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Preface

Section 316 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement Implementation Act (NAFTA Implementation Act), Public Law 103-182, requires the U.S. International Trade Commission (Commission) to monitor U.S. imports of "fresh or chilled tomatoes" and "fresh or chilled peppers, other than chili peppers," until January 1, 2009. In response, the Commission instituted investigation No. 332-350, Monitoring of U.S. Imports of Tomatoes, and investigation No. 332-351, Monitoring of U.S. Imports of Peppers, under section 332(g) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1332(g)).¹

This report on the Commission's monitoring investigation covers peppers for fresh-market use and for processing. The purpose of this monitoring, as expressed in the NAFTA Implementation Act, is to enable the Commission to conduct an expedited investigation concerning provisional import relief and, if appropriate, recommend to the President provisional relief should a petition for such relief be filed under section 202 of the Trade Act of 1974 with respect to imports from all countries, or a petition requesting such relief be filed under section 302 of the NAFTA Implementation Act with respect to imports from Canada or Mexico. Generally, such provisional relief would remain in effect, pending completion of the investigation by the Commission and the taking of final action by the President.

This report contains statistical information gathered by the Commission on the U.S. pepper industry in the course of its monitoring. This information includes (1) consumption and trade data (including U.S. imports and U.S. exports) and (2) other industry data (including U.S. production quantity, value, unit value, and harvested area; U.S. cost-of-production estimates; shipments; quantities available at major shipping points; and average U.S. shipping-point prices). The information presented in this report on the U.S. pepper industry was obtained from a number of sources, including the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Department of Commerce, and various State agencies. This report principally includes 2001-05 data and partial-year data for 2005 and 2006.

¹ Nothing in this report should be construed to indicate how the Commission would find in an investigation conducted under other statutory authority covering the same or similar subject matter.

ABSTRACT

The imports of fresh-market peppers from Mexico and Canada have risen in recent years, in part as a result of the staged reduction and elimination through 2005 of the duties on fresh peppers under the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA). Adding to the growth of trade among the three member countries has been the increase in greenhouse-growing facilities in each country, allowing for the production and shipments of fresh peppers during those seasons when outdoor production is usually reduced or non-existent because of weather. U.S. imports of fresh-market peppers amounted to \$450.8 million in 2005, accounting for 53 percent of U.S. consumption of \$843.4 million. U.S. exports amounted to \$90.4 million in 2005 and remain small relative to production and consumption. The bulk of the imports are field-grown peppers from Mexico and enter principally through Arizona. By contrast, the bulk of the imports from Canada are greenhouse-grown peppers raised in Toronto and British Columbia, and enter mainly through U.S. Customs Districts nearest to those Canadian production areas. Grower prices for producing fresh peppers continue to lag far behind retail prices charged in grocery stores and at wholesale terminal markets.

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Highlights

The following are highlights of the statistical data collected on peppers for fresh-market use and for processing for the 2001-05 period.

Fresh-market Peppers

- Apparent U.S. consumption volume of fresh-market peppers fell in 2005 after rising steadily over the four previous years (table 1). Apparent U.S. consumption of fresh-market peppers amounted to 883,354 metric tons in 2005, down by 5 percent from 928,955 metric tons in 2004 (table 1). Apparent consumption was valued at \$843.4 million in 2005, down by 7 percent from \$907.8 million in 2004. In 2005, the ratio of import volume to consumption volume was 34 percent, up from 28 percent in the previous year. The ratio of import value to consumption value increased from 48 percent in 2004 to 53 percent in 2005 (table 1).
- U.S. production of fresh-market peppers fell by 12 percent from an estimated 743,892 metric tons (\$558.9 million) in 2004 to 658,118 metric tons (\$483.0 million) in 2005 (table 1). Unit values of production fell slightly from \$750 per metric ton in 2004 to \$730 per metric ton in 2005. Florida and California accounted for 44 percent and 39 percent, respectively, of total U.S. production value of fresh peppers in 2005 (table 9). U.S. harvested area for peppers totaled 57,000 acres in 2005, up from 52,900 harvested acres in 2004 (table 9), with much of the increase accounted for by a rise in acreage in California.
- U.S. exports of fresh-market peppers were down from 73,008 metric tons in 2004 to 70,757 metric tons in 2005 (table 1). The value of U.S. exports was up slightly from \$88.0 million in 2004 to \$90.4 million in 2005. Canada remained the leading foreign market for U.S. exports in recent years, accounting for 91 percent by volume and 93 percent by value of U.S. exports in 2005 (table 3). U.S. export volume was down by 17 percent and export value down by 19 percent during January-June 2006 as compared with January-June 2005 (table 3).
- U.S. imports of fresh-market peppers increased 15 percent in volume from 258,071 metric tons in 2004 to 295,993 metric tons in 2005 (table 1), and continued to rise significantly during January-June 2006 as compared with imports during January-June 2005. Mexico accounted for 71 percent by volume of total imports of fresh-market peppers in 2005. Other important foreign suppliers in 2005 included Canada and the Netherlands (table 4). The bulk of those imports from most major suppliers except Mexico are believed to be higher-value, greenhouse-grown peppers with average unit values often about two times the unit values of largely lower-priced, field-grown green peppers from Mexico.
- U.S. imports of fresh-market peppers from Mexico totaled 245,460 metric tons during July 2005-June 2006, a 26-percent rise from 194,968 metric tons during July 2004-June 2005 (table 5). During the July 2003-June 2004 through July 2005-June 2006 crop-years, the bulk of U.S. fresh-market peppers imported from Mexico entered through the Nogales, AZ Customs District, principally during November through the following June coincident with the peak production period in Florida. Recently, imports from Canada and the Netherlands were greatest during those months (June-October) when Florida production was normally low (tables 6-7),

although imports from Canada are increasing during May-June when Florida is still producing and when domestic production in California and other states is usually high.

- Shipments from Florida were down considerably in 2005/06 from those in 2004/05 following severe weather damage to the crop during the production season, whereas shipments from Mexico were up by 26 percent from 2004/05 to 2005/06 (table 11). Average shipping-point prices for peppers of all sizes from Florida were up considerably during late-November 2005 through mid-January 2006 from levels in the same months of the previous crop-year (table 15) as a result of reduced production in late 2005.

Processed Peppers

- U.S. production of processed (i.e., canned) peppers fell by 12 percent from an estimated 22,317 metric tons in 2004 to 19,744 metric tons in 2005 (table 2). U.S. imports of processed peppers rose by 7 percent from 21,439 metric tons in 2004 to 22,968 metric tons in 2005 (table 2). Imports of processed peppers amounted to 11,667 metric tons during January-June 2006, up by 7 percent from those entered during the corresponding period of January-June 2005 (table 8). Throughout the 2001-05 period, Spain was the primary foreign supplier, accounting for 42 percent by volume of U.S. imports in 2005. Turkey, Peru, and Chile were other important suppliers in recent years.

CONSUMPTION

Table 1 Fresh-market peppers: U.S. production, exports of domestic merchandise, imports for consumption, apparent consumption, and ratio of imports to consumption, 2001-05

| Year | Production ^a | Exports ^b | Imports ^c | Apparent consumption | Ratio of imports to consumption |
|------|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
| | <i>Quantity (metric tons)</i> | | | | <i>Percentage</i> |
| 2001 | 728,561 | 73,355 | 210,114 | 865,320 | 24 |
| 2002 | 710,689 | 73,181 | 242,658 | 880,166 | 28 |
| 2003 | 731,101 | 72,084 | 245,700 | 904,717 | 27 |
| 2004 | 743,892 | 73,008 | 258,071 | 928,955 | 28 |
| 2005 | 658,118 | 70,757 | 295,993 | 883,354 | 34 |
| | <i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i> | | | | |
| 2001 | 458,750 | 72,690 | 328,497 | 714,557 | 46 |
| 2002 | 464,401 | 73,431 | 290,589 | 681,559 | 43 |
| 2003 | 494,663 | 79,241 | 338,730 | 754,152 | 45 |
| 2004 | 558,863 | 88,022 | 436,968 | 907,809 | 48 |
| 2005 | 482,960 | 90,359 | 450,777 | 843,378 | 53 |
| | <i>Unit value (dollars per metric ton)^d</i> | | | | |
| 2001 | 630 | 990 | 1,560 | 830 | 188 |
| 2002 | 650 | 1,000 | 1,200 | 770 | 156 |
| 2003 | 680 | 1,100 | 1,380 | 830 | 166 |
| 2004 | 750 | 1,210 | 1,690 | 980 | 172 |
| 2005 | 730 | 1,280 | 1,520 | 950 | 160 |

Source: Production data estimated by Commission staff from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), *Vegetables*, 2003 Summary: Jan. 2004, Vg 1-2 (04), p. 35; 2004 Summary: Jan. 2005, Vg 1-2 (05), p. 28; and 2005 Summary: Jan. 2006, Vg 1-2 (06), p. 27; exports and imports compiled from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce), except as noted.

Note.—Production data are revised annually and figures for the more recent calendar years may not match data presented in earlier reports.

Note.—Production data are estimated from raw product intended for fresh-market use and for processing, whereas export and import data are shipments of fresh-market peppers actually recorded. Thus, apparent consumption of fresh-market peppers may be somewhat smaller and the ratio of imports to consumption somewhat larger than shown.

Note.—Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

^aData are for bell peppers intended for fresh-market use and for processing (data are not reported separately for each end-use), on a fresh-weight basis, and are converted from pounds to kilograms using a factor of 2,204.62 pounds per metric ton.

^bData are for fresh or chilled peppers including bell and other peppers (Schedule B No. 0709.60.0000) on a fresh-weight basis.

^cData are for fresh or chilled peppers other than chili peppers (Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) subheading 0709.60.40) on a fresh-weight basis.

^dCalculated by Commission staff using rounded numbers.

Table 2 Processed peppers: U.S. production and imports for consumption, 2001-05

| Year | Production ^a | Imports ^b |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Quantity (metric tons)</i> | | |
| 2001 | 21,857 | 18,034 |
| 2002 | 21,321 | 20,210 |
| 2003 | 21,933 | 20,287 |
| 2004 | 22,317 | 21,439 |
| 2005 | 19,744 | 22,968 |
| <i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i> | | |
| 2001 | (^c) | 18,774 |
| 2002 | (^c) | 20,240 |
| 2003 | (^c) | 21,625 |
| 2004 | (^c) | 27,616 |
| 2005 | (^c) | 31,644 |
| <i>Unit value (dollars per metric ton)^d</i> | | |
| 2001 | (^c) | 1,040 |
| 2002 | (^c) | 1,000 |
| 2003 | (^c) | 1,070 |
| 2004 | (^c) | 1,290 |
| 2005 | (^c) | 1,380 |

Source: Production data estimated by Commission staff from official statistics of the USDA, NASS, *Vegetables*, 2005 Summary: Jan 2006, Vg 1-2 (06), p 27; imports compiled from official statistics of Commerce, except as noted

Note.—Data on exports of processed peppers are not separately reported.

Note.—Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

^aData are estimated to be the equivalent of 3 percent of production for all uses (on a fresh-weight basis) and are converted from pounds to metric tons using a factor of 2,204.62 pounds per metric ton.

