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SUMMER NON-STORAGE ONION UP 32 PERCENT

Production of summer non-storage onions is forecast at 4.54 million cwt, up 32 percent from last year and 20 percent above two years ago. All three producing States (New Mexico, Texas, and Washington) show larger crops than a year ago. Acreage for harvest is set at 12.3 thousand acres, a gain of 7 percent over last year and 9 percent above 1986. The average yield is expected to hit 369 cwt per acre, 23 percent above last year and 10 percent above 1986.

Rain in July slowed harvest in New Mexico and Texas and led to the abandonment of 700 acres of onions. Otherwise, the New Mexico crop is producing well with harvest nearing completion. In the Texas High Plains, early field were hurt severely by early July rains. Harvest activity increased in late July but quality was down. Quality in the Trans-Pecos region remain generally good as harvest begin to wind down. Washington growers lost some onions because of summer heat, but size and quality are good.

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ONIONS FOR FRESH MARKET

CROP AND STATE	AREA			YIELD PER ACRE		
	HARVESTED		FOR	1986	1987	1988
	1986	1987	HARVEST			
	ACRES			CWT		
SPRING	21,000	22,000	23,200	340	297	303
SUMMER						
NON-STORAGE:						
N MEX	4,700	5,400	6,600	385	390	430
TEX	5,300	4,700	4,100	290	170	260
WASH	1,300	1,400	1,600	330	380	400
TOTAL	11,300	11,500	12,300	334	299	369
STORAGE	56,140	61,220	63,930	399	411	
CALIF 1/	26,900	29,000	26,600	370	340	
SUMMER TOTAL	94,340	101,720	102,830	383	378	
U S	115,340	123,720	126,030	375	364	
PRODUCTION						
	1986	:	1987	:	1988	
	1,000 CWT					
SPRING	7,146		6,533		7,040	
SUMMER						
NON-STORAGE:						
N MEX	1,810		2,106		2,838	
TEX	1,537		799		1,066	
WASH	429		532		640	
TOTAL	3,776		3,437		4,544	
STORAGE	22,426		25,167			
CALIF 1/	9,953		9,860			
SUMMER TOTAL	36,155		38,464			
U S	43,301		44,997			

1/ PRIMARILY FOR PROCESSING.

SNAP BEANS FOR PROCESSING

STATE	HARVESTED AREA						
	1986		1987		INDICATED		
	TOTAL	TOTAL	CONTRACT	1988			
				CONTRACT			
ACRES							
ARK	2,600	3,000	3,000			3,000	
ILL						7,800	
IND	1,600	5,800	5,800			4,600	
MICH	17,600	19,500	15,500			13,500	
MINN		5,200	5,200			6,000	
N Y	25,800	28,600	27,800			26,200	
OREG	22,300	20,300	20,300			20,000	
PA	4,500	6,600	6,200			5,300	
TENN	5,300	5,400	5,100			5,000	
WASH	1,200	1,100	1,100			700	
WIS	77,800	88,700	74,000			82,000	
OTH STS 1/	31,860	36,110	35,270			29,200	
U S	190,560	220,310	199,270			203,300	
YIELD PER ACRE : PRODUCTION							
1986		1987		1987		INDICATED	
TOTAL		TOTAL		TOTAL		CONTRACT	
TONS							
ARK	1.50	2.21	1.75	3,900	6,630	6,630	5,250
ILL			3.10				24,180
IND	2.68	2.74	1.75	4,290	15,890	15,890	8,050
MICH	2.40	2.20	1.80	42,240	42,900	34,100	24,300
MINN		3.35	2.50		17,420	17,420	15,000
N Y	2.34	2.47	1.90	60,370	70,640	68,440	49,780
OREG	6.22	5.81	6.25	138,710	117,940	117,940	125,000
PA	1.99	2.00	1.20	8,960	13,200	12,300	6,360
TENN	1.43	2.00	2.00	7,580	10,800	8,960	10,000
WASH	4.08	4.51	4.00	4,900	4,960	4,960	2,800
WIS	3.18	3.15	2.30	247,400	279,410	233,840	188,600
OTH STS 1/	2.86	2.67	2.33	91,050	96,510	95,200	68,120
U S	3.20	3.07	2.59	609,400	676,300	615,680	527,440
1/ 1986 - ALA, CALIF, DEL, FLA, GA, IDAHO, ILL, MD, MINN, MO, N J, N C, OHIO, OKLA, S C, TEX, UTAH, AND VA.							
1987 - ALA, CALIF, DEL, FLA, GA, IDAHO, ILL, MD, MO, N J, N C, OHIO, OKLA, S C, TEX, UTAH, AND VA.							
1988 - ALA, CALIF, DEL, FLA, GA, IDAHO, MD, MO, N J, N C, OHIO, OKLA, S C, TEX, UTAH, AND VA.							

PROCESSING SNAP BEANS DOWN 14 PERCENT

Processors forecast 14 percent fewer snap beans in 1988 than were harvested last year. Excessive heat and drought through the mid-section of the U.S. have severely damaged the crop. Contracted tonnage for this year is forecast at 527 thousand tons compared with 616 thousand tons last year and 575 thousand tons in 1986. Harvested area at 203 thousand acres is up 2 percent but yields are turning out much lower.

Hot summer temperatures with little moisture relief devastated snap bean fields from New York to Arkansas with average yields dropping from 20 to 40 percent from last year. Minnesota growers are faced with their lowest yields in 20 years. In Michigan, flower drop is common place and yields have suffered. New York processors may not make 80 percent of their budget due to poor pod fill and light set.

The West Coast States provide the only bright spot in this year's bean crop. Oregon harvest started late but yields and quality are good. California and Washington plants report good to ideal growing conditions.