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## FALL FRESH MARKET VEGETABLE AREA DOWN 1 PERCENT

The prospective area for harvest of 7 fresh market vegetables in major producing States during the fall season is estimated at 133 thousand acres (53.7 thousand hectares), 1 percent less than the area harvested during the fall of 1985. The 7 crops included in this group are broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, celery, sweet corn, lettuce, and tomatoes.

Honeydew melon area for harvest in the fall of 1986 is estimated at 3500 acres (1420 hectares), 17 percent more than 1985.

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PROSPECTIVE AREA FOR HARVEST, FALL SEASON,  
UNITED STATES  
(DOMESTIC UNITS)

CROP	AREA		
	HARVESTED		FOR HARVEST 1986
	1984	1985	
	ACRES		
WINTER	177,100	184,800	177,800
SPRING	169,300	174,550	167,050
SUMMER	292,350	292,410	290,670
FALL			
BROCCOLI 1/	25,600	23,200	22,800
CARROTS 1/	10,700	9,600	9,700
CAULIFLOWER 1/	15,100	14,000	13,600
CELERY 1/	9,100	10,300	9,900
SWEET CORN	14,100	13,100	10,400
LETTUCE	55,700	50,700	50,200
TOMATOES	12,800	12,500	16,100
TOTAL 7 VEGETABLES	143,100	133,400	132,700
HONEYDEW MELONS	3,200	3,000	3,500
TOTAL FALL CROP	146,300	136,400	136,200

1/ INCLUDES FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING.

PROSPECTIVE AREA FOR HARVEST, FALL SEASON,  
UNITED STATES  
(METRIC UNITS)

CROP	AREA		
	HARVESTED		FOR HARVEST 1986
	1984	1985	
	HECTARES		
WINTER	71,670	74,790	71,950
SPRING	68,510	70,640	67,600
SUMMER	118,310	118,340	117,630
FALL			
BROCCOLI	10,360	9,390	9,230
CARROTS	4,330	3,890	3,930
CAULIFLOWER	6,110	5,670	5,500
CELERY	3,680	4,170	4,010
SWEET CORN	5,710	5,300	4,210
LETTUCE	22,540	20,520	20,320
TOMATOES	5,180	5,060	6,520
TOTAL 7 VEGETABLES	57,910	54,000	53,720
HONEYDEW MELONS	1,300	1,210	1,420
TOTAL FALL CROP	59,210	55,210	55,140

VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET, PROSPECTIVE AREA FOR HARVEST,  
FALL SEASON

CROP AND STATE	USUAL HARVEST PERIOD	AREA			1986
		HARVESTED		FOR	AREA FOR
		1984	1985	1986	HARVEST AS PERCENT OF 1985
		ACRES			PERCENT
BROCCOLI: 1/ CALIF	OCT-DEC	25,600	23,200	22,800	98
CARROTS: 1/ CALIF - OTHER	OCT-DEC	9,000	8,400	8,400	100
TEX	AUG-NOV	1,700	1,200	1,300	108
GROUP TOTAL		10,700	9,600	9,700	101
CAULIFLOWER: 1/ CALIF	OCT-DEC	15,100	14,000	13,600	97
CELERY:					
CALIF - SOUTH COAST	OCT-DEC	1,900	2,800	2,500	89
- CENTRAL COAST	OCT-DEC	5,300	5,800	5,500	95
FLA	OCT-DEC	1,900	1,700	1,900	112
GROUP TOTAL		9,100	10,300	9,900	96
SWEET CORN:					
CALIF	OCT-DEC	1,100	1,000	1,100	110
FLA	OCT-DEC	13,000	12,100	9,300	77
GROUP TOTAL		14,100	13,100	10,400	79
HONEYDEW MELONS:					
ARIZ	SEP-NOV	300	600	1,000	167
CALIF	OCT-DEC	2,900	2,400	2,500	104
GROUP TOTAL		3,200	3,000	3,500	117
LETTUCE:					
ARIZ - OTHER	OCT-DEC	4,500	3,800	3,500	92
CALIF - BLYTHE	NOV-JAN	4,400	4,100	4,500	110
- CENTRAL COAST	SEP-DEC	29,200	26,800	26,800	100
- SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY	OCT-DEC	12,200	10,300	9,700	94
FLA	OCT-DEC	2,700	2,700	2,500	93
N J	AUG-OCT	1,300	1,400	1,300	93
N MEX	SEP-NOV	1,400	1,600	1,900	119
GROUP TOTAL		55,700	50,700	50,200	99
TOMATOES:					
FLA	OCT-DEC	12,300	12,000	15,700	131
TEX	NOV-FEB	500	500	400	80
GROUP TOTAL		12,800	12,500	16,100	129

1/ INCLUDES TOTAL FOR FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING USES.

VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET

CROP AND STATE	AREA			YIELD PER ACRE		
	HARVESTED		FOR	1984	1985	1986
	1984	1985	HARVEST			
	1984	1985	1986			
	ACRES			CWT		
ONIONS:						
SPRING 1/	28,600	26,000	23,000	241	281	340
SUMMER 1/ NON-STORAGE	11,100	9,900	10,200	302	282	355
STORAGE:						
COLO	12,200	12,600	10,800	380	425	375
IDAHO & MALHEUR	15,500	16,400	15,500	505	550	545
MICH	8,500	7,800	5,700	345	325	290
MINN	650	670	600	240	290	320
N Y	14,100	13,200	12,800	240	300	265
OHIO	500	490	470	410	450	350
OREG - OTHER	3,200	3,500	3,200	400	430	440
UTAH	2,200	1,600	1,400	315	450	340
WASH	4,300	4,300	4,400	450	410	420
WIS	1,600	1,300	1,200	340	335	340
SUBTOTAL	62,750	61,860	56,070	376	416	393
CALIF 2/	26,900	25,000	25,500	365	370	370
TOTAL SUMMER	100,750	96,760	91,770	365	390	382
U S	129,350	122,760	114,770	338	367	374
	PRODUCTION					
	1984		1985		1986	
	1,000 CWT					
ONIONS:						
SPRING 1/	6,887		7,304		7,824	
SUMMER 1/ NON-STORAGE	3,357		2,796		3,617	
STORAGE:						
COLO	4,636		5,355		4,050	
IDAHO & MALHEUR	7,828		9,020		8,448	
MICH	2,933		2,535		1,653	
MINN	156		194		192	
N Y	3,384		3,960		3,392	
OHIO	205		221		165	
OREG - OTHER	1,280		1,505		1,408	
UTAH	693		720		476	
WASH	1,935		1,763		1,848	
WIS	544		436		408	
SUBTOTAL	23,594		25,709		22,040	
CALIF 2/	9,819		9,250		9,435	
TOTAL SUMMER	36,770		37,755		35,092	
U S	43,657		45,059		42,916	

ONIONS: AREA INTENTIONS

STATE	PLANTED AREA			1987 AS PERCENT OF	
	1985	1986	INTENDED	1985	1986
			1987		
	ACRES			PERCENT	
SPRING 1/ TEX	18,000	17,000	13,000	72	76

1/ PRIMARILY FRESH MARKET. 2/ PRIMARILY FOR PROCESSING.

BROCCOLI: Area of broccoli for harvest in California during the 1986 fall season is estimated at 22.8 thousand acres (9230 hectares), 2 percent less than acreage harvested during the fall of 1985.

CARROTS: Prospective acreage for harvest during the fall is estimated at 9700 acres (3930 hectares), 1 percent more than the same period a year ago.

Harvest is underway in the High Plains of Texas. Planting is complete in many areas of the valley and Winter-Garden with good growth reported.

Carrot volume in California is moderate with good quality in the Salinas area. Fields in Kings County are progressing well. Winter planting in the desert area is on schedule.

CAULIFLOWER: Area of California cauliflower for harvest during the fall season is estimated at 13.6 thousand acres (5500 hectares), down 3 percent from the same time a year ago.

California cauliflower is in moderate supply with good quality in both the Salinas and Santa Maria areas.

CELERY: The 1986 fall celery prospective acreage for harvest totals 9900 acres (4010 hectares), 4 percent less than acreage harvested during the fall of 1985.

Florida celery is in good to excellent condition and making good growth in all production areas. Transplanting continues active in the Everglades. Planting in the Central area was complete by mid-September. First harvest is expected by the end of October.

Celery harvest and transplanting continued active in California. Growing conditions have been excellent.

SWEET CORN: An estimated 10.4 thousand acres (4210 hectares) of sweet corn is expected to be harvested during the fall season. This is 21 percent less than a year ago.

In Florida, the sweet corn crop is making good progress. In the Everglades, early fields are making good growth with first harvest expected by mid-October. In the southeast, land preparation is progressing well for first plantings in early October. The Zellwood crop is in good condition. Light harvest was underway by late September.

California's sweet corn harvest is active in the Delta area, south coast, and Riverside County. In the Fresno area, corn is in the tasseling stage. Harvest is expected to begin soon in the Firebaugh District.

HONEYDEW MELONS: At 3500 acres (1420 hectares), the area for harvest during the fall season is 17 percent more than the fall quarter of 1985.

Arizona's fall honeydew plantings are in good condition. Harvest began during September and will be in full swing by mid-October.

Harvest of California's fall desert honeydew crop is expected to get underway by mid-October. Cool weather conditions have helped aid growth and development of the crop.

LETTUCE: Area of lettuce for harvest during the 1986 fall season is placed at 50.2 thousand acres (20.3 thousand hectares), a 1 percent decrease from the 1985 fall acreage.

Lettuce planting progressed at a rapid pace in the central areas of Arizona during September. Thinning took place and the crop is considered to be in good condition. Harvest began the week of September 28th in eastern Arizona.

Harvest is active in California's central coast districts. Cutting should begin in early October in the San Joaquin Valley as Salinas and Santa Maria volume starts to decrease.

