Vegetables



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HIGHLIGHTS

PROCESSING VEGETABLES

Processing production for the 4 major vegetables is forecast at 11.2 million tons (10.2 million metric tons), up 12 percent from last year.

FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES

STRAWBERRIES: Production in the major producing States is estimated at 9.50 million cwt (431 thousand metric tons), up 12 percent from 1983.

ONIONS: Production of onions in all seasonal groups is forecast at 41.1 million cwt (1.86 million metric tons), a gain of 7 percent from last year, but 1 percent below 1982. Summer storage onions should produce 20.8 million cwt (944 thousand metric tons), up 8 percent from last year.

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ONIONS: Total U.S. onion production is forecast at 41.1 million cwt (1.86 million metric tons), up 7 percent from last year, but 1 percent below 1982. Area for harvest is estimated at 126 thousand acres (51.2 thousand hectares), up 4 percent from last year and 1 percent from 1982. The average yield at 325 cwt per acre is expected to be up 9 cwt from last year but 8 cwt below two years ago.

Spring onion production totaled 6.90 million cwt (313 thousand metric tons), up 4 percent from last year but 4 percent below 1982. Area for harvest at 28.4 thousand acres (11.5 thousand metric tons) inched up 1 percent from last year, but remained 2 percent below 1982. The average yield was 243 cwt per acre, up 8 cwt from 1983. Spring onions were valued at \$107 million, a sharp jump from last year. The average price at \$15.40 per cwt was \$4.60 above 1983. Production was up one-fourth from last year in both Arizona and California but Texas output declined 12 percent.

Summer - non storage onions produced 3.38 million cwt (153 thousand metric tons) in 1984, the same as last year. Area harvested at 11.2 thousand acres (4530 hectares) was down slightly from 1983, but the average yield at 302 cwt per acre gained 3 cwt.

Summer storage onions (excluding California) are expected to produce 20.8 million cwt (944 thousand metric tons), up 8 percent from 1983 and 2 percent above 1982. Area for harvest, at 58.3 thousand acres (23.6 thousand hectares), was up 7 percent from the past 2 years. The average yield of 357 cwt per acre was up 6 cwt from last year but 20 cwt below two years ago.

California production (mostly processing) is forecast at 9.98 million cwt (452 thousand metric tons), up 9 percent from last year, but 4 percent below 1982. Heat damaged some fields where high temperatures were above 100 degrees during 20 consecutive days. Onions in the three Northwest States were hurt by a cool, wet spring. Washington onion size will be smaller, but quality remains good. In Oregon, there were late plantings and reduced stands on bottom lands, but onions on higher "mineral soils" of the Willamette Valley are looking very good and should yield well. In Idaho, a hot summer, coupled with intermittent hailstorms and dry weather also hurt the onion crop. Tops in some fields are going down rapidly, and fewer jumbos are expected. Utah growers reported a fair crop despite some hail damage. Yields are expected to be about the same as last year.

Minnesota harvest began the last week of August. Yields are expected to be only fair due to recent dryness. Michigan onions are of good to excellent quality. Size is above normal in Western Counties but slightly below normal in the Central growing area. Harvest in Ohio started near the middle of August and about 10 percent of the acreage was harvested by month's end. The crop is late, but quality is good. In New York, growth is behind normal. Many onions were planted late due to adverse weather conditions early in the season and they need additional growing time.

STRAWBERRIES: Production in the major producing States during 1984 is estimated at 9.50 million cwt (431 thousand metric tons), 12 percent above last year. This year's crop is expected to average 300 cwt per acre compared with 272 cwt a year ago.

VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET

	VEGETAD	LES FOR FRE				,
. CROP	•	AREA		YIELI	D PER ACE	E
AND STATE	HAR VE		FOR : HARVEST : 1984	1982	1983 : :	1984
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	ACRES			CWT	
ONIONS: SPRING 1/	29,000	28,200	28,400	247	235	243
SUMMER 1/ NON-STORAGE TOTAL	12,250	11,300	11,200	293	299	302
STORAGE: 1/ COLO IDAHO & MALHEUR MICH MINN N Y OHIO OREG - OTHER UTAH WASH WIS SUBTOTAL	9,300 -12,200 7,300 800 14,000 -570 2,700 2,000 3,900 1,500 54,270	10,400 12,700 7,400 790 13,300 550 2,500 1,900 3,500 1,600 54,640	11,200 13,700 7,600 700 14,100 520 3,200 1,900 3,800 1,600 58,320	350 505 320 210 325 290 420 365 380 330 377	330 520 310 200 210 350 420 300 440 345 351	330 515 315 250 240 390 400 300 420 285 357
CALIF 2/	29,700	27,400	28,500	350	335	350
TOTAL SUMMER	96,220	93,340	98,020	358	340	349
US	125,220	121,540	126,420 PRODUCTIO		316	325
	1982	? ;	1983	:	1984	
ONIONS: SPRING 1/	7,1	73	1,000 CW1	Ī	6,90	I
SUMMER 1/ NON-STORAGE TOTAL	: : : 3,59	92	3,383		3,380)
STORAGE: 1/ COLO IDAHO & MALHEUR MICH MINN N Y OHIO OREG - OTHER UTAH WASH WIS SUBTOTAL	: 1,48	52 58 50 55 34 30 32	3,432 6,604 2,294 158 2,793 193 1,050 570 1,540 552		3,699 7,056 2,394 179 3,384 200 1,280 570 1,596 456 20,810	5
CALIF 2/	: : 10,39	95	9,179		9,97	5
TOTAL SUMMER	: : 34,40	54	31,748		34,16	5
U S	: : 41,6:	37 	38,370		41,06	5

^{1/} PRIMARILY FRESH MARKET. 2/ PRIMARILY FOR PROCESSING.

ONIONS FOR FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING

SEASON		,	AREA			: YIE	D PER ACRE
SEASON AND STATE	PL.	ANTED	:	HARVES	TED	: : 1983	: 3 : 1984
STAIL	1983	: 1984	: 19	83 :	1984	:	: 1904
	:	1	ACRES			3	CWT
SPRING: 1/ ARIZ CALIF TEX GROUP TOTAL	1,700 7,600 19,200 28,500	2,200 7,700 20,600 30,500	7, 17,	600 600 000 200	2,100 7,700 18,600 28,400	410 285 200 235	390 355 180 243
	PRODUC	TION :			VALUE		
	. 1983 :	: 1984 :	PE	R CWT	:	T(TAL
	:	:	1983	: 19	34 :	1983	: 1984
	1,000	CWT	DO	LLARS	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	1,000	DOLLARS
SPRING: 1/ ARIZ CALIF TEX GROUP TOTAL	656 2,166 3,800 6,622	819 2,734 3,348 6,901	8.06 10.80 11.20 10.80	12. 19.	.15 .10 .70 .40	5,287 23,393 42,560 71,240	7,494 33,081 65,956 106,531

^{1/} PRIMARILY FRESH MARKET.

STRAWBERRIES FOR FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING

SEASON		,	AREA				: YIEI	D PE	R ACRE
AND STATE	PL/	ANTED	:	HAR	/ESTED		: -: 1983	:	1984
SIMIC	1983	: 1984	: 19	83	: 19	84	: 130	:	1304
		,	ACRES					CWT	
WINTER: FLA	5 , 400	5,200	5,	400	5,	100	190		170
SPRING: CALIF MICH N J OREG WASH GROUP TOTAL	12,000 2,800 1,000 7,000 3,100 25,900	13,300 2,800 1,100 6,800 3,000 27,000	2, 1, 6, 3,	000 700 000 900 100 700	2, 1, 6, 3,	300 700 000 600 000 600	520 60 50 115 62 289		570 70 50 92 69 325
MAJOR STS TOTAL	31,300	32,200	31,	100	31,	700	272		300
	PRODUC	ΓΙΟΝ :			۷	ALUE			
	1983	: 1984 :	PE	R CW	Γ	:	T	OTAL	
	;	:	1983	:	1984	:	1983	:	1984
	1,000	CWT	DO	LLARS	3		1,000	DOLL	ARS
WINTER: FLA	1,026	867	51.20		44.70		52,531		38,755
SPRING: CALIF MICH N J OREG WASH GROUP TOTAL MAJOR STS TOTAL:	6,240 162 50 794 192 7,438	7,581 189 50 607 207 8,634 9,501	44.80 51.90 51.10 39.00 40.50 44.20		40.80 37.40 59.30 24.90 25.90 39.30	;	279,283 8,412 2,555 30,988 7,777 329,015	3	09,140 7,076 2,965 15,138 5,355 39,674

PROCESSING VEGETABLES

SWEET CORN: Production of contracted sweet corn is forecast at 2.60 million tons (2.36 million metric tons), a gain of 18 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest jumped 9 percent to 433 thousand acres (175 thousand hectares), while the average yield expectation increased 8 percent.

