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# Preface

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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)).<sup>1</sup>

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 2002–06 data and partial-year data for 2006 and 2007.

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<sup>1</sup> 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

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Consumption of fresh-market peppers rose steadily during the 2002–06 period, with domestic production and imports both rising and imports taking an increasing share of consumption. Imports 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 in fresh-market peppers among the three NAFTA 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. The bulk of the imports from Mexico are still field-grown peppers and enter principally through Nogales, Arizona. By contrast, the bulk of the imports from Canada are greenhouse-grown peppers grown in Ontario and British Columbia, and enter mainly through U.S. Customs Districts nearest to those Canadian production areas. U.S. exports remained small relative to production and consumption, and fell in volume as production in Canada, traditionally the largest market for U.S. exports, accounted for a greater share of its domestic market consumption.





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# Highlights

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The following are highlights of the statistical data collected on peppers for fresh-market use and for processing for the 2002–06 period.

## Fresh-market Peppers

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- Apparent U.S. consumption volume of fresh-market peppers has risen steadily since 2002, amounting to 1.0 million metric tons in 2006, up by 9 percent from 952,618 metric tons in 2005 (table 1). Apparent consumption was valued at \$1.0 billion in 2006, up by 14 percent from \$895.1 million in 2005. In 2006, the ratio of import volume to consumption volume was 31 percent, the same as in the previous year. The ratio of import value to consumption value remained at 50 percent in 2006 (table 1).
- U.S. production of fresh-market peppers rose by 7 percent in volume from an estimated 727,382 metric tons in 2005 to 781,677 metric tons in 2006 (table 1). The value of U.S. production rose by 10 percent from \$534.7 million in 2005 to \$585.6 million in 2006. Unit values of production rose by 2 percent from \$735 per metric ton in 2005 to \$749 per metric ton in 2006. California and Florida accounted for 49 percent and 32 percent, respectively, of total U.S. production value in 2006 (table 9). U.S. harvested area for peppers totaled 60,600 acres in 2006, up from 56,800 harvested acres in 2005 (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 by 10 percent from 70,757 metric tons in 2005 to 63,591 metric tons in 2006 (table 1). The value of U.S. exports was also down by 10 percent from \$90.4 million in 2005 to \$81.0 million in 2006. Canada remained the leading foreign market for U.S. exports in recent years, accounting for 95 percent by volume and 94 percent by value of U.S. exports in 2006 (table 3). U.S. export volume was up by 8 percent and export value up by 30 percent during January–June 2007 as compared with January–June 2006 (table 3).
- U.S. imports of fresh-market peppers increased 10 percent in volume from 295,993 metric tons in 2005 to 324,829 metric tons in 2006 (table 1), but were down by 6 percent during January–June 2007 as compared with imports during January–June 2006 (table 4). Mexico accounted for 72 percent by volume of total imports of fresh-market peppers in 2006. Other important foreign suppliers in 2006 included Canada and the Netherlands (table 4). The bulk of imports from most major suppliers, except Mexico and the Dominican Republic, 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 on a crop-year basis totaled 220,923 metric tons during July 2006–June 2007, a 10-percent fall from 245,460 metric tons during July 2005–June 2006 (table 5). During the July 2004–June 2005 through July 2006–June 2007 crop-years, 81 percent of U.S. fresh-market peppers imported from Mexico entered through the Nogales, Arizona customs district, principally during November through the following May coincident with the peak production period in Florida. Imports from Canada and the Netherlands were greatest

during those months (June–October) when Florida production was normally low (tables 6–7), although recently imports from Canada have been increasing during May–June when Florida is still producing and when domestic production in California and other states is rising.

- Shipments of fresh-market peppers from Florida were up by 3 percent in volume in 2006 from those in 2005, and shipments from Mexico were up by 14 percent by volume from 2005 to 2006 (table 11). Average shipping-point prices for fresh-market peppers of all sizes from Florida were down by more than one-half during the period November 2006 through mid-January 2007 from levels in the same months of the previous crop-year as a result of more normal production levels in 2006/07 (table 15).

## **Processed Peppers**

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- U.S. production of processed (i.e., canned) peppers rose by 7 percent from an estimated 21,821 metric tons in 2005 to 23,450 metric tons in 2006 (table 2). U.S. imports of processed peppers rose by 9 percent from 22,968 metric tons in 2005 to 25,136 metric tons in 2006 (table 2). Imports of processed peppers amounted to 12,994 metric tons during January–June 2007, up by 11 percent from those entered during the corresponding period of January–June 2006 (table 8). Throughout the 2002–06 period, Spain was the primary foreign supplier, accounting for 40 percent by volume of U.S. imports in 2006. Turkey, Peru, and Chile were other important suppliers in recent years.

# **CONSUMPTION**

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**Table 1** Fresh-market peppers: U.S. production, exports of domestic merchandise, imports for consumption, apparent consumption, and ratio of imports to consumption, 2002–06

| Year | Production <sup>a</sup>                                | Exports <sup>b</sup> | Imports <sup>c</sup> | Apparent consumption | Ratio of imports to consumption |
|------|--|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------------|
|      | <i>Quantity (metric tons)</i>                          |                      |                      |                      | <i>Percentage</i>               |
| 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 | 727,382  | 70,757               | 295,993              | 952,618              | 31                              |
| 2006 | 781,677  | 63,591               | 324,829              | 1,042,915            | 31                              |
|      | <i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i>                           |                      |                      |                      |                                 |
| 2002 | 464,401  | 73,431               | 290,589              | 681,559              | 43                              |
| 2003 | 494,663  | 79,241               | 338,730              | 754,152              | 45                              |
| 2004 | 516,956  | 88,022               | 436,968              | 865,902              | 50                              |
| 2005 | 534,703  | 90,359               | 450,777              | 895,121              | 50                              |
| 2006 | 585,633  | 81,042               | 513,190              | 1,017,781            | 50                              |
|      | <i>Unit value (dollars per metric ton)<sup>d</sup></i> |                      |                      |                      |                                 |
| 2002 | 653  | 1,003                | 1,198                | 774                  | 155                             |
| 2003 | 677  | 1,099                | 1,379                | 834                  | 165                             |
| 2004 | 695  | 1,206                | 1,693                | 932                  | 182                             |
| 2005 | 735  | 1,277                | 1,523                | 940                  | 162                             |
| 2006 | 749  | 1,274                | 1,580                | 976                  | 162                             |

*Source:* Production data estimated by Commission staff from official statistics of the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), *Vegetables*, 2004 Summary: Jan. 2005, Vg 1-2 (05), 28; 2005 Summary: Jan. 2006, Vg 1-2 (06), 27; and 2006 Summary: January 2007, Vg 1-2 (07), 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 (data are not reported separately for each end-use), whereas export and import data are shipments of fresh-market peppers actually recorded. Thus, apparent consumption 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.

<sup>a</sup>Data are for bell peppers on a fresh-weight basis and are converted from pounds to metric tons using a factor of 2,204.62 pounds per metric ton.

<sup>b</sup>Data are for fresh or chilled peppers including mostly bell peppers and other peppers (Schedule B No. 0709.60.0000) on a fresh-weight basis.

<sup>c</sup>Data are for fresh or chilled peppers other than chili peppers (Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) subheading 0709.60.40) on a fresh-weight basis.

<sup>d</sup>Calculated by Commission staff using rounded numbers.

**Table 2** Processed peppers: U.S. production and imports for consumption, 2002–06

| Year   | Production <sup>a</sup> | Imports <sup>b</sup> |
|--|-------------------------|----------------------|
| <i>Quantity (metric tons)</i>                          |                         |                      |
| 2002   | 21,321                  | 20,210               |
| 2003   | 21,933                  | 20,287               |
| 2004   | 22,317                  | 21,439               |
| 2005   | 21,821                  | 22,968               |
| 2006   | 23,450                  | 25,136               |
| <i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i>                           |                         |                      |
| 2002   | ( <sup>c</sup> )        | 20,240               |
| 2003   | ( <sup>c</sup> )        | 21,625               |
| 2004   | ( <sup>c</sup> )        | 27,616               |
| 2005   | ( <sup>c</sup> )        | 31,644               |
| 2006   | ( <sup>c</sup> )        | 36,823               |
| <i>Unit value (dollars per metric ton)<sup>d</sup></i> |                         |                      |
| 2002   | ( <sup>c</sup> )        | 1,001                |
| 2003   | ( <sup>c</sup> )        | 1,066                |
| 2004   | ( <sup>c</sup> )        | 1,288                |
| 2005   | ( <sup>c</sup> )        | 1,378                |
| 2006   | ( <sup>c</sup> )        | 1,465                |

*Source:* Production data estimated by Commission staff from official statistics of the USDA, NASS, *Vegetables*, 2004 Summary: Jan. 2005, Vg 1-2 (05), 28; 2005 Summary: Jan. 2006, Vg 1-2 (06), 27; and 2006 Summary: Jan. 2007, Vg 1-2 (07), 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.

<sup>a</sup>Data 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.

<sup>b</sup>Data are for prepared or preserved peppers (HTS subheading 2005.90.50 and statistical reporting number 2005.90.5510) on a processed-weight basis.

<sup>c</sup>Not available.

<sup>d</sup>Calculated by Commission staff using rounded numbers.





