

Sweet Potatoes

Shipments of sweet potatoes originate for the most part in the Southeastern states and in four of the Middle Atlantic states, the only other state shipping in quantity being Tennessee.

Virginia is the leading sweet potato state, originating 5,466 cars, or more than 29 per cent of the average annual shipments of 18,591 cars during the three years. Of the other states, the principal ones in order of importance are Tennessee, 1,798 cars; Delaware, 1,669 cars; New Jersey, 1,586 cars; Maryland, 1,519 cars; Louisiana, 1,272 cars, and North Carolina, 1,091 cars. The seven states named originated about 77 per cent of the total movement in the United States. More than half of the total originated in the four Atlantic Seaboard states of Virginia, Delaware, New Jersey and Maryland.

Shipments of sweet potatoes are made in every month of the year. In June, they are very light, and in May and July comparatively so. September and October are the months of heaviest movement, those for October slightly exceeding those for September. From November to March, shipments drop gradually and then with increasing rapidity to June. The movement in June is almost entirely from Tennessee. The heavy movement in September and October is due in large part to shipments from Virginia.

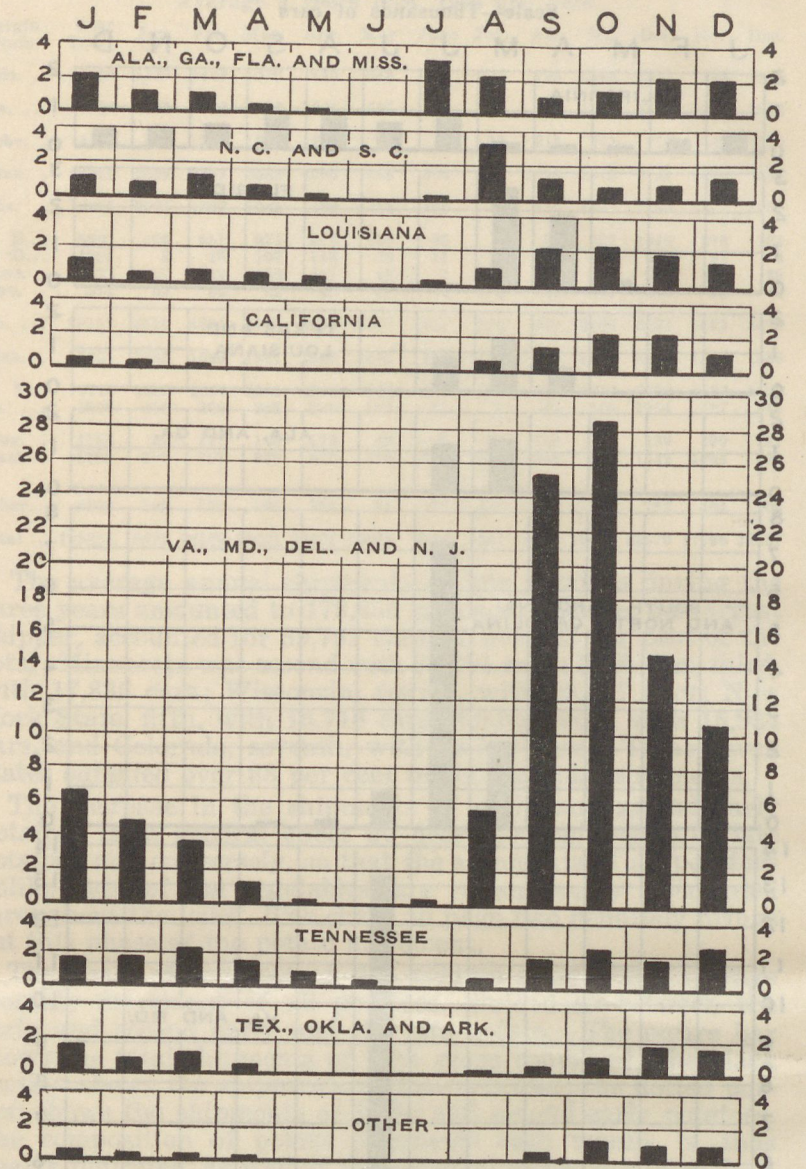
MONTHLY SHIPMENTS OF SWEET POTATOES IN CARLOADS

Average 3 years 1924, 1925 and 1926

Origin State	Year Total	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Ala.	630	34	30	48	22	20	..	214	140	33	26	32	31
Ga.	803	141	75	57	19	5	..	73	49	59	80	122	123
Fla.	191	19	10	1	2	..	..	27	26	14	18	33	41
Miss.	85	12	6	8	4	..	..	3	5	4	8	22	13
N. C.	1,091	90	67	109	64	15	1	8	324	141	78	88	106
S. C.	167	29	26	25	3	1	1	7	9	2	10	26	28
La.	1,272	149	67	71	70	40	5	20	98	211	218	186	137
Calif. ..	844	48	25	10	3	2	1	5	64	159	212	214	101
Va.	5,466	13	9	16	5	1	..	8	526	2,070	2,037	727	54
Md.	1,519	117	86	58	26	2	..	29	211	413	319	258	..
Del.	1,669	369	258	218	85	16	1	..	18	31	206	467	..
N. J.	1,586	149	127	91	38	7	5	10	8	253	336	225	232
Tenn. ..	1,798	178	181	211	157	93	34	5	69	133	241	133	263
Tex. ...	396	63	41	38	14	..	4	..	15	33	65	78	45
Okla. ..	155	32	18	27	5	1	..	1	..	5	10	24	32
Ark. ...	391	80	37	59	19	2	..	..	..	4	25	78	87
Other ..	528	57	37	32	18	1	..	2	3	51	118	102	107
U. S. ...	18,591	1,580	1,100	1,079	554	206	52	333	1,365	3,456	3,976	2,665	2,175

MONTHLY SHIPMENTS OF SWEET POTATOES BY STATE GROUPINGS

Scale—Hundreds of cars



Spinach

Texas and Virginia together furnish the bulk of the shipments of spinach. Virginia has a slightly longer season than Texas, beginning in October, one month earlier than Texas, and closing in May, one month later than Texas. But Texas makes the larger shipments.

Average annual shipments of spinach from Texas during the three years amounted to 3,830 cars, while those from Virginia amounted to 3,029 cars. The combined shipments from these two states were nearly 80 per cent of the average annual shipments of spinach in the entire United States during the period. Only one other state—Maryland—originates spinach to any appreciable extent in carload lots.

MONTHLY SHIPMENTS OF SPINACH 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.
Md.	731	1	..	..	161	229	5	..	..	16	110	160	49
Va.	3,029	196	19	349	1,359	156	..	..	..	..	20	427	503
Tex. ...	3,830	782	1,222	1,171	200	..	..	..	..	..	..	25	430
Other ..	1,071	71	243	248	143	110	9	8	7	9	65	118	40
U. S. ...	8,661	1,050	1,484	1,768	1,863	495	14	8	7	25	195	730	1,022

The shipping season for the United States as a whole is practically eight months in length, few cars being shipped during June, July, August or September. From October to December, shipments increase rapidly, exceeding 1,000 cars in the latter month. From December to April, the increase in shipments continues irregularly. The peak movement occurs in April, after which shipments decline rapidly and almost cease during the summer months.

MONTHLY SHIPMENTS OF SPINACH BY STATE GROUPINGS

Scale—Hundreds of cars

