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CELERY: Planting of New York's celery is just getting underway. Continued cool weather has delayed planting. Planting in Michigan is off to a slow start. Spring planting was delayed due to below normal temperatures and a switch to later maturing varieties by some growers.

The crop is currently in good condition in Florida. Cutting is steady in both the Everglades and Central areas. Yields in recent weeks have been below a year earlier. Quality has been good with sizes peaking on 2 1/2 - 3 dozen per crate.

Celery harvest continued seasonally in the South Coast of California. Nearly 400 acres were abandoned in Ventura County. Freezing temperatures after transplanting resulted in bolting as they matured. Transplanting in the Central Coast continued at a seasonal pace.

## CELERY PLANTINGS BY SELECTED STATES, 1987, 1988, AND 1989

STATE AND YEAR	AREA PLANTED						DEC - APR	AREA GROWING MAY 1
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR			
	ACRES							
CALIF	740	1,200	1,500	1,500	1,300	6,240	5,450	
FLA	935	1,260	1,120	1,015	145	4,475	1,960	
MICH					390	390	390	
NY					40	40	40	
FOUR STATE TOTAL								
1988-89	1,675	2,460	2,620	2,515	1,875	11,145	7,840	
1987-88	2,075	2,620	2,890	2,740	1,845	12,170	8,685	

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STATE, AREA, AND YEAR	AREA PLANTED						AREA GROWING MAY 1	
	DEC	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	DEC- APR	1988	1989
ACRES								
CALIF-TRANSPLANTED:								
ORANGE-RIVERSIDE								
IMPERIAL-SAN DIEGO:	40	100	50			190	130	100
VENTURA	700	1,100	1,100	800	100	3,800	3,450	3,100
SANTA MARIA-OCEANO			150	300	400	850	750	850
SALINAS-WATSON- VILLE-OTHER			200	400	800	1,400	1,420	1,400
TOTAL 1988-89	740	1,200	1,500	1,500	1,300	6,240		5,450
TOTAL 1987-88	885	1,450	1,550	1,780	1,120	6,785	5,750	
SEEDED:								
ORANGE-RIVERSIDE								
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TOTAL SEEDINGS & TRANSPLANTINGS:								
1988-89	740	1,200	1,500	1,500	1,300	6,240		5,450
1987-88	885	1,450	1,550	1,830	1,170	6,885	5,850	
FLA:TRANSPLANTED:								
CENTRAL	95	265	285	290	145	1,080	945	750
EVERGLADES	840	995	835	725		3,395	1,390	1,210
TOTAL 1988-89	935	1,260	1,120	1,015	145	4,475		1,960
TOTAL 1987-88	1,190	1,170	1,340	910	175	4,785	2,335	
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