

Apples

Annual shipments of apples during the three years averaged 122,259 carloads. These represent about 25 per cent of the total shipments of fresh fruits, and 12.6 per cent of the shipments of fruits and vegetables combined. In volume, the apple is our most important fresh fruit.

The largest apple raising districts lie in the Northwestern and Northeastern sections of the United States. Washington is the largest apple shipping state. New York State is second and Virginia third. Of the average annual shipments, Washington accounted for 32,670 cars, or 26.7 per cent; New York, 22,609 cars, or 18.5 per cent, and Virginia, 12,499 cars, or 10.2 per cent. Illinois, Oregon, West Virginia, Idaho, Michigan, and California followed in the order named.

MONTHLY SHIPMENTS OF APPLES IN CARLOADS

Average 3 years 1924, 1925 and 1926

Origin State	Year Total	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Del.	1,761	17	17	4	1	..	12	899	160	244	346	48	13
Md.	1,679	63	32	19	4	2	4	159	74	267	679	296	80
N. J.	289	..	2	9	2	2	4	97	113	33	14	10	3
Ill.	6,168	62	57	50	59	54	125	577	330	1,426	2,794	559	75
Mich. ...	4,670	52	80	90	55	22	4	17	503	733	1,997	1,023	89
Ohio ...	1,110	34	41	34	28	13	4	29	33	33	475	268	68
Ind. ...	440	5	6	8	3	3	3	52	13	88	199	49	11
Calif. ...	4,172	114	96	110	71	62	78	856	465	800	956	422	142
Va.	12,499	538	275	256	122	94	65	56	257	3,056	4,949	2,161	670
W. Va. ...	4,915	163	92	66	36	29	20	67	116	984	2,106	974	262
Ark. ...	2,843	43	60	54	36	17	12	55	280	600	1,253	349	84
Mo.	2,706	70	67	70	50	61	35	21	59	586	1,361	249	77
Kans. ...	1,047	6	1	1	..	..	..	..	13	284	653	81	8
Colo. ...	2,883	100	118	65	15	2	..	1	3	293	1,328	684	274
N. M.	925	9	10	6	..	..	..	1	102	304	363	105	25
Utah ...	671	13	7	3	2	..	..	..	..	69	455	105	17
Me.	1,375	72	45	33	13	4	..	..	1	55	505	534	113
N. H.	540	5	3	2	2	..	..	..	..	19	235	249	25
Mass. ...	424	7	4	2	..	..	..	..	2	17	155	194	43
Vt.	320	1	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	43	195	76	3
Ct.	37	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	24	8	1
N. Y.	22,609	1,860	2,173	2,473	1,515	873	248	15	513	2,027	5,233	4,029	1,600
Pa.	2,804	253	205	106	24	11	1	11	28	240	1,094	583	248
Wash. ...	32,670	2,369	2,387	1,517	1,110	846	307	65	390	4,684	10,807	5,769	2,419
Oreg. ...	5,687	339	231	142	68	14	3	5	60	580	2,415	1,316	514
Ida.	4,851	390	324	156	67	20	5	1	4	821	1,786	846	431
Other ..	2,164	30	29	15	10	6	90	48	91	532	988	238	87
U. S. ...	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

For the country as a whole, the month of heaviest shipments is October. During this month an average of 43,415 cars moved, or 35.5 per cent of the total. The combined shipments of the three months of September, October and November amounted to 83,512 cars, or 68.3 per cent of the total annual movement.

The month of smallest shipments is June. From June to October, shipments increase rapidly and then subside at about the same rate through May. The shipping season varies considerably for the several states. In some, the season extends over a period of approximately five months only, while in others, especially the large shipping states, shipments are made in every month of the year. Every state shown in the table ships some apples in each of the four months from September to December.

Apples shipped during the year are generally of three varieties: a summer one and a late fall or early winter one, neither of which can be stored for any length of time, and a winter variety, which has good storage qualities. The table does not definitely indicate the height of the shipping season for each kind. The increase in the shipments of apples from New York State in February and March over the amounts shipped in December and January, however, gives some indication of a double seasonal movement, a slight seasonal increase in March and a marked seasonal movement in October.

The following table shows the percentage distribution by months of the movement of apples for the United States as a whole:

January	5.4%	May	1.8%	September	15.4%
February	5.2%	June .....	.8%	October	35.5%
March	4.3%	July	2.5%	November	17.4%
April	2.7%	August	3.0%	December	6.0%

MONTHLY SHIPMENTS OF APPLES BY STATE GROUPINGS

Scale—Thousands of cars

