

ket (Table 66). During February there was a wide variation in the proportion of the total shipments that each market received. At both Chicago and St. Louis only 9 percent of total receipts of Pascal celery were during February, but the average net price to shippers for Pascal celery on the Chicago market during February was only \$3.55 per crate, compared with \$3.84 on the St. Louis market. One-third of the Pascal celery which reached the Detroit market was shipped during February and the prices received there compared favorably with the other markets. From February through May, when Pascal celery shipments were most important, average net prices to shippers were highest on the Baltimore, Minneapolis-St. Paul and St. Louis markets. The volume shipped to St. Louis, however, was small. Prices for Pascal celery were also comparatively favorable on the Cleveland, Pittsburgh and Toronto markets and shipments to these three markets were predominantly of the Pascal type celery.

The four largest markets, Boston, Chicago, New York and Philadelphia, returned the lowest average net prices to shippers of Pascal celery throughout most of the season. In the case of Chicago, Pascal celery brought the lowest average net prices to shippers during every month of the season. This would seem to indicate that these markets were oversupplied with Pascal celery. This was probably due to the tendency to consign unsold celery to the largest markets.

#### BY SIZES OF CELERY

Distance to market was an important factor influencing the distribution of the various sizes of celery. Distance to market was estimated for all markets that received over 5,000 crates of Golden celery from the 18 firms (Table 67). Nine of these markets were less than 800 miles from the approximate center of the producing areas. Of 122,211 crates of Golden celery shipped to these markets, less than 1 percent was of sizes smaller than 6 dozen. On another nine markets which were between 800 and 1,000 miles from producing areas about 16 percent of slightly more than a quarter of a million crates consisted of sizes smaller than 6 dozen. At the 18 markets which were from 1,200 to 1,400 miles distant, about 40 percent of the celery consisted of sizes smaller than 6 dozen.

As distance to market increases, transportation charges increase and such costs have ordinarily been added to the retail