firms handled 1,825,004 crates of Golden celery on which Federal-State grade certificates were issued. Of this volume, 1,376,990 crates, or almost 76 percent, graded U. S. No. 1. Because three-fourths of the graded celery was classified as U. S. No. 1, it is assumed that this grade is more or less comparable with the description "generally good merchantable quality and condition," used by the Market News Service. It was also necessary to add 10 cents precooling charges to the prices reported by the Market News Service to make them comparable with the F.O.B. prices received by the 18 firms.

Because these 18 firms handled approximately two-thirds of the 1945 Florida celery crop, it seemed reasonable to assume that a comparison of sales by these 18 firms with the price ranges reported by the Market News Service could be used to test the accuracy of prices reported by the Market News Service.

The Market News Service did not report prices on the F.O.B. market for Saturdays. The reports stated that there were either "too few sales to quote" or "no sales reported" for that day. However, records of the 18 firms indicate that nearly as much was sold on Saturdays as on Mondays. In a few cases, volume Saturday was larger than the following Monday.

One indicator of the accuracy of the price range reported by the Market News Service was the proportion of the daily volume of celery (F.O.B. sales, sizes 3 and 4 dozen Golden type, U. S. No. 1 grade) handled by the 18 firms that sold within the Market News Service quotations. For more than three-fourths of the days for which prices were reported, 60 percent or more of the

TABLE 38.—NUMBER OF DAYS VARIOUS PROPORTIONS OF THE DAILY VOLUME OF F.O.B. SALES OF SIZES 3 AND 4 DOZEN, U. S. NO. 1 GRADE GOLDEN CELERY SOLD WITHIN THE PRICE RANGES REPORTED BY THE MARKET NEWS SERVICE, 18 FLORIDA FIRMS, 1945 SEASON.

Range in Proportion of Volume Sold Within Market News Service Quotations	Number of Days	Percent of Days
Percent		
Less than 20	2	2
20 - 39	4	4
40 - 59	15	16
60 - 79	25	27
80 - 99	37	40
100	10	11
Total	93	100