# **TRADE**

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**Table 3** Fresh-market peppers: U.S. exports of domestic merchandise,<sup>a</sup> by principal markets, 2002–06, Jan.–June 2006, and Jan.–June 2007

| Market   | 2002   | 2003   | 2004   | 2005   | 2006   | Jan.–June<br>2006 | Jan.–June<br>2007 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Quantity (metric tons)</i>                          |        |        |        |        |        |                   |                   |
| Canada   | 69,782 | 66,767 | 65,182 | 64,259 | 60,231 | 33,787            | 36,882            |
| Mexico   | 1,499  | 3,125  | 5,477  | 3,456  | 1,089  | 240               | 361               |
| Japan  | 572    | 678    | 598    | 944    | 823    | 546               | 317               |
| Netherlands  | 596    | 839    | 816    | 952    | 388    | 245               | 92                |
| Bahamas  | 243    | 160    | 250    | 198    | 264    | 105               | 95                |
| Norway   | 107    | 88     | 82     | 95     | 122    | 55                | 58                |
| Korea  | 10     | 17     | 49     | 116    | 127    | 38                | 15                |
| Germany  | 102    | 153    | 173    | 157    | 78     | 62                | 0                 |
| All other  | 270    | 257    | 381    | 580    | 496    | 200               | 150               |
| Total  | 73,181 | 72,084 | 73,008 | 70,757 | 63,591 | 35,278            | 37,970            |
| <i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i>                           |        |        |        |        |        |                   |                   |
| Canada   | 69,413 | 73,401 | 79,244 | 83,762 | 76,388 | 41,343            | 55,027            |
| Mexico   | 1,313  | 2,764  | 5,140  | 2,260  | 1,316  | 244               | 467               |
| Japan  | 797    | 840    | 831    | 1,108  | 996    | 641               | 411               |
| Netherlands  | 770    | 1,216  | 1,331  | 1,384  | 598    | 380               | 125               |
| Bahamas  | 269    | 178    | 419    | 300    | 411    | 144               | 125               |
| Norway   | 179    | 175    | 170    | 190    | 203    | 96                | 94                |
| Korea  | 24     | 19     | 71     | 141    | 196    | 59                | 21                |
| Germany  | 127    | 189    | 207    | 175    | 135    | 114               | 0                 |
| All other  | 539    | 459    | 609    | 1,039  | 799    | 392               | 254               |
| Total  | 73,431 | 79,241 | 88,022 | 90,359 | 81,042 | 43,413            | 56,524            |
| <i>Unit value (dollars per metric ton)<sup>b</sup></i> |        |        |        |        |        |                   |                   |
| Canada   | 995    | 1,099  | 1,216  | 1,304  | 1,268  | 1,224             | 1,492             |
| Mexico   | 876    | 884    | 938    | 654    | 1,208  | 1,017             | 1,294             |
| Japan  | 1,393  | 1,239  | 1,390  | 1,174  | 1,210  | 1,174             | 1,297             |
| Netherlands  | 1,292  | 1,449  | 1,631  | 1,454  | 1,541  | 1,551             | 1,359             |
| Bahamas  | 1,107  | 1,113  | 1,676  | 1,515  | 1,557  | 1,371             | 1,316             |
| Norway   | 1,673  | 1,989  | 2,073  | 2,000  | 1,664  | 1,745             | 1,621             |
| Korea  | 2,400  | 1,118  | 1,449  | 1,216  | 1,543  | 1,553             | 1,400             |
| Germany  | 1,245  | 1,235  | 1,197  | 1,115  | 1,731  | 1,839             | -                 |
| All other  | 2,659  | 1,786  | 1,598  | 1,791  | 1,611  | 1,960             | 1,693             |
| Average  | 1,003  | 1,099  | 1,206  | 1,277  | 1,274  | 1,231             | 1,489             |

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.

<sup>a</sup>Data are for fresh or chilled peppers other than chili peppers (Schedule B No. 0709.60.0000) on a fresh-weight basis.

<sup>b</sup>Calculated by Commission staff using rounded numbers.

**Table 4** Fresh-market peppers: U.S. imports for consumption,<sup>a</sup> by principal sources, 2002–06, Jan.–June 2006, and Jan.–June 2007

| Source   | 2002    | 2003    | 2004    | 2005    | 2006    | Jan.–June<br>2006 | Jan.–June<br>2007 |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Quantity (metric tons)</i>                          |         |         |         |         |         |                   |                   |
| Mexico   | 164,576 | 164,741 | 180,366 | 210,674 | 234,737 | 186,610           | 172,796           |
| Canada   | 41,377  | 42,554  | 44,428  | 55,870  | 63,313  | 17,457            | 18,995            |
| Israel   | 6,557   | 10,142  | 8,811   | 4,339   | 3,086   | 2,133             | 1,541             |
| Dominican Republic                                     | 1,785   | 2,004   | 1,865   | 2,120   | 3,405   | 2,135             | 2,337             |
| EU-25:   |         |         |         |         |         |                   |                   |
| Netherlands  | 23,830  | 22,864  | 19,879  | 20,169  | 16,209  | 4,848             | 4,449             |
| Spain  | 3,691   | 2,351   | 1,955   | 1,813   | 2,324   | 1,026             | 211               |
| Belgium  | 267     | 450     | 372     | 654     | 638     | 77                | 94                |
| All other  | 48      | 27      | 0       | 13      | 0       | 0                 | 0                 |
| Subtotal   | 27,836  | 25,692  | 22,206  | 22,649  | 19,170  | 5,950             | 4,754             |
| All other  | 527     | 567     | 395     | 341     | 1,118   | 271               | 2,020             |
| Total  | 242,658 | 245,700 | 258,071 | 295,993 | 324,829 | 214,556           | 202,443           |
| <i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i>                           |         |         |         |         |         |                   |                   |
| Mexico   | 132,727 | 158,147 | 250,021 | 262,371 | 289,488 | 238,545           | 242,732           |
| Canada   | 71,417  | 78,661  | 91,262  | 115,751 | 151,704 | 56,707            | 67,268            |
| Israel   | 15,638  | 27,049  | 27,778  | 12,781  | 8,950   | 6,029             | 5,138             |
| Dominican Republic                                     | 1,753   | 1,706   | 2,145   | 2,464   | 4,332   | 2,862             | 3,422             |
| EU-25:   |         |         |         |         |         |                   |                   |
| Netherlands  | 56,844  | 63,735  | 56,544  | 50,046  | 47,909  | 15,288            | 13,388            |
| Spain  | 10,161  | 6,891   | 7,011   | 4,677   | 6,054   | 2,901             | 657               |
| Belgium  | 623     | 1,391   | 1,246   | 1,789   | 1,590   | 267               | 283               |
| All other  | 47      | 27      | 0       | 37      | 0       | 0                 | 0                 |
| Subtotal   | 67,675  | 72,044  | 64,800  | 56,549  | 55,552  | 18,456            | 14,327            |
| All other  | 1,379   | 1,123   | 962     | 861     | 3,164   | 872               | 4,720             |
| Total  | 290,589 | 338,730 | 436,968 | 450,777 | 513,190 | 323,471           | 337,607           |
| <i>Unit value (dollars per metric ton)<sup>b</sup></i> |         |         |         |         |         |                   |                   |
| Mexico   | 806     | 960     | 1,386   | 1,245   | 1,233   | 1,278             | 1,405             |
| Canada   | 1,726   | 1,848   | 2,054   | 2,072   | 2,396   | 3,248             | 3,541             |
| Israel   | 2,385   | 2,667   | 3,153   | 2,946   | 2,900   | 2,827             | 3,334             |
| Dominican Republic                                     | 982     | 851     | 1,150   | 1,162   | 1,272   | 1,341             | 1,464             |
| EU-25:   |         |         |         |         |         |                   |                   |
| Netherlands  | 2,385   | 2,788   | 2,844   | 2,481   | 2,956   | 3,153             | 3,009             |
| Spain  | 2,753   | 2,931   | 3,586   | 2,580   | 2,605   | 2,827             | 3,112             |
| Belgium  | 2,333   | 3,091   | 3,349   | 2,735   | 2,492   | 3,468             | 3,011             |
| All other  | 979     | 1,000   | -       | 2,846   | -       | -                 | -                 |
| Average  | 2,431   | 2,804   | 2,918   | 2,497   | 2,898   | 3,102             | 3,014             |
| All other  | 2,617   | 1,981   | 2,435   | 2,525   | 2,830   | 3,218             | 2,337             |
| Average  | 1,198   | 1,379   | 1,693   | 1,523   | 1,580   | 1,508             | 1,668             |

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 2007 enter at the MFN rate of 4.7 cents per kilogram, or free pursuant to the United States-Australia Free Trade Agreement, United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, North American Free Trade Agreement, United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement, Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, United States-Israel Free Trade Area, Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act, United States-Jordan Free Trade Area Implementation Act, United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, Dominican Republic-Central America-United States Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, and the United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement.

<sup>a</sup>Data are for fresh or chilled peppers other than chili peppers (HTS subheading 0709.60.40) on a fresh-weight basis.

<sup>b</sup>Calculated by Commission staff using rounded numbers.

**Table 5** Fresh-market peppers: U.S. imports for consumption from Mexico, <sup>a</sup> by months and by major Customs Districts of entry, July 2004–June 2007

| Period                 | Nogales | San Diego | Laredo | Detroit | All other | Total   |
|------------------------|---------|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Quantity (metric tons) |         |           |        |         |           |         |
| 2004:                  |         |           |        |         |           |         |
| July                   | 20      | 316       | 4      | 2       | 14        | 356     |
| Aug.                   | 7       | 629       | 0      | 0       | 27        | 662     |
| Sept.                  | 23      | 1,740     | 136    | 0       | 11        | 1,911   |
| Oct.                   | 343     | 2,803     | 600    | 3       | 23        | 3,772   |
| Nov.                   | 5,830   | 3,936     | 673    | 8       | 53        | 10,500  |
| Dec.                   | 22,106  | 2,817     | 880    | 73      | 68        | 25,943  |
| 2005:                  |         |           |        |         |           |         |
| Jan.                   | 39,936  | 2,807     | 1,102  | 141     | 51        | 44,037  |
| Feb.                   | 31,948  | 1,844     | 772    | 213     | 36        | 34,813  |
| Mar.                   | 27,595  | 1,685     | 858    | 144     | 47        | 30,329  |
| Apr.                   | 19,285  | 3,588     | 860    | 71      | 34        | 23,837  |
| May                    | 7,784   | 5,616     | 761    | 3       | 12        | 14,176  |
| June                   | 2,064   | 2,255     | 303    | 0       | 9         | 4,632   |
| Total                  | 156,941 | 30,036    | 6,949  | 658     | 385       | 194,968 |
| 2005:                  |         |           |        |         |           |         |
| July                   | 37      | 589       | 254    | 7       | 4         | 891     |
| Aug.                   | 11      | 311       | 52     | 0       | 2         | 375     |
| Sept.                  | 11      | 683       | 210    | 0       | 9         | 912     |
| Oct.                   | 562     | 3,440     | 709    | 9       | 4         | 4,725   |
| Nov.                   | 7,564   | 5,665     | 1,664  | 97      | 13        | 15,004  |
| Dec.                   | 31,788  | 3,325     | 1,692  | 70      | 67        | 36,943  |
| 2006:                  |         |           |        |         |           |         |
| Jan.                   | 48,677  | 2,889     | 1,941  | 297     | 39        | 53,844  |
| Feb.                   | 42,628  | 1,125     | 1,432  | 317     | 97        | 45,599  |
| Mar.                   | 36,484  | 1,573     | 1,622  | 251     | 86        | 40,015  |
| Apr.                   | 22,107  | 4,263     | 1,317  | 94      | 22        | 27,803  |
| May                    | 10,454  | 4,235     | 693    | 36      | 40        | 15,457  |
| June                   | 1,797   | 1,682     | 347    | 25      | 41        | 3,892   |
| Total                  | 202,120 | 29,780    | 11,933 | 1,203   | 424       | 245,460 |
| 2006:                  |         |           |        |         |           |         |
| July                   | 17      | 982       | 221    | 8       | 34        | 1,262   |
| Aug.                   | 10      | 618       | 148    | 15      | 32        | 823     |
| Sept.                  | 238     | 479       | 251    | 1       | 23        | 993     |
| Oct.                   | 823     | 780       | 957    | 30      | 27        | 2,618   |
| Nov.                   | 5,933   | 4,649     | 1,565  | 86      | 27        | 12,260  |
| Dec.                   | 24,947  | 3,296     | 1,705  | 184     | 39        | 30,171  |
| 2007:                  |         |           |        |         |           |         |
| Jan.                   | 37,297  | 3,446     | 1,725  | 460     | 52        | 42,980  |
| Feb.                   | 36,353  | 2,666     | 1,295  | 613     | 57        | 40,985  |
| Mar.                   | 36,098  | 1,576     | 1,177  | 512     | 56        | 39,419  |
| Apr.                   | 24,358  | 3,476     | 917    | 149     | 60        | 28,959  |
| May                    | 10,310  | 4,089     | 580    | 204     | 39        | 15,222  |
| June                   | 1,969   | 2,746     | 479    | 15      | 22        | 5,231   |
| Total                  | 178,353 | 28,803    | 11,020 | 2,277   | 468       | 220,923 |

