

APPENDIX 5

FRESH FRUITS—U.S. IMPORTS FROM MEXICO, ANNUALLY, 1955-65¹

Year	Bananas	Limes	Mangoes	Oranges	Pine-apples	Straw-berries	Other	Total
Quantity in thousands of pounds								
1955-----	62,290	2,929	619	3,912	24,157	-----	-----	93,907
1956-----	32,765	3,863	495	5,958	18,284	-----	-----	61,905
1957-----	75,606	3,014	702	1,454	18,807	-----	63	99,646
1958-----	42,251	4,338	868	21,442	19,836	4	267	89,006
1959-----	47,390	3,926	458	25,302	15,534	51	121	92,782
1960-----	7,960	4,588	512	21,617	19,731	562	14	54,984
1961-----	18,953	5,864	345	18,766	24,683	579	97	69,287
1962-----	10,587	4,376	1,076	27,703	31,303	895	1,414	77,354
1963-----	7,987	4,890	1,165	112,949	33,581	3,412	2,484	166,458
1964-----	11,099	4,094	1,349	110,637	24,470	4,092	8,154	163,895
1965-----	19,214	3,414	1,039	69,998	20,578	5,791	5,139	125,173
Value in thousands of dollars								
1955-----	1,449	228	93	142	391	-----	-----	2,303
1956-----	876	288	116	232	322	-----	1	1,835
1957-----	2,150	228	177	58	376	-----	5	2,994
1958-----	1,841	308	151	793	376	1	13	3,483
1959-----	1,945	236	116	1,086	307	8	14	3,712
1960-----	482	281	116	779	424	43	3	2,128
1961-----	1,278	312	92	695	497	120	10	3,004
1962-----	442	281	249	1,046	707	142	90	2,957
1963-----	260	362	285	3,976	906	421	178	6,388
1964-----	398	310	255	4,766	682	513	384	7,308
1965-----	654	268	233	3,318	572	845	262	6,152

¹ Imports for consumption.

Source: USDA, FAS, F. & V.D., June 6, 1966.

Mr. HERLONG. Thank you, Mr. Cox. The next witness is Buford W. Council.

STATEMENT OF BUFORD W. COUNCIL

Mr. COUNCIL. My name is Buford W. Council from Ruskin, Fla., and I am one of the vanishing breed, an American farmer.

I am part of a family farming operation engaged in the growing of tomatoes, citrus fruits, and cattle. The operation is located on the west coast of Florida and has been in production since 1910. I am associated with my two brothers and their three sons.

REASON FOR CONCERN

Our farming operation affects a great number of people, as is true of many farms in this country.

We provide employment for some 100 regular workers in our vegetable, fruit, and cattle operations and several hundred more during harvesting and processing seasons.

Our west coast area normally grows two crops of tomatoes a year but since Mexican imports have gotten so heavy, we are only planting the spring crop.

In the past, Mexico used to be predominantly a winter producer of this crop but has now not only increased its volume of tomato production but extended its season to include the fall, winter, and spring. This has hurt us very much.

I can also see where the increasing production of citrus in Mexico will adversely affect us in that particular farming operation and, of