^bData are for prepared or preserved peppers (HTS subheading 2005.90.50 and statistical reporting number 2005.90.5510) on a processed-weight basis.

^cNot available.

^dCalculated by Commission staff using rounded numbers.

TRADE

Table 3 Fresh-market peppers: U.S. exports of domestic merchandise,^a by principal markets, 2001-05, Jan.-June 2005, and Jan.-June 2006

| Market | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | Jan.-June 2005 | Jan.-June 2006 |
|--|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Quantity (metric tons)</i> | | | | | | | |
| Canada | 69,931 | 69,782 | 66,767 | 65,182 | 64,259 | 39,808 | 33,787 |
| Mexico | 2,022 | 1,499 | 3,125 | 5,477 | 3,456 | 971 | 240 |
| Netherlands | 150 | 596 | 839 | 816 | 952 | 600 | 245 |
| Japan | 742 | 572 | 678 | 598 | 944 | 514 | 546 |
| Belgium | ^(b) | 20 | 0 | 0 | 232 | 232 | 0 |
| Bahamas | 58 | 243 | 160 | 250 | 198 | 27 | 105 |
| Norway | 43 | 107 | 88 | 82 | 95 | 50 | 55 |
| Germany | 33 | 102 | 153 | 173 | 157 | 88 | 62 |
| All other | 376 | 260 | 274 | 430 | 464 | 226 | 238 |
| Total | 73,355 | 73,181 | 72,084 | 73,008 | 70,757 | 42,516 | 35,278 |
| <i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i> | | | | | | | |
| Canada | 68,708 | 69,413 | 73,401 | 79,244 | 83,762 | 49,894 | 41,343 |
| Mexico | 1,938 | 1,313 | 2,764 | 5,140 | 2,260 | 1,085 | 244 |
| Netherlands | 201 | 770 | 1,216 | 1,331 | 1,384 | 890 | 380 |
| Japan | 1,177 | 797 | 840 | 831 | 1,108 | 626 | 641 |
| Belgium | 3 | 84 | 0 | 0 | 516 | 516 | 0 |
| Bahamas | 55 | 269 | 178 | 419 | 300 | 39 | 144 |
| Norway | 83 | 179 | 175 | 170 | 190 | 101 | 96 |
| Germany | 50 | 127 | 189 | 207 | 175 | 88 | 114 |
| All other | 475 | 479 | 478 | 680 | 664 | 344 | 451 |
| Total | 72,690 | 73,431 | 79,241 | 88,022 | 90,359 | 53,583 | 43,413 |
| <i>Unit value (dollars per metric ton)^c</i> | | | | | | | |
| Canada | 983 | 995 | 1,099 | 1,216 | 1,304 | 1,253 | 1,224 |
| Mexico | 958 | 876 | 884 | 938 | 654 | 1,117 | 1,017 |
| Netherlands | 1,340 | 1,292 | 1,449 | 1,631 | 1,454 | 1,483 | 1,551 |
| Japan | 1,586 | 1,393 | 1,239 | 1,390 | 1,174 | 1,218 | 1,174 |
| Belgium | - | 4,200 | - | - | 2,224 | 2,224 | - |
| Bahamas | 948 | 1,107 | 1,113 | 1,676 | 1,515 | 1,444 | 1,371 |
| Norway | 1,930 | 1,673 | 1,989 | 2,073 | 2,000 | 2,020 | 1,745 |
| Germany | 1,515 | 1,245 | 1,235 | 1,197 | 1,115 | 1,000 | 1,839 |
| All other | 1,263 | 1,842 | 1,745 | 1,581 | 1,431 | 1,522 | 1,895 |
| Average | 991 | 1,003 | 1,099 | 1,206 | 1,277 | 1,260 | 1,231 |

Source: Compiled by Commission staff from official statistics of Commerce, except as noted.

Note.—Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

^aData are for fresh or chilled peppers other than chili peppers (Schedule B No. 0709.60.0000) on a fresh-weight basis.

^bLess than 0.5 metric tons.

^cCalculated by Commission staff using rounded numbers.

Table 4 Fresh-market peppers: U.S. imports for consumption,^a by principal sources, 2001-05, Jan.-June 2005, and Jan.-June 2006

| Source | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | Jan.-June 2005 | Jan.-June 2006 |
|--------------------|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Quantity (metric tons)</i> | | | | | | |
| Mexico | 143,212 | 164,576 | 164,741 | 180,366 | 210,674 | 151,824 | 186,610 |
| Canada | 34,223 | 41,377 | 42,554 | 44,428 | 55,870 | 14,492 | 17,457 |
| Israel | 6,617 | 6,557 | 10,142 | 8,811 | 4,339 | 2,831 | 2,133 |
| Dominican Republic | 1,440 | 1,785 | 2,004 | 1,865 | 2,120 | 1,486 | 2,135 |
| EU-25: | | | | | | | |
| Netherlands | 20,709 | 23,830 | 22,864 | 19,879 | 20,169 | 5,909 | 4,848 |
| Spain | 2,801 | 3,691 | 2,351 | 1,955 | 1,813 | 270 | 1,026 |
| Belgium | 90 | 267 | 450 | 372 | 654 | 248 | 77 |
| All other | 88 | 48 | 27 | 0 | 13 | 9 | 0 |
| Subtotal | 23,688 | 27,836 | 25,692 | 22,206 | 22,649 | 6,436 | 5,950 |
| All other | 934 | 527 | 567 | 395 | 341 | 205 | 270 |
| Total | 210,114 | 242,658 | 245,700 | 258,071 | 295,993 | 177,274 | 214,556 |
| | <i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i> | | | | | | |
| Mexico | 188,042 | 132,727 | 158,147 | 250,021 | 262,371 | 184,348 | 238,545 |
| Canada | 64,424 | 71,417 | 78,661 | 91,262 | 115,751 | 44,882 | 56,707 |
| Israel | 14,775 | 15,638 | 27,049 | 27,778 | 12,781 | 8,152 | 6,029 |
| Dominican Republic | 1,506 | 1,753 | 1,706 | 2,145 | 2,464 | 1,341 | 2,862 |
| EU-25: | | | | | | | |
| Netherlands | 50,195 | 56,844 | 63,735 | 56,544 | 50,046 | 17,708 | 15,288 |
| Spain | 7,197 | 10,161 | 6,891 | 7,011 | 4,677 | 935 | 2,901 |
| Belgium | 283 | 623 | 1,391 | 1,246 | 1,789 | 782 | 267 |
| All other | 58 | 47 | 27 | 0 | 37 | 28 | 0 |
| Subtotal | 57,734 | 67,675 | 72,044 | 64,800 | 56,549 | 19,453 | 18,456 |
| All other | 2,017 | 1,379 | 1,123 | 961 | 861 | 475 | 872 |
| Total | 328,497 | 290,589 | 338,730 | 436,968 | 450,777 | 258,651 | 323,471 |
| | <i>Unit value (dollars per metric ton)^b</i> | | | | | | |
| Mexico | 1,313 | 806 | 960 | 1,386 | 1,245 | 1,214 | 1,278 |
| Canada | 1,882 | 1,726 | 1,848 | 2,054 | 2,072 | 3,097 | 3,248 |
| Israel | 2,233 | 2,385 | 2,667 | 3,153 | 2,946 | 2,880 | 2,827 |
| Dominican Republic | 1,046 | 982 | 851 | 1,150 | 1,162 | 902 | 1,341 |
| EU-25: | | | | | | | |
| Netherlands | 2,424 | 2,385 | 2,788 | 2,844 | 2,481 | 2,997 | 3,153 |
| Spain | 2,569 | 2,753 | 2,931 | 3,586 | 2,580 | 3,463 | 2,827 |
| Belgium | 3,144 | 2,333 | 3,091 | 3,349 | 2,735 | 3,153 | 3,468 |
| All other | 659 | 979 | 1,000 | - | 2,846 | 3,111 | - |
| Average | 2,437 | 2,431 | 2,804 | 2,918 | 2,497 | 3,023 | 3,102 |
| All other | 2,160 | 2,617 | 1,981 | 2,433 | 2,525 | 2,317 | 3,230 |
| Average | 1,563 | 1,198 | 1,379 | 1,693 | 1,523 | 1,459 | 1,508 |

Source: Compiled by Commission staff from official statistics of Commerce, except as noted.

Note.—Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Note.—Sudden changes in unit values of some suppliers are believed to result in part from the entry of lower- or higher-valued peppers into the market.

Note.—Imports in 2006 enter at the MFN rate of 4.7 cents per kilogram, or free pursuant to the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the United States-Israel Free Trade Area (Israel), and the Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act (DR-CAFTA).

^aData are for fresh or chilled peppers other than chili peppers (HTS subheading 0709.60.40) on a fresh-weight basis.

^bCalculated by Commission staff using rounded numbers.

Table 5 Fresh-market peppers: U.S. imports for consumption from Mexico,^a by months and by major Customs Districts of entry, July 2003-June 2006

| Period | Nogales | Laredo | San Diego | Detroit | All other | Total |
|------------------------|---------|--------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Quantity (metric tons) | | | | | | |
| 2003: | | | | | | |
| July | 55 | 146 | 407 | 0 | 8 | 616 |
| Aug. | 0 | 5 | 332 | 0 | 13 | 350 |
| Sept. | 26 | 0 | 386 | 0 | 18 | 431 |
| Oct. | 210 | 1 | 569 | 0 | 11 | 792 |
| Nov. | 3,501 | 138 | 3,557 | 0 | 0 | 7,196 |
| Dec. | 19,516 | 325 | 3,211 | 0 | 12 | 23,064 |
| 2004: | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 35,441 | 485 | 2,712 | 4 | 0 | 38,642 |
| Feb. | 29,485 | 449 | 1,281 | 16 | 35 | 31,267 |
| Mar. | 28,984 | 821 | 1,434 | 53 | 24 | 31,316 |
| Apr. | 17,713 | 491 | 2,683 | 45 | 33 | 20,964 |
| May | 6,366 | 381 | 5,164 | 1 | 17 | 11,929 |
| June | 1,404 | 192 | 1,482 | 0 | 26 | 3,104 |
| Total | 142,701 | 3,434 | 23,218 | 119 | 197 | 169,671 |
| 2004: | | | | | | |
| July | 20 | 4 | 316 | 2 | 14 | 356 |
| Aug. | 7 | 0 | 629 | 0 | 27 | 662 |
| Sept. | 23 | 136 | 1,740 | 0 | 11 | 1,911 |
| Oct. | 343 | 600 | 2,803 | 3 | 23 | 3,772 |
| Nov. | 5,830 | 673 | 3,936 | 8 | 53 | 10,500 |
| Dec. | 22,106 | 880 | 2,817 | 73 | 68 | 25,943 |
| 2005: | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 39,936 | 1,102 | 2,807 | 141 | 51 | 44,037 |
| Feb. | 31,948 | 772 | 1,844 | 213 | 36 | 34,813 |
| Mar. | 27,595 | 858 | 1,685 | 144 | 47 | 30,329 |
| Apr. | 19,285 | 860 | 3,588 | 71 | 34 | 23,837 |
| May | 7,784 | 761 | 5,616 | 3 | 12 | 14,176 |
| June | 2,064 | 303 | 2,255 | 0 | 9 | 4,632 |
| Total | 156,941 | 6,949 | 30,036 | 658 | 385 | 194,968 |
| 2005: | | | | | | |
| July | 37 | 254 | 589 | 7 | 4 | 891 |
| Aug. | 11 | 52 | 311 | 0 | 2 | 375 |
| Sept. | 11 | 210 | 683 | 0 | 9 | 912 |
| Oct. | 562 | 709 | 3,440 | 9 | 4 | 4,725 |
| Nov. | 7,564 | 1,664 | 5,665 | 97 | 13 | 15,004 |
| Dec. | 31,788 | 1,692 | 3,325 | 70 | 67 | 36,943 |
| 2006: | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 48,677 | 1,941 | 2,889 | 297 | 39 | 53,844 |
| Feb. | 42,628 | 1,432 | 1,125 | 317 | 97 | 45,599 |
| Mar. | 36,484 | 1,622 | 1,573 | 251 | 86 | 40,015 |
| Apr. | 22,107 | 1,317 | 4,263 | 94 | 22 | 27,803 |
| May | 10,454 | 693 | 4,235 | 36 | 40 | 15,457 |
| June | 1,797 | 347 | 1,682 | 25 | 41 | 3,892 |
| Total | 202,120 | 11,933 | 29,780 | 1,203 | 424 | 245,460 |

See footnote at end of table.