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**Table 5—Continued** Fresh-market peppers: U.S. imports for consumption from Mexico,<sup>a</sup> by months and by major Customs Districts of entry, July 2004–June 2007

| Period                | Nogales | San Diego | Laredo | Detroit | All other | Total   |
|-----------------------|---------|-----------|--------|---------|-----------|---------|
| Value (1,000 dollars) |         |           |        |         |           |         |
| 2004:                 |         |           |        |         |           |         |
| July                  | 21      | 215       | 2      | 4       | 37        | 279     |
| Aug.                  | 8       | 554       | 0      | 0       | 37        | 599     |
| Sept.                 | 67      | 1,023     | 118    | 0       | 44        | 1,252   |
| Oct.                  | 505     | 1,399     | 739    | 12      | 82        | 2,736   |
| Nov.                  | 14,287  | 2,338     | 708    | 39      | 161       | 17,533  |
| Dec.                  | 45,251  | 1,543     | 862    | 209     | 221       | 48,085  |
| 2005:                 |         |           |        |         |           |         |
| Jan.                  | 61,291  | 2,069     | 1,905  | 404     | 158       | 65,828  |
| Feb.                  | 29,648  | 1,477     | 983    | 650     | 101       | 32,858  |
| Mar.                  | 27,716  | 1,436     | 1,411  | 516     | 108       | 31,187  |
| Apr.                  | 29,940  | 1,889     | 1,308  | 225     | 60        | 33,421  |
| May                   | 12,842  | 2,509     | 1,084  | 12      | 35        | 16,481  |
| June                  | 2,604   | 1,633     | 298    | 0       | 38        | 4,573   |
| Total                 | 224,180 | 18,085    | 9,418  | 2,071   | 1,082     | 254,832 |
| 2005:                 |         |           |        |         |           |         |
| July                  | 40      | 624       | 182    | 24      | 12        | 881     |
| Aug.                  | 11      | 226       | 44     | 0       | 5         | 286     |
| Sept.                 | 11      | 400       | 440    | 0       | 29        | 880     |
| Oct.                  | 800     | 1,461     | 965    | 31      | 7         | 3,264   |
| Nov.                  | 12,845  | 2,756     | 1,637  | 371     | 35        | 17,644  |
| Dec.                  | 50,422  | 2,041     | 2,102  | 303     | 200       | 55,067  |
| 2006:                 |         |           |        |         |           |         |
| Jan.                  | 80,267  | 1,436     | 2,514  | 1,133   | 123       | 85,472  |
| Feb.                  | 52,411  | 519       | 2,040  | 1,114   | 299       | 56,384  |
| Mar.                  | 39,279  | 860       | 2,147  | 911     | 242       | 43,438  |
| Apr.                  | 27,641  | 1,531     | 1,808  | 428     | 73        | 31,482  |
| May                   | 14,691  | 1,645     | 871    | 112     | 93        | 17,412  |
| June                  | 2,376   | 1,189     | 582    | 93      | 117       | 4,357   |
| Total                 | 280,794 | 14,688    | 15,332 | 4,520   | 1,235     | 316,567 |
| 2006:                 |         |           |        |         |           |         |
| July                  | 11      | 778       | 323    | 30      | 94        | 1,236   |
| Aug.                  | 9       | 774       | 283    | 58      | 84        | 1,208   |
| Sept.                 | 415     | 513       | 295    | 4       | 74        | 1,301   |
| Oct.                  | 1,220   | 555       | 1,276  | 109     | 84        | 3,244   |
| Nov.                  | 8,061   | 2,483     | 1,764  | 346     | 81        | 12,735  |
| Dec.                  | 26,342  | 2,097     | 1,871  | 788     | 121       | 31,219  |
| 2007:                 |         |           |        |         |           |         |
| Jan.                  | 62,407  | 1,640     | 1,731  | 1,918   | 231       | 67,927  |
| Feb.                  | 48,827  | 1,250     | 1,405  | 2,628   | 251       | 54,361  |
| Mar.                  | 50,999  | 833       | 1,521  | 2,256   | 264       | 55,873  |
| Apr.                  | 38,084  | 1,411     | 1,112  | 654     | 284       | 41,545  |
| May                   | 14,527  | 1,867     | 594    | 819     | 157       | 17,964  |
| June                  | 2,444   | 2,049     | 423    | 60      | 87        | 5,063   |
| Total                 | 253,346 | 16,250    | 12,598 | 9,670   | 1,812     | 293,676 |

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.

<sup>a</sup>Data 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,<sup>a</sup> by months and by major Customs Districts of entry, July 2004–June 2007

| Period                 | Detroit | Seattle          | Buffalo | Ogdensburg | All other | Total  |
|------------------------|---------|------------------|---------|------------|-----------|--------|
| Quantity (metric tons) |         |                  |         |            |           |        |
| 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      | ( <sup>b</sup> ) | 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 |
| 2006:                  |         |                  |         |            |           |        |
| July                   | 3,861   | 1,697            | 762     | 15         | 5         | 6,339  |
| Aug.                   | 6,160   | 2,084            | 3,360   | 1,907      | 14        | 13,525 |
| Sept.                  | 4,302   | 1,616            | 2,945   | 3,669      | 41        | 12,573 |
| Oct.                   | 3,957   | 1,548            | 3,931   | 879        | 4         | 10,319 |
| Nov.                   | 1,590   | 716              | 300     | 21         | 0         | 2,628  |
| Dec.                   | 356     | 65               | 51      | 0          | 0         | 472    |
| 2007:                  |         |                  |         |            |           |        |
| Jan.                   | 57      | 0                | 10      | 0          | 0         | 67     |
| Feb.                   | 17      | 0                | 4       | 0          | 0         | 21     |
| Mar.                   | 674     | 52               | 273     | 0          | 0         | 1,000  |
| Apr.                   | 2,639   | 821              | 706     | 0          | 7         | 4,173  |
| May                    | 3,651   | 1,546            | 810     | 9          | 15        | 6,033  |
| June                   | 4,592   | 2,177            | 915     | 13         | 5         | 7,702  |
| Total                  | 31,856  | 12,322           | 14,067  | 6,513      | 93        | 64,852 |

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 6—Continued** Fresh-market peppers: U.S. imports for consumption from Canada,<sup>a</sup> by months and by major Customs Districts of entry, July 2004–June 2007

| Period                | Detroit | Seattle | Buffalo | Ogdensburg | All other | Total   |
|-----------------------|---------|---------|---------|------------|-----------|---------|
| Value (1,000 dollars) |         |         |         |            |           |         |
| 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 |
| 2006:                 |         |         |         |            |           |         |
| July                  | 12,955  | 5,654   | 2,547   | 25         | 17        | 21,198  |
| Aug.                  | 12,414  | 6,440   | 3,326   | 1,353      | 54        | 23,587  |
| Sept.                 | 9,626   | 5,125   | 2,636   | 2,967      | 102       | 20,456  |
| Oct.                  | 10,555  | 4,599   | 2,577   | 694        | 16        | 18,442  |
| Nov.                  | 6,196   | 2,391   | 1,019   | 16         | 1         | 9,621   |
| Dec.                  | 1,331   | 176     | 185     | 0          | 0         | 1,692   |
| 2007:                 |         |         |         |            |           |         |
| Jan.                  | 257     | 0       | 41      | 0          | 0         | 298     |
| Feb.                  | 70      | 0       | 19      | 0          | 0         | 89      |
| Mar.                  | 2,759   | 197     | 1,122   | 0          | 2         | 4,080   |
| Apr.                  | 8,859   | 2,501   | 2,689   | 0          | 33        | 14,081  |
| May                   | 14,084  | 5,147   | 3,160   | 5          | 67        | 22,463  |
| June                  | 16,507  | 6,721   | 2,949   | 54         | 26        | 26,257  |
| Total                 | 95,613  | 38,951  | 22,270  | 5,114      | 319       | 162,264 |

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.

<sup>a</sup>Data are for fresh or chilled peppers other than chili peppers (HTS subheading 0709.60.40) on a fresh-weight basis.

<sup>b</sup>Less than 0.5 metric tons.

