Cranberries

The following table, with accompanying chart, shows the average annual shipments of cranberries during the three years. The shipping season is short, extending from September through December with a few scattered shipments in January, February and March.

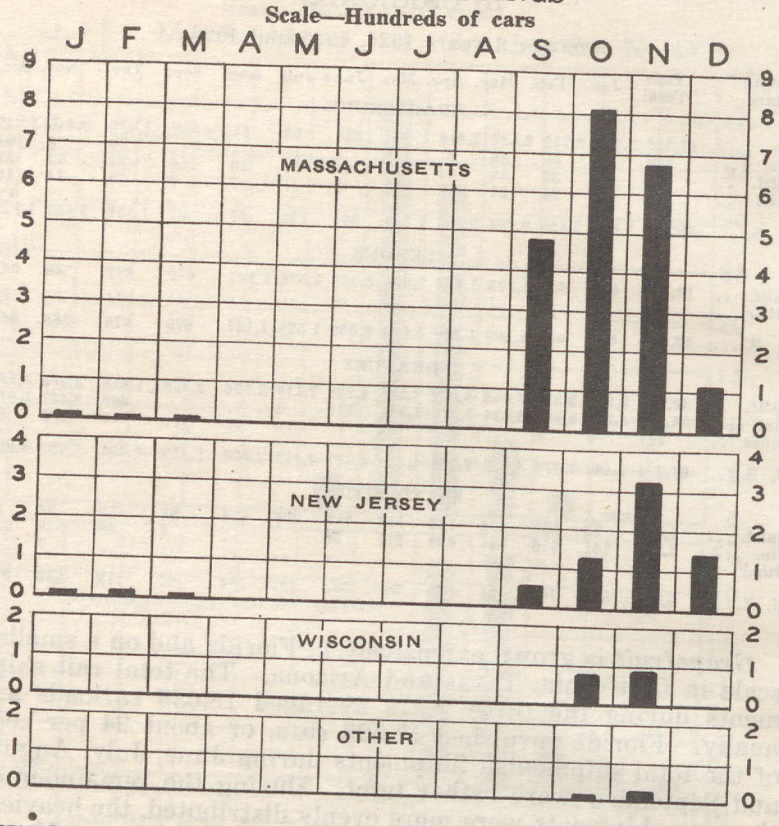
MONTHLY SHIPMENTS OF CRANBERRIES IN CARLOADS

Average 3 years 1924, 1925 and 1926

Origin State	Year Total	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Mass. ..	2,101	10	6	8	..	..	..	..	..	482	808	675	112
N. J.....	686	10	11	7	..	..	..	..	..	58	129	328	143
Wis. ...	178	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	83	94	1
Other ..	28	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	8	16	4
U. S. ...	2,993	20	17	15	..	..	..	..	..	540	1,028	1,113	260

Very few states produce cranberries. The production is limited to certain definite areas peculiarly suited for this crop. Massachusetts, the leading shipping state, furnished 2,101 cars, or about 70 per cent of the 2,993 average annual shipments during the three years. New Jersey furnished 686 cars and Wisconsin 178 cars.

Cranberry shipments reach the markets in time for the holiday season. Shipments begin in Massachusetts and New Jersey in September and in the other states in October. Shipments increase rapidly during October, are maintained through November and drop very low in December. A few cars are shipped from Massachusetts and New Jersey during January, February and March. During the months of October and November over 71 per cent of the shipments are made.