Table 5—Continued Fresh-market peppers: U.S. imports for consumption from Mexico,^a by months and by major Customs Districts of entry, July 2003-June 2006

| Period | Nogales | Laredo | San Diego | Detroit | All other | Total |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|-----------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Value (1,000 dollars) | | | | | | |
| 2003: | | | | | | |
| July | 59 | 88 | 380 | 0 | 16 | 544 |
| Aug. | 0 | 2 | 252 | 0 | 21 | 275 |
| Sept. | 24 | 0 | 200 | 0 | 18 | 242 |
| Oct. | 171 | 7 | 282 | 0 | 25 | 485 |
| Nov. | 3,527 | 178 | 1,836 | 0 | 0 | 5,542 |
| Dec. | 17,744 | 343 | 2,187 | 0 | 17 | 20,291 |
| 2004: | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 43,664 | 374 | 1,883 | 17 | 0 | 45,938 |
| Feb. | 36,381 | 482 | 1,189 | 57 | 60 | 38,169 |
| Mar. | 48,483 | 1,281 | 1,352 | 186 | 55 | 51,357 |
| Apr. | 27,238 | 816 | 1,659 | 164 | 60 | 29,938 |
| May | 8,125 | 790 | 2,382 | 4 | 35 | 11,336 |
| June | 1,496 | 263 | 983 | 0 | 56 | 2,798 |
| Total | 186,912 | 4,624 | 14,585 | 428 | 363 | 206,915 |
| 2004: | | | | | | |
| July | 21 | 2 | 215 | 4 | 37 | 279 |
| Aug. | 8 | 0 | 554 | 0 | 37 | 599 |
| Sept. | 67 | 118 | 1,023 | 0 | 44 | 1,252 |
| Oct. | 505 | 739 | 1,399 | 12 | 82 | 2,736 |
| Nov. | 14,287 | 708 | 2,338 | 39 | 161 | 17,533 |
| Dec. | 45,251 | 862 | 1,543 | 209 | 221 | 48,085 |
| 2005: | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 61,291 | 1,905 | 2,069 | 404 | 158 | 65,828 |
| Feb. | 29,648 | 983 | 1,477 | 650 | 101 | 32,858 |
| Mar. | 27,716 | 1,411 | 1,436 | 516 | 108 | 31,187 |
| Apr. | 29,940 | 1,308 | 1,889 | 225 | 60 | 33,421 |
| May | 12,842 | 1,084 | 2,509 | 12 | 35 | 16,481 |
| June | 2,604 | 298 | 1,633 | 0 | 38 | 4,573 |
| Total | 224,180 | 9,418 | 18,085 | 2,071 | 1,082 | 254,832 |
| 2005: | | | | | | |
| July | 40 | 182 | 624 | 24 | 12 | 881 |
| Aug. | 11 | 44 | 226 | 0 | 5 | 286 |
| Sept. | 11 | 440 | 400 | 0 | 29 | 880 |
| Oct. | 800 | 965 | 1,461 | 31 | 7 | 3,264 |
| Nov. | 12,845 | 1,637 | 2,756 | 371 | 35 | 17,644 |
| Dec. | 50,422 | 2,102 | 2,041 | 303 | 200 | 55,067 |
| 2006: | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 80,267 | 2,514 | 1,436 | 1,133 | 123 | 85,472 |
| Feb. | 52,411 | 2,040 | 519 | 1,114 | 299 | 56,384 |
| Mar. | 39,279 | 2,147 | 860 | 911 | 242 | 43,438 |
| Apr. | 27,641 | 1,808 | 1,531 | 428 | 73 | 31,482 |
| May | 14,691 | 871 | 1,645 | 112 | 93 | 17,412 |
| June | 2,376 | 582 | 1,189 | 93 | 117 | 4,357 |
| Total | 280,794 | 15,332 | 14,688 | 4,520 | 1,235 | 316,567 |

Source: Compiled by Commission staff from official statistics of Commerce.

Note.—Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Note.—Monthly “all other” data and monthly totals for all Customs Districts are rounded from the actual data reported; crop-year Customs Districts totals for each District are calculated using rounded data totals.

^aData are for fresh or chilled peppers other than chili peppers (HTS subheading 0709.60.40) on a fresh-weight basis.

Table 6 Fresh-market peppers: U.S. imports for consumption from Canada,^a by months and by major Customs Districts of entry, July 2003-June 2006

| Period | Detroit | Seattle | Buffalo | Ogdensburg | All other | Total |
|------------------------|---------|------------------|---------|------------|-----------|--------|
| Quantity (metric tons) | | | | | | |
| 2003: | | | | | | |
| July | 1,707 | 1,317 | 497 | 13 | 64 | 3,598 |
| Aug. | 2,454 | 1,386 | 2,062 | 1,054 | 91 | 7,047 |
| Sept. | 2,599 | 965 | 3,984 | 3,285 | 76 | 10,909 |
| Oct. | 1,452 | 668 | 3,785 | 473 | 1 | 6,379 |
| Nov. | 961 | 213 | 239 | 0 | 3 | 1,416 |
| Dec. | 206 | 33 | 27 | 0 | 3 | 270 |
| 2004: | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 71 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 71 |
| Feb. | 44 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| Mar. | 698 | 123 | 210 | 0 | 2 | 1,033 |
| Apr. | 1,312 | 821 | 506 | 0 | 13 | 2,652 |
| May | 1,939 | 1,415 | 404 | 5 | 18 | 3,782 |
| June | 2,045 | 1,642 | 544 | 0 | 14 | 4,246 |
| Total | 15,488 | 8,583 | 12,259 | 4,830 | 285 | 41,448 |
| 2004: | | | | | | |
| July | 1,812 | 1,641 | 397 | 3 | 37 | 3,890 |
| Aug. | 2,788 | 1,758 | 1,287 | 2,148 | 45 | 8,026 |
| Sept. | 3,561 | 1,201 | 2,004 | 4,183 | 28 | 10,978 |
| Oct. | 2,731 | 962 | 2,585 | 678 | 13 | 6,970 |
| Nov. | 1,800 | 507 | 188 | 0 | 4 | 2,499 |
| Dec. | 199 | 30 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 239 |
| 2005: | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 27 | (^b) | 11 | 0 | 0 | 39 |
| Feb. | 107 | 0 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 125 |
| Mar. | 611 | 213 | 247 | 0 | 15 | 1,086 |
| Apr. | 1,928 | 987 | 434 | 0 | 51 | 3,399 |
| May | 2,498 | 971 | 568 | 0 | 44 | 4,081 |
| June | 2,638 | 2,396 | 643 | 0 | 84 | 5,761 |
| Total | 20,700 | 10,666 | 8,391 | 7,012 | 321 | 47,093 |
| 2005: | | | | | | |
| July | 3,082 | 2,097 | 649 | 30 | 46 | 5,904 |
| Aug. | 4,850 | 2,627 | 1,835 | 2,111 | 37 | 11,459 |
| Sept. | 3,952 | 1,809 | 3,022 | 3,331 | 9 | 12,123 |
| Oct. | 3,107 | 1,459 | 2,739 | 620 | 7 | 7,932 |
| Nov. | 1,983 | 742 | 328 | 0 | 1 | 3,054 |
| Dec. | 697 | 114 | 98 | 0 | 0 | 908 |
| 2006: | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 118 | 69 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 198 |
| Feb. | 91 | 12 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 110 |
| Mar. | 788 | 51 | 204 | 0 | 13 | 1,056 |
| Apr. | 2,125 | 822 | 710 | 0 | 34 | 3,691 |
| May | 3,254 | 1,521 | 714 | 0 | 20 | 5,509 |
| June | 3,693 | 2,296 | 874 | 17 | 14 | 6,893 |
| Total | 27,740 | 13,619 | 11,191 | 6,109 | 181 | 58,837 |

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 6—Continued Fresh-market peppers: U.S. imports for consumption from Canada,^a by months and by major Customs Districts of entry, July 2003-June 2006

| Period | Detroit | Seattle | Buffalo | Ogdensburg | All other | Total |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|------------|-----------|---------|
| Value (1,000 dollars) | | | | | | |
| 2003: | | | | | | |
| July | 4,565 | 3,845 | 1,536 | 17 | 174 | 10,138 |
| Aug. | 4,639 | 3,602 | 1,806 | 638 | 194 | 10,879 |
| Sept. | 4,115 | 2,463 | 2,053 | 1,751 | 122 | 10,504 |
| Oct. | 2,945 | 1,392 | 2,108 | 281 | 4 | 6,731 |
| Nov. | 2,923 | 590 | 483 | 0 | 16 | 4,013 |
| Dec. | 656 | 77 | 37 | 0 | 16 | 786 |
| 2004: | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 268 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 268 |
| Feb. | 152 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 156 |
| Mar. | 2,066 | 324 | 861 | 0 | 11 | 3,262 |
| Apr. | 4,291 | 2,507 | 1,858 | 0 | 55 | 8,711 |
| May | 5,154 | 4,165 | 1,431 | 12 | 78 | 10,840 |
| June | 5,459 | 4,442 | 1,433 | 0 | 51 | 11,384 |
| Total | 37,233 | 23,407 | 13,610 | 2,699 | 721 | 77,672 |
| 2004: | | | | | | |
| July | 4,482 | 4,718 | 1,014 | 10 | 100 | 10,324 |
| Aug. | 5,152 | 4,964 | 1,304 | 1,321 | 98 | 12,839 |
| Sept. | 5,664 | 3,528 | 1,642 | 2,721 | 86 | 13,641 |
| Oct. | 5,482 | 2,773 | 2,036 | 555 | 24 | 10,869 |
| Nov. | 5,708 | 1,703 | 561 | 0 | 4 | 7,977 |
| Dec. | 849 | 97 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 990 |
| 2005: | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 85 | 3 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 114 |
| Feb. | 389 | 0 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 449 |
| Mar. | 2,234 | 642 | 891 | 0 | 20 | 3,787 |
| Apr. | 6,531 | 2,950 | 1,560 | 0 | 51 | 11,092 |
| May | 7,874 | 2,860 | 2,041 | 0 | 46 | 12,821 |
| June | 7,894 | 6,657 | 1,937 | 0 | 131 | 16,619 |
| Total | 52,344 | 30,895 | 13,117 | 4,607 | 560 | 101,522 |
| 2005: | | | | | | |
| July | 8,498 | 5,777 | 1,512 | 25 | 46 | 15,858 |
| Aug. | 7,159 | 6,717 | 1,328 | 1,189 | 36 | 16,429 |
| Sept. | 5,772 | 4,858 | 1,929 | 2,456 | 7 | 15,022 |
| Oct. | 5,892 | 3,727 | 1,700 | 413 | 7 | 11,739 |
| Nov. | 5,869 | 2,064 | 626 | 0 | 2 | 8,560 |
| Dec. | 2,671 | 324 | 267 | 0 | 0 | 3,261 |
| 2006: | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 496 | 179 | 49 | 0 | 0 | 724 |
| Feb. | 381 | 31 | 26 | 0 | 0 | 439 |
| Mar. | 3,105 | 148 | 678 | 0 | 13 | 3,944 |
| Apr. | 7,504 | 2,337 | 2,210 | 0 | 39 | 12,090 |
| May | 10,612 | 4,478 | 2,300 | 0 | 65 | 17,456 |
| June | 11,908 | 7,179 | 2,877 | 40 | 50 | 22,054 |
| Total | 69,867 | 37,819 | 15,502 | 4,123 | 265 | 127,576 |