**Table 7** Fresh-market peppers: U.S. imports for consumption from the Netherlands, <sup>a</sup> by months and by major Customs Districts of entry, July 2004–June 2007

| Period                          | New York | Chicago | Boston | Los Angeles | Washington | All other | Total  |
|---------------------------------|----------|---------|--------|-------------|------------|-----------|--------|
| Quantity ( <i>metric tons</i> ) |          |         |        |             |            |           |        |
| 2004:                           |          |         |        |             |            |           |        |
| July                            | 2,014    | 201     | 342    | 317         | 145        | 493       | 3,367  |
| Aug.                            | 1,813    | 59      | 180    | 245         | 127        | 278       | 2,575  |
| Sept.                           | 1,347    | 105     | 258    | 211         | 104        | 294       | 2,214  |
| Oct.                            | 1,286    | 114     | 338    | 211         | 100        | 237       | 2,187  |
| Nov.                            | 843      | 232     | 484    | 164         | 274        | 765       | 2,488  |
| Dec.                            | 105      | 18      | 23     | 18          | 13         | 82        | 248    |
| 2005:                           |          |         |        |             |            |           |        |
| Jan.                            | 4        | 0       | 0      | 3           | 0          | 4         | 11     |
| Feb.                            | 9        | 0       | 2      | 3           | 0          | 2         | 16     |
| Mar.                            | 78       | 13      | 83     | 11          | 9          | 23        | 209    |
| Apr.                            | 432      | 75      | 152    | 55          | 35         | 76        | 791    |
| May                             | 1,217    | 226     | 324    | 109         | 100        | 223       | 2,099  |
| June                            | 1,883    | 232     | 344    | 123         | 100        | 201       | 2,782  |
| Total                           | 11,031   | 1,275   | 2,530  | 1,470       | 1,007      | 2,680     | 18,987 |
| 2005:                           |          |         |        |             |            |           |        |
| July                            | 1,929    | 478     | 365    | 244         | 168        | 544       | 3,560  |
| Aug.                            | 2,140    | 300     | 406    | 191         | 167        | 456       | 3,493  |
| Sept.                           | 1,820    | 355     | 367    | 179         | 89         | 243       | 2,964  |
| Oct.                            | 1,200    | 317     | 292    | 129         | 115        | 224       | 2,162  |
| Nov.                            | 840      | 240     | 238    | 68          | 124        | 266       | 1,651  |
| Dec.                            | 191      | 68      | 51     | 5           | 47         | 115       | 430    |
| 2006:                           |          |         |        |             |            |           |        |
| Jan.                            | 17       | 0       | 2      | 1           | 0          | 7         | 27     |
| Feb.                            | 0        | 0       | 0      | 0           | 0          | 0         | 0      |
| Mar.                            | 36       | 35      | 20     | 11          | 10         | 14        | 116    |
| Apr.                            | 316      | 105     | 58     | 51          | 41         | 56        | 586    |
| May                             | 857      | 365     | 313    | 100         | 78         | 181       | 1,816  |
| June                            | 1,332    | 318     | 250    | 201         | 65         | 201       | 2,302  |
| Total                           | 10,678   | 2,581   | 2,362  | 1,180       | 904        | 2,307     | 19,107 |
| 2006:                           |          |         |        |             |            |           |        |
| July                            | 1,793    | 654     | 367    | 291         | 121        | 333       | 3,438  |
| Aug.                            | 1,321    | 491     | 277    | 249         | 105        | 193       | 2,531  |
| Sept.                           | 1,177    | 320     | 208    | 192         | 68         | 156       | 2,053  |
| Oct.                            | 849      | 157     | 161    | 191         | 84         | 166       | 1,524  |
| Nov.                            | 759      | 245     | 328    | 146         | 130        | 269       | 1,747  |
| Dec.                            | 50       | 0       | 5      | 0           | 0          | 12        | 67     |
| 2007:                           |          |         |        |             |            |           |        |
| Jan.                            | 1        | 0       | 0      | 0           | 0          | 0         | 1      |
| Feb.                            | 1        | 0       | 0      | 0           | 0          | 0         | 1      |
| Mar.                            | 30       | 14      | 0      | 2           | 0          | 1         | 47     |
| Apr.                            | 98       | 45      | 17     | 37          | 5          | 14        | 211    |
| May                             | 1,437    | 381     | 352    | 88          | 72         | 157       | 2,415  |
| June                            | 1,270    | 135     | 160    | 141         | 39         | 68        | 1,774  |
| Total                           | 8,786    | 2,442   | 1,875  | 1,337       | 624        | 1,369     | 15,809 |

See footnote at end of table.



**Table 7—Continued** Fresh-market peppers: U.S. imports for consumption from the Netherlands,<sup>a</sup> by months and by major Customs Districts of entry, July 2004–June 2007

| Period                | New York | Chicago | Boston | Los Angeles | Washington | All other | Total  |
|-----------------------|----------|---------|--------|-------------|------------|-----------|--------|
| Value (1,000 dollars) |          |         |        |             |            |           |        |
| 2004:                 |          |         |        |             |            |           |        |
| July                  | 4,536    | 476     | 794    | 718         | 448        | 1,440     | 7,964  |
| Aug.                  | 4,049    | 118     | 444    | 554         | 394        | 889       | 6,054  |
| Sept.                 | 3,557    | 292     | 723    | 600         | 405        | 1,114     | 6,286  |
| Oct.                  | 3,196    | 274     | 857    | 534         | 365        | 787       | 5,649  |
| Nov.                  | 2,380    | 621     | 1,708  | 413         | 1,145      | 2,894     | 8,017  |
| Dec.                  | 420      | 60      | 98     | 51          | 69         | 440       | 1,068  |
| 2005:                 |          |         |        |             |            |           |        |
| Jan.                  | 14       | 0       | 0      | 14          | 0          | 19        | 47     |
| Feb.                  | 43       | 0       | 5      | 12          | 0          | 9         | 70     |
| Mar.                  | 305      | 34      | 264    | 42          | 48         | 122       | 768    |
| Apr.                  | 1,553    | 257     | 540    | 194         | 164        | 370       | 2,915  |
| May                   | 3,745    | 605     | 922    | 309         | 440        | 980       | 6,563  |
| June                  | 4,790    | 559     | 874    | 320         | 387        | 801       | 7,344  |
| Total                 | 28,588   | 3,296   | 7,229  | 3,761       | 3,865      | 9,865     | 52,739 |
| 2005:                 |          |         |        |             |            |           |        |
| July                  | 3,935    | 934     | 696    | 499         | 501        | 1,544     | 7,607  |
| Aug.                  | 4,501    | 657     | 786    | 373         | 522        | 1,311     | 7,628  |
| Sept.                 | 4,096    | 775     | 823    | 401         | 310        | 789       | 6,884  |
| Oct.                  | 2,992    | 702     | 539    | 275         | 389        | 690       | 5,198  |
| Nov.                  | 1,783    | 522     | 514    | 143         | 440        | 846       | 3,808  |
| Dec.                  | 474      | 165     | 105    | 19          | 164        | 450       | 1,213  |
| 2006:                 |          |         |        |             |            |           |        |
| Jan.                  | 34       | 0       | 4      | 3           | 0          | 29        | 70     |
| Feb.                  | 0        | 0       | 0      | 0           | 0          | 0         | 0      |
| Mar.                  | 120      | 110     | 63     | 41          | 51         | 68        | 402    |
| Apr.                  | 1,282    | 384     | 239    | 196         | 216        | 311       | 2,412  |
| May                   | 2,705    | 1,070   | 1,024  | 321         | 378        | 796       | 5,916  |
| June                  | 3,767    | 799     | 659    | 543         | 279        | 720       | 6,488  |
| Total                 | 25,689   | 6,118   | 5,452  | 2,814       | 3,250      | 7,554     | 47,626 |
| 2006:                 |          |         |        |             |            |           |        |
| July                  | 4,698    | 1,625   | 1,085  | 788         | 534        | 1,316     | 9,512  |
| Aug.                  | 3,570    | 1,254   | 691    | 654         | 443        | 770       | 6,939  |
| Sept.                 | 3,677    | 946     | 708    | 501         | 298        | 650       | 6,482  |
| Oct.                  | 2,432    | 411     | 518    | 520         | 299        | 649       | 4,530  |
| Nov.                  | 2,050    | 633     | 998    | 362         | 465        | 941       | 4,984  |
| Dec.                  | 117      | 0       | 17     | 0           | 0          | 39        | 173    |
| 2007:                 |          |         |        |             |            |           |        |
| Jan.                  | 4        | 0       | 0      | 0           | 0          | 0         | 4      |
| Feb.                  | 4        | 0       | 0      | 0           | 0          | 0         | 4      |
| Mar.                  | 158      | 80      | 0      | 11          | 0          | 2         | 251    |
| Apr.                  | 381      | 156     | 49     | 150         | 22         | 95        | 831    |
| May                   | 4,292    | 992     | 1,062  | 233         | 288        | 674       | 7,253  |
| June                  | 3,625    | 292     | 459    | 368         | 145        | 300       | 5,044  |
| Total                 | 25,008   | 6,389   | 5,587  | 3,587       | 2,494      | 5,436     | 46,007 |

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.

<sup>a</sup>Data 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,<sup>a</sup> by principal sources, 2002–06, Jan.–June 2006, and Jan.–June 2007

