

His counterpart in Mexico works for less, doesn't have a home or car, and works with his children in the field on a seasonal basis. We in our small way, are contributing to full employment.

Our support industries, such as maintenance, packaging, supplies, fuel, insurance and so forth, all add to this country's economy. As small business, we are contributing to make the U.S. economy strong.

RECOMMENDATIONS

We believe a successful greenhouse vegetable industry is in the best interests of the consumer. To have a strong industry, some protection must be given to the U.S. greenhouse industry from the unlimited imports of tomatoes from foreign countries.

1. Since about 80 percent of the tomatoes from Mexico are being imported during the local greenhouse market season, we believe an adjustment should be made on the duties during this shipping season.

2. To provide for sound future growth of the entire greenhouse vegetable industry, we believe a quota system should be established to regulate the imports of tomatoes, based on the supply available and the need as outlined in the Herlong bill.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman, for this opportunity to present our viewpoints on a very serious problem affecting the future of the greenhouse tomato industry in the United States.

(The material referred to follows:)

TABLE 1.—U.S. IMPORTS OF TOMATOES (FRESH) FOR CONSUMPTION, 1956-66

Calendar year	Pounds	Value
1966 ¹	360,600,000	\$52,300,000
1965	269,000,000	29,900,000
1964	249,200,000	27,700,000
1963	242,000,000	20,900,000
1962	236,200,000	17,600,000
1961	176,200,000	13,000,000
1960	312,700,000	23,900,000
1959	262,700,000	19,900,000
1958	264,600,000	20,600,000
1957	119,500,000	8,200,000
1956	95,000,000	6,700,000

¹ Data for 1966 from "U.S. Foreign Agricultural Trade by Commodities," calendar year 1966, p. 35, U.S. Department of Agriculture, July 1967.

Source: ERS-Foreign 195, "Effects of Changes in Use of Seasonal Workers on United States-Mexican Agricultural Trade and Balance of Payments," p. 11, U.S. Department of Agriculture, August 1967.

TABLE 2.—U.S. IMPORTS OF TOMATOES FROM MEXICO

[In thousands of hundredweight]

Month	1965-66	1966-67
December	127.1	237.9
January	403.2	519.6
February	708.6	721.0
March	688.0	667.4
April	807.6	690.1
May	513.3	601.9
June	79.6	215.2
July	12.3	46.5
Total	3,339.7	3,699.6

Source: FAS-M 178, Survey of Mexican Vegetable and Melon Production 1966, and brought up to date by correspondence with officials in Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture.