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SPRING ONIONS: Acreage devoted to spring onions for 1985 stands at 26.1 thousand acres (10.6 thousand hectares), down 9 percent from last year and 7 percent below two years ago. The Texas production forecast fell to 3.23 million cwt (147 thousand metric tons), well below earlier forecasts and 4 percent below last year.

Texas harvest was winding down by late April in the Rio Grande Valley. Harvest delays were being experienced in remaining fields due to wet ground. Yields have been reduced by inclement weather during the season.

In the San Antonio-Winter Garden area, harvest should begin in early May. Early freezes have caused some thin stands. Most fields are making good progress.

In the Laredo area, harvesting is underway. Conditions are generally good with only minor problems showing up.

SUMMER NON-STORAGE ONIONS: Acreage of summer non-storage onions is estimated at 9900 acres (4010 hectares) for harvest in 1985. This is down 11 percent from last year and 12 percent below 1983 harvest.

Texas planting in the High Plains was nearly completed by late April. Acreage is down this year due to poor transplants from the Winter-Garden area. Yields are expected to be down also. In the Trans-Pecos area, transplants were making normal growth, despite being weaker than normal. Harvest should begin on schedule in June.

The New Mexico onion crop is mostly good. New acreage is planted in the Eastern and Northwestern areas of the State. Grano harvest is expected to start by the end of May.

Growers in the Walla Walla area of Washington reported that winter damage will bring 1985 yields down from last year. Production should hold at last year's level with higher harvested acreage this year. Quality is expected to be good as weather conditions improve.

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CROP	AREA			YIELD PER ACRE		
	HARVESTED		FOR	1983	1984	1985
	1983	1984	HARVEST			
				1985		
	ACRES			CWT		
ONIONS 1/ SPRING:						
ARIZ	1,600	2,300	1,300	410	350	
CALIF	7,600	7,700	7,800	285	355	
TEX	19,000	18,600	17,000	200	180	190
GROUP TOTAL	28,200	28,600	26,100	235	241	
SUMMER:						
NON-STORAGE						
N MEX	3,900	3,900	4,300	320	350	
TEX	6,200	6,000	4,300	265	260	
WASH	1,200	1,200	1,300	410	360	
GROUP TOTAL	11,300	11,100	9,900	299	302	
	PRODUCTION					
	1983	:	1984	:	1985	
	1,000 CWT					
ONIONS 1/ SPRING:						
ARIZ	656		805			
CALIF	2,166		2,734			
TEX	3,800		3,348			3,230
GROUP TOTAL	6,622		6,887			
SUMMER:						
NON-STORAGE						
N MEX	1,248		1,365			
TEX	1,643		1,560			
WASH	492		432			
GROUP TOTAL	3,383		3,357			

1/ INCLUDES FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING.

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