EXCERPT FROM RECORDED INTERVIEW WITH TED MELGENAK TALKING ABOUT WILD CELERY

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PP: Do you like the wild celery?

TM: The wild celery we get them too. But there're two different kinds. One with no -- big deal on the sides on them? Get one with that big kind of a ball on the ends. We pick them. They're the ones we eat.

PP: Those should be coming out pretty soon.

TM: Yeah, pretty soon. They're really good when they're fresh. When you peel them they come right off of the peel.

PP: I understand if you wait too late you get blisters. Or if you don't peel 'em.

TM: Later on they get too hard. They get long and they get -- get 'em when they're about halfway grown, they're best.