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## Fresh Market Harvested Acreage Down 9 Percent

Acreage intended for harvest of the 1995 winter crop fresh market vegetables is estimated at 180,750 acres, down 9 percent from a year ago. Decreases in the acreages of broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, sweet corn, escarole/endive, celery, head lettuce, bell peppers, and tomatoes offset increasing acreages of snap beans, carrots, eggplant, and spinach. Winter strawberry acreage is forecast at 6,000 acres, up 3 percent from both last year and two years ago.

## Spring Onion Acreage Up Slightly

Acreage planted to spring onions is estimated at 38,700 acres for 1995, up slightly from 1994 and 17 percent more than two years ago.

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Selected Fresh Market Vegetables and Melons: Area for Harvest  
by Season, Major States, 1993-1995  
(Domestic Units)

Crop and Season	Area		
	Harvested		For Harvest 1995
	1993	1994	
	Acres		
Snap Beans	10,700	10,200	12,200
Broccoli <u>1/</u>	23,000	25,500	24,000
Cabbage	12,300	14,000	12,500
Carrots <u>1/</u>	25,000	24,800	25,600
Cauliflower <u>1/</u>	10,500	10,000	9,000
Celery <u>1/</u>	5,900	6,900	6,200
Sweet Corn	6,100	8,500	6,000
Eggplant	500	500	800
Escarole/Endive	1,300	1,100	450
Head Lettuce	67,100	71,500	60,500
Bell Pepper <u>1/</u>	5,300	6,200	6,000
Spinach	2,800	2,300	2,500
Tomatoes	17,300	16,300	15,000
Total Winter Crop	187,800	197,800	180,750

1/ Includes fresh market and processing.

Selected Fresh Market Vegetables and Melons: Area for Harvest  
by Season, Major States, 1993-1995  
(Metric Units)

Crop and Season	Area		
	Harvested		For Harvest 1995
	1993	1994	
	Hectares		
Snap Beans	4,330	4,130	4,940
Broccoli <u>1/</u>	9,310	10,320	9,710
Cabbage	4,980	5,670	5,060
Carrots <u>1/</u>	10,120	10,040	10,360
Cauliflower <u>1/</u>	4,250	4,050	3,640
Celery <u>1/</u>	2,390	2,790	2,510
Sweet Corn	2,470	3,440	2,430
Eggplant	200	200	320
Escarole/Endive	530	450	180
Head Lettuce	27,150	28,940	24,480
Bell Pepper <u>1/</u>	2,140	2,510	2,430
Spinach	1,130	930	1,010
Tomatoes	7,000	6,600	6,070
Total Winter Crop	76,000	80,070	73,140

1/ Includes fresh market and processing.

Selected Fresh Market Vegetables and Melons: Area for Harvest  
by Crop, State, and Total, Winter Season, 1993-95

Crop and State	Usual Harvest Period	Area			1995 as Percent of 1994
		Harvested		For	
		1993	1994	Harvest 1995	
		Acres			Percent
Snap Beans FL	Jan-Mar	10,700	10,200	12,200	120
Broccoli <u>1/</u> CA	Jan-Mar	23,000	25,500	24,000	94
Cabbage FL	Jan-Mar	6,000	5,800	5,500	95
TX	Jan-Mar	6,300	8,200	7,000	85
Total		12,300	14,000	12,500	89
Carrots <u>1/</u> CA	Jan-Mar	16,000	16,000	17,500	109
FL	Nov-Mar	5,500	4,800	4,000	83
TX	Dec-Mar	3,500	4,000	4,100	103
Total		25,000	24,800	25,600	103
Cauliflower <u>1/</u> CA	Jan-Mar	10,500	10,000	9,000	90
Celery <u>1/</u> CA	Jan-Mar	5,900	6,900	6,200	90
Sweet Corn FL	Jan-Mar	6,100	8,500	6,000	71
Eggplant FL	Jan-Mar	500	500	800	160
Escarole/Endive FL	Jan-Mar	1,300	1,100	450	41
Head Lettuce AZ - Western	Nov-Apr	47,500	50,000	43,000	86
CA	Dec-Apr	15,000	16,300	17,500	107
FL <u>2/</u>	Jan-Mar	4,300	5,200		
TX <u>2/</u>	Nov-Apr	300			
Total		67,100	71,500	60,500	85
Bell Pepper <u>1/</u> FL	Jan-Mar	5,300	6,200	6,000	97
Spinach TX	Jan-Mar	2,800	2,300	2,500	109
Tomatoes FL	Jan-Mar	17,300	16,300	15,000	92

1/ Includes fresh market and processing.

2/ Estimate discontinued.

