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ALL ONIONS: Planted area of onions in the U.S. this year is expected to total 129 thousand acres, down 2 percent from last year and 1 percent below two years ago. Spring acreage is set at 23.4 thousand acres, down 2 percent from 1988 but fractionally above 1987. Summer non-storage onion acreage should total 11.5 thousand acres, a drop of 16 percent from last year and 13 percent below 1987. The storage crop is expected to be planted on 66.9 thousand acres, excluding California, down 1 percent from last year, but 4 percent above 1987. The California crop, used mostly for processing is planned for 26.8 thousand acres, the same as last year.

SPRING ONIONS: The spring onion crop will be harvested from an estimated 23.2 thousand acres, 1 percent fewer than last year, but 5 percent above two years ago. Acreage declines in Arizona and California were nearly offset by increases in Texas. The effects of cold weather in California is expected to set back harvest about 10 days and may result in some seed stalk development. In Texas, mild weather allowed good growth, but cold weather in February did slow progress.

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Texas spring onion production is forecast at 3.55 million cwt, up 10 percent from last year and 29 percent above two years ago. Acreage for harvest, at 14.8 thousand acres, is up 6 percent from 1988; while yields are expected to average 240 cwt per acre, a gain of 4 percent.

SUMMER NON-STORAGE ONIONS: Acreage of non-storage summer onions will dip 16 percent this year if growers' plans are realized. Area planted and to be planted is estimated at 11.5 thousand acres this year compared with 13.7 thousand acres last year and 13.2 thousand acres in 1987. Planting in California is not yet completed, although growth on early fields is good. Cold weather in Washington during February may result in damage to onions that were seeded last fall. Growers will wait for early spring growth to see how much damage is done. In Texas, planting is still in progress along with some transplanting in the High Plains. A February freeze set some fields back.

SUMMER STORAGE ONIONS: The ten fresh market storage onion States have plans for 66.9 thousand acres of onions this year, 1 percent less than last year, but 4 percent above 1987. Prospects point to smaller acreages in Idaho, Oregon, Utah, and Ohio with increases planned for Colorado, Washington, and Minnesota. Michigan, New York, and Wisconsin expect no change in onion acreage from last year. California acreage is also expected to remain the same as last year.

ONIONS

SEASON AND STATE	AREA			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
	HARVESTED		FOR						
	HARVEST		1987	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989	
	1987	1988	1989						
	ACRES			CWT		1,000 CWT			
SPRING 1/ ARIZ	1,300	1,200	1,000	450	375		585	450	
CALIF	8,200	8,200	7,400	390	375		3,198	3,075	
TEX	12,500	14,000	14,800	220	230	240	2,750	3,220	3,552
GROUP TOTAL:	22,000	23,400	23,200	297	288		6,533	6,745	
	AREA PLANTED						1989		
	1987		1988		1989		AS % OF		
	1987		1988		1989		1988		
	ACRES					PERCENT			
SPRING 1/	23,300		23,900		23,400		98		
SUMMER 1/ NON-STORAGE									
N MEX	5,600		6,800		6,100		90		
TEX	5,900		5,100		3,700		73		
WASH	1,700		1,800		1,700		94		
GROUP TOTAL:	13,200		13,700		11,500		84		
STORAGE									
COLO	13,300		13,800		14,000		101		
IDAHO & MALHEUR	17,100		18,000		17,600		98		
MICH	8,000		8,500		8,500		100		
MINN	730		730		750		103		
N Y	12,900		13,200		13,200		100		
OHIO	490		560		500		89		
OREG, OTHER	3,600		3,700		3,500		95		
UTAH	1,800		1,900		1,800		95		
WASH	5,000		5,300		5,400		102		
WIS	1,400		1,600		1,600		100		
SUBTOTAL	64,320		67,290		66,850		99		
CALIF 2/	29,000		26,800		26,800		100		
TOTAL SUMMER CROP	106,520		107,790		105,150		98		
U S	129,820		131,690		128,550		98		

1/ PRIMARILY FRESH MARKET. 2/ PRIMARILY PROCESSING.

VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET 1/

CROP AND STATE	AREA			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
	HARVESTED		FOR	1987	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
	:		HARVEST:						
	1987	1988	1989	:	:	:	:	:	:
	ACRES			CWT			1,000 CWT		
ASPARAGUS									
SPRING									
CALIF	39,700	40,100	41,500	30	29		1,191	1,163	
STRAWBERRIES									
WINTER									
FLA	4,900	5,000	5,300	225	250	290	1,103	1,250	1,537
SPRING									
CALIF	16,800	17,600	19,000	490	490		8,232	8,624	

1/ INCLUDES FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING.

ASPARAGUS: California's area for harvest is forecast at 41.5 thousand acres, up 3 percent from 1988. Cold weather has slowed growth and harvest is a week or two behind last year's. There is concern that the freeze may have damaged spears that have not yet emerged.

STRAWBERRIES: The area for harvest in California during the 1989 spring season is expected to total 19.0 thousand acres, up 8 percent from last year. Cold, windy weather, in December, destroyed some of the early blooms which has delayed harvest in the south coast area where harvest had begun by March 1. The cold January and February slowed growth and berry maturity, in the south coast area.

Production of winter strawberries in Florida is forecast at 1.54 million cwt, 23 percent more than last year. Harvest of the early crop began in late November with the harvest of the main crop now underway in West Central area. Dry, hot weather during most of the season has speeded fruit maturity and excellent yields have been reported. However, the late February freeze caused growers to run overhead sprinklers to avoid damage. Roadside stand and U-Pic sales are active in Dade County and the southeastern area.

January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Holiday	3	4	5 Egg Production	6 Eggs and Pigs Poultry Dairy Products
9 Poultry, Slaughter; Vegetables Preliminary	10	11 Crop Production	12	13 Crop Production- Poultry, Pigs and Vegetables Preliminary Final Stock
16 Holiday	17 Turkey Hatching; Poultry Stocks	18 Milk Production	19 Nonpoultry Poultry and Non-Animal Turkey	20
23	24 Cattle; Livestock Slaughter; Cold Storage	25	26 Cattle and Poultry Crop Values	27 Poultry Stocks and Processing
30 Eggs, Chickens and Pigs Livestock and Eggs Production- Animal	31 Agricultural Prices			

February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Dairy Products; Poultry Slaughter	7 Cakery	8 Cattle; <input type="checkbox"/> Sheep and Goats	9 Crop Production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10 Honey Peanut Loans
13	14 Turkey Hatchery	15 Milk Production	16 Potato Stocks; <input type="checkbox"/> Cattle on Feed	17 Sugar Market Situations
20 Holiday	21 Cakish	22	23 Eggs, Chickens and Turkeys	24 Gold Storage; <input type="checkbox"/> Livestock Slaughter
27 Poultry Stocks and Processing	28 Agricultural Prices			

March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2	3 Egg Products Meat Slaughter
5 Dairy Products	7 Cider	8 Vegetables	9 Crop Production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10
13 Livestock Slaughter-Annual	14 Turkey Hatchery	15 Potato Stocks	16 Milk Production; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cattle on Feed	17
20 Cold Storage- Annual	21 Calfish	22 Hop Stocks; Vegetables	23 Egg, Chickens and Poultry	24 Cold Storage; Wool and Mohair; <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Livestock Slaughter
27	28 Hatchery Annual; Peanut Stocks and Processing	29	30 Agricultural Prices	31 Prospective Cattle Stocks; Crop Stocks; Hops and Pigs <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

July

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 Holiday	5 Farm Production 1985 Preliminary Egg Products	6 Dairy Products Poultry/Slaughter	7 Cattle
10 Nonfood Fruit and Nuts-Midyear Supplements	11	12 Crop Production	13 Turkey Slaughter	14 Milk Production
17	18 Vegetables	19	20 Milk Cattle	21 Cattle on Feed; Lamb/Swt. Slaughter; Cold Storage
24	25 Eggs, Chickens and Turkey	26	27	28 Poultry Stocks and Marketing Cattle
31 Agricultural Prices; Cattle Production				

