

plished by these 18 firms compared with the reported distribution of all celery from Florida. During the 1945 season the USDA Market News Service reported the destinations²⁵ to which 9,862 cars of celery were shipped. This amounted to about 4.3 million crates.²⁶ The Market News Service reported shipments to 265 destinations in 40 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. The combined 18 firms shipped celery to 240 destinations in 40 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. Combined shipments by the 18 firms reached all but a few minor markets reported by the Market News Service. The proportion of total combined shipments by the 18 firms to destinations in the same state was about the same as that reported by the Market News Service. Some celery shipments are billed originally to diversion points such as Jessup or Savannah, Georgia, or Cincinnati, Ohio. For these shipments, the Market News Service usually has a record of only the first billing and their records consequently indicate a higher volume of receipts at diversion points than those particular markets actually absorb.

Both the Market News Service records and those of the 18 firms indicated that approximately 14 percent of the total volume of Florida celery was shipped to New York State, 10 percent to Pennsylvania, 9 percent to Illinois, 8 percent to Ohio and 6 percent to Massachusetts.

The distribution of celery by the 18 firms is shown graphically in Fig. 46. The largest markets were Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Detroit and Chicago. The five markets received 39 percent of the volume of all celery shipped by the 18 firms. The states east of the Mississippi and north of the Ohio River,²⁷ having 46 percent of the total United States population, received 63 percent of the volume shipped by the 18 firms; and the states west of the Mississippi River received 15 percent.

BY TYPES OF CELERY

There were marked differences in the proportions of Pascal and Golden celery shipped to markets in the various states.

²⁵ Destination, as used in this study, is the terminal market to which the celery was finally billed insofar as the shippers' records indicated.

²⁶ Computed on the basis of 440.5 crates per car, which was the average number of crates per car loaded by the 18 firms during 1945. The usual number of crates, loaded per car by individual firms, varied from 432 to 450.

²⁷ Includes the states of Wisconsin, Illinois, Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York, Connecticut, Rhode Island, Massachusetts, Vermont, New Hampshire, and Maine.