**Onions and Strawberries for Fresh Market: Area Planted  
and Harvested by Crop, Season, and Total, 1993-95**

Crop, Season, and State	Planted Area			Harvested Area		
	1993	1994	1995	1993	1994	For Harvest 1995
	Acres					
Onions <u>1/</u>						
Spring						
AZ <u>2/</u>	1,400	1,700	1,400	1,300	1,600	
CA <u>2/</u>	8,500	7,200	8,000	7,500	6,700	
GA	8,700	11,000	11,600	8,300	10,300	11,400
TX	14,400	18,700	17,700	13,500	16,800	16,700
Total	33,000	38,600	38,700	30,600	35,400	
Strawberries <u>3/</u>						
Winter						
FL	5,800	5,800	6,000	5,800	5,800	6,000

1/ Primarily fresh market.

2/ 1995 - planting intentions - harvested acreage published Apr 15, 1995.

3/ Includes fresh market and processing.

**Onions:** Spring onions are planned for 38,700 acres in four States (Arizona, California, Georgia, and Texas) in 1995, up slightly from 1994 and 17 percent above 1993. Texas and Georgia expect to harvest 28,100 acres of spring onions this year, up 4 percent from a year ago. Estimates of acres for harvest in Arizona and California will be available in April.

Arizona growers have reduced planted acres 18 percent from a year ago. California spring onions are on a normal schedule with acreage expected to be up 11 percent. Planted acreage in Georgia is expected to be up 5 percent, with planting progress a little behind a year ago. Planted acreage is expected to be down 5 percent in Texas.

**Strawberries:** Winter strawberry crop acres intended for harvest in Florida are estimated at 6,000 acres, up 3 percent from both 1994 and two years ago. Early season storm damage was minimal, though development was delayed slightly. Growers reported good fruit quality, quantity, condition, and color. Picking started in November and continues gaining momentum.

**Snap Beans:** Acres intended for Florida's winter snap bean harvest are estimated at 12,200 acres, up 20 percent from last year and 14 percent more than in 1993. Heavy rains and strong winds during mid-November and early December reduced yield prospects and increased grade out for the winter crop. Some growers abandoned acreage planted for winter harvest due to the effects of these storms.

**Broccoli:** California harvested acreage is estimated at 24,000 acres, down 6 percent from last year but up 4 percent from 1993. Growers decreased acreage from a year ago in response to uncertain water supplies.

**Cabbage:** Acres intended for harvest are estimated at 12,500 acres, 11 percent less than last year but a 2 percent increase from 1993. In Florida, heavy rains during September, November, and December delayed planting and fall crop harvesting in the Hastings area. Cutting began during early December in southern areas and during late December and early January in the Hastings area.

**Carrots:** Harvested acreage is estimated at 25,600 acres, a 3 percent increase from last year and up 2 percent from 1993. Abundant moisture supplies have encouraged a larger winter harvest in California. Wet conditions in Florida delayed the maturity of some of the crop and reduced acreage for harvest. However, better conditions allowed the crop to recover and growers are beginning harvest.

**Cauliflower:** Acres intended for harvest in California are estimated at 9,000 acres, down 10 percent from last year and 14 percent from two years ago. Extra moisture improved crop prospects.

**Celery:** Acreage for harvest in California is estimated at 6,200 acres, off 10 percent from last year but 5 percent greater than two years ago. Rains delayed planting and harvesting of the crop. Most acreage is being shipped from the south coast area.

**Sweet Corn:** Acres intended for harvest in Florida are estimated at 6,000 acres, down 29 percent from last year and 2 percent less than in 1993. Heavy rains during mid-November caused some acreage abandonment around Lake Okeechobee. Rainfall in December and early January delayed winter crop plantings in all southern regions. Strong winds during the storms laid over and broke off some stalks in older fields.

**Eggplant:** Florida acreage for harvest is estimated at 800 acres, up 60 percent from both 1993 and 1994. The Dade county crop was recovering from late December storm damage. The crop in other areas was in good condition. Harvesting was active in all areas.

**Escarole/Endive:** Acreage intended for harvest in Florida is estimated at 450 acres, down 59 percent from last year and 65 percent less than in 1993. The harvest was active with a crop quality rated fair to good.

**Head Lettuce:** Acres for harvest in Arizona and California are estimated at 60,500 acres, down 9 percent from 1994 and 3 percent less than in 1993. A short desert supply in California has helped strengthen prices.

**Bell Peppers:** Acreage for harvest in Florida is estimated at 6,000 acres, down 3 percent from last year but up 13 percent from 1993. Heavy rains and strong winds during September, November, and December delayed planting, knocked blooms and young fruit off plants, and delayed harvesting in southern Florida. Many growers expect a crop with below normal yields.

**Spinach:** Acreage for harvest in Texas is estimated at 2,500 acres, up 9 percent from last year but down 11 percent from 1993. The crop was progressing normal with no unusual problems reported.

**Tomatoes:** Florida acreage intended for harvest is estimated at 15,000 acres down 8 percent from 1994 and 13 percent less than in 1993. Storms passing over the southern tomato regions mid-November and early December interrupted planting, blew blooms and immature fruit off plants, and delayed harvesting. The unfavorable conditions reduced the winter crop yield prospects.

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