Source: Compiled by Commission staff from official statistics of Commerce.

Note.—Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Note.—Monthly “all other” data and monthly totals for all Customs Districts are rounded from the actual data reported; crop-year Customs Districts totals for each District are calculated using rounded data totals.

^aData are for fresh or chilled peppers other than chili peppers (HTS subheading 0709.60.40) on a fresh-weight basis.

^bLess than 0.5 metric tons.

Table 7 Fresh-market peppers: U.S. imports for consumption from the Netherlands,^a by months and by major Customs Districts of entry, July 2003-June 2006

| Period | New York | Chicago | Boston | Washington | Los Angeles | All other | Total |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------|--------|------------|-------------|-----------|--------|
| Quantity (<i>metric tons</i>) | | | | | | | |
| 2003: | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,537 | 575 | 465 | 243 | 485 | 1,168 | 5,473 |
| Aug. | 1,874 | 420 | 258 | 147 | 343 | 419 | 3,461 |
| Sept. | 1,327 | 151 | 145 | 102 | 331 | 278 | 2,334 |
| Oct. | 1,283 | 118 | 169 | 128 | 285 | 290 | 2,273 |
| Nov. | 848 | 201 | 203 | 167 | 194 | 362 | 1,975 |
| Dec. | 65 | 6 | 37 | 17 | 3 | 18 | 145 |
| 2004: | | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 7 | 0 | 20 | 1 | 0 | 11 | 39 |
| Feb. | 19 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 2 | 15 | 44 |
| Mar. | 59 | 2 | 12 | 6 | 11 | 8 | 99 |
| Apr. | 468 | 188 | 173 | 55 | 72 | 141 | 1,097 |
| May | 1,316 | 385 | 285 | 109 | 133 | 391 | 2,620 |
| June | 2,092 | 101 | 250 | 63 | 245 | 152 | 2,902 |
| Total | 11,895 | 2,147 | 2,026 | 1,038 | 2,104 | 3,253 | 22,462 |
| 2004: | | | | | | | |
| July | 2,014 | 201 | 342 | 145 | 317 | 348 | 3,367 |
| Aug. | 1,813 | 59 | 180 | 127 | 245 | 151 | 2,575 |
| Sept. | 1,347 | 105 | 258 | 104 | 211 | 190 | 2,214 |
| Oct. | 1,286 | 114 | 338 | 100 | 211 | 137 | 2,187 |
| Nov. | 843 | 232 | 484 | 274 | 164 | 491 | 2,488 |
| Dec. | 105 | 18 | 23 | 13 | 18 | 69 | 248 |
| 2005: | | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 11 |
| Feb. | 9 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 2 | 16 |
| Mar. | 78 | 13 | 83 | 9 | 11 | 14 | 209 |
| Apr. | 432 | 75 | 152 | 35 | 55 | 41 | 791 |
| May | 1,217 | 226 | 324 | 100 | 109 | 123 | 2,099 |
| June | 1,883 | 232 | 344 | 100 | 123 | 101 | 2,782 |
| Total | 11,031 | 1,275 | 2,530 | 1,007 | 1,470 | 1,673 | 18,987 |
| 2005: | | | | | | | |
| July | 1,929 | 478 | 365 | 168 | 244 | 376 | 3,560 |
| Aug. | 2,140 | 300 | 406 | 167 | 191 | 289 | 3,493 |
| Sept. | 1,820 | 355 | 367 | 89 | 179 | 154 | 2,964 |
| Oct. | 1,200 | 317 | 292 | 115 | 129 | 109 | 2,162 |
| Nov. | 840 | 240 | 238 | 124 | 68 | 142 | 1,651 |
| Dec. | 191 | 68 | 51 | 47 | 5 | 68 | 430 |
| 2006: | | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 17 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 27 |
| Feb. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mar. | 36 | 35 | 20 | 10 | 11 | 4 | 116 |
| Apr. | 316 | 105 | 58 | 41 | 51 | 15 | 586 |
| May | 857 | 365 | 313 | 78 | 100 | 103 | 1,816 |
| June | 1,332 | 318 | 250 | 65 | 201 | 136 | 2,302 |
| Total | 10,678 | 2,581 | 2,362 | 904 | 1,180 | 1,403 | 19,107 |

See footnote at end of table.

Table 7—Continued Fresh-market peppers: U.S. imports for consumption from the Netherlands,^a by months and by major Customs Districts of entry, July 2003-June 2006

| Period | New York | Chicago | Boston | Washington | Los Angeles | All other | Total |
|-----------------------|----------|---------|--------|------------|-------------|-----------|--------|
| Value (1,000 dollars) | | | | | | | |
| 2003: | | | | | | | |
| July | 5,814 | 1,435 | 1,406 | 882 | 1,134 | 3,480 | 14,151 |
| Aug. | 3,815 | 973 | 745 | 506 | 846 | 1,298 | 8,182 |
| Sept. | 3,227 | 451 | 459 | 379 | 849 | 988 | 6,352 |
| Oct. | 2,914 | 354 | 513 | 439 | 735 | 962 | 5,918 |
| Nov. | 2,445 | 628 | 631 | 677 | 529 | 1,435 | 6,345 |
| Dec. | 222 | 20 | 104 | 73 | 8 | 64 | 491 |
| 2004: | | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 21 | 0 | 57 | 6 | 0 | 45 | 128 |
| Feb. | 31 | 0 | 29 | 0 | 8 | 60 | 127 |
| Mar. | 233 | 5 | 50 | 36 | 43 | 52 | 419 |
| Apr. | 1,748 | 678 | 629 | 276 | 269 | 548 | 4,148 |
| May | 4,055 | 1,216 | 965 | 482 | 391 | 1,559 | 8,667 |
| June | 5,587 | 209 | 766 | 249 | 608 | 598 | 8,016 |
| Total | 30,112 | 5,969 | 6,354 | 4,005 | 5,420 | 11,089 | 62,945 |
| 2004: | | | | | | | |
| July | 4,536 | 476 | 794 | 448 | 718 | 992 | 7,964 |
| Aug. | 4,049 | 118 | 444 | 394 | 554 | 495 | 6,054 |
| Sept. | 3,557 | 292 | 723 | 405 | 600 | 709 | 6,286 |
| Oct. | 3,196 | 274 | 857 | 365 | 534 | 422 | 5,649 |
| Nov. | 2,380 | 621 | 1,708 | 1,145 | 413 | 1,749 | 8,017 |
| Dec. | 420 | 60 | 98 | 69 | 51 | 371 | 1,068 |
| 2005: | | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 14 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 14 | 19 | 47 |
| Feb. | 43 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 12 | 9 | 70 |
| Mar. | 305 | 34 | 264 | 48 | 42 | 74 | 768 |
| Apr. | 1,553 | 257 | 540 | 164 | 194 | 206 | 2,915 |
| May | 3,745 | 605 | 922 | 440 | 309 | 540 | 6,563 |
| June | 4,790 | 559 | 874 | 387 | 320 | 414 | 7,344 |
| Total | 28,588 | 3,296 | 7,229 | 3,865 | 3,761 | 6,000 | 52,739 |
| 2005: | | | | | | | |
| July | 3,935 | 934 | 696 | 501 | 499 | 1,043 | 7,607 |
| Aug. | 4,501 | 657 | 786 | 522 | 373 | 789 | 7,628 |
| Sept. | 4,096 | 775 | 823 | 310 | 401 | 479 | 6,884 |
| Oct. | 2,992 | 702 | 539 | 389 | 275 | 301 | 5,198 |
| Nov. | 1,783 | 522 | 514 | 440 | 143 | 406 | 3,808 |
| Dec. | 474 | 165 | 105 | 164 | 19 | 286 | 1,213 |
| 2006: | | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 34 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 29 | 70 |
| Feb. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mar. | 120 | 110 | 63 | 51 | 41 | 17 | 402 |
| Apr. | 1,282 | 384 | 239 | 216 | 196 | 95 | 2,412 |
| May | 2,705 | 1,070 | 1,024 | 378 | 321 | 418 | 5,916 |
| June | 3,767 | 799 | 659 | 279 | 543 | 441 | 6,488 |
| Total | 25,689 | 6,118 | 5,452 | 3,250 | 2,814 | 4,304 | 47,626 |

Source: Compiled by Commission staff from official statistics of Commerce.

Note.—Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Note.—Monthly “all other” data and monthly totals for all Customs Districts are rounded from the actual data reported; crop-year Customs Districts totals for each District are calculated using rounded data totals.

^aData are for fresh or chilled peppers other than chili peppers (HTS subheading 0709.60.40) on a fresh-weight basis.

