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Availability of Fruit and Vegetable Imports From Mexico into U.S.

The major fruit and vegetable crops imported from Mexico are listed with the approximate volume for the 1979 marketing season. The key located at the top of the chart indicates the various stages of shipping or marketing season for a particular commodity. For example, the new crop for onions begins in January. The peak of the marketing season is April through May but shipping continues through December.

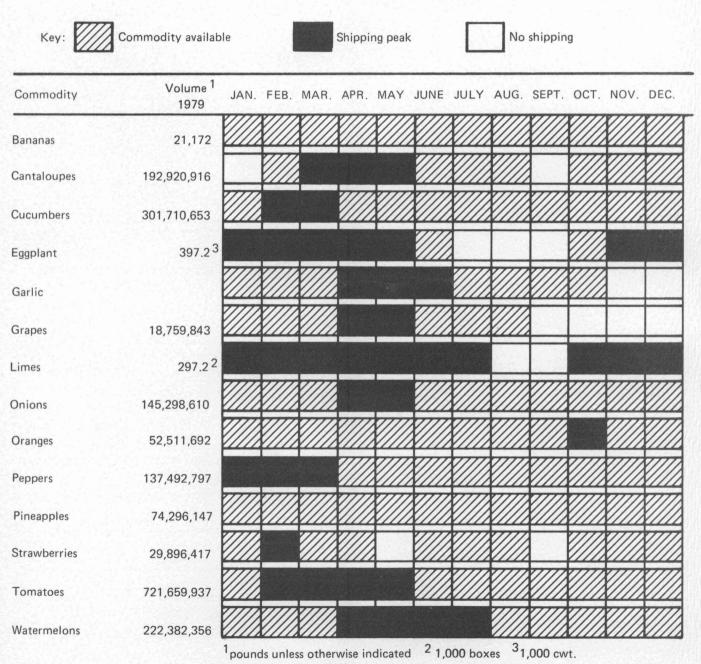
The term "availability" is used to indicate the months when the particular commodity is shipped into the United States. It is not indicative of the actual months of production, as in some cases it is possible to buy those items from foreign countries in other months. "Peak" refers to the peak month(s) the commodity is available within the United States. It does not necessarily refer to the nation's peak growing month.

This availability chart should be useful to producers, brokers, shippers and retail chain buyers in determining when these commodities are available.

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