| Source   | 2002   | 2003   | 2004   | 2005   | 2006   | Jan.–June<br>2006 | Jan.–June<br>2007 |
|--|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <i>Quantity (metric tons)</i>                          |        |        |        |        |        |                   |                   |
| Turkey   | 2,078  | 3,633  | 5,505  | 5,485  | 4,543  | 1,871             | 1,206             |
| Peru   | 73     | 67     | 934    | 2,418  | 3,172  | 1,580             | 1,563             |
| Mexico   | 279    | 293    | 327    | 197    | 1,964  | 901               | 2,594             |
| Chile  | 1,579  | 3,354  | 2,201  | 2,668  | 2,438  | 1,320             | 1,083             |
| EU-25:   |        |        |        |        |        |                   |                   |
| Spain  | 15,057 | 11,333 | 10,742 | 9,735  | 10,090 | 4,918             | 3,992             |
| Greece   | 775    | 998    | 995    | 1,128  | 1,273  | 491               | 1,305             |
| Italy  | 86     | 79     | 72     | 122    | 220    | 55                | 107               |
| All other  | 4      | 54     | 23     | 7      | 5      | 5                 | 24                |
| Subtotal   | 15,923 | 12,465 | 11,832 | 10,992 | 11,588 | 5,468             | 5,428             |
| All other  | 278    | 475    | 640    | 1,208  | 1,431  | 527               | 1,120             |
| Total  | 20,210 | 20,287 | 21,439 | 22,968 | 25,136 | 11,667            | 12,994            |
| <i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i>                           |        |        |        |        |        |                   |                   |
| Turkey   | 1,686  | 3,206  | 5,102  | 5,370  | 4,979  | 2,116             | 1,287             |
| Peru   | 138    | 151    | 1,331  | 3,486  | 4,152  | 2,070             | 2,200             |
| Mexico   | 257    | 282    | 364    | 230    | 4,516  | 2,021             | 3,630             |
| Chile  | 1,193  | 2,388  | 1,697  | 2,331  | 2,390  | 1,302             | 1,049             |
| EU-25:   |        |        |        |        |        |                   |                   |
| Spain  | 14,868 | 12,921 | 16,224 | 15,785 | 15,408 | 7,423             | 6,652             |
| Greece   | 1,376  | 1,602  | 1,548  | 1,769  | 1,822  | 787               | 1,501             |
| Italy  | 220    | 251    | 228    | 493    | 775    | 178               | 255               |
| All other  | 10     | 87     | 39     | 24     | 26     | 20                | 39                |
| Subtotal   | 16,474 | 14,860 | 18,038 | 18,072 | 18,031 | 8,407             | 8,447             |
| All other  | 492    | 738    | 1,084  | 2,155  | 2,755  | 961               | 1,729             |
| Total  | 20,240 | 21,625 | 27,616 | 31,644 | 36,823 | 16,877            | 18,342            |
| <i>Unit value (dollars per metric ton)<sup>b</sup></i> |        |        |        |        |        |                   |                   |
| Turkey   | 811    | 882    | 927    | 979    | 1,096  | 1,131             | 1,067             |
| Peru   | 1,890  | 2,254  | 1,425  | 1,442  | 1,309  | 1,310             | 1,408             |
| Mexico   | 921    | 962    | 1,113  | 1,168  | 2,299  | 2,243             | 1,399             |
| Chile  | 756    | 712    | 771    | 874    | 980    | 986               | 969               |
| EU-25:   |        |        |        |        |        |                   |                   |
| Spain  | 987    | 1,140  | 1,510  | 1,621  | 1,527  | 1,509             | 1,667             |
| Greece   | 1,775  | 1,605  | 1,556  | 1,568  | 1,431  | 1,603             | 1,150             |
| Italy  | 2,558  | 3,177  | 3,167  | 4,041  | 3,523  | 3,236             | 2,383             |
| All other  | 2,500  | 1,611  | 1,696  | 3,429  | 5,200  | 4,000             | 1,625             |
| Average  | 1,035  | 1,192  | 1,525  | 1,644  | 1,556  | 1,537             | 1,556             |
| All other  | 1,770  | 1,554  | 1,694  | 1,784  | 1,925  | 1,824             | 1,543             |
| Average  | 1,001  | 1,066  | 1,288  | 1,378  | 1,465  | 1,447             | 1,412             |

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 jars rather than in metal cans).

Note: Imports in 2007 enter at the MFN rates of 8.1 percent and 14.9 percent ad valorem, respectively, or free pursuant to the Generalized System of Preferences, United States-Bahrain Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, United States-Chile Free Trade Agreement, African Growth and Opportunity Act, Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act, NAFTA, Israel, Andean Trade Promotion and Drug Eradication Act, United States-Jordan Free Trade Area Implementation Act, United States-Morocco Free Trade Agreement Implementation Act, United States-Singapore Free Trade Agreement, and DR-CAFTA

<sup>a</sup>Data are for prepared or preserved peppers (HTS subheadings 2005.90.50 and 2005.99.50, and statistical reporting numbers 2005.90.5510 and 2005.99.5510) on a processed-weight basis.

# **PRODUCTION AND COSTS**

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**Table 9** Fresh-market peppers: U.S. production quantity, value, and unit value, and harvested area, by selected States, 2002–06

| State  | 2002    | 2003    | 2004    | 2005    | 2006    |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| <i>Quantity (metric tons)</i>                          |         |         |         |         |         |
| California   | 318,876 | 327,267 | 344,731 | 386,234 | 419,573 |
| Florida  | 238,136 | 224,801 | 257,323 | 207,746 | 183,524 |
| Ohio   | 15,241  | 26,762  | 22,407  | 21,954  | 41,368  |
| Georgia  | 39,916  | 61,235  | 30,073  | 31,026  | 51,437  |
| New Jersey   | 43,636  | 40,007  | 42,093  | 37,739  | 42,819  |
| North Carolina   | 29,484  | 22,680  | 19,958  | 20,140  | 26,127  |
| Michigan   | 18,144  | 20,412  | 23,678  | 17,781  | 15,921  |
| All other  | 7,256   | 7,937   | 3,629   | 4,762   | 908     |
| Total  | 710,689 | 731,101 | 743,892 | 727,382 | 781,677 |
| <i>Value (1,000 dollars)</i>                           |         |         |         |         |         |
| California   | 200,618 | 206,606 | 217,701 | 239,715 | 286,203 |
| Florida  | 180,600 | 177,920 | 218,411 | 213,428 | 187,330 |
| Ohio   | 7,997   | 15,989  | 10,078  | 17,279  | 30,278  |
| Georgia  | 17,600  | 40,500  | 19,890  | 20,520  | 28,350  |
| New Jersey   | 26,166  | 25,578  | 23,200  | 20,550  | 27,848  |
| North Carolina   | 14,300  | 12,500  | 10,120  | 10,656  | 15,552  |
| Michigan   | 9,600   | 9,900   | 13,572  | 9,016   | 9,126   |
| All other  | 7,520   | 5,670   | 3,984   | 3,539   | 946     |
| Total  | 464,401 | 494,663 | 516,956 | 534,703 | 585,633 |
| <i>Unit value (dollars per metric ton)<sup>a</sup></i> |         |         |         |         |         |
| California   | 629     | 631     | 632     | 621     | 682     |
| Florida  | 758     | 791     | 849     | 1,027   | 1,021   |
| Ohio   | 525     | 597     | 450     | 787     | 732     |
| Georgia  | 441     | 661     | 661     | 661     | 551     |
| New Jersey   | 600     | 639     | 551     | 545     | 650     |
| North Carolina   | 485     | 551     | 507     | 529     | 595     |
| Michigan   | 529     | 485     | 573     | 507     | 573     |
| All other  | 1,036   | 714     | 1,098   | 743     | 1,042   |
| Average  | 653     | 677     | 695     | 735     | 749     |
| <i>Harvested area (acres)</i>                          |         |         |         |         |         |
| California   | 19,000  | 18,500  | 19,000  | 23,000  | 28,000  |
| Florida  | 17,500  | 17,700  | 18,300  | 19,000  | 16,500  |
| Ohio   | 1,600   | 2,000   | 1,900   | 2,200   | 2,400   |
| Georgia  | 4,400   | 4,500   | 3,900   | 3,600   | 4,200   |
| New Jersey   | 3,700   | 3,600   | 3,500   | 3,200   | 3,200   |
| North Carolina   | 5,000   | 5,000   | 4,000   | 3,700   | 4,800   |
| Michigan   | 1,600   | 1,800   | 1,800   | 1,400   | 1,300   |
| All other  | 1,000   | 700     | 500     | 700     | 200     |
| Total  | 53,800  | 53,800  | 52,900  | 56,800  | 60,600  |

Source: Compiled by Commission staff from official statistics of the USDA, NASS, as reported in *Vegetables*, 2004 Summary: Jan. 2005, Vg 1-2 (05), 28; 2005 Summary: Jan. 2006, Vg 1-2 (06), 27; and 2006 Summary: Jan. 2007, Vg 1-2 (07), 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.

<sup>a</sup>Calculated 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, 2004/05 and 2005/06 crop-years

| Cost items                   | Palm Beach County |         | Southwest |         |
|------------------------------|-------------------|---------|-----------|---------|
|                              | 2004/05           | 2005/06 | 2004/05   | 2005/06 |
|                              | <i>In dollars</i> |         |           |         |
| Preharvest costs:            |                   |         |           |         |
| Operating costs:             |                   |         |           |         |
| Transplants                  | 900               | 900     | 1,000     | 1,000   |
| Fertilizer                   | 320               | 340     | 391       | 457     |
| Fumigant                     | 736               | 750     | 736       | 750     |
| Other pesticides             | 797               | 842     | 867       | 973     |
| Labor                        | 455               | 455     | 430       | 430     |
| Machinery                    | 440               | 526     | 1,190     | 1,391   |
| Interest                     | 174               | 180     | 341       | 365     |
| Miscellaneous                | 1,043             | 1,043   | 691       | 691     |
| Subtotal                     | 4,865             | 5,036   | 5,646     | 6,057   |
| Fixed costs:                 |                   |         |           |         |
| Land rent                    | 400               | 400     | 500       | 500     |
| Machinery                    | 125               | 125     | 264       | 264     |
| Management                   | 1,043             | 1,076   | 1,214     | 1,291   |
| Overhead                     | 1,304             | 1,345   | 1,517     | 1,614   |
| Subtotal                     | 2,872             | 2,946   | 3,495     | 3,669   |
| Total preharvest costs       | 7,737             | 7,982   | 9,141     | 9,726   |
| Harvest and marketing costs: |                   |         |           |         |
| Harvest, haul, and pack      | 3,278             | 3,278   | 3,090     | 3,100   |
| Containers                   | 1,045             | 1,045   | 950       | 950     |
| Selling                      | 550               | 550     | 500       | 500     |
| Subtotal                     | 4,873             | 4,873   | 4,540     | 4,550   |
| Total production costs       | 12,610            | 12,855  | 13,681    | 14,276  |

*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 Aug. 13, 2007.

*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**

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**Table 11** Fresh-market peppers: Shipments, by major suppliers and by months, 2004–06

| Year/month             | Florida | California | Georgia | Mexico  | Canada |
|------------------------|---------|------------|---------|---------|--------|
| Quantity (metric tons) |         |            |         |         |        |
| 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  |
| 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    |
| Total                  | 220,580 | 149,957    | 46,312  | 177,264 | 44,362 |
| 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  |
| 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    |
| Total                  | 193,730 | 165,970    | 59,525  | 206,838 | 55,838 |
| 2006:                  |         |            |         |         |        |
| Jan.                   | 15,604  | 635        | 0       | 55,248  | 181    |
| Feb.                   | 21,818  | 0          | 0       | 45,949  | 91     |
| Mar.                   | 34,927  | 0          | 0       | 40,733  | 1,043  |
| Apr.                   | 43,091  | 3,039      | 0       | 27,125  | 3,674  |
| May                    | 34,337  | 16,647     | 9,616   | 16,103  | 5,488  |
| June                   | 227     | 21,500     | 34,428  | 4,400   | 6,895  |
| July                   | 0       | 23,587     | 590     | 1,451   | 6,350  |
| Aug.                   | 0       | 21,546     | 0       | 1,179   | 13,517 |
| Sept.                  | 0       | 25,628     | 590     | 816     | 12,565 |
| Oct.                   | 2,722   | 22,181     | 18,416  | 2,495   | 10,297 |
| Nov.                   | 21,228  | 13,925     | 16,057  | 12,066  | 2,631  |
| Dec.                   | 26,218  | 2,449      | 454     | 29,030  | 454    |
| Total                  | 200,172 | 151,137    | 80,151  | 236,595 | 63,186 |

Source: Data compiled by Commission staff from *Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Shipments*, USDA, Market News, FVAS-4, Calendar Year 2004, March 2005, 27; FVAS-4, Calendar Year 2005, February 2006, 27-28; and FVAS-4, Calendar Year 2006, March 2007, 28.

