

Vegetables

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Spring Season Fresh Market Vegetables Down 4 Percent Processed Vegetable Contracted Acreage Up 4 Percent Onion Acreage Down 3 Percent

The prospective area for harvest of 11 selected fresh market vegetables during the spring quarter is forecast at 194,200 acres, down 4 percent from last year. Acreage declines for snap beans, broccoli, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, sweet corn, cucumbers, and head lettuce, more than offset acreage increases for bell peppers and tomatoes. Celery area remains unchanged. Melon acreage for spring harvest is forecast at 65,300 acres, down 3 percent from last year. Cantaloup, honeydew, and watermelon acreages are down 4 percent, 3 percent, and 1 percent, respectively, from 2008. Asparagus area for spring harvest is forecast at 31,000 acres, down 4 percent from last year. Strawberry area for harvest is forecast at 48,900 acres, up 6 percent from a year ago.

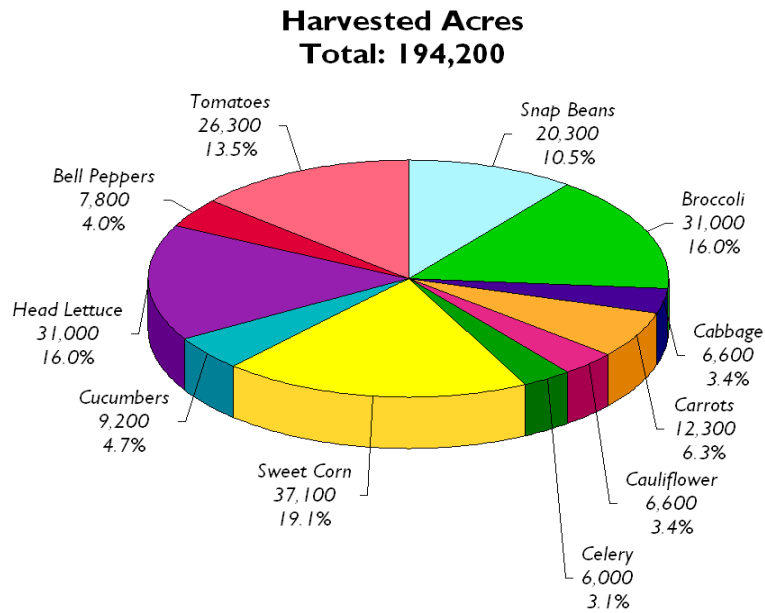
Processors expect to contract 1.20 million acres of the 5 major processed vegetable crops in the U.S. for 2009, up 4 percent from last year. Contracted acreage increases are forecast for sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, and tomatoes, while snap beans and green peas show declines. Freezing firms expect to contract 382,700 acres, down 4 percent from last year. Acreage for snap beans and green peas are down 18 percent and 7 percent, respectively. Sweet corn acreage is up 4 percent from last year. Canneries contracted for 820,900 acres, up 8 percent from 2008. Acreage increased for all 5 major processed vegetable crops. Acreage for snap beans, sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, green peas, and tomatoes is up 1 percent, 6 percent, 14 percent, 9 percent, and 10 percent, respectively, from last year.

Total planted onion area for all seasons in 2009 is forecast at 155,720 acres, down 3 percent from last year. Spring onions are expected to be harvested from 27,400 acres in 2009, down 4 percent from 2008. Georgia and Texas combined production is forecast at 6.35 million cwt, 4 percent above last year. Summer non-storage onion planted area, at 16,200 acres, is down 19 percent from a year ago. Total summer onion area, at 126,220 acres, is down 3 percent from the previous year.