Table 8 Processed peppers: U.S. imports for consumption,^a by principal sources, 2001-05, Jan.-June 2005, and Jan.-June 2006

| Source | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | Jan.-June 2005 | Jan.-June 2006 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Quantity (metric tons)</i> | | | | | | | |
| Turkey | 1,352 | 2,078 | 3,633 | 5,505 | 5,485 | 3,027 | 1,871 |
| Peru | 31 | 73 | 67 | 934 | 2,418 | 1,068 | 1,580 |
| Chile | 482 | 1,579 | 3,354 | 2,201 | 2,668 | 1,520 | 1,320 |
| South Africa | 7 | 144 | 273 | 369 | 771 | 402 | 351 |
| EU-25: | | | | | | | |
| Spain | 14,098 | 15,057 | 11,333 | 10,742 | 9,735 | 4,225 | 4,918 |
| Greece | 974 | 775 | 998 | 995 | 1,128 | 385 | 491 |
| Italy | 39 | 86 | 79 | 72 | 122 | 74 | 55 |
| All other | 80 | 4 | 54 | 23 | 7 | 4 | 5 |
| Subtotal | 15,190 | 15,923 | 12,465 | 11,832 | 10,992 | 4,690 | 5,468 |
| All other | 971 | 413 | 495 | 598 | 634 | 235 | 1,077 |
| Total | 18,034 | 20,210 | 20,287 | 21,439 | 22,968 | 10,942 | 11,667 |
| <i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i> | | | | | | | |
| Turkey | 1,098 | 1,686 | 3,206 | 5,102 | 5,370 | 2,918 | 2,116 |
| Peru | 76 | 138 | 151 | 1,331 | 3,486 | 1,569 | 2,070 |
| Chile | 376 | 1,193 | 2,388 | 1,697 | 2,331 | 1,235 | 1,302 |
| South Africa | 20 | 305 | 478 | 725 | 1,602 | 840 | 744 |
| EU-25: | | | | | | | |
| Spain | 14,319 | 14,868 | 12,921 | 16,224 | 15,785 | 7,316 | 7,423 |
| Greece | 1,443 | 1,376 | 1,602 | 1,548 | 1,769 | 654 | 787 |
| Italy | 84 | 220 | 251 | 228 | 493 | 314 | 178 |
| All other | 116 | 10 | 87 | 39 | 24 | 18 | 20 |
| Subtotal | 15,962 | 16,474 | 14,860 | 18,038 | 18,072 | 8,300 | 8,407 |
| All other | 1,242 | 444 | 542 | 723 | 783 | 284 | 2,238 |
| Total | 18,774 | 20,240 | 21,625 | 27,616 | 31,644 | 15,156 | 16,877 |
| <i>Unit value (dollars per metric ton)^b</i> | | | | | | | |
| Turkey | 812 | 811 | 882 | 927 | 979 | 964 | 1,131 |
| Peru | 2,452 | 1,890 | 2,254 | 1,425 | 1,442 | 1,469 | 1,310 |
| Chile | 780 | 756 | 712 | 771 | 874 | 813 | 986 |
| South Africa | 2,857 | 2,118 | 1,751 | 1,965 | 2,078 | 2,090 | 2,120 |
| EU-25: | | | | | | | |
| Spain | 1,016 | 987 | 1,140 | 1,510 | 1,621 | 1,732 | 1,509 |
| Greece | 1,482 | 1,775 | 1,605 | 1,556 | 1,568 | 1,699 | 1,603 |
| Italy | 2,154 | 2,558 | 3,177 | 3,167 | 4,041 | 4,243 | 3,236 |
| All other | 1,450 | 2,500 | 1,611 | 1,696 | 3,429 | 4,500 | 4,000 |
| Average | 1,051 | 1,035 | 1,192 | 1,525 | 1,644 | 1,770 | 1,537 |
| All other | 1,279 | 1,075 | 1,095 | 1,209 | 1,235 | 1,209 | 2,078 |
| Average | 1,041 | 1,001 | 1,066 | 1,288 | 1,378 | 1,385 | 1,447 |

Source: Compiled by Commission staff from official statistics of Commerce, except as noted.

Note.—Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Note.—Unit values for peppers from some countries are often significantly higher because they are believed to include different types of peppers or peppers in different styles of pack (e.g. in glass rather than in cans).

Note.—Imports in 2006 enter at the MFN rates of 8.1 percent and 14.9 percent ad valorem, respectively, or free pursuant to NAFTA, Israel, and DR-CAFTA.

^aData are for prepared or preserved peppers (HTS subheading 2005.90.50 and statistical reporting number 2005.90.5510) on a processed-weight basis.

^bCalculated by Commission staff using rounded numbers.

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Table 9 Fresh-market peppers: U.S. production quantity, value, and unit value, and harvested area, by selected States, 2001-05

| State | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <i>Quantity (metric tons)</i> | | | | | |
| Florida | 245,666 | 238,136 | 224,801 | 257,323 | 207,746 |
| California | 324,319 | 318,876 | 327,267 | 344,731 | 312,979 |
| New Jersey | 53,705 | 43,636 | 40,007 | 42,093 | 37,739 |
| Georgia | 19,051 | 39,916 | 61,235 | 30,073 | 31,026 |
| Ohio | 11,158 | 15,241 | 26,762 | 22,407 | 21,954 |
| Michigan | 16,511 | 18,144 | 20,412 | 23,678 | 21,772 |
| North Carolina | 35,743 | 29,484 | 22,680 | 19,958 | 20,140 |
| All other | 22,407 | 7,256 | 7,937 | 3,629 | 4,762 |
| Total | 728,561 | 710,689 | 731,101 | 743,892 | 658,118 |
| <i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i> | | | | | |
| Florida | 186,310 | 180,600 | 177,920 | 218,411 | 213,428 |
| California | 182,343 | 200,618 | 206,606 | 259,608 | 185,948 |
| New Jersey | 27,824 | 26,166 | 25,578 | 23,200 | 20,550 |
| Georgia | 11,760 | 17,600 | 40,500 | 19,890 | 20,520 |
| Ohio | 7,232 | 7,997 | 15,989 | 10,078 | 17,279 |
| Michigan | 8,008 | 9,600 | 9,900 | 13,572 | 11,040 |
| North Carolina | 16,154 | 14,300 | 12,500 | 10,120 | 10,656 |
| All other | 19,119 | 7,520 | 5,670 | 3,984 | 3,539 |
| Total | 458,750 | 464,401 | 494,663 | 558,863 | 482,960 |
| <i>Unit value (dollars per metric ton)^a</i> | | | | | |
| Florida | 758 | 758 | 791 | 849 | 1,027 |
| California | 562 | 629 | 631 | 753 | 594 |
| New Jersey | 518 | 600 | 639 | 551 | 545 |
| Georgia | 617 | 441 | 661 | 661 | 661 |
| Ohio | 648 | 525 | 597 | 450 | 787 |
| Michigan | 485 | 529 | 485 | 573 | 507 |
| North Carolina | 452 | 485 | 551 | 507 | 529 |
| All other | 853 | 1,036 | 714 | 1,098 | 743 |
| Average | 630 | 653 | 677 | 751 | 734 |
| <i>Harvested area (acres)</i> | | | | | |
| Florida | 15,700 | 17,500 | 17,700 | 18,300 | 19,000 |
| California | 22,000 | 19,000 | 18,500 | 19,000 | 23,000 |
| New Jersey | 3,700 | 3,700 | 3,600 | 3,500 | 3,200 |
| Georgia | 4,400 | 4,400 | 4,500 | 3,900 | 3,600 |
| Ohio | 2,000 | 1,600 | 2,000 | 1,900 | 2,200 |
| Michigan | 1,400 | 1,600 | 1,800 | 1,800 | 1,600 |
| North Carolina | 6,300 | 5,000 | 5,000 | 4,000 | 3,700 |
| All other | 520 | 1,000 | 700 | 500 | 700 |
| Total | 56,020 | 53,800 | 53,800 | 52,900 | 57,000 |

Source: Compiled by Commission staff from official statistics of the USDA, NASS, as reported in *Vegetables*, 2003 Summary: Jan. 2004, Vg 1-2 (04), p. 35; 2004 Summary: Jan. 2005, Vg 1-2 (05), p. 28; and 2005 Summary: Jan. 2006, Vg 1-2 (06), p. 27; except as noted.

Note.—Production data are revised annually and figures for the more recent calendar years may not match data presented in earlier reports.

Note.—Data reported here are crop production estimates for bell peppers intended for fresh-market use and for processing, and may vary significantly from actual crop-year shipments. Peppers for processing are believed to account for a small share of the total shown here.

Note.—Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

^aCalculated by Commission staff using rounded numbers.

Table 10 Estimated production costs for fresh-market peppers grown in Florida, by production area and by average cost per acre, 2003/04 and 2004/05 crop-years

(In dollars)

| Cost items | Palm Beach County | | Southwest | |
|------------------------------|-------------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | 2003/04 | 2004/05 | 2003/04 | 2004/05 |
| Preharvest costs: | | | | |
| Operating costs: | | | | |
| Transplants | 900 | 900 | 1,000 | 1,000 |
| Fertilizer | 300 | 320 | 365 | 391 |
| Fumigant | 700 | 736 | 700 | 736 |
| Other pesticides | 778 | 797 | 890 | 867 |
| Labor | 431 | 426 | 430 | 430 |
| Machinery | 370 | 440 | 929 | 1,190 |
| Interest | 169 | 174 | 324 | 341 |
| Miscellaneous | 1,066 | 1,072 | 691 | 691 |
| Subtotal | 4,714 | 4,865 | 5,329 | 5,646 |
| Fixed costs: | | | | |
| Land rent | 400 | 400 | 500 | 500 |
| Machinery | 125 | 125 | 264 | 264 |
| Management | 1,014 | 1,043 | 1,154 | 1,214 |
| Overhead | 1,268 | 1,304 | 1,442 | 1,517 |
| Subtotal | 2,807 | 2,872 | 3,360 | 3,495 |
| Total preharvest costs | 7,521 | 7,737 | 8,689 | 9,141 |
| Harvest and marketing costs: | | | | |
| Harvest, haul, and pack | 3,278 | 3,278 | 3,090 | 3,090 |
| Containers | 1,045 | 1,045 | 950 | 950 |
| Selling | 550 | 550 | 500 | 500 |
| Subtotal | 4,873 | 4,873 | 4,540 | 4,540 |
| Total production costs | 12,394 | 12,610 | 13,229 | 13,681 |

Source: Compiled by Commission staff from *Production Costs for Selected Florida Vegetables*, compiled by Scott A. Smith and Timothy G. Taylor, Food and Resource Economics Department, Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL, found at <http://www.agbuscenter.ifas.ufl.edu/cost>, retrieved June 2, 2006.

Note.—These are the most current data available.

Note.—These production-cost budgets are constructed based on input prices obtained from various industry sources and are believed to reflect typical costs of production for growers in a given production area, but do not necessarily reflect the actual industry average cost of production in that area.

