influences the proportion of sizes of Pascal celery shipped to the various markets. All of the markets taking 40 percent or more of Pascal celery, in sizes smaller than 4 dozen, were over 1,200 miles distant from the producing area.

Because certain markets were shipped a much larger proportion of small sizes than others, it is desirable to know whether this was due to individual market preferences or was merely the result of what shippers happened to send to these particular markets. To compare prices for one grade, size and type of celery on certain markets, they must be analyzed relatively free of seasonal influences. One specific day would be desirable, but the volume of sales for any one day was not large enough for an accurate comparison. Prices were relatively stable throughout the period January 22 - February 20, 1945. Sales which occurred during this period have, therefore, been used for this comparison.

Less than 20 percent of the total receipts of Golden celery were of sizes smaller than 6 dozen at 13 of the 31 leading markets. For these 13 markets the average net price to shippers for U. S. No. 1 grade size 10 dozen Golden celery during the stable price period was $2.77 per crate (Table 70). This may be compared with an average price of $3.12 for the same size, grade and type of celery on nine markets at which sizes smaller than 6 dozen made up 40 percent or more of the total volume

TABLE 70.—AVERAGE PRICES DURING THE STABLE PRICE PERIOD, JANUARY 22 - FEBRUARY 20, 1945, BY 18 FLORIDA FIRMS FOR SIZE 10 DOZEN GOLDEN AND SIZE 8 DOZEN PASCAL CELERY, 31 LEADING MARKETS,* CLASSIFIED AS TO THE PROPORTION OF RECEIPTS SMALLER THAN SIZE 6 DOZEN GOLDEN AND SIZE 4 DOZEN PASCAL.

	Number of Markets	Number of Lots Sold	Number of Crates	Average Net Price to Shippers per Crate
Proportion of Receipts on Each Market Smaller Than Size 6 Dozen Golden by:		Golden, U. S. No. 1 Grade Size 10 Dozen		
Less than 20%	13	54	2,243	$2.77
20% to 39%	9	129	6,825	2.99
40% or more	9	144	8,733	3.12
Proportion of Receipts on Each Market Smaller Than Size 4 Dozen Pascal by:		Pascal, U. S. No. 1 Grade Size 8 Dozen		
Less than 20%	12	6	120	$2.23
20% to 39%	14	59	2,986	2.87
40% or more	5	65	4,216	3.30

* Markets that received 20,000 or more crates of celery from 18 Florida firms.