Note: Data are for truck shipments only.



**Table 12** Fresh-market peppers: Quantities available at major shipping points, by sources, by U.S. transportation mode, and by weeks, 2006/07 crop-year

| Month/week         | U.S. product |            |        |        |            | Piggy-back | Imports |        |       | Grand total |        |
|--------------------|--------------|------------|--------|--------|------------|------------|---------|--------|-------|-------------|--------|
|                    | Truck        |            |        |        | U.S. total |            | Mexico  | All    |       |             |        |
|                    | Florida      | California | other  | Total  |            |            |         | other  | Total |             |        |
| <i>Metric tons</i> |              |            |        |        |            |            |         |        |       |             |        |
| 2006:              |              |            |        |        |            |            |         |        |       |             |        |
| Oct.               | 7            | 0          | 10,950 | 3,630  | 14,580     | 170        | 14,750  | 890    | 30    | 920         | 15,670 |
|                    | 14           | 0          | 11,690 | 9,490  | 21,180     | 350        | 21,530  | 860    | 0     | 860         | 22,390 |
|                    | 21           | 0          | 12,130 | 10,400 | 22,530     | 140        | 22,670  | 1,420  | 0     | 1,420       | 24,090 |
|                    | 28           | 3,410      | 10,720 | 12,170 | 26,300     | 180        | 26,480  | 1,340  | 0     | 1,340       | 27,820 |
| Nov.               | 4            | 7,100      | 8,430  | 12,100 | 27,630     | 620        | 28,250  | 3,220  | 0     | 3,220       | 31,470 |
|                    | 11           | 8,040      | 6,890  | 9,930  | 24,860     | 260        | 25,120  | 4,820  | 0     | 4,820       | 29,940 |
|                    | 18           | 12,770     | 9,020  | 11,660 | 33,450     | 220        | 33,670  | 5,960  | 0     | 5,960       | 39,630 |
|                    | 25           | 8,460      | 5,200  | 3,570  | 17,230     | 220        | 17,450  | 7,340  | 40    | 7,380       | 24,830 |
| Dec.               | 2            | 16,550     | 5,620  | 3,200  | 25,370     | 480        | 25,850  | 9,770  | 10    | 9,780       | 35,630 |
|                    | 9            | 12,920     | 2,750  | 360    | 16,030     | 260        | 16,290  | 13,690 | 20    | 13,710      | 29,990 |
|                    | 16           | 14,290     | 830    | 0      | 15,120     | 220        | 15,340  | 15,560 | 10    | 15,570      | 30,910 |
|                    | 23           | 12,770     | 340    | 0      | 13,110     | 130        | 13,240  | 16,300 | 30    | 16,330      | 29,570 |
|                    | 30           | 11,990     | 0      | 0      | 11,990     | 0          | 11,990  | 14,170 | 40    | 14,210      | 26,200 |
| 2007:              |              |            |        |        |            |            |         |        |       |             |        |
| Jan.               | 6            | 16,950     | 220    | 0      | 17,170     | 0          | 17,170  | 17,620 | 50    | 17,670      | 34,840 |
|                    | 13           | 14,630     | 130    | 0      | 14,760     | 40         | 14,800  | 24,230 | 240   | 24,470      | 39,280 |
|                    | 20           | 8,230      | 0      | 0      | 8,230      | 0          | 8,230   | 20,810 | 570   | 21,380      | 29,610 |
|                    | 27           | 10,930     | 0      | 0      | 10,930     | 0          | 10,930  | 21,680 | 360   | 22,040      | 32,970 |
| Feb.               | 3            | 10,590     | 0      | 0      | 10,590     | 0          | 10,590  | 17,700 | 310   | 18,010      | 28,600 |
|                    | 10           | 12,830     | 0      | 0      | 12,830     | 0          | 12,830  | 20,950 | 320   | 21,270      | 34,100 |
|                    | 17           | 9,850      | 0      | 0      | 9,850      | 0          | 9,850   | 21,340 | 740   | 22,080      | 31,930 |
|                    | 24           | 12,380     | 0      | 0      | 12,380     | 0          | 12,380  | 25,850 | 520   | 26,370      | 38,750 |
| Mar.               | 3            | 15,780     | 0      | 0      | 15,780     | 0          | 15,780  | 21,670 | 510   | 22,180      | 37,960 |
|                    | 10           | 13,970     | 0      | 0      | 13,970     | 0          | 13,970  | 14,930 | 230   | 15,160      | 29,130 |
|                    | 17           | 12,610     | 0      | 0      | 12,610     | 0          | 12,610  | 19,480 | 260   | 19,740      | 32,350 |
|                    | 24           | 14,360     | 0      | 0      | 14,360     | 0          | 14,360  | 18,970 | 270   | 19,240      | 33,600 |
|                    | 31           | 15,600     | 0      | 0      | 15,600     | 0          | 15,600  | 20,060 | 160   | 20,220      | 35,820 |
| Apr.               | 7            | 12,990     | 0      | 0      | 12,990     | 0          | 12,990  | 14,640 | 230   | 14,870      | 27,860 |
|                    | 14           | 13,890     | 0      | 0      | 13,890     | 0          | 13,890  | 15,140 | 120   | 15,260      | 29,150 |
|                    | 21           | 20,280     | 910    | 0      | 21,190     | 40         | 21,230  | 16,570 | 120   | 16,690      | 37,920 |
|                    | 28           | 20,000     | 3,450  | 0      | 23,450     | 130        | 23,580  | 11,170 | 110   | 11,280      | 34,860 |
| May                | 5            | 18,630     | 6,140  | 0      | 24,770     | 260        | 25,030  | 8,040  | 570   | 8,610       | 33,640 |
|                    | 12           | 19,390     | 7,140  | 0      | 26,530     | 660        | 27,190  | 7,240  | 150   | 7,390       | 34,580 |
|                    | 19           | 13,830     | 8,170  | 1,040  | 23,040     | 90         | 23,130  | 7,350  | 30    | 7,380       | 30,510 |
|                    | 26           | 5,120      | 11,710 | 4,460  | 21,290     | 180        | 21,470  | 6,470  | 30    | 6,500       | 27,970 |
| June               | 2            | 2,960      | 10,940 | 10,470 | 24,370     | 180        | 24,550  | 4,890  | 30    | 4,920       | 29,470 |
|                    | 9            | 940        | 13,450 | 25,460 | 39,850     | 220        | 40,070  | 3,870  | 50    | 3,920       | 43,990 |
|                    | 16           | 20         | 15,350 | 20,060 | 35,430     | 260        | 35,690  | 2,290  | 40    | 2,330       | 38,020 |
|                    | 23           | 0          | 16,130 | 17,220 | 33,350     | 530        | 33,880  | 810    | 30    | 840         | 34,720 |
|                    | 30           | 0          | 13,660 | 14,810 | 28,470     | 350        | 28,820  | 960    | 60    | 1,020       | 29,840 |

Source: Compiled by Commission staff from official statistics of the USDA, Market News, found at <http://marketnews.usda.gov/portal>, retrieved Aug. 11, 2007.

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, 2006/07 crop-year

| Month/week                | Green <sup>a</sup> |                     | Red <sup>b</sup>   |                    |
|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
|                           | Large <sup>c</sup> | Medium <sup>c</sup> | Large <sup>c</sup> | Large <sup>d</sup> |
| <i>Dollars per carton</i> |                    |                     |                    |                    |
| 2006:                     |                    |                     |                    |                    |
| July                      | 1                  | 7.85-8.95           | 6.85-8.95          | -                  |
|                           | 8                  | 7.85-9.95           | 6.85-8.95          | 20.95-21.95        |
|                           | 15                 | 12.21-15.21         | 9.95-12.95         | 16.95-21.95        |
|                           | 22                 | 10.85-15.45         | 9.85-12.95         | 12.95-16.95        |
|                           | 29                 | 9.50-13.85          | 8.95-10.95         | 12.95-14.95        |
| Aug.                      | 5                  | 9.00-12.95          | 8.00-10.35         | 10.00-14.85        |
|                           | 12                 | 6.85-9.50           | 6.00-8.35          | 10.95-14.85        |
|                           | 19                 | 6.00-7.35           | 5.00-6.35          | 18.85-20.95        |
|                           | 26                 | 6.35-7.35           | 5.35-6.35          | -                  |
| Sept.                     | 2                  | 7.00-9.35           | 6.45-8.35          | -                  |
|                           | 9                  | 7.45-9.45           | 6.45-8.45          | -                  |
|                           | 16                 | 8.45-9.65           | 7.35-8.45          | -                  |
|                           | 23                 | 8.85-10.35          | 7.35-8.35          | -                  |
|                           | 30                 | 9.00-11.65          | 7.50-9.65          | -                  |
| Oct.                      | 7                  | 10.35-11.95         | 8.90-10.65         | -                  |
|                           | 14                 | 9.35-11.65          | 7.35-9.95          | -                  |
|                           | 21                 | 7.35-9.15           | 6.35-8.15          | -                  |
|                           | 28                 | 7.35-9.35           | 6.35-8.35          | -                  |
| Nov.                      | 4                  | 7.90-9.35           | 6.90-8.35          | -                  |
|                           | 11                 | 7.90-9.15           | 6.00-8.15          | -                  |
|                           | 18                 | -                   | -                  | -                  |
|                           | 25                 | -                   | -                  | -                  |
| Dec.                      | 2                  | -                   | -                  | -                  |

Source: Compiled by Commission staff from official statistics of the USDA, Market News, found at <http://marketnews.usda.gov/portal>, retrieved Aug. 11, 2007.

