

**§ 967.36 Marketable Quantity.**

(a) Whenever the committee recommends and the Secretary finds on the basis of such recommendations or other information, that limiting the total quantity of celery to be handled during a marketing season, or revising a Marketable Quantity previously established, would tend to effectuate the declared policy of the act, he shall establish the Marketable Quantity which handlers may handle as first handlers for such season, or revise a previously established Marketable Quantity.

(b) When a Marketable Quantity is established for any season, no handler may handle any harvested celery during such season unless (1) it is within the Marketable Allotment of a producer who has a Base Quantity pursuant to § 967.38, and (2) such producer authorized the first handler thereof to purchase or otherwise handle it.

**§ 967.37 Base Quantities.**

(a)(1) Base Quantities for producers with a history of production and order participation for the period 1965-66 through 1976-77 shall be Base Quantities in effect for the 1976-77 season, as recorded by the Florida Celery Committee on December 15, 1976, subject to modifications relating to current production and marketing experience specified in (b) through (e) of this section, or to transfers pursuant to § 967.39.

(2) Base Quantities for other producers shall be established pursuant to Base Quantity reserve as specified in paragraph (d) of this section, subject to modifications relating to current production and marketing experience specified in (b) through (e) of this section, or to transfer pursuant to § 967.39.

(b) Periodically, but at least once each five years, the committee shall review Base Quantities and recommend any changed in the formula, to be prescribed by the Secretary, for determining Base Quantities which may be deemed appropriate.

(c) The committee may recommend rules pertaining to producers who wish to obtain, hold, or transfer Base Quantities or Marketable Allotments. Such rules shall be subject to approval of the Secretary and may require producers to file reports and information with re-

spect thereto, including but not limited to quantities marketed in the representative period, their qualifications as producers, as well as particulars on sale and handling of celery as a result of any Base Quantities or Marketable Allotments that may be issued to them.

(d)(1) Beginning with the 1978-79 season, a reserve in the amount of six percent of the total Base Quantities shall be established annually. Such reserve shall be used for the issuance of Base Quantities to new producers and adjustments in Base Quantities for producers with existing Base Quantities, with 50 percent being made available for new producers and 50 percent available for adjustments for producers with existing Base Quantities.

(2) Base Quantities issued to new producers shall be permanent, subject to requirements of § 967.37(e). Base Quantities issued to new producers shall not be transferable within three years after issuance. Any adjustments in Base Quantities issued to producers with existing Base Quantities shall be effective for one season only and a new request by such producers for adjustment in Base Quantity shall be submitted each season.

(3) The committee may recommend rules for establishing such reserve and for procedures whereby persons may apply for Base Quantities thereunder. Such rules shall be subject to approval by the Secretary. Rules may provide for open informal hearings by the committee on applicants' requests and may establish guides or standards for equitable and thorough consideration of pertinent factors relating to each case, including but not limited to past production of celery by applicant, acreage planted, average yields, the production capacity of the farm or land the applicant expects to use, land, labor, and equipment available to applicant for celery production, economic and marketing factors, and other factors deemed pertinent.

(4) Each person filing an application hereunder for a new Base Quantity or adjustment in an established Base Quantity shall be notified by the committee of its determination thereon. Such determination and considerations appertaining thereto shall be subject to

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review by the Secretary. If a Base Quantity is issued to an applicant hereunder, the requirements of § 967.38(c) shall then apply.

(e) A condition for the continuing validity of a Base Quantity is production of celery thereunder. If no bona fide effort is made to produce and sell celery thereunder for two consecutive seasons commencing with the 1977-78 season, the Base Quantity may be declared invalid due to lack of use and cancelled at the end of the second season of non-production. The committee shall determine criteria, subject to approval by the Secretary, as to whether a bona fide effort has been made to produce and sell celery, including one requirement that the producer must have sold at least 50 percent of each of his seasonal Marketable Allotments, unless prevented from doing so by acts of God or other circumstances beyond his control.

(f) Annual registration of Base Quantity holders will be required no later than May 1 or such other date as may be approved pursuant to regulations. For the 1977-78 season Base Quantity holders shall register within 30 days following the effective date of this part but no later than July 31, 1977. Any Base Quantity holder who does not register or who has not made firm and substantial commitments to produce celery for the forthcoming season shall have his Base Quantity eliminated from the calculations in determining the Uniform Percentage. However, such procedure will not cause the Base Quantity holder to lose his Base Quantity.

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**§ 967.38 Marketable Allotments.**

(a) When the Secretary establishes a season's Marketable Quantity, a percentage shall be determined by dividing the amount fixed as the season's Marketable Quantity by the total Base Quantities of producers who have registered with the committee pursuant to § 967.37(f).

(b) The Marketable Allotment for each producer shall be established by the committee by multiplying his Base Quantity by the appropriate Uniform Percentage. The resulting amount

shall be his Marketable Allotment for a season. The committee shall notify each producer of his allotment.

(c) After a producer has been notified of his Marketable Allotment, he shall, in turn, notify the committee, on forms furnished by it, the handler or handlers who will first handle all or a portion of his Marketable Allotment for the ensuing season, as well as the number of crates each such handler will so handle. This information shall be sent by the committee to the respective handlers.

(d) If the committee recommends and the Secretary approves, that no season's Marketable Quantity be established, the Marketable Allotment of each producer shall be unlimited.

(e) When the Marketable Quantity is equal to or smaller than total Base Quantities, the first 37,500 crates of each producer's Base Quantity shall be subtracted from both the Marketable Quantity and total Base Quantities when the Uniform Percentage is calculated in this section (§ 967.38(a)), and the Uniform Percentage for the first 37,500 crates will be 100 percent. In the event the Marketable Quantity exceeds total Base Quantities, there shall be no exemption for the first 37,500 crates and the Uniform Percentage shall be applied to each producer's total Base Quantity.

(f) Marketable allotments shall be issued only to producers who have registered by May 1, or such other date prescribed by the Secretary, and indicated firm and substantial commitments for the production of celery for the forthcoming season.

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**§ 967.39 Transfers.**

(a) Producers' Base Quantities or Marketable Allotments, or both, may be transferred upon appropriate requests therefor, pursuant to § 967.37 and upon approval of the committee.

(b) Any producer with a Base Quantity may request a transfer of all or a portion of his Base Quantity for a specified period of time.

(c) Any producer with a Marketable Allotment may request a transfer of all or a portion of his Marketable Allotment during a current season.