

## United States Imports of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables

Although this bulletin was designed to show the movement of *domestic* fresh fruits and vegetables in the United States, statistics of imports into the United States are of collateral interest. The opposite table shows the average annual imports of fresh fruits and vegetables into the United States during the two years 1925 and 1926. Comparable information is not available for 1924. The figures were compiled from reports of the United States Department of Agriculture, except for lemons, which were taken from records of the Department of Commerce.

The table shows that average annual imports in 1925 and 1926 amounted to 15,251 carloads, of which tomatoes comprised 3,471 cars; white potatoes, 3,414 cars; lemons, 3,198 cars, and grapefruit, 2,341 cars. These four commodities constituted over four-fifths of total imports.

The principal countries of origin, in the order named, were Mexico, Canada, Italy, Porto Rico and Cuba. Mexico supplied 3,597 cars; Canada furnished 3,409 cars; Italy, 3,179 cars; Porto Rico, 2,582 cars, and Cuba, 1,827 cars.

The principal imports from Mexico were tomatoes; from Canada, white potatoes; from Italy, lemons; from Porto Rico, grapefruit and oranges, and from Cuba, grapefruit and peppers. There were 380 cars of mixed vegetables imported from Bermuda.

### UNITED STATES IMPORTS OF FRESH FRUITS AND VEGETABLES IN CARLOAD EQUIVALENTS

Average of the two years 1925 and 1926

Commodity	Average number of cars imported	Country of origin and number of cars originating						
		Mexico	Canada	Cuba	Porto Rico	Bermuda	Bahama Islands	Italy
Tomatoes.....	3,471	3,019						
Potatoes, White..	3,414	4	3,235	334			118	
Lemons.....	3,198			55		119	1	
Grapefruit.....	2,341			619	1,720		2	*3,198
Oranges.....	889	27			862			
Peppers.....	684	105		570				
Cantaloupes.....	208	207	1				9	
Eggplant.....	198	1		196			1	
Turnips.....	104		104					
Onions.....	42	31	8	2				
Other Melons.....	32	32						
Apples.....	28		28					
Watermelons.....	26	22		4				
Lettuce.....	22	22						
Cucumbers.....	19	1		18				
Strawberries.....	17		17					
Cabbage.....	16		7	9				
String Beans.....	13	7		6				
Celery.....	7						7	
Carrots.....	1		1					
Cherries.....	1		1					
Pears.....	1		1					
Mixed Vegetables	519	119	6	14		380		
<b>Total.....</b>	<b>15,251</b>	<b>3,597</b>	<b>3,409</b>	<b>1,827</b>	<b>2,582</b>	<b>517</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>*3,198</b>

\*Includes 19 cars from other countries.