Note: The crop-year covers the period July 2006 to June 2007; California reported prices only for July-December 2006.

<sup>a</sup>Cartons hold one and one-ninth bushels.

<sup>b</sup>One-half cartons.

<sup>c</sup>Data are for the San Joaquin area.

<sup>d</sup>Data are for the South District area.

**Table 14** Fresh-market peppers: Average shipping-point prices for border-crossings of bell-type peppers from Mexico, f.o.b. Nogales, AZ, by color, by size, and by weeks, 2006/07 crop-year

| Month/week                | Green <sup>a</sup> |             |             | Orange <sup>b</sup> | Red <sup>a</sup> |
|---------------------------|--------------------|-------------|-------------|---------------------|------------------|
|                           | Extra large        | Large       | Medium      | Large               | Large            |
| <i>Dollars per carton</i> |                    |             |             |                     |                  |
| 2006:                     |                    |             |             |                     |                  |
| Nov. 18                   | 10.85-12.95        | 8.85-10.95  | 6.95-10.95  | -                   | -                |
| 25                        | 7.85-10.95         | 6.85-9.95   | 6.85-8.95   | -                   | -                |
| Dec. 2                    | 6.85-8.95          | 5.85-7.95   | 5.85-7.95   | -                   | -                |
| 9                         | 7.85-8.95          | 7.85-8.95   | 6.85-7.95   | -                   | -                |
| 16                        | 6.85-8.95          | 6.85-7.95   | 5.85-6.95   | 14.85-18.95         | -                |
| 23                        | 5.85-7.95          | 5.85-7.95   | 5.35-6.95   | 16.85-18.95         | 20.85-22.95      |
| 30                        | 6.85-8.95          | 6.85-8.95   | 5.85-7.95   | 16.85-18.95         | 16.85-18.95      |
| 2007:                     |                    |             |             |                     |                  |
| Jan. 6                    | 6.85-8.95          | 6.85-8.95   | 6.85-7.95   | 16.85-18.95         | 16.95-20.95      |
| 13                        | 6.85-9.95          | 6.85-8.95   | 6.35-7.95   | 16.85-18.95         | 18.85-22.95      |
| 20                        | 8.85-14.95         | 8.85-12.95  | 7.85-10.95  | 18.85-20.95         | 16.85-20.95      |
| 27                        | 14.85-16.95        | 13.95-16.95 | 12.85-12.95 | 18.85-20.95         | 16.85-18.95      |
| Feb. 3                    | 14.85-16.95        | 12.85-14.95 | 10.85-12.95 | 18.85-20.95         | 14.85-18.95      |
| 10                        | 14.85-16.95        | 14.85-14.95 | 12.85-12.95 | 18.85-20.95         | 18.85-22.95      |
| 17                        | 14.85-16.95        | 12.85-14.95 | 10.85-12.95 | 18.85-20.95         | 18.85-24.95      |
| 24                        | 14.85-18.95        | 12.85-14.95 | 8.85-12.95  | 20.85-22.95         | 22.85-24.95      |
| Mar. 3                    | 9.95-14.95         | 8.85-12.95  | 5.95-10.95  | 20.85-22.95         | 20.85-24.95      |
| 10                        | 10.85-14.95        | 8.85-12.95  | 6.85-9.95   | 20.85-22.95         | 22.85-22.95      |
| 17                        | 14.85-22.95        | 14.85-18.95 | 10.85-12.95 | 20.85-22.95         | 20.85-26.95      |
| 24                        | 20.85-22.95        | 16.85-18.95 | 10.85-14.95 | 22.85-22.95         | 24.85-26.95      |
| 31                        | 20.85-24.95        | 16.85-20.95 | 10.85-12.95 | 18.85-22.95         | 18.85-30.95      |
| Apr. 7                    | 24.85-24.95        | 20.85-22.95 | 12.85-14.95 | 10.85-16.95         | 16.85-20.95      |
| 14                        | 22.85-30.95        | 22.85-28.95 | 14.85-22.95 | 10.85-14.95         | 12.85-20.95      |
| 21                        | 14.85-28.95        | 10.95-26.95 | 8.95-22.95  | 8.85-14.95          | 12.85-14.95      |
| 28                        | 14.85-14.95        | 8.85-12.95  | 6.85-10.95  | 8.85-12.95          | -                |
| May 5                     | 10.85-14.95        | 7.85-12.95  | 6.85-10.95  | 12.85-16.95         | -                |

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<sup>a</sup>Cartons hold one and one-ninth bushels.

<sup>b</sup>Cartons 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, 2005/06 and 2006/07 crop-years

| Month/week  |    | Extra Large | Large       | Medium      |           |
|---|----|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| <i>2005/06 crop-year (dollars per carton/crate)<sup>a</sup></i> |    |             |             |             |           |
| 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   |           |
| <i>2006/07 crop-year (dollars per carton/crate)<sup>a</sup></i> |    |             |             |             |           |
| 2006:   |    |             |             |             |           |
| Oct.  | 28 | 8.85-10.85  | 7.85-9.35   | 7.85-9.35   |           |
| Nov.  | 4  | 7.85-8.85   | 7.00-7.85   | 6.85-7.85   |           |
|   | 11 | 8.35-8.85   | 7.35-8.85   | 6.35-7.85   |           |
|   | 18 | 7.85-10.85  | 7.35-8.85   | 7.35-8.85   |           |
|   | 25 | 8.85-10.85  | 7.35-8.85   | 6.85-7.85   |           |
| Dec.  | 2  | 7.85-10.85  | 6.85-8.85   | 6.35-7.85   |           |
|   | 9  | 7.85-8.85   | 6.85-7.85   | 6.35-7.85   |           |
|   | 16 | 7.35-10.85  | 7.85-8.85   | 6.85-8.85   |           |
|   | 23 | 6.35-8.85   | 6.35-7.85   | 6.35-7.85   |           |
|   | 30 |             | 7.35-8.85   | 7.35-8.85   | 7.35-8.85 |
|   |    |             |             |             |           |
| 2007:   |    |             |             |             |           |
| Jan.  | 6  | 6.85-8.85   | 6.85-8.85   | 6.85-8.85   |           |
|   | 13 | 7.35-8.85   | 7.35-8.85   | 7.35-7.85   |           |
|   | 20 | 10.35-16.85 | 10.35-14.85 | 8.35-14.85  |           |
| Apr.  | 21 | 16.00-24.85 | 14.00-20.85 | 10.00-16.85 |           |
|   | 28 | 12.00-20.85 | 10.00-16.85 | 8.00-12.85  |           |
| May   | 5  | 10.00-12.85 | 8.00-10.85  | 8.00-8.85   |           |
|   | 12 | 7.00-10.85  | 6.00-8.85   | 6.00-8.85   |           |

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

<sup>a</sup>Cartons/crates hold one and one-ninth bushels.

**Table 16** Fresh-market peppers: Chicago terminal market prices for field-grown, extra-large bell-type green peppers, by supplier and by weeks, 2006/07 crop-year

| Month/week                            | California  | Florida     | Mexico      | Canada      |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <i>Dollars per carton<sup>a</sup></i> |             |             |             |             |
| 2006:                                 |             |             |             |             |
| Oct. 7                                | -           | -           | -           | 14.00-15.00 |
| 14                                    | 20.00-20.00 | -           | -           | 14.00-15.00 |
| 21                                    | 12.00-16.00 | -           | -           | -           |
| 28                                    | 12.00-14.00 | -           | -           | -           |
| Nov. 4                                | 11.00-14.00 | -           | -           | -           |
| 11                                    | 12.00-12.50 | -           | 12.00-12.50 | -           |
| 18                                    | 12.00-14.00 | 10.50-12.50 | 12.00-14.00 | -           |
| 25                                    | 12.00-14.00 | 12.00-12.00 | 12.00-14.00 | -           |
| Dec. 2                                | 11.00-13.00 | 10.00-12.00 | 11.00-13.00 | -           |
| 9                                     | 9.00-12.00  | 10.00-11.00 | 9.00-12.00  | -           |
| 16                                    | 9.00-11.00  | 10.00-12.00 | 9.00-10.50  | -           |
| 23                                    | -           | 7.00-12.00  | 9.00-10.50  | -           |
| 30                                    | -           | 7.00-9.00   | 12.00-12.50 | -           |
| 2007:                                 |             |             |             |             |
| Jan. 6                                | -           | 9.00-10.00  | 9.00-10.00  | -           |
| 13                                    | -           | 9.00-11.00  | 10.00-10.00 | -           |
| 20                                    | -           | 12.00-14.00 | 14.00-16.00 | -           |
| 27                                    | -           | 14.00-20.00 | 15.00-20.00 | -           |
| Feb. 3                                | -           | 18.00-21.00 | 18.00-24.00 | -           |
| 10                                    | -           | 17.00-20.00 | 20.00-24.00 | -           |
| 17                                    | -           | 17.00-18.00 | 18.00-20.00 | -           |
| 24                                    | -           | 17.00-18.00 | 18.00-20.00 | -           |
| Mar. 3                                | -           | 12.00-20.00 | 14.00-22.00 | -           |
| 10                                    | -           | 10.00-12.00 | 10.00-14.00 | -           |
| 17                                    | -           | 16.00-20.00 | 16.00-20.00 | -           |
| 24                                    | -           | 18.00-22.00 | 18.00-22.00 | -           |
| 31                                    | -           | 16.00-22.00 | 17.00-22.00 | -           |
| Apr. 7                                | -           | 16.00-19.00 | 17.00-19.00 | -           |
| 14                                    | -           | 19.00-22.00 | 19.00-22.00 | -           |
| 21                                    | -           | 26.00-28.00 | 28.00-30.00 | -           |
| 28                                    | -           | 16.00-26.00 | 16.00-26.00 | -           |
| May 5                                 | -           | 15.00-17.00 | 15.00-16.00 | -           |
| 12                                    | -           | 14.00-16.00 | 14.00-16.00 | -           |
| 19                                    | -           | 10.00-14.00 | 10.00-14.00 | -           |
| 26                                    | 16.00-18.00 | 12.00-17.00 | 12.00-16.00 | -           |
| June 2                                | 16.00-18.00 | 12.00-20.00 | -           | -           |
| 9                                     | 10.00-14.00 | 18.00-20.00 | -           | -           |
| 16                                    | -           | 10.00-14.00 | -           | -           |
| 23                                    | 9.00-12.00  | 9.00-12.00  | -           | -           |
| 30                                    | 9.00-10.00  | 9.00-10.00  | -           | -           |

Source: Compiled by Commission staff from official statistics of the USDA, Market News, found at <http://marketnews.usda.gov/portal>, retrieved Aug. 15, 2007.