In Washington, harvest of sweet corn for processing is progressing well. Late spring planting and cool nighttime temperatures have delayed maturity in some areas. Wind damage caused the loss of some fields. Oregon harvest just started, one to two weeks later than normal. Maturity is slow because of late planting and cool nights during the past week. Lower Idaho yields are due in part to insect damage. Cool, wet spring conditions and hot summer days have also hurt yields. Processors expect some bunching of harvest.

In Wisconsin, yields of early plantings were quite variable due to a late, wet spring. Later corn in the northern two-thirds of the State had good weather conditions sustaining above average yields. Illinois yields have been good from early planted fields. Dry weather caused pollination problems in some late planted fields and will limit yields.

The New York crop is in good condition although early yields were affected by wet weather during planting season. Recent rains should insure normal growth and yields. The Pennsylvania crop is very good, with good yields. In Maryland and Delaware, yields were a record high and some dumping was reported. Maryland harvest was nearly finished by the end of August.

TOMATOES: Processing tomato production is forecast at 7.52 million tons (6.82 million metric tons), 9 percent above last year. Acreage for harvest, at 293 thousand acres contracted (118 thousand hectares), gained 3 percent.

Harvest of California's processing tomato crop is past the peak but still quite active. Weather has been favorable since the long hot spell ended in July, although temperatures since then have been over 100 degrees several days. Harvest is slowing in the central San Joaquin Valley and remains active in the Sacramento Valley, Coastal areas and the Northern San Joaquin Valley. The Colorado crop is in good condition with expected yields slightly more than last year. Harvest is underway, although continually threatened by locally severe storms.

Michigan's tomato crop looks good and excellent yields are expected. In Ohio, current growing conditions point to an excellent tomato crop, although about one week late. Early harvest weather has been excellent for machine harvest. Poor New Jersey weather conditions early in the growing season got the crop off to a slow start but improved conditions have raised prospects. Most yields are very good and harvest is progressing rapidly. In Maryland, tomato harvest was 90 percent complete as of August 26. Virginia harvest is past peak. Yields were generally good, but some ripe fields were lost because of heavy rains.

PROCESSING VEGETABLES: PRELIMINARY AREA AND INDICATED PRODUCTION BY CROPS, UNITED STATES, 1984 WITH COMPARISONS (DOMESTIC UNITS)

	:	HARVESTE	ED AREA	
CROP	:	: 198	33	: INDICATED
	: 1982 : TOTAL	TOTAL :	CONTRACT	: 1984 : CONTRACT
	•	ACF	RES	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •
ALL PROCESSING 1/ SNAP BEANS SWEET CORN GREEN PEAS TOMATOES	204,410 446,900 303,830 295,300	197,130 398,700 301,600 292,220	185,050 397,100 301,600 284,320	197,050 432,900 334,150 292,640
TOTAL	1,250,440	1,189,650	1,168,070	1,256,740
		(METRIC HECTA		
ALL PROCESSING SNAP BEANS SWEET CORN GREEN PEAS TOMATOES	82 720 180 860 122 960 119 500	79 780 161 350 122 050 118 260	74 890 160 700 122 050 115 060	79 740 175 190 135 230 118 430
TOTAL	506 040	481 440	472 700	508 590
		PRODUC	CTION	
•	1982	198	33	INDICATED 1984
	TOTAL	TOTAL	: CONTRACT	CONTRACT
	•	101	VS	
ALL PROCESSING 1/ SNAP BEANS SWEET CORN GREEN PEAS TOMATOES	643,860 2,740,450 496,290 7,298,990	587,400 2,210,570 416,110 7,032,200	557,560 2,202,310 416,110 6,877,060	608,040 2,596,260 486,190 7,521,970
TOTAL	11,179,590	10,246,280	10,053,040	11,212,460
·	:	(METRIC METRIC	UNITS) C TONS	
ALL PROCESSING SNAP BEANS SWEET CORN GREEN PEAS TOMATOES	584 100 2 486 080 450 220 6 621 500	532 880 2 005 380 377 490 6 379 470	505 810 1 997 890 377 490 6 238 730	551 600 2 355 280 441 060 6 823 780
TOTAL	10 141 900	9 295 220	9 119 920	10 171 720

^{1/ 1983} ESTIMATES FOR SNAP BEANS AND GREEN PEAS CARRIED FORWARD FROM EARLIER FORECASTS.