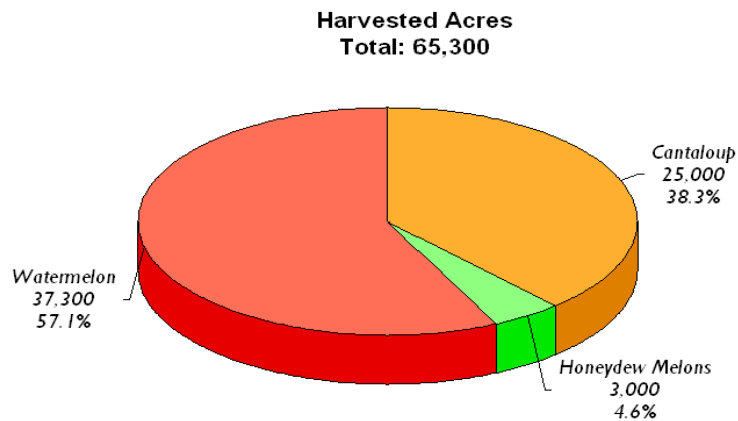
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Spring Season Fresh Market Vegetables: 2009



Spring Season Fresh Market Melons: 2009



**Selected Fresh Market Vegetables and Melons: Area Harvested by Season
and Crop, Major States, 2007-2008 and Forecasted Area 2009
(Domestic Units)**

Season and Crop	Area		
	Harvested		For Harvest 2009
	2007	2008	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Winter	173,280	159,030	150,900
Spring			
Snap Beans	21,300	20,500	20,300
Broccoli ¹	33,000	33,000	31,000
Cabbage	6,480	7,790	6,600
Carrots	15,900	14,200	12,300
Cauliflower ¹	8,200	7,800	6,600
Celery ¹	5,700	6,000	6,000
Sweet Corn	37,200	38,400	37,100
Cucumbers	9,300	9,700	9,200
Head Lettuce	33,000	33,000	31,000
Bell Peppers ¹	7,900	7,700	7,800
Tomatoes	27,100	24,500	26,300
Total 11 Vegetables	205,080	202,590	194,200
Cantaloup	26,400	26,100	25,000
Honeydew Melons	3,350	3,100	3,000
Watermelon	36,300	37,800	37,300
Total 3 Melons	66,050	67,000	65,300
Total Spring Crop	271,130	269,590	259,500

¹ Includes fresh market and processing.

**Selected Fresh Market Vegetables and Melons: Area Harvested by Season
and Crop, Major States, 2007-2008 and Forecasted Area 2009
(Metric Units)**

Season and Crop	Area		
	Harvested		For Harvest 2009
	2007	2008	
	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>
Winter	70,120	64,360	61,070
Spring			
Snap Beans	8,620	8,300	8,220
Broccoli ¹	13,350	13,350	12,550
Cabbage	2,620	3,150	2,670
Carrots	6,430	5,750	4,980
Cauliflower ¹	3,320	3,160	2,670
Celery ¹	2,310	2,430	2,430
Sweet Corn	15,050	15,540	15,010
Cucumbers	3,760	3,930	3,720
Head Lettuce	13,350	13,350	12,550
Bell Peppers ¹	3,200	3,120	3,160
Tomatoes	10,970	9,910	10,640
Total 11 Vegetables ²	82,990	81,990	78,590
Cantaloup	10,680	10,560	10,120
Honeydew Melons	1,360	1,250	1,210
Watermelon	14,690	15,300	15,090
Total 3 Melons ²	26,730	27,110	26,430
Total Spring Crop ²	109,720	109,100	105,020

¹ Includes fresh market and processing.

² Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Selected Fresh Market Vegetables and Melons: Area Harvested by Crop, State,
and Total, Spring Season, 2007-2008 and Forecasted Area 2009**

Crop and State	Usual Harvest Period	Area		
		Harvested		For Harvest 2009
		2007	2008	
		<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Snap Beans				
FL	Apr-Jun	12,200	11,200	10,700
GA	Apr-Jun	7,500	7,800	8,000
NJ	Jun-Aug	1,600	1,500	1,600
Total		21,300	20,500	20,300
Broccoli ¹				
CA	Apr-Jun	33,000	33,000	31,000
Cabbage				
FL	Apr-Jun	2,280	2,990	2,700
GA	Apr-Jun	2,700	3,200	2,400
NJ	May-Aug	1,000	1,000	1,000
TX	Apr-Jun	500	600	500
Total		6,480	7,790	6,600
Cantaloup				
AZ	May-Jul	12,100	11,900	10,500
CA	Apr-Jun	9,600	10,000	10,000
GA	Apr-Jun	3,300	3,500	3,700
TX	Apr-Jun	1,400	700	800
Total		26,400	26,100	25,000
Carrots				
CA	Apr-Jun	15,500	13,800	11,800
TX	Apr-Jun	400	400	500
Total		15,900	14,200	12,300
Cauliflower ¹				
CA	Apr-Jun	8,200	7,800	6,600
Celery ¹				
CA	Apr-Jun	5,700	6,000	6,000
Sweet Corn				
CA	Apr-Jun	12,000	11,100	11,100
FL	Apr-Jul	25,200	27,300	26,000
Total		37,200	38,400	37,100

