boat - Export - Import

	AZ Tr.	CA Tr.	FL Tr.	GA Tr.	NY Tr.	NC Tr.	WA Tr.	CANADA Import	MEXICO Import Truck	TOTAL
June										
29	74	121	1286	4457	--	223	--	--	31	6192
July										
6	26	63	537	2797	--	686	--	--	32	4141
13	--	--	376	1369	--	577	84	--	8	2414
20	--	--	8	34	--	266	436	--	12	756
27	--	--	--	--	169	--	664	25	4	862
August										
3	--	--	--	--	416	--	533	--	4	953
10	--	--	--	--	465	--	264	--	2	731
17	--	--	--	--	688	--	155	--	5	848
24	--	--	--	--	845	--	79	--	2	926
31	--	--	9	--	913	--	53	128	4	1107
TOTAL	100	184	2216	8657	3496	1752	2268	153	104	18930

All shipments are subject to revision.

SWEET CORN

Rail & Truck Arrivals in 20 U. S. Cities
JULY THRU SEPTEMBER --- 1996 CROP --- 10,000 LB. UNITS

	CA	FL	GA	IL	NJ	NY	NC	OH	OR	WA	OTHER	TOTAL
Atlanta	13	55	201	17	8	208	17	18	--	--	129	666
Baltimore-Washn DC	--	31	212	--	16	222	126	12	--	--	354	973
Boston	2	8	458	--	75	121	271	1	--	--	443	1379
Chicago	12	121	162	425	--	36	--	32	--	9	673	1470
Cincinnati	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Columbia	--	24	25	--	4	17	1	3	--	--	83	157
Dallas	17	80	96	3	--	1	11	--	--	--	298	506
Detroit	--	29	271	4	--	4	53	8	--	--	540	909
Los Angeles	4768	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	89	9	417	5283
Miami	--	12	27	--	23	32	--	--	20	--	3	117
New York-Newark	13	375	84	--	343	579	56	--	--	--	55	1505
Philadelphia	17	57	60	--	266	39	63	1	--	--	44	547
Pittsburgh	--	49	188	8	32	8	18	107	--	--	67	477
St. Louis	9	128	18	189	--	23	--	--	--	4	264	635
San Francisco-Oakland	2549	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	13	4	--	2566
Seattle-Tacoma	329	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	5	756	--	1090
TOTAL	7729	969	1802	646	767	1290	616	182	127	782	3370	18280

SWEET CORN - 1996

LOWER YAKIMA VALLEY AND COLUMBIA BASIN, WASHINGTON

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point Basis

Cartons 4 Dozen minimum Yellow

JUL 17	-6.00	AUG 05	-
JUL 18	-6.00	AUG 06	-
JUL 19	-6.00	AUG 07	-6.00
JUL 20	-6.00	AUG 08	-6.00
JUL 21	-6.00	AUG 09	-6.00
JUL 22	-	AUG 10	-6.00
JUL 23	-	AUG 11	-6.00
JUL 24	-6.00	AUG 12	-
JUL 25	-6.00	AUG 13	-
JUL 26	-6.00	AUG 14	-6.00
JUL 27	-6.00	AUG 15	-6.00
JUL 28	-6.00	AUG 16	-6.00
JUL 29	-	AUG 17	-
JUL 30	-	AUG 18	5.75-6.00
JUL 31	-6.00	AUG 19	-
AUG 01	-6.00	AUG 20	-
AUG 02	-6.00	AUG 21	5.75-6.00
AUG 03	-6.00		
AUG 04	-6.00		