### Monthly Shipments of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables—United States, By Commodities

Average of the Three Years 1924, 1925, and 1926

Commodity	Average annual shipments: 1924-26 (carloads)	Average monthly shipments - carloads												Percentage of average monthly shipments														
		Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.			
<b>FRESH FRUITS:</b>																												
<b>Deciduous:</b>																												
Apples	122 259	6 615	6 364	5 291	3 293	2 135	1 020	3 032	3 615	18 872	43 415	21 225	7 382	5.4	5.2	4.3	2.7	1.8	.8	2.5	3.0	15.4	35.5	17.4	6.0			
Cherries	2 502	-	-	-	28	662	974	598	238	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Grapes	76 803	13	1	-	-	71	1 650	7 009	30 461	31 043	6 252	303	-	-	-	-	1.1	26.5	38.9	23.9	9.5	.1	-	-	-	-	-	
Peaches	46 235	-	-	-	-	136	3 011	18 106	16 045	8 052	883	2	-	-	-	-	-	1.1	2.1	9.1	39.7	40.4	8.2	.4	-	-	-	
Pears	20 783	139	114	63	17	1	368	4 351	5 766	2 839	521	169	.7	.5	.3	.1	-	1.8	20.9	31.0	27.7	13.7	2.5	.8	-	-	-	
Plums and Prunes	5 557	-	-	-	-	176	1 434	939	1 444	1 408	154	2	-	-	-	-	-	3.2	25.8	16.9	26.0	25.3	6.8	-	-	-	-	
Mixed Deciduous	6 490	22	19	26	10	148	1 024	1 754	2 006	896	419	130	36	.3	.3	.4	.1	2.3	15.8	27.0	30.9	13.8	2.5	2.0	.6	-	-	
<b>Citrus:</b>																												
Grapefruit	18 636	2 640	2 829	2 706	2 556	1 608	361	123	37	57	1 138	2 658	1 923	14.2	15.2	14.5	13.7	8.6	1.9	.7	.2	.3	6.1	14.3	10.3			
Lemons	13 136	697	656	1 106	1 254	2 090	2 002	1 578	1 167	679	678	568	661	5.3	5.0	8.4	9.6	15.9	15.2	12.0	8.9	5.2	5.2	4.3	5.0			
Oranges	67 374	7 486	7 272	8 077	7 338	5 730	4 462	3 119	2 556	2 234	7 292	8 850	11.1	10.8	12.0	11.6	8.5	6.6	4.6	3.8	3.7	3.3	10.8	13.2				
Mixed Citrus	5 522	806	746	731	585	365	233	202	114	87	118	556	979	14.6	13.5	13.2	10.6	6.6	4.2	3.7	2.1	1.6	2.1	10.1	17.7			
<b>Berries:</b>																												
Cranberries	2 993	20	17	15	-	-	-	-	-	540	1 028	1 113	260	.7	.6	.5	-	-	-	-	-	18.0	34.3	37.2	8.7			
Strawberries	14 916	142	169	199	2 001	8 182	3 853	355	8	3	-	-	4	1.0	1.1	1.3	13.4	54.9	25.8	2.4	.1	*	-	-	*			
<b>Melons:</b>																												
Cantaloupes	28 679	-	-	-	2	2 828	9 393	8 332	5 578	2 431	114	1	-	-	-	-	-	9.9	32.8	29.0	19.4	8.5	.4	*	-			
Watermelons	48 352	1	-	-	-	371	9 931	24 570	11 164	2 236	77	2	-	-	-	-	-	.8	20.5	50.8	23.1	4.6	.2	*	-			
Other Melons	4 234	-	-	-	-	13	495	1 042	817	1 257	535	68	7	-	-	-	-	.3	11.7	24.6	19.3	29.7	12.6	1.6	.2			
<b>FRESH VEGETABLES:</b>																												
Asparagus	1 853	-	5	486	774	382	193	8	-	-	3	2	-	-	-	.3	26.2	41.8	20.6	10.4	.4	-	.2	.1	-			
Beans, String	4 899	207	60	99	803	1 104	1 402	135	79	68	419	320	203	4.2	1.2	2.0	16.4	22.5	28.6	2.8	1.6	1.4	8.6	6.5	4.2			
Cabbage	40 485	3 930	3 403	3 929	3 862	3 942	2 339	848	1 293	3 649	6 456	4 088	2 746	9.7	8.4	9.7	9.5	9.7	5.8	2.1	3.2	9.0	16.0	10.1	6.8			
Carrots	3 712	507	296	316	389	479	323	37	81	175	268	499	342	13.7	8.0	8.5	10.5	12.9	8.7	1.0	3.2	4.7	7.2	13.4	9.2			
Cauliflower	5 534	780	964	955	207	87	15	9	149	302	698	661	707	14.1	17.4	17.3	3.7	1.5	.3	.2	2.7	5.5	12.6	11.9	12.8			
Celery	19 740	2 505	1 975	2 323	1 896	829	289	372	543	1 073	2 370	2 653	2 912	12.7	10.0	11.8	9.6	4.2	1.5	1.9	2.7	5.4	12.0	13.4	14.8			
Cucumbers	7 649	1	1	57	394	1 817	2 507	1 825	576	388	53	22	8	*	*	*	.7	5.2	23.8	32.8	23.8	7.5	5.1	7	13			
Eggplant	236	3	4	3	18	51	64	51	9	1	7	18	7	1.3	1.7	1.3	7.6	21.6	27.1	21.6	3.8	.4	3.0	7.6	3.0			
Lettuce	36 782	3 789	3 527	3 933	3 676	3 273	1 768	2 307	2 725	2 713	2 832	2 713	3 526	10.3	9.6	10.7	10.0	8.9	4.8	6.3	7.4	7.3	7.7	7.4	9.6			
Onions	32 215	2 714	2 216	1 824	2 408	2 972	964	1 938	2 497	4 066	5 391	3 124	2 101	8.4	6.9	5.7	7.5	9.2	3.0	6.0	7.8	12.6	16.7	7.4	6.5			
Peppers	2 320	79	34	62	98	208	377	271	144	363	389	172	123	3.4	1.5	2.7	4.2	9.0	16.2	11.7	6.2	15.6	16.8	7.4	5.3			
Potatoes, White	242 013	19 221	18 648	21 517	17 941	18 618	21 410	20 566	15 528	22 645	34 651	18 519	12 749	7.9	7.7	8.9	7.4	7.7	8.8	8.5	6.4	9.4	14.3	11.7				
Potatoes, Sweet	18 591	1 580	1 100	1 079	554	206	52	383	1 365	3 456	3 976	2 665	2 175	8.5	5.9	5.8	3.0	1.1	.3	2.1	7.3	18.6	21.4	14.3	11.7			
Spinach	8 661	1 050	1 484	1 768	1 863	495	14	8	7	25	195	730	1 022	12.1	17.1	20.4	21.5	5.7	.2	.1	.1	.3	2.3	8.2	4.4			
Tomatoes	27 027	264	727	1 054	1 430	3 432	6 377	3 152	1 872	5 348	2 660	600	111	1.0	2.7	3.9	5.3	12.7	23.6	11.7	6.9	19.8	9.8	8.2	4.4			
Turnips	1 432	149	90	62	47	22	34	33	63	149	400	273	110	10.4	6.3	4.3	3.3	1.5	2.4	2.3	4.4	10.4	27.9	19.1	7.7			
Mixed Vegetables	30 405	2 108	2 225	2 674	3 223	3 585	2 562	2 473	2 948	2 835	2 181	1 597	1 994	6.9	7.3	8.8	10.6	11.8	8.4	8.1	9.7	9.3	7.2	5.3	6.6			
<b>SUMMARY:</b>																												
Total Fresh Fruits	484 471	18 581	18 187	18 214	17 584	24 445	38 632	69 751	58 233	75 205	84 675	40 390	20 574	3.8	3.8	3.8	3.6	5.0	8.0	14.4	12.0	15.5	17.5	8.3	4.3			
Total Fresh Vegetables	483 554	38 887	36 759	42 141	39 583	41 502	40 690	34 416	29 879	47 256	62 949	38 656	30 836	8.0	7.6	8.7	8.2	8.6	8.4	7.1	6.2	9.8	13.0	8.0	6.4			
Grand Total	968 025	57 468	54 946	60 355	57 167	65 947	79 322	104 167	88 112	122 461	147 624	79 046	51 410	5.9	5.7	6.2	5.9	6.8	8.2	10.8	9.1	12.7	15.					