Note.—Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

**SHIPMENTS, QUANTITIES AVAILABLE,
AND PRICES**

Table 11 Fresh-market peppers: Shipments, by major suppliers and by months, 2003/04 to 2005/06 crop-years

| Year/month | Florida | California | Georgia | Mexico | Canada |
|------------------------|---------|------------|---------|---------|----------------|
| Quantity (metric tons) | | | | | |
| 2003: | | | | | |
| July | 136 | 22,816 | 680 | 1,134 | 3,856 |
| Aug. | 91 | 24,449 | 0 | 227 | 7,711 |
| Sept. | 45 | 28,123 | 1,724 | 408 | 10,886 |
| Oct. | 200 | 24,766 | 16,738 | 1,588 | 14,000 |
| Nov. | 15,241 | 11,068 | 10,478 | 7,711 | 1,406 |
| Dec. | 19,913 | 2,631 | 363 | 22,090 | 272 |
| 2004: | | | | | |
| Jan. | 23,541 | 136 | 0 | 37,104 | 91 |
| Feb. | 25,855 | 0 | 0 | 29,846 | 45 |
| Mar. | 42,139 | 0 | 0 | 29,484 | 1,043 |
| Apr. | 51,437 | 3,311 | 0 | 21,183 | 2,631 |
| May | 35,652 | 17,690 | 5,398 | 12,156 | 3,765 |
| June | 907 | 13,880 | 31,026 | 3,629 | 4,218 |
| Total | 215,158 | 148,869 | 66,406 | 166,559 | 49,925 |
| 2004: | | | | | |
| July | 45 | 28,077 | 544 | 635 | 3,901 |
| Aug. | 45 | 24,040 | 0 | 680 | 8,029 |
| Sept. | 45 | 25,220 | 499 | 1,315 | 10,977 |
| Oct. | 0 | 22,725 | 5,398 | 5,080 | 6,940 |
| Nov. | 12,882 | 12,610 | 3,266 | 10,297 | 2,495 |
| Dec. | 28,032 | 2,268 | 181 | 25,855 | 227 |
| 2005: | | | | | |
| Jan. | 29,030 | 45 | 0 | 44,316 | 45 |
| Feb. | 25,129 | 0 | 0 | 34,110 | 136 |
| Mar. | 34,156 | 0 | 0 | 29,574 | 1,089 |
| Apr. | 40,370 | 3,039 | 0 | 24,040 | 3,402 |
| May | 41,867 | 15,059 | 635 | 13,517 | 4,082 |
| June | 1,950 | 23,678 | 31,493 | 4,899 | 5,761 |
| Total | 213,552 | 156,762 | 42,016 | 194,319 | 47,083 |
| 2005: | | | | | |
| July | 0 | 23,814 | 3,447 | 862 | 5,897 |
| Aug. | 0 | 27,533 | 0 | 227 | 11,431 |
| Sept. | 0 | 26,762 | 45 | 771 | 12,111 |
| Oct. | 2,903 | 23,723 | 13,109 | 4,581 | 7,938 |
| Nov. | 8,391 | 19,096 | 8,800 | 14,470 | 3,039 |
| Dec. | 9,934 | 3,221 | 1,996 | 35,471 | 907 |
| 2006: | | | | | |
| Jan. | 15,626 | 626 | 0 | 54,939 | ^(a) |
| Feb. | 21,813 | 23 | 0 | 45,504 | ^(a) |
| Mar. | 34,918 | 0 | 0 | 40,297 | ^(a) |
| Apr. | 43,087 | 3,057 | 0 | 27,011 | ^(a) |
| May | 34,346 | 16,656 | 9,598 | 16,066 | ^(a) |
| June | 249 | 21,509 | 34,450 | 4,368 | ^(a) |
| Total | 171,268 | 166,020 | 71,445 | 244,568 | 41,323 |

Source: Data for July 2003 through June 2005 were compiled by Commission staff from *Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Shipments*, USDA, Market News, FVAS-4, Calendar Year 2003, March 2004, p. 27; FVAS-4, Calendar Year 2004, March 2005, p. 27; and FVAS-4, Calendar Year 2005, February 2006, pp. 27-28. Data for July 2005 through June 2006 were taken from official statistics of the USDA, Market News, found at <http://marketnews.usda.gov/portal>, retrieved June 28, 2006.

Note.—Data are for truck shipments only.

^aNot available.

Table 12 Fresh-market peppers: Quantities available at major shipping points, by sources, by U.S. transportation mode, and by weeks, 2005/06 crop-year

(Metric tons)

| Month/week | U.S. product | | | | | | Imports | | | Grand total |
|------------|--------------|------------|-----------|--------|------------|------------|---------|-----------|--------|-------------|
| | Truck | | | | Piggy-back | U.S. total | Mexico | All other | Total | |
| | Florida | California | All other | Total | | | | | | |
| 2005: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Oct. 1 | 0 | 6,355 | 966 | 7,321 | 118 | 7,449 | 599 | 23 | 621 | 8,060 |
| 8 | 0 | 6,368 | 1,755 | 8,124 | 159 | 8,283 | 635 | 0 | 635 | 8,918 |
| 15 | 0 | 6,196 | 4,241 | 10,437 | 0 | 10,437 | 667 | 68 | 735 | 11,172 |
| 22 | 1,193 | 4,536 | 4,069 | 9,798 | 122 | 9,920 | 1,352 | 0 | 1,352 | 11,272 |
| 29 | 1,207 | 5,275 | 2,254 | 8,736 | 141 | 8,877 | 1,742 | 14 | 1,755 | 10,642 |
| Nov. 5 | 1,247 | 4,990 | 3,003 | 9,240 | 159 | 9,408 | 2,631 | 0 | 2,631 | 12,039 |
| 12 | 2,132 | 5,284 | 2,418 | 9,834 | 318 | 10,151 | 2,273 | 68 | 2,341 | 12,502 |
| 19 | 2,817 | 5,443 | 2,681 | 10,941 | 59 | 11,000 | 3,239 | 0 | 3,239 | 14,248 |
| 26 | 1,515 | 2,980 | 966 | 5,461 | 82 | 5,543 | 4,572 | 95 | 4,667 | 10,200 |
| Dec. 3 | 2,295 | 2,186 | 1,266 | 5,747 | 118 | 5,865 | 6,477 | 0 | 6,477 | 12,342 |
| 10 | 2,681 | 1,211 | 608 | 4,500 | 18 | 4,518 | 6,505 | 177 | 6,681 | 11,199 |
| 17 | 2,853 | 621 | 440 | 3,915 | 0 | 3,915 | 6,777 | 0 | 6,777 | 10,691 |
| 24 | 1,901 | 281 | 145 | 2,327 | 0 | 2,327 | 8,754 | 0 | 8,754 | 11,081 |
| 31 | 1,334 | 281 | 0 | 1,615 | 0 | 1,615 | 9,743 | 195 | 9,948 | 11,563 |
| 2006: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Jan 7 | 1,751 | 318 | 5 | 2,073 | 18 | 2,091 | 12,097 | 186 | 12,283 | 14,374 |
| 14 | 3,198 | 181 | 0 | 3,379 | 0 | 3,389 | 15,372 | 0 | 15,372 | 18,752 |
| 21 | 4,581 | 77 | 0 | 4,648 | 0 | 4,648 | 13,499 | 77 | 13,576 | 18,224 |
| 28 | 4,364 | 50 | 0 | 4,413 | 0 | 4,413 | 10,832 | 0 | 10,832 | 15,245 |
| Feb. 4 | 4,345 | 23 | 0 | 4,358 | 0 | 4,358 | 10,455 | 41 | 10,506 | 14,864 |
| 11 | 6,164 | 0 | 0 | 6,164 | 0 | 6,164 | 9,743 | 0 | 9,743 | 15,908 |
| 18 | 4,296 | 0 | 0 | 4,296 | 0 | 4,296 | 13,045 | 122 | 13,158 | 17,453 |
| 25 | 6,382 | 0 | 0 | 6,382 | 0 | 6,382 | 8,432 | 0 | 8,432 | 14,814 |
| Mar. 4 | 7,539 | 0 | 0 | 7,539 | 0 | 7,539 | 9,167 | 9 | 9,176 | 16,705 |
| 11 | 7,893 | 0 | 0 | 7,893 | 0 | 7,893 | 8,432 | 0 | 8,432 | 16,325 |
| 18 | 6,500 | 0 | 0 | 6,500 | 0 | 6,500 | 10,564 | 59 | 10,623 | 17,123 |
| 25 | 8,088 | 0 | 0 | 8,088 | 0 | 8,088 | 9,049 | 0 | 9,049 | 17,127 |
| Apr. 1 | 7,979 | 0 | 0 | 7,979 | 0 | 7,979 | 7,961 | 36 | 7,997 | 15,976 |
| 8 | 10,768 | 0 | 0 | 10,768 | 0 | 10,768 | 6,808 | 0 | 6,808 | 17,587 |
| 15 | 9,802 | 408 | 0 | 10,220 | 0 | 10,220 | 6,890 | 36 | 6,926 | 17,147 |
| 22 | 12,519 | 1,057 | 0 | 13,576 | 41 | 13,617 | 6,804 | 0 | 6,804 | 20,421 |
| 29 | 9,149 | 1,592 | 0 | 10,741 | 82 | 10,813 | 5,053 | 5 | 5,068 | 15,880 |
| May 6 | 7,834 | 2,681 | 0 | 10,514 | 18 | 10,532 | 4,255 | 0 | 4,255 | 14,797 |
| 13 | 10,083 | 3,633 | 0 | 13,717 | 181 | 13,898 | 4,354 | 59 | 4,413 | 18,302 |
| 20 | 9,072 | 3,756 | 898 | 13,726 | 59 | 13,785 | 3,674 | 0 | 3,674 | 17,459 |
| 27 | 5,652 | 4,105 | 4,246 | 14,002 | 259 | 14,261 | 2,898 | 150 | 3,048 | 17,309 |
| June 3 | 2,073 | 4,586 | 8,859 | 15,517 | 200 | 15,717 | 2,277 | 0 | 2,277 | 17,994 |
| 10 | 14 | 4,622 | 12,574 | 17,209 | 159 | 17,368 | 1,388 | 0 | 1,388 | 18,766 |
| 17 | 0 | 5,343 | 8,391 | 13,735 | 41 | 13,766 | 875 | 304 | 1,179 | 14,945 |
| 24 | 0 | 5,212 | 8,600 | 13,812 | 141 | 13,943 | 685 | 0 | 685 | 14,637 |

Source: Compiled by Commission staff from official statistics of the USDA, Market News, found at <http://marketnews.usda.gov/portal>, retrieved July 28, 2006.

Note.—U.S. data are obtained by the USDA from various sources including Federal Marketing Order administrative committees, the Federal-State Inspection Service, shippers, and transportation agencies. Mexico data are border-crossings.

Note.—Because of rounding, figures may not add to the totals shown.

Note.—Piggy-back transportation mode is when product is shipped in trailers, semi-trailers, or containers on a flat-bed rail car.