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Selected Fresh Market Vegetables and Melons: Area Harvested by Crop, State,
and Total, Spring Season, 2007-2008 and Forecasted Area 2009 (continued)**

Crop and State	Usual Harvest Period	Area		
		Harvested		For Harvest 2009
		2007	2008	
		<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Cucumbers				
FL	Apr-Jun	8,100	8,300	7,700
SC	May-Aug	800	1,000	1,000
TX	Apr-Jun	400	400	500
Total		9,300	9,700	9,200
Honeydew Melons				
CA	Apr-Jun	2,700	2,400	2,400
TX	Apr-Jun	650	700	600
Total		3,350	3,100	3,000
Head Lettuce				
CA	Apr-Jun	33,000	33,000	31,000
Bell Peppers ¹				
FL	Apr-Jul	7,900	7,700	7,800
Tomatoes				
CA	Apr-Jun	7,000	7,000	7,000
FL	Apr-Jul	17,200	15,000	16,800
SC	May-Aug	2,900	2,500	2,500
Total		27,100	24,500	26,300
Watermelons				
CA	Apr-Jun	2,400	2,300	2,000
FL	Apr-Jul	22,800	26,100	25,800
TX	Apr-Jun	11,100	9,400	9,500
Total		36,300	37,800	37,300

¹ Includes fresh market and processing.

**Fresh Market Vegetables: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production
by Crop, Season, State, and Total, 2007-2008 and Forecasted 2009**

Crop, Season, and State	Area			Yield per Acre			Production		
	Harvested		For Harvest 2009	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
	2007	2008							
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
Asparagus ¹									
Spring									
CA	20,000	14,500	14,000	29	29		580	421	
MI	11,600	11,200	11,000	21	23		244	258	
WA	7,000	6,500	6,000	43	42		301	273	
Total	38,600	32,200	31,000	29	30		1,125	952	
Onions									
Spring ²									
AZ ³	1,100	1,500	1,400	450	440		495	660	
CA ³	6,700	6,500	6,100	450	440		3,015	2,860	
GA	12,000	11,500	11,000	270	320	290	3,240	3,680	3,190
TX	10,400	8,900	8,900	300	270	355	3,120	2,403	3,160
Total	30,200	28,400	27,400	327	338		9,870	9,603	
Straw- berries ¹									
CA	35,500	37,600	39,000	605	605	605	21,540	22,675	23,595
FL	6,600	6,900	8,300	320	260	220	2,112	1,794	1,826
OR ³	1,900	1,800	1,600	130	130		247	238	
Major States Total	44,000	46,300	48,900	543	534		23,899	24,707	

¹ Includes fresh market and processing.

² Primarily fresh market.

³ First production forecast will be published July 10, 2009.

**Onions: Area Planted by Season, State, and United States,
2007-2008 and Forecasted Area 2009**

Season and State	Area Planted		
	2007	2008	2009
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Spring ¹			
AZ	1,100	1,500	1,400
CA	6,900	6,700	6,300
GA	12,500	12,000	11,500
TX	12,500	11,000	10,300
Total	33,000	31,200	29,500
Summer ¹			
Non-storage			
CA	8,000	7,800	6,000
NV	2,800	2,600	2,500
NM	7,300	7,000	5,000
TX	1,100	800	700
WA ²	1,500	1,900	2,000
Total	20,700	20,100	16,200
Storage			
CA ³	30,000	32,500	33,500
CO	9,000	8,000	7,000
ID	9,300	8,800	8,700
MI	3,900	4,000	4,000
NY	11,200	10,600	10,500
OR			
Malheur	12,600	12,400	12,200
Other	10,300	9,600	9,300
WA	22,500	20,000	21,000
WI	2,200	1,900	1,900
Oth Sts ⁴	2,180	1,690	1,920
Total	113,180	109,490	110,020
Total Summer	133,880	129,590	126,220
US	166,880	160,790	155,720

¹ Primarily fresh market.