SWEET CORN FOR PROCESSING

	·	HARVESTE) AREA	***************************************
STATE	1982	: 1983	}	: INDICATED
	TOTAL	: TOTAL :	CONTRACT	
		ACRES		
DEL IDAHO ILL MD MINN N Y OREG PA WASH WIS	3,900 21,500 38,400 8,600 119,300 24,600 45,500 4,500 51,700 122,200	4,000 14,100 34,500 9,200 108,400 25,500 38,800 3,700 36,900 117,900	4,000 14,100 34,400 9,200 108,400 25,100 38,600 3,700 36,900 117,300	4,300 17,500 39,200 10,000 116,900 29,000 40,800 3,700 37,000 128,000
OTH STS 1/	6,700	5,700	5,400	6,500
US	446,900	398,700	397,100	432,900
	YIELD PER	ACRE :	PRODU	CTION
	: 1982 : 1983	:INDICATED: : 1984 : 1982	: 198	3 : INDICATED
	TOTAL : TOTAL		: TOTAL	: CONTRACT : CONTRACT
	,	TO	NS	
DEL IDAHO ILL MD MINN N Y OREG PA WASH WIS OTH STS 1/	5.28 4.58 8.71 8.32 4.88 4.19 4.61 3.47 5.73 4.60 5.27 5.21 9.01 8.55 3.61 2.48 9.08 9.02 4.60 4.82	7.90 187,270 5.40 187,390 5.30 39,650 5.50 683,590 5.60 129,640 8.80 409,960 5.20 16,250 8.80 469,440 4.90 562,120	117,310 144,560 31,920 498,640 132,860 331,740 9,180 332,840 568,280	18,320 23,650 117,310 138,250 144,100 211,680 31,920 53,000 498,640 642,950 130,600 162,400 329,600 359,040 9,180 19,240 332,840 325,600 566,100 627,200
US	6.13 5.54	6.00 2,740,450	2,210,570	2,202,310 2,596,260
1/ IND AN	ID IOWA.			

TOMATOES FOR PROCESSING 1/

	:	HARVESTE) AREA	
STATE	: 1982	: 1983	}	: INDICATED
	: TOTAL	: TOTAL :	CONTRACT	: CONTRACT
		ACRES	,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	****
CALIF	232,000	233,500	230,000	240,000
COLO DEL	: 860 : 1,200	1,100 840	1,100 840	1,000 530
IND	: 6,700	7,600	7,100	8,600
MD MICH	: 4,100	2,600	2,500	3,100
N J	: 9,700 : 5,600	9,200 4,400	8,200 4,000	7,300 4,000
OHIO	: 18,800	19,200	19,200	16,700
PA	5,000	5,000	4,800	3,600
TEX VA	2,700 1,800	1,700	1,300	1,200
OTH STS	6,840	7,080	5,280	6,610
U S	295,300	292,220	284,320	292,640
	YIELD PER	ACRE :	PRODUC ⁻	TION
		:INDICATED:	: 1983	
	: 1982 : 1983 : TOTAL : TOTAL	: 1984 : 1982 :CONTRACT : TOTAL	: TOTAL :	: 1984 CONTRACT : CONTRACT
	;	TO	ins	
CALIF	: 26.50 25.58	27.00 6,148,000		6,883,400 6,480,000
COLO	: 16.08 15.95 : 14.86 13.36	16.60 13,830		17,550 16,600
DEL IND	: 14.86 13.36 : 20.83 18.37	13.50 17,830 19.15 139,560		11,220 7,160 130,440 164,690
MD	: 15.76 13.57	15.00 64,620		34,250 46,500
MICH	: 21.10 19.90	23.00 204,670		162,000 167,900
N J OHIO	: 19.07 15.70 : 19.58 21.30	19.00 106,790 23.00 368,100		62,370 76,000 408,960 384,100
PA	: 16.85 16.43	19.15 84,250		79,130 68,940
TEX VA	: 9.10 : 15.36 7.36	24,570 12.75 27,650)	9,990 15,300
ОТН	: :	•	•	- ,
STS 2/	14.49 14.10	14.34 99,120	99,830	77,750 94,780
U S	: 24.72 24.06	25.70 7,298,990	7,032,200	5,877,060 7,521,970

^{1/ 1982 -} FLA, ILL, IOWA, N MEX, N Y, N C, UTAH, AND W VA.
1983 - ILL, IOWA, N MEX, N Y, N C, UTAH AND W VA.
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