

STRAWBERRIES FOR PROCESSING: PRODUCTION, VALUE PER POUND, AND TOTAL VALUE, AVERAGE 1961-65,
ANNUAL 1966 AND 1967

Season and State	Production (thousand pounds)			Value					
				Per pound (cents)			Total (thousand dollars)		
	Average, 1961-65	1966	1967	Average, 1961-65	1966	1967	Average, 1961-65	1966	1967
Spring: California.....	1 79,760	60,500	60,700	13.0	16.5	14.7	10,112	9,982	8,923
Early spring: Louisiana.....	966	176	144	13.0	15.0	15.0	123	26	22
Mid-spring:									
Kentucky.....	1,208	1,240	380	14.6	18.0	13.5	172	223	51
Tennessee.....	7,512	3,500	704	14.2	17.8	14.9	1,031	623	105
Oklahoma.....	2,480	2,100	1,300	15.8	21.0	18.0	372	441	234
Total or average.....	11,200	6,840	2,384	14.6	18.8	16.4	1,574	1,287	390
Late spring:									
New York.....	1,680	1,500	700	12.7	13.2	13.1	210	198	92
Michigan.....	11,748	11,160	11,100	15.3	15.3	15.6	1,842	1,707	1,732
Washington.....	39,432	33,940	32,340	14.0	16.6	15.0	5,395	5,634	4,851
Oregon.....	1 74,288	93,000	1 92,300	13.3	17.3	14.1	9,642	16,089	12,422
Total or average.....	127,148	139,600	136,440	13.7	16.9	14.4	17,090	23,628	19,097
United States.....	219,074	207,116	199,668	13.4	16.9	14.5	28,899	34,923	28,432

¹ Includes some quantities not marketed and excluded in computing value: Late Spring, Oregon, 4,200,000 pounds in 1967.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture.

In 1963 (the latest year for which data are available) frozen strawberries were produced in 78 U.S. establishments compared with 94 in 1959. Two-thirds of the establishments were located in Oregon, Washington, and California in 1963. The U.S. Department of Commerce indicates that in 1963, 20 of the largest strawberry freezers accounted for 77 percent of the total production in that year. Fifty of the largest accounted for 99 percent of total output. Most establishments freezing strawberries also process other fruits and/or vegetables; frozen strawberries provide a substantial portion of the total income of a number of these producers. Data on the number of workers engaged in harvesting and processing strawberries are not available. Because of the short season for the crop, much of the labor is recruited locally as temporary help. In the major producing areas, wages for strawberry harvests have been increased to insure sufficient labor.

Mr. ULLMAN. Our next witness is Mr. Howard P. Chester.

Mr. Chester, we are very happy to have you before the committee.

For the record, will you please identify yourself, and also all of your colleagues, and with the understanding your full statement will be in the record, proceed as you see fit.