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Daily Shipments and Mexican Crossings for Major Production Districts 1,000 28-pound Crate/Carton Equivalents

OCTOBER

| Origin | OCTOBER | | | | | | | Total To Date | |
|-----------------------------|----------|------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|--------------|
| | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | This Season | Last Season |
| IMPORTS | | | | | | | | | |
| Argentina | | | | | | | | | |
| Crossings thru Miami Air | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | 4 |
| Chile | | | | | | | | | |
| Imports thru Los Angeles-L | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 | - |
| Imports thru Miami Airport | - | 2 | - | - | - | - | - | 4 | 5 |
| Mexico | | | | | | | | | |
| Crossings through San Luis | - | - | - | - | - | - | 2 | 2 | 16 |
| Crossings through Texas | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 487 | 563 |
| Crossings through Calexico | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 67 | 2 |
| Crossings through Otay Mesa | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | 158 | 153 |
| Peru | | | | | | | | | |
| Imports- thru Miami Airport | - | 154 | - | - | - | - | - | 1,408 | 1,330 |
| Imports-South Florida/Tam | 4 | - | - | - | - | 8 | 2 | 92 | 25 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 4 | 157 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 4 | 2,222 | 2,098 |

Note: All figures subject to revision updates. Totals for U.S. and Guatemala are from January 01.

Totals from Mexico and Peru are from June 01. All other import totals are from July 01

F.O.B. Shipping Point Prices for Friday, October 15, 2004
Prices represent open (spot) market sales by first handlers on product of generally good quality and condition unless otherwise stated and may include promotional allowances or other incentives. No consideration is given to after-sale adjustments unless otherwise stated. Brokerage fees paid by the shipper are included in the price reported.

CARIBBEAN BASIN IMPORTS PORTS OF ENTRY SOUTH FLORIDA

Sales F.O.B. Shipping Point and
Delivered Sales Shipping Point Basis
DEMAND MODERATE. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. Peru. 11 lb cartons bunched Green jbo 19.00-22.00 mostly 20.00 occasional lower exlge 17.00-19.00 mostly 18.00 lge 18.00-21.00 mostly 18.00-19.00 occasional higher & lower previous commitments low as 16.00 std 19.00-21.00 mostly 19.00-20.00 occasional lower prior commitments low as 16.00 sml 16.00-19.00 mostly 17.00-18.00 previous commitments low as 15.00

WHOLESALE MARKET PRICES
Prices quoted cover sales by primary receivers
Of overall supplies on wholesale lots and are on
Stock of generally good merchantable quality and
Condition unless otherwise stated

This is only a sample of wholesale terminal market reports. For a complete and current listing, go to:

<http://www.ams.usda.gov/fv/mnocs/fvdaily.htm>

ATLANTA: PARTLY CLOUDY 45 YESTERDAY'S HIGH 63
MARKET PE STANDARD SLIGHTLY HIGHER. OTHERS
STEADY. 11 lb cartons bunched PE Green jbo 25.00-27.00 mostly
25.50-26.50 lge 25.00-25.50 std 24.00-26.00 mostly 25.00-26.00 one
label best 31.00 White std 25.50-26.00

BALTIMORE: OVERCAST 60 YESTERDAY'S HIGH 64
MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 11 lb cartons bunched PE Green jbo
28.00 lge 27.00 fr cond 23.00 std 26.00-28.00

BOSTON: RAINING 54 YESTERDAYS HIGH 60
MARKET HIGHER. 11 lb cartons/crates bunched PE Green jbo
25.00-26.00 exlge 25.00-26.00 lge 23.00-27.00 mostly 25.00-26.00
std 23.00-26.00 mostly 25.00-26.00 sml 25.00-26.00 White lge 24.00
std 24.00

CHICAGO: RAIN 47 YESTERDAY'S HIGH 56
OFFERINGS LIGHT. 11 lb cartons/crates bunched PE Green lge
25.00-28.00 mostly 26.00-28.00 occas lower std 25.00-28.00 mostly
26.00-28.00 occas lower sml 14.00-15.00

DALLAS: CLEAR 60 YESTERDAY'S HIGH 68
MARKET STEADY. 11 lb cartons bunched CA Green jbo 28.00 lge
28.00 std 27.00-28.00 sml 28.00 MX Green jbo few 21.00 lge
24.50-26.00 std 25.00 PE White std 29.00-30.00

DETROIT: LIGHT RAIN MIST 53 YESTERDAY'S HIGH 61
OFFERINGS LIGHT. 11 lb cartons/crates bunched PE Class I Green
jbo 28.00-28.50 few 26.00 lge 26.50 std 26.50 White lge 26.00

LOS ANGELES: CLEAR 62 YESTERDAY'S MAXIMUM 79
MARKET SLIGHTLY HIGHER. 11 lb cartons bunched MX Green
std 28.00 PE Green jbo 26.00-28.00 exlge 24.00 lge 26.00-28.00 std
28.00 AIR White jbo 28.00

NEW YORK: OVERCAST 58 YESTERDAY'S HIGH 63
OFFERINGS LIGHT. MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 11 lb
cartons/crates AG Green exlge 22.00-25.00 lge 22.00-25.00 PE
Green exlge 25.00-26.00 lge 24.00-26.00 occas lower fr appear
22.00 occas lower std 24.00-26.00 occas lower fr appear 22.00 sml
fr appear 18.00-20.00 occas lower holdovers 15.00-17.00 occas
lower ord cond 4.00

PHILADELPHIA: CLOUDY 57 YESTERDAY'S HIGH 60
MARKET ABOUT STEADY. 11 lb cartons/crates bunched PE
Green jbo 22.00-26.00 mostly 23.00 exlge 23.00-25.00 lge 23.00-
25.00 mostly 23.00-24.00 few 26.00 std 24.00-26.00 mostly 24.00-
25.00 sml 24.00-25.00 White lge 24.00 std 24.00

SAN FRANCISCO: PARTLY CLDY 53 YESTERDAY'S HI 82
OFFERINGS VERY LIGHT. MARKET STEADY. 11 lb
cartons/crates bunched CA Green lge 26.00-28.00 PE Green lge
26.00-29.00 mostly 27.00-29.00 std 26.00-29.00 mostly 27.00-29.00
White lge 28.50

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| INTERNATIONAL TERMINAL MARKET PRICES IN U.S. DOLLARS |
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MONTREAL, QUEBEC, CANADA

Prices as of 12-OCT-2004

11 lb cartons bunched PE Green 24.89-26.89 White 29.08-32.38 25
lb lugs/cartons loose WA Green 13.94

MONTERREY, MEXICO

Prices as of 14-OCT-2004

per kg MX District Federal 6.15

NEW COVENT GARDEN, UNITED KINGDOM

Prices as of 12-OCT-2004

per kg CL Green 5.39

TOKYO, JAPAN

Prices as of 14-OCT-2004

21 lb lugs/cartons loose AU exlge 41.19-47.90 mostly 47.90 100 gm
bunched JA Nagasaki med 1.06

TORONTO, ONTARIO, CANADA

Prices as of 13-OCT-2004

11 lb cartons/crates bunched PE Green 28.63-33.41 5 kg cartons
bunched PE White 25.45-31.82