

economic segment, agriculture receives less than its fair share of our national wealth. Any program which would encourage increased imports of foreign food items at this time will seriously undermine our national agricultural well-being and the economy of this great Nation.

We strongly urge favorable consideration of H.R. 16416 and similar legislation. This will assure the domestic producer of a chance to market his product and, at the same time, it will permit foreign countries to share our market. American consumers and domestic labor will benefit, which, in turn, will be beneficial to the total economic position of the United States.

APPENDIX 1

U.S. IMPORTS OF WINTER VEGETABLES FROM MEXICO—1963-64, 1964-65, 1965-66, AND 1966-67

[Hundredweight, in thousands]

Commodity and year	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Total
1963-64:									
Beans.....	12.4	17.0	10.3	6.9	17.2	6.8	0.6	0.7	71.9
Cucumbers.....	44.4	63.1	43.7	22.0	3.7	.1	.1	-----	177.1
Eggplant.....	2.0	3.2	8.0	7.5	4.2	4.8	.4	-----	30.1
Melons:									
Cantaloupes.....			4.0	152.7	278.3	473.7	384.7	3.7	1,297.1
Watermelons.....		5.6	14.8	66.9	81.0	137.9	251.1	11.5	568.8
Other melons.....				.5	5.2	14.3	1.3	-----	21.3
Onions.....	64.4	90.0	53.1	132.0	20.8	-----	-----	-----	360.3
Peas.....	5.4	12.2	17.2	14.2	3.9	.2	-----	-----	53.1
Peppers.....	11.1	19.6	32.6	32.9	12.4	8.3	2.7	.7	120.3
Squash.....	2.8	4.5	4.9	4.3	4.7	1.5	1.8	1.0	25.5
Tomatoes.....	103.5	321.0	519.1	528.3	535.2	347.1	89.9	6.9	2,451.0
1964-65:									
Beans.....	14.0	28.1	22.9	5.8	9.1	3.8	1.3	1.8	86.8
Cucumbers.....	37.3	97.9	148.3	4.5	19.6	.8	.1	.6	309.1
Eggplant.....	5.6	8.7	9.2	8.6	5.2	5.3	.1	.1	42.8
Melons:									
Cantaloupes.....	3.3	4.3	7.3	91.9	511.0	641.7	196.9	3.6	1,460.0
Watermelons.....		4.1	20.7	73.3	142.8	286.8	181.6	.9	710.2
Other melons.....					3.7	37.5	.7	.6	42.5
Onions.....	19.0	61.2	100.5	99.0	43.3	21.2	13.3	1.3	358.8
Peas.....	3.1	13.2	14.6	13.8	2.6	.7	-----	-----	48.0
Peppers.....	15.7	48.8	48.3	32.3	17.1	9.2	2.5	1.2	175.1
Squash.....	2.6	14.7	19.0	11.8	4.5	1.5	1.5	1.0	56.6
Tomatoes.....	93.7	370.5	445.6	577.3	558.7	409.4	106.6	6.1	2,567.9
1965-66:									
Beans.....	9.7	17.0	8.0	7.4	5.4	1.2	1.1	.3	50.1
Cucumbers.....	38.7	102.3	156.8	112.3	43.5	6.1	.1	-----	459.8
Eggplant.....	6.5	11.9	12.7	11.7	5.9	6.2	.7	-----	55.6
Melons:									
Cantaloupes.....	1.5	6.5	19.9	156.1	305.7	597.9	277.5	1.3	1,366.4
Watermelons.....	3.3	16.9	34.3	83.2	123.3	265.0	89.1	-----	615.1
Other melons.....					9.3	32.4	2.2	-----	43.9
Onions.....	35.9	84.8	79.8	117.7	70.1	30.5	5.4	1.5	425.7
Peas.....	2.2	4.3	20.9	21.9	6.4	.1	-----	-----	55.8
Peppers.....	14.6	43.3	69.7	51.7	39.8	6.5	4.0	.9	230.5
Squash.....	1.1	8.7	14.9	10.1	4.7	2.2	1.5	-----	43.2
Tomatoes.....	127.1	403.2	708.6	688.0	807.6	513.3	79.6	12.3	3,339.7
1966-67:									
Beans.....	16.7	-----	12.6	13.3	10.8	5.0	.4	2.2	80.6
Cucumbers.....	48.9	128.8	164.4	151.5	98.7	3.0	.1	-----	595.4
Eggplant.....	7.7	-----	26.0	9.7	6.9	10.5	2.0	-----	75.7
Melons:									
Cantaloupes.....			2.6	90.1	384.0	543.3	149.0	2.9	1,171.9
Watermelons.....	1.3	-----	12.6	68.2	171.4	229.8	137.1	.8	636.4
Other melons.....					5.2	37.2	1.9	.2	45.0
Onions.....	60.3	92.6	93.2	123.9	17.1	3.1	-----	-----	390.2
Peas.....	3.1	-----	22.6	10.9	.7	.2	-----	-----	51.1
Peppers.....	24.7	63.3	70.0	50.8	39.7	14.3	4.1	2.5	269.4
Squash.....	8.1	-----	45.7	25.2	8.0	1.4	1.3	.1	115.2
Tomatoes.....	237.9	519.6	721.0	667.4	690.1	601.9	215.2	46.5	3,699.6

Source: USDA, FAS, Fruit and Vegetable Division, March 1968.