² Includes Walla Walla and other non-storage onions.

³ Primarily dehydrated and other processing.

⁴ OH and UT.

Fresh Market Crop Comments

Asparagus: Intended area for harvest is forecast at 31,000 acres, down 4 percent from 2008. In California, the asparagus crop is developing well.

Snap Beans: Area for spring harvest is forecast at 20,300 acres, down 1 percent from last year. In Florida, planting proceeded on schedule for growers in Miami-Dade County. Georgia snap beans are in fair to good condition. Soil moisture has been mostly adequate this spring and temperatures were close to normal.

Broccoli: California's area for spring harvest is forecast at 31,000 acres, down 6 percent from 2008. Drought conditions abound throughout much of the State. Production in the southern desert valleys are winding down for the season. Water shortages remain a concern. Despite dry conditions, crop quality is reported to be good with no major pests or disease problems reported.

Cabbage: Area for spring harvest is forecast at 6,600 acres, down 15 percent from last year. In Florida, a series of cold snaps delayed some plantings. Planting was complete by the first week in February. The Georgia crop is in fair to good condition. Soil moisture and temperatures have been favorable during the growing season. In New Jersey, adequate moisture combined with near normal spring temperatures provided favorable growing conditions for the cabbage crop.

Cantaloup: Area intended for harvest is forecast at 25,000 acres, down 4 percent from 2008. In California, planting has begun in the Southern San Joaquin Valley. Harvest is expected to begin sometime in June. The Georgia crop is in fair to good condition. In Texas, land preparation and some melon planting was underway.

Carrots: Area for harvest is forecast at 12,300 acres, down 13 percent from last year. In California, dry weather and lack of moisture resulted in acreage loss. However, crop quality is reported to be good.

Cauliflower: California's area for spring harvest is forecast at 6,600 acres, 15 percent below 2008. Cool and dry conditions hindered plant growth in many areas of the State. However, crop quality is reported to be good with no major pest or disease problems.

Celery: California's area for spring harvest is forecast at 6,000 acres, unchanged from last year. Unseasonably warm temperatures in November boosted crop growth and development.

Sweet Corn: Intended area for harvest is forecast at 37,100 acres, down 3 percent from a year ago. In California, weather conditions were favorable for the sweet corn crop. Planting for the spring crop has begun in the Imperial Valley. Harvest is expected to begin around mid-April. In Florida, favorable weather conditions allowed planting to progress on schedule. Fields had to be irrigated due to drought conditions. Harvest in the southern Peninsula is expected to begin by mid to late April.

Cucumbers: Spring harvested area is forecast at 9,200 acres, down 5 percent from 2008. Spring planting in Florida began in January. A series of cold fronts delayed planting activities.

Honeydew Melons: Area for harvest is forecast at 3,000 acres, down 3 percent from 2008. California's spring crop is progressing despite water shortages in the San Joaquin Valley. Harvest is expected to begin in June.

Head Lettuce: California's area for harvest is forecast at 31,000 acres, down 6 percent from 2008. In California, spring lettuce fields are in various stages of growth in the Bakersfield-Huron district. Water availability continues to plague growers for the third year in a row as reservoirs and snow pack remain below average.

Spring Onions: Producers intend to harvest 27,400 acres, down 4 percent from last year. In California, the spring onion crop is in good condition. In Georgia, precipitation during the winter months was below normal. Heading into spring the State had adequate moisture levels. The crop is doing well and disease problems are minimal. Harvest should begin around mid-April.

