

Most of the organizations followed the practice of throwing the boxes off the truck as the truck was driven through the field. In this way the boxes were unloaded near the place where they were to be filled. The empty box men then carried the crates to the packers, usually two at a time. The box men of organization D required only 1.3 hours to distribute field crates for 10,000 stalks of celery (Table 25). Only firm F used less labor. The box men of firm D usually carried four crates at a time. This can be done easily by placing one crate upside down on each side of the worker and then placing a crate with the top up on the top of each upside down crate, so that the bottoms of the stacked crates come together. The box man can then pick up the four crates by grasping them through the slats in the bottom of the crates. When crates are stacked this way, the backs should be next to the worker for better balance. The box men of organization F left the crates locked together as illustrated in Fig. 30 and rolled the crates to the packers four at a time. Crates positioned this way, however, were not as convenient for the packers.

TABLE 25.—TIME REQUIRED BY EMPTY BOX MEN TO DISTRIBUTE CRATES FOR 10,000 STALKS OF CELERY, NINE FLORIDA FIRMS, 1944 SEASON.

Area	Firm	Number of Empty Box Men in Crew	Total Number of Workers in Field Crew	Hours Required to Distribute Crates for 10,000 Stalks
Sanford .....	C	2	51½	1.9
	F	2	91	1.0
	D	2	97	1.3
Sarasota .....	P	4	59	4.1
	N	2	40	1.5
	O	2	47	2.1
Belle Glade .....	I	2	35½	2.1
	M	2	30½	2.4
	J	1	24	1.6

The box men of firms P and J required 4.1 and 1.6 hours, respectively, to distribute boxes for 10,000 stalks. The workers of these firms handed the crates off the trucks, one crate at a time, to workers on the ground. This was done to save damaging the crates. The time required by organization J was less than that used by organization P because loaders helped unload boxes and their time was not charged to unloading crates. The loaders could do this because the crew was small.