<sup>a</sup>Cartons hold one and one-ninth bushels.

**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, 2006/07 crop-year

| Month/week                            | Green   |             |             | Red         |             |             |             |
|---------------------------------------|---------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                       | Georgia | Florida     | Mexico      | California  | Florida     | Mexico      |             |
| <i>Dollars per carton<sup>a</sup></i> |         |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| 2006:                                 |         |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| July                                  | 1       | 9.00-12.00  | -           | -           | 25.00-34.00 | 13.00-14.00 | -           |
|                                       | 8       | 10.00-12.00 | -           | -           | 37.00-37.00 | -           | -           |
|                                       | 15      | 14.00-16.00 | -           | -           | 24.00-44.00 | -           | -           |
|                                       | 22      | 16.00-18.00 | -           | -           | 27.00-35.00 | -           | -           |
|                                       | 29      | -           | -           | -           | 24.00-30.00 | -           | -           |
| Aug.                                  | 5       | -           | -           | -           | 24.00-28.00 | -           | -           |
|                                       | 12      | -           | -           | -           | 24.00-26.00 | -           | -           |
|                                       | 19      | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           |
|                                       | 26      | -           | -           | -           | 38.00-40.00 | -           | -           |
| Sept.                                 | 2       | -           | -           | -           | 32.00-38.00 | -           | -           |
|                                       | 9       | -           | -           | -           | 25.00-35.00 | -           | -           |
|                                       | 16      | -           | -           | -           | 24.00-35.00 | -           | -           |
|                                       | 23      | -           | -           | -           | 24.00-25.00 | -           | -           |
|                                       | 30      | -           | -           | -           | 22.00-24.00 | -           | -           |
| Oct.                                  | 7       | -           | -           | -           | 25.00-28.00 | -           | -           |
|                                       | 14      | 13.00-14.00 | -           | -           | 25.00-28.00 | -           | -           |
|                                       | 21      | 14.00-16.00 | -           | -           | 25.00-28.00 | -           | -           |
|                                       | 28      | 12.00-16.00 | 14.00-17.00 | -           | 35.00-40.00 | -           | -           |
| Nov.                                  | 4       | 10.00-12.00 | 10.00-12.00 | -           | -           | -           | -           |
|                                       | 11      | 9.00-12.00  | 10.00-12.00 | -           | 42.00-45.00 | -           | -           |
|                                       | 18      | 10.00-12.00 | 10.00-14.00 | -           | 48.00-48.00 | -           | -           |
|                                       | 25      | 8.00-10.00  | 8.00-12.00  | -           | 35.00-46.00 | -           | -           |
| Dec.                                  | 2       | -           | 8.00-10.00  | -           | 18.00-35.00 | -           | 12.00-15.00 |
|                                       | 9       | -           | 8.00-10.00  | -           | 18.00-26.00 | 16.00-18.00 | 24.00-25.00 |
|                                       | 16      | -           | 8.00-10.00  | -           | -           | -           | -           |
|                                       | 23      | -           | 8.00-12.00  | -           | -           | -           | -           |
|                                       | 30      | -           | 10.00-12.00 | -           | -           | -           | -           |
| 2007:                                 |         |             |             |             |             |             |             |
| Jan.                                  | 6       | -           | 8.00-10.00  | -           | -           | -           | 22.00-26.00 |
|                                       | 13      | -           | 8.00-10.00  | -           | -           | 18.00-20.00 | 24.00-25.00 |
|                                       | 20      | -           | 10.00-14.00 | -           | -           | -           | 25.00-26.00 |
|                                       | 27      | -           | 16.00-20.00 | -           | -           | 18.00-20.00 | 25.00-26.00 |
| Feb.                                  | 3       | -           | 18.00-20.00 | 18.00-20.00 | -           | 14.00-21.00 | 20.00-25.00 |
|                                       | 10      | -           | 16.00-20.00 | 20.00-30.00 | -           | 20.00-21.00 | 20.00-38.00 |
|                                       | 17      | -           | 14.00-18.00 | 14.00-17.00 | -           | -           | 36.00-38.00 |
|                                       | 24      | -           | 16.00-18.00 | -           | -           | -           | 32.00-38.00 |
| Mar.                                  | 3       | -           | 12.00-16.00 | -           | -           | 25.00-25.00 | 30.00-34.00 |
|                                       | 10      | -           | 9.00-12.00  | 8.00-11.00  | 30.00-32.00 | -           | 38.00-34.00 |
|                                       | 17      | -           | 10.00-18.00 | 14.00-18.00 | -           | -           | 30.00-34.00 |
|                                       | 24      | -           | 16.00-20.00 | 16.00-20.00 | -           | -           | 28.00-36.00 |
|                                       | 31      | -           | 15.00-20.00 | 16.00-20.00 | -           | -           | 35.00-40.00 |
| Apr.                                  | 7       | -           | 13.00-16.00 | 14.00-16.00 | -           | -           | 20.00-28.00 |
|                                       | 14      | -           | 16.00-26.00 | -           | -           | -           | 20.00-22.00 |
|                                       | 21      | -           | 20.00-30.00 | -           | 26.00-28.00 | -           | 20.00-25.00 |
|                                       | 28      | -           | 12.00-20.00 | -           | -           | -           | 23.00-25.00 |
| May                                   | 5       | -           | 14.00-18.00 | -           | -           | -           | -           |
|                                       | 12      | -           | 10.00-14.00 | -           | -           | 24.00-28.00 | -           |
|                                       | 19      | -           | 8.00-12.00  | -           | -           | -           | 45.00-50.00 |
|                                       | 26      | 12.00-14.00 | 12.00-18.00 | -           | -           | 36.00-36.00 | 45.00-50.00 |

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<sup>a</sup>Cartons hold one and one-ninth bushels.

**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, 2006/07 crop-year

| Month/week                            | Green      |             | Red         |             | Yellow      |
|---------------------------------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
|                                       | California | Mexico      | California  | Mexico      | California  |
| <i>Dollars per carton<sup>a</sup></i> |            |             |             |             |             |
| 2006:                                 |            |             |             |             |             |
| July                                  | 1          | 12.00-16.00 | -           | -           | 20.00-25.00 |
|                                       | 8          | 12.00-13.00 | -           | 36.00-36.00 | 36.00-40.00 |
|                                       | 15         | 14.00-16.00 | -           | 40.00-40.00 | -           |
|                                       | 22         | 17.00-20.00 | -           | 40.00-40.00 | -           |
|                                       | 29         | 14.00-17.00 | -           | -           | -           |
| Aug.                                  | 5          | 16.00-18.00 | -           | 26.00-26.00 | -           |
|                                       | 12         | 12.00-15.00 | -           | 26.00-26.00 | -           |
|                                       | 19         | 12.00-13.00 | -           | 26.00-32.00 | 40.00-40.00 |
|                                       | 26         | 10.00-13.00 | -           | 32.00-32.00 | 40.00-40.00 |
| Sept.                                 | 2          | 10.00-13.00 | -           | 32.00-34.00 | 25.00-40.00 |
|                                       | 9          | 12.00-14.00 | -           | 28.00-34.00 | 25.00-26.00 |
|                                       | 16         | 13.00-15.00 | -           | 26.00-26.00 | 26.00-26.00 |
|                                       | 23         | 14.00-15.00 | -           | 26.00-26.00 | 26.00-26.00 |
|                                       | 30         | 14.00-15.00 | -           | 26.00-26.00 | 26.00-26.00 |
| Oct.                                  | 7          | 14.00-17.00 | -           | 26.00-26.00 | 26.00-26.00 |
|                                       | 14         | 15.00-17.00 | -           | 28.00-28.00 | -           |
|                                       | 21         | 14.00-18.00 | -           | 28.00-28.00 | -           |
|                                       | 28         | 13.00-15.00 | -           | 30.00-40.00 | -           |
| Nov.                                  | 4          | 13.00-14.00 | -           | 38.00-46.00 | -           |
|                                       | 11         | 12.00-14.00 | -           | 45.00-46.00 | -           |
|                                       | 18         | 10.50-13.00 | -           | -           | -           |
|                                       | 25         | 12.00-13.00 | -           | -           | -           |
| Dec.                                  | 2          | 11.00-13.00 | -           | -           | -           |
|                                       | 9          | 11.00-12.00 | 12.00-13.00 | -           | -           |
|                                       | 16         | -           | 13.00-14.00 | -           | -           |
|                                       | 23         | -           | -           | -           | -           |
|                                       | 30         | -           | -           | -           | -           |
| 2007:                                 |            |             |             |             |             |
| Jan.                                  | 6          | -           | 13.00-14.00 | -           | -           |
|                                       | 13         | -           | 11.00-12.00 | -           | -           |
|                                       | 20         | -           | 11.00-14.00 | -           | -           |
|                                       | 27         | -           | 14.00-20.00 | -           | -           |
| Feb.                                  | 3          | -           | 17.00-20.00 | -           | -           |
|                                       | 10         | -           | 17.00-18.00 | -           | -           |
|                                       | 17         | -           | 17.00-18.00 | 34.00-34.00 | -           |
|                                       | 24         | -           | 17.00-22.00 | 32.00-34.00 | -           |
| Mar.                                  | 3          | -           | 15.00-22.00 | 32.00-34.00 | -           |
|                                       | 10         | -           | 11.00-15.00 | 32.00-32.00 | -           |
|                                       | 17         | -           | 11.00-24.00 | 32.00-34.00 | -           |
|                                       | 24         | -           | 21.00-28.00 | 34.00-38.00 | -           |
|                                       | 31         | -           | 22.00-25.00 | 28.00-38.00 | -           |
| Apr.                                  | 7          | -           | 24.00-25.00 | 30.00-34.00 | -           |
|                                       | 14         | -           | 24.00-38.00 | -           | -           |
|                                       | 21         | -           | 40.00-40.00 | -           | -           |
|                                       | 28         | 20.00-21.00 | 24.00-30.00 | 30.00-30.00 | -           |
| May                                   | 5          | 15.00-18.00 | -           | 30.00-30.00 | -           |
|                                       | 12         | 14.00-16.00 | -           | -           | -           |
|                                       | 19         | 14.00-15.00 | -           | -           | -           |
|                                       | 26         | 14.00-15.00 | -           | -           | -           |

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