In Florida, planting is active in both the Everglades and Zellwood areas. The early crop is making good progress with light harvest expected by late October.

Below normal temperatures in early September were beneficial for New Jersey fall lettuce quality but slowed growth. Iceberg lettuce harvest neared peak volume during the last week of September. Total fall lettuce supplies will be less than last year.

California broccoli movement has been moderate in the Salinas area and fairly heavy in the Santa Maria area with good quality. Fall harvest in the Westside area should begin around mid-October.

Heavy rains in New Mexico, just after seeding, washed out some acreage which was not replanted. Quality is good.

TOMATOES: Prospective area of tomatoes for harvest during the fall is estimated at 16.1 thousand acres (6520 hectares), 29 percent more than last year's fall harvested acres.

The fall tomato crop is in mostly good condition in all areas. In the Palmetto-Ruskin area, younger fields are bushing out extremely well while older fields are setting and sizing fruit. Harvest is expected to commence around mid-October. In the southwest and Pompano areas, transplanting continues active. Early plantings are blooming and setting fruit. Planting in Dade County was underway by September 1, well ahead of last year. Early Seeded acreage is up to a good stand and growing rapidly in near ideal weather.

Texas tomatoes are making good growth in the Rio Granda Valley; however, hot temperatures are slowing fruit set.

STORAGE ONIONS: Production of summer, storage onions (except California) is now forecast at 22.0 million cwt (1.00 million metric tons), down 14 percent from last year and 7 percent below 1984. September rains caused the loss of 5 percent of the September 1 forecast, including 2 thousand acres flooded out in Michigan and Wisconsin. Area for harvest now stands at 56.1 thousand acres (22.7 thousand hectares), down 9 percent from last year and 11 percent below 1984. The average yield dropped 8 cwt to 393 cwt per acre as a result of rain damage during September.

Heavy rains virtually stopped onion harvest in Michigan, Wisconsin, and New York. Waterlogged fields have caused extensive acreage to be abandoned. Ohio harvest is essentially complete and quality is good. In Minnesota, harvest was completed early in the Hollandale area with good yields and quality.

Harvest in Western States was also delayed by rain during September, with lower yields than last year reflected in Colorado, Utah, and Idaho.

SPRING ONIONS FOR 1987: Texas growers intend to plant 13 thousand acres (5260 hectares) of onions for harvest in the spring of 1987, a decline of nearly one-fourth from 1986.

# TOMATOES FOR PROCESSING

STATE	HARVESTED AREA							
	1985				INDICATED			
	1984		TOTAL		CONTRACT		1986	
	TOTAL		TOTAL		CONTRACT		CONTRACT	
ACRES								
CALIF	239,700		217,000		215,000		215,000	
COLO	990		860		860		720	
DEL	820		1,100		1,000			
IND	7,600		6,800		6,600		6,400	
MD	2,900		2,300		2,200		1,700	
MICH	7,400		6,600		6,400		5,600	
N J	4,000		4,200		3,800		3,100	
OHIO	15,900		15,900		15,900		15,000	
PA	3,300		2,800		2,800		3,100	
VA	1,200		1,400		1,300			
OTH STS 1/	8,060		6,540		5,080		5,720	
U S	291,870		265,500		260,940		256,340	
	YIELD PER ACRE				PRODUCTION			
	TOTAL		INDICATED:		1985		INDICATED	
	1986		1984		1985		1986	
	1984	1985	CONTRACT	TOTAL	TOTAL	CONTRACT	CONTRACT	
TONS								
CALIF	27.50	28.12	29.90	6,591,750	6,102,040	6,045,800	6,428,500	
COLO	13.96	20.12	16.40	13,820	17,300	17,300	11,810	
DEL	18.09	12.67		14,830	13,940	12,280		
IND	21.32	20.60	19.35	162,030	140,080	137,770	123,840	
MD	18.13	17.90	15.00	52,580	41,170	40,160	25,500	
MICH	23.50	25.20	25.00	173,900	166,320	162,540	140,000	
N J	19.66	21.95	17.20	78,640	92,190	82,140	53,320	
OHIO	24.50	25.47	25.00	389,550	404,970	404,970	375,000	
PA	18.13	19.45	18.20	59,830	54,460	54,460	56,420	
VA	12.00	18.00		14,400	25,200	23,400		
OTH STS 1/	16.11	18.27	18.10	129,830	119,460	100,990	103,550	
U S	26.32	27.03	28.55	7,681,160	7,177,130	7,081,810	7,317,940	

1/ 1984-85 - FLA, ILL, IOWA, N MEX, N Y, N C, S C, TEX, UTAH, AND W VA.

1986 - DEL, FLA, ILL, IOWA, N MEX, N Y, N C, S C, TEX, UTAH, VA, AND W VA.

PROCESSING TOMATOES: Production of tomatoes under contract for processing should total 7.32 million tons (6.64 million metric tons) for 1986, up 3 percent from last year. California production gained slightly as yields on late harvested fields were above normal.