Table 13 Fresh-market peppers: Average shipping-point prices f.o.b. California, by color, by size, and by weeks, 2005/06 crop-year

(Dollars per carton)

| Month/week | Green ^a | | Red ^b | | Yellow ^b |
|------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| | Large ^c | Medium ^c | Large ^d | Large ^c | Large ^d |
| 2005: | | | | | |
| July | 2 | 8.50-14.85 | 7.25-12.85 | - | - |
| | 9 | 7.75-8.85 | 6.85-7.85 | 18.85-20.85 | - |
| | 16 | 7.85-9.85 | 6.85-8.35 | 12.85-20.85 | - |
| | 23 | 8.85-9.85 | 7.35-8.85 | 10.85-12.85 | - |
| | 30 | 6.35-9.35 | 6.25-7.85 | 12.85-14.85 | - |
| Aug. | 6 | 5.25-7.35 | 5.00-6.35 | 12.85-14.85 | - |
| | 13 | 5.00-6.85 | 4.85-6.35 | 8.75-14.85 | 10.85-13.85 |
| | 20 | 5.00-5.35 | 4.75-5.35 | 8.35-10.85 | 8.85-10.85 |
| | 27 | 5.00-5.35 | 4.75-5.35 | 6.35-8.85 | 6.85-8.85 |
| Sept. | 3 | 5.00-8.85 | 4.75-8.35 | 6.35-6.85 | 6.85-7.85 |
| | 10 | 8.75-9.85 | 7.85-9.85 | 5.75-6.85 | 6.85-6.85 |
| | 17 | 8.85-9.85 | 8.75-9.85 | 6.25-7.85 | 6.35-7.85 |
| | 24 | 8.85-12.85 | 8.85-10.85 | - | 6.85-8.85 |
| Oct. | 1 | 9.35-12.35 | 7.85-9.85 | - | 6.85-8.85 |
| | 8 | 8.85-10.85 | 6.85-8.85 | - | 8.85-10.85 |
| | 15 | 9.85-12.85 | 7.85-9.75 | - | 10.85-12.85 |
| | 22 | 9.75-10.35 | 7.85-8.35 | - | 10.85-12.85 |
| | 29 | 9.85-18.85 | 7.85-16.85 | - | 12.85-12.85 |
| Nov. | 5 | 16.85-18.85 | 14.85-16.85 | - | 8.85-12.85 |
| | 12 | 14.35-17.25 | 12.85-14.85 | - | 8.85-10.85 |
| | 19 | 14.85-19.25 | 12.85-14.25 | - | 10.35-12.85 |
| | 26 | - | - | - | 12.85-12.85 |
| Dec. | 3 | - | - | - | 12.85-12.85 |

Source: Compiled by Commission staff from official statistics of the USDA, Market News, found at <http://marketnews.usda.gov/portal>, retrieved July 28, 2006.

Note.—The crop-year covers the period July 2005 to June 2006; California reported prices only for July-December 2005.

^aCartons hold one and one-ninth bushels.

^bOne-half cartons.

^cData are for the San Joaquin area.

^dData are for the South District area.

Table 14 Fresh-market peppers: Average shipping-point prices for border-crossings of large-size peppers from Mexico, f.o.b. Nogales, AZ, by method grown, by color, and by weeks, 2005/06 crop-year

(Dollars per carton)

| Month/week | Field-grown ^a | | Greenhouse-grown ^b | |
|------------|--------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| | | Red | Yellow | Orange |
| 2005: | | | | |
| Dec. | 10 | 16.85-16.85 | 14.85-16.85 | 16.85-16.85 |
| | 17 | 18.85-24.85 | 18.85-20.85 | 16.85-18.95 |
| | 24 | 22.85-24.95 | 12.85-18.85 | 12.85-18.85 |
| | 31 | 10.85-16.95 | 10.85-10.85 | 10.85-12.85 |
| 2006: | | | | |
| Jan. | 7 | 6.85-10.95 | 8.85-10.95 | 8.85-12.95 |
| | 14 | 6.85-6.95 | 8.85-8.85 | 8.85-10.85 |
| | 21 | 6.85-8.95 | 8.85-8.85 | 8.85-10.85 |
| | 28 | 6.85-8.95 | 8.85-12.85 | 10.85-12.95 |
| Feb. | 4 | 8.85-10.85 | 12.85-14.85 | 12.35-16.85 |
| | 11 | 9.85-10.95 | 14.85-16.85 | 15.85-18.85 |
| | 18 | 8.85-10.95 | 14.85-18.95 | 18.85-18.95 |
| | 25 | 6.85-8.95 | 14.85-18.95 | 16.85-18.95 |
| Mar. | 4 | 4.85-6.95 | 8.85-14.95 | 14.85-18.95 |
| | 11 | 6.85-8.95 | 8.85-12.85 | 14.85-16.85 |
| | 18 | 6.85-10.85 | - | 14.85-16.85 |
| | 25 | 5.85-6.95 | - | 16.85-18.85 |
| Apr. | 1 | 6.85-10.95 | - | 16.85-16.85 |
| | 8 | 12.85-14.95 | - | 16.85-16.85 |
| | 15 | 12.85-14.95 | - | - |
| | 22 | 6.85-12.85 | - | - |
| | 29 | 5.85-6.95 | - | - |
| May | 6 | 6.85-7.95 | - | - |
| | 13 | 8.85-10.85 | - | - |

Source: Compiled by Commission staff from official statistics of the USDA, Market News, found at <http://marketnews.usda.gov/portal>, retrieved July 28, 2006.

^aCartons hold 15 pounds.

^bCartons hold 11 pounds.

Table 15 Fresh-market peppers: Average shipping-point prices for green peppers from Florida, f.o.b. Central and South Florida, by size and by weeks, 2004/05 and 2005/06 crop-years

(Dollars per carton/crate)^a

| Month/week | Extra Large | Large | Medium |
|--------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| 2004/05 crop-year | | | |
| 2004: | | | |
| Nov. 27 | 20.85-34.85 | 18.85-30.85 | 16.85-30.85 |
| Dec. 4 | 8.85-20.85 | 7.85-16.85 | 6.85-16.85 |
| 11 | 7.85-10.85 | 6.85-8.85 | 6.85-8.85 |
| 18 | 10.85-12.85 | 10.85-10.85 | 9.85-10.85 |
| 25 | 8.85-12.85 | 8.85-10.85 | 8.85-10.85 |
| 2005: | | | |
| Jan. 1 | 8.85-8.85 | 7.85-7.85 | 6.85-7.85 |
| 8 | 6.85-10.85 | 7.85-9.85 | 6.85-8.85 |
| 15 | 8.85-10.85 | 8.85-10.85 | 8.85-10.85 |
| Apr. 16 | 20.85-20.85 | 18.85-18.85 | 14.85-16.85 |
| 23 | 14.85-20.85 | 14.85-18.85 | 10.85-16.85 |
| 30 | 10.85-14.85 | 10.85-18.85 | 8.85-10.85 |
| May 7 | 8.85-10.85 | 8.85-10.85 | 7.85-8.85 |
| 14 | 6.85-8.85 | 6.85-8.85 | 6.85-8.85 |
| 21 | 6.85-6.85 | 5.85-6.85 | 5.85-6.85 |
| 28 | 6.85-8.85 | 6.85-7.85 | 6.85-7.85 |
| 2005/06 crop-year | | | |
| 2005: | | | |
| Nov. 12 | 20.85-24.85 | 18.85-22.85 | 16.85-20.85 |
| 19 | 28.85-36.85 | 22.85-32.85 | 20.85-28.85 |
| 26 | 32.85-34.85 | 28.85-30.85 | 20.85-26.85 |
| Dec. 3 | 26.85-34.85 | 22.85-30.85 | 18.85-22.85 |
| 10 | 18.85-24.85 | 14.85-16.85 | 10.85-14.85 |
| 17 | 26.85-30.85 | 22.85-26.85 | 18.85-20.85 |
| 24 | 30.85-34.85 | 24.85-28.85 | 20.85-24.85 |
| 31 | 30.85-32.85 | 26.85-26.85 | 22.85-24.85 |
| 2006: | | | |
| Jan. 7 | 30.85-34.85 | 28.85-28.85 | 24.85-24.85 |
| 14 | 28.85-32.85 | 26.85-30.85 | 22.85-26.85 |
| 21 | 12.85-18.85 | 10.85-16.85 | 8.85-14.85 |
| 28 | 8.85-12.85 | 8.85-10.85 | 8.35-10.85 |
| Feb. 4 | 10.35-12.85 | 8.85-10.85 | 8.35-8.85 |
| Apr. 22 | 6.85-10.85 | 6.35-10.85 | 6.85-8.85 |
| 29 | 5.35-7.85 | 5.35-7.85 | 5.35-7.85 |
| May 6 | 7.85-8.85 | 7.85-8.85 | 6.85-8.85 |

Source: Compiled by Commission staff from official statistics of the USDA, Market News, found at <http://marketnews.usda.gov/portal>, retrieved July 28, 2006.

Note.—For each crop-year, data shown are for all weeks when prices were reported.

^aCartons/crates hold one and one-ninth bushels.

Table 16 Fresh-market peppers: Chicago terminal market prices for field-grown, extra-large bell-type peppers, by color, by supplier, and by weeks, 2005/06 crop-year

(Dollars per carton)^a

| Month/week | Green | | | Red | Yellow | |
|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | California | Florida | Mexico | California | California | |
| 2005: | | | | | | |
| July | 2 | - | - | - | 24.00-25.00 | 22.00-22.00 |
| | 9 | 12.00-17.00 | - | - | 22.00-24.00 | 24.00-24.00 |
| | 16 | 10.00-10.00 | - | - | 40.00-40.00 | 32.00-32.00 |
| | 23 | 10.00-15.00 | - | - | 26.00-28.00 | 30.00-32.00 |
| | 30 | 10.00-12.00 | - | - | 23.00-30.00 | 28.00-30.00 |
| Aug. | 6 | 9.00-10.00 | - | - | 28.00-30.00 | 28.00-30.00 |
| | 13 | - | - | - | 24.00-30.00 | 25.00-25.00 |
| | 20 | 8.00-9.00 | - | - | 20.00-25.00 | 22.00-25.00 |
| | 27 | 8.00-9.00 | - | - | 20.00-20.00 | 20.00-22.00 |
| Sept. | 3 | 9.00-10.00 | - | - | 13.00-16.00 | 16.00-20.00 |
| | 10 | 9.00-10.00 | - | - | 13.00-14.00 | 16.00-18.00 |
| | 17 | 12.00-15.00 | - | - | 14.00-16.00 | 17.00-18.00 |
| | 24 | 14.00-14.00 | - | - | 12.00-16.00 | 16.00-17.00 |
| Oct. | 1 | 14.00-21.00 | - | - | 12.00-12.00 | - |
| | 8 | 15.00-21.00 | - | - | 14.00-20.00 | - |
| | 15 | 15.00-16.00 | - | - | 18.00-22.00 | 16.00-20.00 |
| | 22 | 14.00-16.00 | - | - | 19.00-22.00 | 16.00-18.00 |
| | 29 | 14.00-23.00 | - | - | 19.00-24.00 | 16.00-24.00 |
| Nov. | 5 | 28.00-30.00 | - | - | 25.00-28.00 | 22.00-22.00 |
| | 12 | 27.00-28.00 | - | - | 22.00-24.00 | 20.00-22.00 |
| | 19 | 28.00-30.00 | - | - | 21.00-22.00 | 24.00-25.00 |
| | 26 | 34.00-38.00 | - | - | 22.00-25.00 | - |
| Dec. | 3 | 28.00-32.00 | - | 30.00-31.00 | 25.00-27.00 | - |
| | 10 | - | - | 22.00-26.00 | 22.00-25.00 | - |
| | 17 | - | - | 25.00-31.00 | 30.00-38.00 | 32.00-35.00 |
| | 24 | - | - | 22.00-28.00 | 36.00-42.00 | 31.00-34.00 |
| | 31 | - | - | 22.00-24.00 | 36.00-38.00 | 31.00-32.00 |
| 2006: | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 7 | - | - | 24.00-28.00 | 25.00-38.00 | 26.00-28.00 |
| | 14 | - | - | 23.00-32.00 | 18.00-30.00 | 20.00-24.00 |
| | 21 | - | - | 15.00-22.00 | 16.00-20.00 | 14.00-20.00 |
| | 28 | - | - | 12.00-14.00 | 16.00-18.00 | - |
| Feb. | 4 | 7.00-10.00 | - | 7.00-10.00 | 20.00-22.00 | 24.00-25.00 |
| | 11 | 7.00-8.00 | - | 7.00-13.00 | - | - |
| | 18 | 16.00-22.00 | - | 16.00-24.00 | - | - |
| | 25 | 12.00-22.00 | - | 14.00-24.00 | - | - |
| Mar. | 4 | - | 12.00-15.00 | 13.00-16.00 | - | - |
| | 11 | - | 9.00-13.00 | 13.00-14.00 | - | - |
| | 18 | - | 12.00-14.00 | 12.00-14.00 | - | - |
| | 25 | - | 10.00-12.00 | 10.00-12.00 | - | - |
| Apr. | 1 | - | 10.00-12.00 | 10.00-12.00 | - | - |
| | 8 | - | 10.00-12.00 | 10.00-12.00 | - | - |
| | 15 | - | 12.00-12.00 | 12.00-12.00 | - | - |
| | 22 | - | 12.00-12.00 | 12.00-12.00 | - | - |
| | 29 | - | 8.00-12.00 | 8.00-12.00 | - | - |
| May | 6 | - | 8.00-10.00 | 8.00-9.00 | - | - |
| | 13 | - | 8.00-10.00 | 8.00-9.00 | - | - |
| | 20 | 12.00-14.00 | 10.00-12.00 | - | - | - |
| | 27 | 12.00-14.00 | 10.00-12.00 | - | - | - |

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^aCartons hold one and one-ninth bushels each.

