

## Asparagus

Annual shipments of asparagus during the three years amounted to 1,853 cars, of which California furnished 1,167 cars, or nearly 63 per cent. South Carolina shipped 271 cars, or 14.6 per cent; New Jersey, 177 cars, or 9.6 per cent, and Illinois, 155 cars, or 8.4 per cent. The remaining 83 cars came from Washington, Georgia, Delaware, Oregon, Maryland and Utah.

### MONTHLY SHIPMENTS OF ASPARAGUS 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. |
|--------------|------------|------|------|------|------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Calif. . .   | 1,167      | ..   | 5    | 477  | 492  | 125 | 62   | 1    | ..   | ..   | 3    | 2    | ..   |
| S. C. . . .  | 271        | ..   | ..   | 9    | 203  | 59  | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   |
| Ill. . . . . | 155        | ..   | ..   | ..   | 20   | 90  | 43   | 2    | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   |
| N. J. . . .  | 177        | ..   | ..   | ..   | 3    | 86  | 83   | 5    | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   |
| Other . . .  | 83         | ..   | ..   | ..   | 56   | 22  | 5    | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   |
| U. S. . . .  | 1,853      | ..   | 5    | 486  | 774  | 382 | 193  | 8    | ..   | ..   | 3    | 2    | ..   |

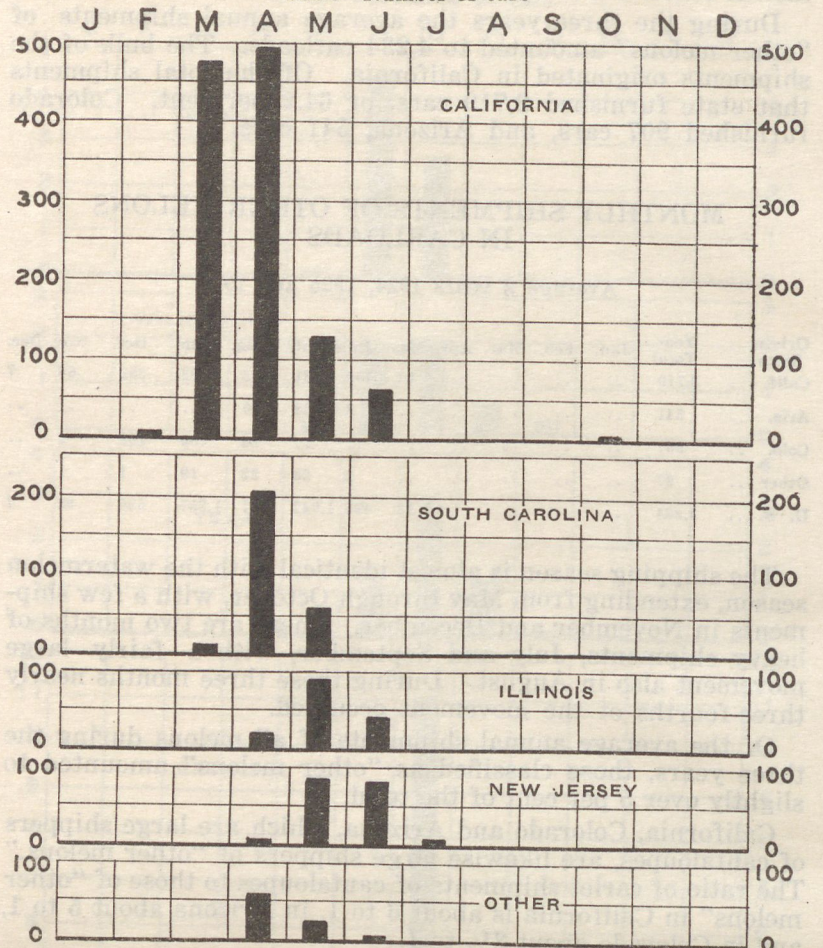
The table and chart indicate a general shipping season for asparagus in the United States as a whole, extending practically from March through June. In addition, California has a short secondary season of light shipments in October and November. The peak month is April, when nearly 42 per cent of the total shipments are made. During this month occurs the peak movement in each state except Illinois and New Jersey, where the heaviest movement is one month later.

March and May run second and third in monthly shipments, about 26 per cent of the total annual shipments occurring in March and about 21 per cent in May. June is the only other month in which there occurs any considerable movement.

The shipments of asparagus shown in the table refer only to the shipments in carload lots of asparagus in the green or fresh state. The larger part of the asparagus now grown is canned. The amount varies from year to year according to the prices prevalent for canned and fresh asparagus. Canned asparagus amounted to 1,467,000 cases in 1925.

### MONTHLY SHIPMENTS OF ASPARAGUS BY STATE GROUPINGS

Scale—Number of cars



## String Beans

### MONTHLY SHIPMENTS OF STRING BEANS 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. . . .   | 1,423      | 207  | 60   | 92   | 465  | 257   | 5     | ..   | ..   | ..   | 5    | 134  | 198  |
| Tex. . . .   | 344        | ..   | ..   | 6    | 271  | 14    | 2     | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | 46   | 5    |
| La. . . . .  | 570        | ..   | ..   | ..   | 47   | 253   | 95    | ..   | ..   | 3    | 92   | 80   | ..   |
| Miss. . . .  | 101        | ..   | ..   | ..   | 3    | 63    | 32    | ..   | ..   | ..   | 3    | ..   | ..   |
| Ala. . . .   | 43         | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | 30    | 13    | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   |
| Ga. . . . .  | 48         | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | 34    | 14    | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   |
| S. C. . . .  | 433        | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | 325   | 54    | 1    | ..   | ..   | 37   | 16   | ..   |
| N. C. . . .  | 523        | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | 59    | 416   | 2    | ..   | ..   | 45   | 1    | ..   |
| Va. . . . .  | 770        | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | 2     | 453   | 29   | 3    | 18   | 228  | 37   | ..   |
| Md. . . . .  | 153        | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..    | 82    | 42   | 8    | 16   | 5    | ..   | ..   |
| Tenn. . . .  | 169        | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | 2     | 166   | ..   | ..   | ..   | 1    | ..   | ..   |
| N. J. . . .  | 68         | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..    | 14    | 28   | 12   | 12   | 2    | ..   | ..   |
| N. Y. . . .  | 61         | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..   | ..    | ..    | 4    | 44   | 13   | ..   | ..   | ..   |
| Other . . .  | 193        | ..   | ..   | 1    | 17   | 65    | 56    | 29   | 12   | 6    | 1    | 6    | ..   |
| U. S. . . .  | 4,899      | 207  | 60   | 99   | 803  | 1,104 | 1,402 | 135  | 79   | 68   | 419  | 320  | 203  |

Florida is the largest shipper of string beans, followed in order by Virginia, Louisiana, North Carolina, South Carolina and Texas. These six southern states furnished 4,063 cars, or about 83 per cent, of the total annual shipments of 4,899 cars during the three years. All of these states have two periods of movement each year, with a peak in the early months, and a secondary and usually much lower peak toward the end.

In Florida, for example, shipments of the first crop start about March, reach a peak in April and cease in June. A second crop begins to move in October, has a peak movement in January and runs over until the first crop of the ensuing year appears. In Texas, Louisiana, South Carolina and North Carolina, there is a definite interval between the first and second crops. Virginia continues to ship from May to November, and its secondary peak in October is relatively high, compared with the first peak in June.

### MONTHLY SHIPMENTS OF STRING BEANS BY STATE GROUPINGS

Scale—Hundreds of cars

