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U.S. FLOWER MARKET AND PERCENT IMPORTS

The following table is based on 1985 statistics.

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<u>Crop</u>	<u>Number of Units (millions)</u>			<u>Imports, % of Market</u>
	<u>U.S. Sales</u>	<u>Imports</u>	<u>Total</u>	
Std. Carnation	290.3	715.1	1,005.4	71.1
Mini-Carnation (bu)	11.5	8.5	20.0	42.7
Std. Mum	59.5	40.1	99.6	40.3
Pompon Mum	37.1	68.5	105.7	64.9
Roses, teas	370.3	173.2*	649.7	26.7
Roses, sweetheart	106.2	---		

\* both types.

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TRENDS OF FLOWER IMPORTS

Total Imports (all countries, million stems)

<u>Year</u>	<u>Roses</u>	<u>Pompons</u>	<u>Std. Carnations</u>
1971	1.0	12.3	33.2
1975	4.2	75.8	163.3
1979	35.0	218.6	362.3
1982	90.1	318.2	497.6
1985	173.2	411.3	714.5

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Sincerely,

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