Table 17 Fresh-market peppers: New York terminal market prices for field-grown, extra-large bell-type peppers, by color, by supplier, and by weeks, 2005/06 crop-year

(Dollars per carton)^a

| Month/week | Green | | | | Turning red | |
|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | Georgia | New Jersey | Florida | Mexico | Georgia | Florida |
| 2005: | | | | | | |
| July 2 | 10.00-12.00 | - | - | - | 7.00-8.00 | 8.00-10.00 |
| 9 | 10.00-12.00 | 10.00-10.00 | - | - | 6.00-8.00 | - |
| 16 | 10.00-12.00 | 12.00-14.00 | - | - | 6.00-8.00 | - |
| 23 | 7.00-10.00 | 7.00-10.00 | - | - | 5.00-7.00 | - |
| 30 | 7.00-8.00 | 7.00-9.00 | - | - | 5.00-6.00 | - |
| Aug. 6 | - | 7.00-8.00 | - | - | - | - |
| 13 | - | 7.00-9.00 | - | - | - | - |
| 20 | - | 5.00-8.00 | - | - | - | - |
| 27 | - | 6.00-8.00 | - | - | - | - |
| Sept. 3 | - | 7.00-12.00 | - | - | - | - |
| 10 | - | 11.00-13.00 | - | - | - | - |
| 17 | - | 12.00-14.00 | - | - | - | - |
| 24 | - | 13.00-16.00 | - | - | - | - |
| Oct. 1 | 10.00-13.00 | 12.00-16.00 | - | - | - | - |
| 8 | 14.00-18.00 | 12.00-14.00 | - | - | - | - |
| 15 | 16.00-18.00 | 14.00-14.00 | - | - | 10.00-10.00 | - |
| 22 | - | 12.00-14.00 | - | - | 8.00-10.00 | - |
| 29 | 12.00-14.00 | - | - | - | 8.00-10.00 | - |
| Nov. 5 | 28.00-32.00 | 28.00-30.00 | - | - | 16.00-20.00 | - |
| 12 | 22.00-26.00 | - | 21.00-26.00 | 24.00-24.00 | 16.00-18.00 | - |
| 19 | 22.00-36.00 | - | 24.00-36.00 | - | 16.00-18.00 | 15.00-28.00 |
| 26 | 25.00-36.00 | - | 30.00-38.00 | 36.00-38.00 | 24.00-24.00 | 20.00-30.00 |
| Dec. 3 | - | - | 30.00-35.00 | 30.00-36.00 | - | 16.00-20.00 |
| 10 | 14.00-24.00 | - | 14.00-26.00 | 20.00-26.00 | - | 14.00-20.00 |
| 17 | - | - | 20.00-26.00 | 25.00-30.00 | - | 15.00-20.00 |
| 24 | - | - | 26.00-27.00 | 28.00-32.00 | - | 16.00-20.00 |
| 31 | - | - | 35.00-40.00 | 30.00-36.00 | - | 22.00-30.00 |
| 2006: | | | | | | |
| Jan. 7 | - | - | - | 32.00-35.00 | - | 26.00-28.00 |
| 14 | - | - | 26.00-40.00 | 25.00-28.00 | - | 20.00-32.00 |
| 21 | - | - | 14.00-20.00 | 14.00-22.00 | - | - |
| 28 | - | - | 12.00-16.00 | 12.00-16.00 | - | - |
| Feb. 4 | - | - | 10.00-12.00 | 10.00-12.00 | - | - |
| 11 | - | - | 12.00-14.00 | 13.00-14.00 | - | - |
| 18 | - | - | 15.00-17.00 | 16.00-18.00 | - | - |
| 25 | - | - | 14.00-18.00 | 15.00-19.00 | - | - |
| Mar. 4 | - | - | 10.00-13.00 | 10.00-12.00 | - | - |
| 11 | - | - | 11.00-15.00 | 12.00-14.00 | - | - |
| 18 | - | - | 11.00-12.00 | 13.00-15.00 | - | - |
| 25 | - | - | 8.00-12.00 | 10.00-12.00 | - | 7.00-10.00 |
| Apr. 1 | - | - | 8.00-10.00 | - | - | 7.00-8.00 |
| 8 | - | - | 8.00-10.00 | - | - | 6.00-8.00 |
| 15 | - | - | 9.00-12.00 | - | - | 7.00-10.00 |
| 22 | - | - | 8.00-10.00 | - | - | 7.00-9.00 |
| 29 | - | - | 7.00-9.00 | - | - | 6.00-7.00 |
| May 6 | - | - | 8.00-10.00 | - | - | 6.00-8.00 |
| 13 | - | - | 8.00-12.00 | - | - | 7.00-10.00 |
| 20 | - | - | 10.00-12.00 | - | - | 7.00-9.00 |
| 27 | 10.00-12.00 | - | - | - | 7.00-8.00 | 6.00-8.00 |

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^aCartons hold one and one-ninth bushels each.

Table 18 Fresh-market peppers: Los Angeles terminal market prices for field-grown, extra-large bell-type peppers, by color, by supplier, and by weeks, 2005/06 crop-year

(Dollars per carton)^a

| Month/week | Green | | Red | | Yellow | |
|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | California | Mexico | California | California | California | Mexico |
| 2005: | | | | | | |
| July | 2 | 14.00-21.00 | - | - | - | - |
| | 9 | 12.00-16.00 | - | - | - | - |
| | 16 | 9.00-13.00 | - | 26.00-26.00 | 40.00-40.00 | - |
| | 23 | 11.00-15.00 | - | 20.00-22.00 | 40.00-40.00 | - |
| | 30 | 11.00-14.00 | - | 20.00-28.50 | 30.00-40.00 | - |
| Aug. | 6 | 9.00-13.00 | - | 28.00-28.50 | 40.00-40.00 | - |
| | 13 | 9.00-12.00 | - | 28.00-28.50 | - | - |
| | 20 | 8.00-12.00 | - | 18.50-28.50 | - | - |
| | 27 | 7.00-11.00 | - | 16.00-17.50 | - | - |
| Sept. | 3 | 9.00-11.00 | - | 15.00-16.50 | - | - |
| | 10 | 11.50-12.00 | - | 15.00-15.00 | 26.50-26.50 | - |
| | 17 | 12.00-13.00 | - | 16.50-16.50 | 22.50-22.50 | - |
| | 24 | 13.00-14.00 | - | 13.00-16.50 | 22.00-22.50 | - |
| Oct. | 1 | 13.00-16.00 | - | 13.00-13.00 | 22.00-22.00 | - |
| | 8 | 14.00-15.00 | - | 13.00-18.50 | 20.00-22.00 | - |
| | 15 | 14.00-18.00 | - | 18.50-18.50 | 22.00-22.00 | - |
| | 22 | 12.00-17.00 | - | 18.50-20.00 | 22.00-22.00 | - |
| | 29 | 13.00-20.00 | - | 22.00-22.00 | 21.00-21.00 | - |
| Nov. | 5 | 21.00-26.00 | - | 25.00-27.00 | 25.00-27.00 | - |
| | 12 | 16.00-24.00 | - | 25.00-25.00 | 25.00-25.00 | - |
| | 19 | 15.00-24.00 | 30.00-30.00 | 22.00-25.00 | 25.00-25.00 | - |
| | 26 | 28.00-33.00 | 28.00-33.00 | 25.00-27.00 | 25.00-25.00 | - |
| Dec. | 3 | - | 24.00-30.00 | 26.00-26.00 | 27.00-28.00 | - |
| | 10 | - | 22.00-29.00 | 26.00-28.00 | 27.00-28.00 | - |
| | 17 | - | 19.00-30.00 | 30.00-32.00 | 32.00-34.00 | - |
| | 24 | - | 22.00-25.00 | - | - | 32.00-36.00 |
| | 31 | - | 20.00-21.00 | - | - | 35.00-36.00 |
| 2006: | | | | | | |
| Jan. | 7 | - | 20.00-26.00 | - | - | 35.00-35.00 |
| | 14 | - | 26.00-30.00 | - | - | - |
| | 21 | - | 14.00-22.00 | - | - | - |
| | 28 | - | 10.00-14.00 | - | - | - |
| Feb. | 4 | - | 10.00-12.00 | - | - | - |
| | 11 | - | 11.00-14.00 | - | - | - |
| | 18 | - | 16.00-22.00 | - | - | 35.00-35.00 |
| | 25 | - | 14.00-22.00 | - | - | 35.00-35.00 |
| Mar. | 4 | - | 13.00-17.00 | - | - | 28.00-28.00 |
| | 11 | - | 14.00-19.00 | - | - | 28.00-28.00 |
| | 18 | - | 18.00-22.00 | - | - | - |
| | 25 | - | 12.00-15.00 | - | - | - |
| Apr. | 1 | - | 14.00-16.00 | - | - | - |
| | 8 | - | 15.00-18.00 | - | - | 32.00-32.00 |
| | 15 | - | 15.00-23.00 | - | - | 32.00-40.00 |
| | 22 | 18.00-18.00 | 13.00-20.00 | - | - | 34.00-35.00 |
| | 29 | 14.00-18.00 | 14.00-18.00 | - | - | 32.00-35.00 |
| May | 6 | 14.00-16.00 | 14.00-14.00 | - | - | 32.00-32.00 |
| | 13 | 12.00-14.00 | - | - | - | 24.00-24.00 |
| | 20 | 11.00-14.00 | - | - | - | 24.00-24.00 |
| | 27 | 12.00-15.00 | - | - | - | 24.00-24.00 |

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