

Table 1: Fresh Asparagus Production, Supply, and Distribution in Selected Countries

Country/ Year	Production	Imports	Total Supply	Exports	Domestic Consumption	For Processing
Metric tons						
Germany						
1998	40,500	43,767	84,267	500	83,767	0
1999	40,000	40,213	80,213	1,357	78,856	0
2000 Est.	40,000	40,000	80,000	500	79,500	0
Greece						
1998	29,985	15	30,000	25,000	2,100	2,900
1999	34,250	0	34,250	30,000	2,200	2,050
2000 Est.	38,500	0	38,500	35,000	2,200	1,300
Japan						
1998	24,953	19,894	44,847	0	43,297	1,550
1999	19,842	24,466	44,308	0	43,078	1,230
2000 Est.	24,730	23,000	47,730	0	46,230	1,500
Mexico						
1998	41,240	53	41,293	34,974	6,319	0
1999	61,600	126	61,726	55,032	6,694	0
2000 Est.	62,000	100	62,100	55,000	7,100	0
Peru						
1998	138,000	0	138,000	20,000	6,000	112,000
1999	175,000	0	175,000	30,000	6,000	139,000
2000 Est.	190,000	0	190,000	35,000	6,000	149,000
Spain						
1998	62,800	2,400	65,200	19,300	34,000	11,900
1999	63,000	3,000	66,000	20,000	34,000	12,000
2000 Est.	63,500	3,000	66,500	20,000	34,500	12,000
Switzerland						
1998	200	8,700	8,900	0	8,900	0
1999	200	8,750	8,950	0	8,950	0
2000 Est.	200	8,700	8,900	0	8,900	0
United Kingdom						
1998	2,054	3,422	5,476	84	5,392	0
1999	1,960	3,495	5,455	87	5,368	0
2000 Est.	1,791	3,650	5,441	90	5,351	0
United States						
1998	57,334	49,825	107,159	15,601	59,153	32,405
1999	65,998	64,549	130,547	17,268	79,876	33,403
2000 Est.	70,307	68,039	138,346	18,144	85,202	35,000
Total						
1998	397,066	128,076	525,142	115,459	248,928	160,755
1999	461,850	144,599	606,449	153,744	265,022	187,683
2000 Est.	491,028	146,489	637,517	163,734	274,983	198,800

Source: U.S. Agricultural Counselor Reports and NASS/USDA. Est. = Estimate.

Table 2--United States Exports of Fresh and Chilled Asparagus 1/

Destinations	1996	1997	1998	1999	Jan-June	Jan-June
					1999	2000
			Metric tons			
Canada	4,666	6,329	6,578	6,946	5,667	6,194
Japan	6,260	6,478	5,179	7,108	6,640	6,996
Switzerland	1,988	1,423	2,549	2,111	2,096	1,581
Taiwan	12	11	3	18	17	486
United Kingd	632	341	506	653	483	106
Germany	402	309	180	61	60	31
Australia	79	47	117	65	64	46
Mexico	19	40	104	11	11	443
Iceland	23	6	72	38	19	57
Korea	38	53	62	33	25	13
France	73	19	40	23	23	10
Belgium-Lux	59	82	29	63	56	8
Other	126	125	175	135	72	24
Grand Total	14,377	15,263	15,594	17,265	15,233	15,995

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. 1/ Calendar years

Table 3--United States Imports of Fresh and Chilled Asparagus 1/

Origins	1996	1997	1998	1999	Jan-June	Jan-June
					1999	2000
			Metric tons			
Mexico	18,441	21,166	29,907	36,719	26,519	26,357
Peru	10,543	12,707	14,152	22,234	2,265	4,399
Chile	2,655	2,817	2,521	3,190	0	3
Colombia	1,234	1,940	1,768	1,311	564	473
Argentina	752	761	844	631	0	0
Guatemala	546	475	439	347	37	88
Ecuador	242	256	95	60	7	11
Other	121	86	99	57	20	17
Grand Total	34,534	40,208	49,825	64,549	29,412	31,348

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. 1/ Calendar years.