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ONIONS: Spring onion production is forecast at 7.04 million cwt (319 thousand metric tons), up 8 percent from last year but 1 percent below two years ago. Area for harvest is set at 23.2 thousand acres (9390 hectares), up 5 percent from last year and 10 percent above 1986. The average yield is calculated at 303 cwt per acre, up 2 percent from last year but 11 percent below two years ago.

Harvest is active in California and should finish in the last half of June. Growing conditions were generally normal except for some heat damage in the Fresno area. Arizona harvest is slow because of low prices and some fields may not be dug. Texas spring onions are yielding well with harvest now past it's peak. Digging is nearly finished in the Rio Grande Valley and is winding down in Laredo.

STRAWBERRIES: Winter damage was limited in New Jersey but frosts caused light to moderate damage to early berries. Cool weather in May delayed development. Harvest is expected to be 7-10 days later than normal.

The Michigan crop is later than normal because of the cool spring. Harvest is expected to be delayed 4 or 5 days in most areas. Irrigation is being used to guard against frost damage at night and to offset the hot, dry days.

Weather conditions have been good in Louisiana. There were some heavy frosts early in the year but the growing season has been long with good yields.

Oregon's crop is in good condition but is expected to be less than last year's record. There was very little frost damage but a cool, rainy spring delayed the season. There have been some disease problems but they are very limited at this time. Harvest is expected to begin about June 5 and peak in mid-June.

The cool spring weather reduced pollination and set in Washington. Yields are expected to be below last year's level.

VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET

CROP AND STATE	AREA			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
	HARVESTED			FOR					
	HARVEST			1986	1987	1988	1986	1987	1988
	1986	1987	1988						
	ACRES			CWT			1,000 CWT		
ONIONS:									
SPRING									
ARIZ	1,200	1,300	1,200	550	450	450	660	585	540
CALIF	7,800	8,200	8,000	370	390	410	2,886	3,198	3,280
TEX	12,000	12,500	14,000	300	220	230	3,600	2,750	3,220
GROUP TOTAL	21,000	22,000	23,200	340	297	303	7,146	6,533	7,040
STRAW-									
BERRIES: 1/									
WINTER									
FLA	4,900	4,900	5,000	185	225	270	907	1,103	1,350
SPRING									
CALIF	15,600	16,800	17,000	505	490	500	7,878	8,232	8,500
LA	550	600	700	62	72	75	34	43	53
MICH	2,400	2,200	2,100	60	60	65	144	132	137
N J	900	800	700	42	53	50	38	42	35
OREG	7,300	7,800	7,800	87	120	115	635	936	900
WASH	2,800	2,500	2,200	50	96	77	140	240	169
GROUP TOTAL	29,550	30,700	30,500	300	314	321	8,869	9,625	9,794
MAJOR STATES :									
TOTAL	34,450	35,600	35,500	284	301	314	9,776	10,728	11,144

1/ INCLUDES FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING.

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