Summer Non-Storage Onions: Non-storage planted area is 16,200 acres, down 19 percent from last year. In California, the onion crop is progressing well. In Nevada, seed beds have been in place for several weeks anticipating seasonal warming to begin planting. In New Mexico, the onion crop is developing well. In Washington, the crop is in good condition; however, some wind damage was reported.

Summer Storage Onions: Storage planted area is 110,020 acres, up slightly from 2008. California acreage, which is primarily dehydrated or otherwise processed, is up 3 percent from last year. Despite concerns with water availability during planting, good growing conditions are currently being reported. In Colorado, labor shortages are a major concern. In Idaho, water availability is not a concern. In Oregon, spring conditions have been colder than normal throughout the State.

Bell Peppers: Florida's area for harvest is forecast at 7,800 acres, up 1 percent from 2008. Unseasonably dry weather delayed crop development in the central and southern Peninsulas.

Strawberries: Area intended for harvest is forecast at 48,900 acres, up 6 percent from last year. California's area for harvest is forecast at 39,000 acres, up 4 percent from 2008. California's strawberry fields are rebounding despite recent rainfall in the State. Quality of the berry crop is reported to be good. In Florida, planting was complete in Hillsborough County by late October. Some plantings continued into mid-November. Unseasonably cold temperatures during December hindered some berry development. Fields in central Florida rebounded quickly after freezing temperatures in late January and early February slowed picking. The Oregon crop looks good.

Tomatoes: Area for harvest is forecast at 26,300 acres, up 7 percent from 2008. In California, recent rainfall benefitted plant growth. No disease or pest problems reported.

Watermelons: Area intended for harvest is forecast at 37,300 acres, down 1 percent from last year. In California, planting is still ongoing for the spring melon crop. Harvest is expected to begin in June. In Florida, some planted acreage was lost due to freeze damage. Planting in the Panhandle was delayed due to cold and dry conditions.

**Processing Vegetables: Prospective Plantings and Production by Crop
and Expected Utilization, United States, 2007-2008 and Forecasted 2009
(Domestic Units)**

Utilization and Crop	Area Planted			
	2007 Total	2008		2009 Contract Intentions ¹
		Total	Contract ¹	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
All Processing				
Snap Beans	209,470	206,770	203,200	191,350
Sweet Corn	380,100	370,750	363,800	382,150
Cucumbers for Pickles	104,600	98,900	79,140	90,400
Green Peas	208,300	216,100	216,100	213,500
Tomatoes	319,300	299,300	296,300	326,200
Total	1,221,770	1,191,820	1,158,540	1,203,600
Canning				
Snap Beans	132,300	132,630	129,810	131,300
Sweet Corn	180,000	182,200	177,800	188,200
Cucumbers for Pickles	104,600	98,900	79,140	90,400
Green Peas	80,800	77,500	77,500	84,800
Tomatoes	319,300	299,300	296,300	326,200
Total Canning	817,000	790,530	760,550	820,900
Freezing				
Snap Beans	77,170	74,140	73,390	60,050
Sweet Corn	200,100	188,550	186,000	193,950
Green Peas	127,500	138,600	138,600	128,700
Total Freezing	404,770	401,290	397,990	382,700
	Production			
	2007 Total	2008		2009 Contract Intentions ¹
		Total	Contract ¹	
	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>
Tomatoes	12,659,890	12,305,820	12,174,820	13,866,800

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

**Processing Vegetables: Prospective Plantings and Production by Crop
and Expected Utilization, United States, 2007-2008 and Forecasted 2009
(Metric Units)**