Strawberries

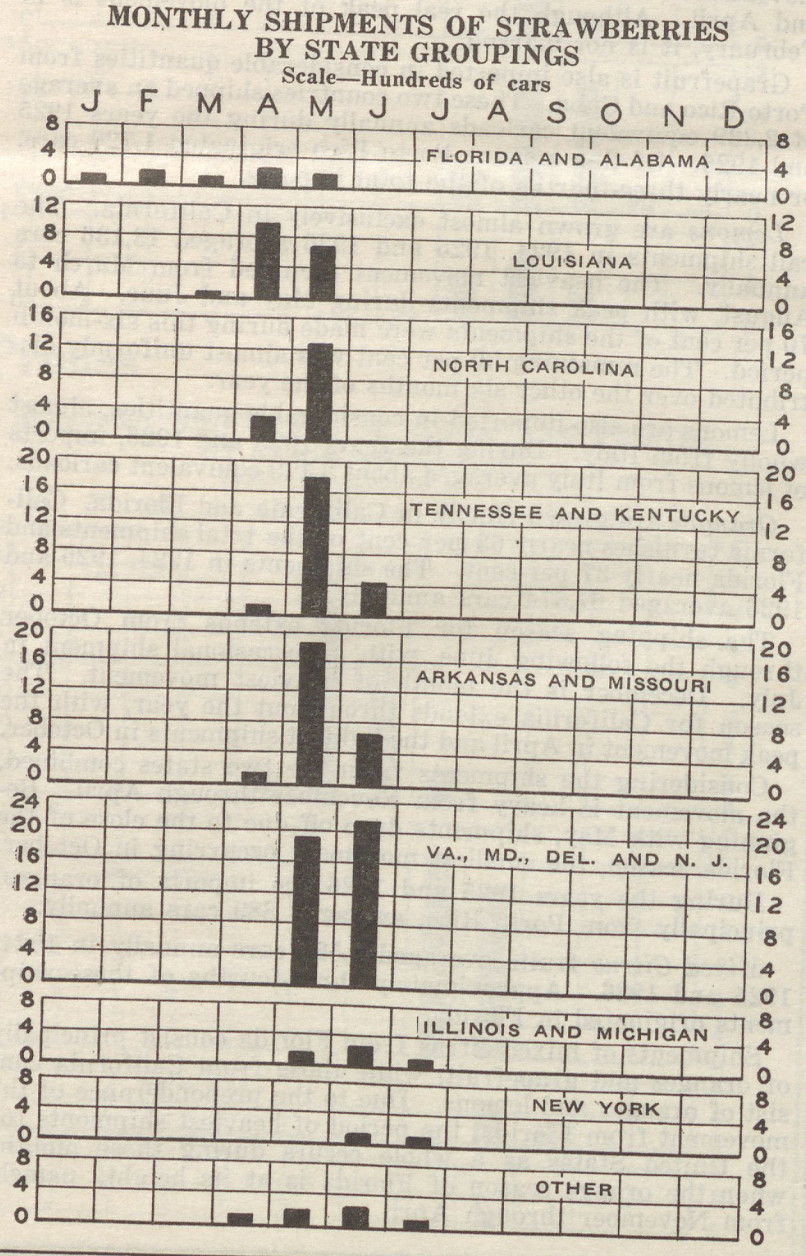
Strawberries from Florida are shipped during the months from December to May, but the principal shipping season for the United States is from April through June.

During the three years, the rail shipments of strawberries for the country as a whole averaged 14,916 cars annually. Of this number the states of Tennessee, Louisiana, North Carolina, Maryland, Virginia, Arkansas and Missouri combined furnished 10,952 cars, or over 73 per cent, Tennessee alone furnishing nearly 13 per cent.

Although carload shipments of Florida strawberries are only about three per cent of the total crop for the United States, they are unique in that they suffer no competition in the months of December, January and February. In March, shipments start from Alabama and Louisiana, but the principal shipping states, with the exception of Louisiana, do not begin their shipments until April or May. May is the month of peak shipments for the United States as a whole.

The figures given cover only the movement of strawberries in carload lots, but large quantities are also moved by express in less than carload shipments. In some shipping areas, especially Florida, this has been variously estimated at from 50 to 75 per cent of the total movement, varying from season to season.

MONTHLY SHIPMENTS OF STRAWBERRIES 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.
Fla.	503	142	169	125	56	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	4
Ala.	423	..	..	2	220	194	7	..	..	..	..	..	..
La.	1,761	..	..	61	993	706	1	..	..	..	..	..	..
N. C....	1,644	..	..	..	329	1,289	25	1	..	..	..	..	..
Tenn. ..	1,931	..	..	..	133	1,602	196	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ky.	453	..	..	..	..	215	238	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ark. ...	1,327	..	..	..	144	1,134	49	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mo. ...	1,307	..	..	..	1	724	582	..	..	..	..	..	..
Va.	1,435	..	..	..	..	1,195	238	..	2	..	..	..	..
Md.	1,547	..	..	..	..	589	958	..	..	..	..	..	..
Del.	817	..	..	..	..	125	692	..	..	..	..	..	..
N. J....	245	..	..	..	..	11	233	1	..	..	..	..	..
Ill.	303	..	..	..	..	166	137	..	..	..	..	..	..
Mich. ..	249	..	..	..	..	..	123	126	..	..	..	..	..
N. Y....	261	..	..	..	..	..	137	124	..	..	..	..	..
Other ..	710	..	..	11	125	225	237	103	6	3	..	..	..
U. S. ...	14,916	142	169	199	2,001	8,182	3,853	355	8	3	..	..	4