Utilization and Crop	Area Planted			
	2007 Total	2008		2009 Contract Intentions ¹
		Total	Contract ¹	
	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>
All Processing				
Snap Beans	84,770	83,680	82,230	77,440
Sweet Corn	153,820	150,040	147,230	154,650
Cucumbers for Pickles	42,330	40,020	32,030	36,580
Green Peas	84,300	87,450	87,450	86,400
Tomatoes	129,220	121,120	119,910	132,010
Total ²	494,440	482,320	468,850	487,080
Canning				
Snap Beans	53,540	53,670	52,530	53,140
Sweet Corn	72,840	73,730	71,950	76,160
Cucumbers for Pickles	42,330	40,020	32,030	36,580
Green Peas	32,700	31,360	31,360	34,320
Tomatoes	129,220	121,120	119,910	132,010
Total Canning ²	330,630	319,920	307,790	332,210
Freezing				
Snap Beans	31,230	30,000	29,700	24,300
Sweet Corn	80,980	76,300	75,270	78,490
Green Peas	51,600	56,090	56,090	52,080
Total Freezing ²	163,810	162,400	161,060	154,870
Production				
Tomatoes	2007 Total	2008		2009 Contract Intentions ¹
	<i>Metric Tons</i>	Total	Contract ¹	<i>Metric Tons</i>
		<i>Metric Tons</i>	<i>Metric Tons</i>	
Tomatoes	11,484,800	11,163,590	11,044,750	12,579,680

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

² Totals may not add due to rounding. Utilizations may not add to total crop because of rounding.

**Snap Beans for Processing: Area Planted and Contracted
by State and United States, and Utilization by United States,
2007-2008 and Forecasted Area 2009**

State and Utilization	Area Planted			
	2007 Total	2008		2009 Contract Intentions ¹
		Total	Contract ¹	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
IL	13,400	12,700	12,700	12,600
IN	5,300	5,300	5,300	3,300
MI	18,500	15,500	15,500	17,000
MN ²		4,900	4,900	7,500
NY ²		21,500	21,500	20,100
OR	19,100	18,700	18,700	17,900
PA	10,900	10,700	10,700	10,900
WI	74,000	82,300	80,700	75,300
Oth Sts ^{3 4}	68,270	35,170	33,200	26,750
US	209,470	206,770	203,200	191,350
Canning	132,300	132,630	129,810	131,300
Freezing	77,170	74,140	73,390	60,050

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

² 2007 missing data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ 2007 - CA, DE, FL, GA, MD, MN, NJ, NY, NC, TX, and VA.

2008 - CA, DE, FL, GA, MD, NJ, NC, TX, and VA.

2009 - CA, DE, FL, GA, MD, NJ, NC, TX, and VA.

⁴ Seasonal forecasts for AR and MO are not available. Estimates to be published in the *Vegetables 2009 Summary*, released in January 2010.

**Sweet Corn for Processing: Area Planted and Contracted
by State and United States, and Utilization by United States,
2007-2008 and Forecasted Area 2009**

State and Utilization	Area Planted			
	2007 Total	2008		2009 Contract Intentions ¹
		Total	Contract ¹	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
MD ²	6,300	6,900	6,900	
MN	122,100	127,900	127,900	132,400
OR	21,900	18,700	18,700	24,000
WA	84,500	68,900	68,900	74,500
WI	87,600	88,900	88,900	90,700
Oth Sts ³	57,700	59,450	52,500	60,550
US	380,100	370,750	363,800	382,150
Canning	180,000	182,200	177,800	188,200
Freezing	200,100	188,550	186,000	193,950

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

² 2009 missing data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ 2007 - DE, ID, IL, IA, NJ, NY, PA, TN, and VA.

2008 - DE, ID, IL, IA, NJ, NY, PA, TN, and VA.

2009 - DE, ID, IL, IA, MD, NJ, NY, and PA.

**Cucumbers for Pickles: Area Planted and Contracted by State
and United States, 2007-2008 and Forecasted Area 2009**

State	Area Planted			
	2007 Total	2008		2009 Contract Intentions ¹
		Total	Contract ¹	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
FL	6,800	7,000	4,000	7,600
IN	1,700	1,700	1,700	2,000
MI	35,500	31,000	23,700	31,500
NC	12,100	10,700	8,100	9,400
OH	2,800	3,300	2,000	2,900
SC	3,000	2,500	2,500	2,500
TX	7,000	7,500	7,200	6,600
WI	6,100	7,100	7,100	6,400
Oth Sts ^{2 3}	29,600	28,100	22,840	21,500
US	104,600	98,900	79,140	90,400

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

² 2007 - AL, CA, DE, GA, MD, and MO.

2008 - AL, CA, DE, GA, MD, and MO.

2009 - AL, CA, DE, GA, MD, and MO.

³ Seasonal forecasts for WA are not available. Estimate to be published in the *Vegetables 2009 Summary*, released in January 2010.

**Green Peas for Processing: Area Planted and Contracted by State
and United States, and Utilization by United States,
2007-2008 and Forecasted Area 2009**

State and Utilization	Area Planted			
	2007 Total	2008		2009 Contract Intentions ¹
		Total	Contract ¹	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
DE	5,500	5,600	5,600	5,900
MN	75,300	74,800	74,800	75,800
OR	17,600	18,700	18,700	12,400
WA	38,900	41,900	41,900	47,300
WI	38,500	40,700	40,700	40,400
Oth Sts ²	32,500	34,400	34,400	31,700
US	208,300	216,100	216,100	213,500
Canning	80,800	77,500	77,500	84,800
Freezing	127,500	138,600	138,600	128,700

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

² 2007 - IL, MD, NJ, and NY.

2008 - IL, MD, NJ, and NY.

2009 - IL, MD, NJ, and NY.

**Tomatoes for Processing: Area Planted and Production
by State and United States, 2007-2008 and Forecasted 2009**

State	Area Planted			
	2007 Total	2008		2009 Contract Intentions ¹
		Total	Contract ¹	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
CA	301,000	281,000	278,000	308,000
IN	8,500	9,000	9,000	9,100
MI	3,400	3,400	3,400	3,200
OH	6,400	5,900	5,900	5,900
US	319,300	299,300	296,300	326,200
	Production			
	2007 Total	2008		2009 Contract Intentions ¹
		Total	Contract ¹	
	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>
CA	12,082,000	11,822,000	11,691,000	13,300,000
IN	294,000	249,000	249,000	288,800
MI	112,200	102,000	102,000	110,000
OH	171,690	132,820	132,820	168,000
US	12,659,890	12,305,820	12,174,820	13,866,800

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

Processing Crop Comments

Growers of vegetables for processing intend to plant 1.20 million contracted acres in 2009, up 4 percent from 2008. Increased contracted acreage for sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, and tomatoes offsets lower contracted acreage for snap beans and green peas. Area for freezing, at 382,700 acres, is down 4 percent from last year. Area for canning, forecast at 820,900 acres, is up 8 percent from 2008.

Snap Beans: Processors contracted to plant 191,350 acres of snap beans, down 6 percent from last year. Contracted area for freezing, at 60,050 acres, is down 18 percent from 2008. Contracted area for canning, at 131,300 acres, is up 1 percent from 2008. Wisconsin's contracted area, at 75,300 acres, is down 7 percent from the previous year. In Indiana, cool and wet weather delayed planting and field preparation.

Sweet Corn: Contract intentions call for 382,150 acres of sweet corn in 2009, up 5 percent from last year. Contracted area for freezing, at 193,950 acres, is up 4 percent from last year's total. Contracted area for canning, at 188,200 acres, is up 6 percent from 2008. In Minnesota, warm temperatures and precipitation during mid-March helped to melt snow throughout the southern areas of the State, however, remaining frost layer prevented melting snow from soaking into the subsoil.

Cucumbers for Pickles: Pickle packers intend to contract 90,400 acres of cucumbers for pickles, up 14 percent from last year. Planting of the spring crop in Florida began in January. In Indiana, cool and wet weather delayed planting and field preparation.

Green Peas: Contract intentions are forecast at 213,500 acres in 2009, down 1 percent from 2008. Contract intentions for freezing, at 128,700 acres, are 7 percent below last year. Contracted area for canning, at 84,800 acres, is 9 percent above 2008. In Minnesota, snow melt was reported throughout the southern portion of the State, however, remaining frost layer prevented melting snow from soaking into the subsoil.

Tomatoes for Canning: Contracts with growers cover 326,200 acres in 2009, up 10 percent from last year. Contract production, at 13.9 million tons, is 14 percent above 2008. California production is forecast at 13.3 million tons, up 14 percent from 2008. In Indiana, planting and field preparation has been delayed due to cold and wet weather.

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