August

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	1 Egg Products	2 Farm Production Expenditures, 1968 (Final)	3	4 Poultry Slaughter, Dairy Products
7 Cider	8	9	10 Crop Production <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	11 Vegetables, Turkey Hatchery
14 Farm Labor	15 Milk Production	16	17 Cattle on Feed <input type="checkbox"/>	18 Sugar Market Indicator, Nuts/Peanuts
21 Cattle	22	23 Cold Storage: <input type="checkbox"/> Cattle <input type="checkbox"/> Cattle meat	24 Egg Chickens and Turkeys	25 Pigment Production (Cen.), Livestock Slaughter
28	29 Peanut Stocks and Processing	30	31 Rice Stocks <input type="checkbox"/> Agricultural Prices	

September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Holiday	5	6 Poultry Slaughter, Dairy Products	7 Cider	8 Egg Products, Wheat Production (Total)
11	12 Crop Production	13 Turkey Hatchery	14	15 Milk Production
18 Cattle on Feed <input type="checkbox"/>	19	20 Hog Stock, Calfish	21	22 Livestock Slaughter, <input type="checkbox"/> Cold Storage
25 Citrus Fruits	26 Eggs, Chickens and Turkeys	27 Potatoes	28 Peanut Stocks and <input type="checkbox"/> Green Stock	29 Agricultural Prices, Total Production

April

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Egg Products	4 Poultry Slaughter	5	6 Dairy Products: Cattle	7 Meat Animals: Prod., Dep., and Lard
10 Vegetables	11 Crop Production	12	13 Turkey Hatchery	14 Poultry Stocks: Milk Production
17 Poultry Crops	18	19	20 Cattle	21 Cattle on Foot: Livestock Slaughter: Cold Storage
24	25 Eggs: Chickens and Turkeys	26	27 Poultry Stocks and Processing	28 Poultry Production and Processing: Agricultural Prices

October

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Egg Products	3 Poultry Slaughter	4	5 Dairy Products	6 Cattle
9 Holiday	10	11 Vegetables	12 Crop Production	13 Turkey Hatchery
16 Milk Production	17	18	19	20 Cattle: Prod., Dep., and Lard: Poultry Slaughter
23 Cold Storage	24	25 Eggs: Chickens and Turkeys	26	27
30 Poultry Stocks and Processing	31 Poultry Stocks: Agricultural Prices			

May

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2 Egg Products	3 Poultry Slaughter	4	5 Dairy Products: Actual
8 Cattle: Milk Prod., Dep., and Lard	9 Vegetables	10	11 Crop Production	12 Turkey Hatchery: Poultry Labor
15 Milk Production	16 Poultry Stocks	17 Cattle on Foot	18 Sperm Market Statistics	19 Livestock Slaughter
22 Cattle: Cold Storage	23 Eggs: Chickens and Turkeys	24	25	26 Poultry Stocks and Processing
29 Holiday	30	31 Agricultural Prices		

November

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2 Egg Products	3 Poultry Slaughter
4 Dairy Products	7 Cattle	8	9 Crop Production	10 Holiday
13	14 Turkey Hatchery: Poultry Labor	15	16 Milk Production	17 Sperm Market Statistics: Cattle on Foot
20 Cattle	21	22 Cold Storage: Eggs, Chickens and Turkeys	23 Holiday	24
27 Livestock Slaughter	28 Poultry Stocks and Processing	29	30 Agricultural Prices	

June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Poultry Slaughter	6 Dairy Products	7	8 Cattle	9 Vegetables: Vegetables-Annual
12 Crop Production	13 Turkey Hatchery	14	15	16 Milk Production: Cattle on Foot
19	20	21 Cattle	22 Poultry Production: Eggs, Chickens and Turkeys	23 Cold Storage: Livestock Slaughter
26 Vegetables	27	28 Poultry Stocks and Processing	29 Agricultural Prices: Agricultural Prices-Annual	30 Grain Stocks: Hogs and Pigs

December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Egg Products
4 Poultry Slaughter	5	6 Dairy Products: Cattle	7	8
11	12 Crop Production	13 Turkey Hatchery	14	15 Milk Production: Vegetables: Poultry Stocks
18 Cattle on Foot	19	20 Cattle	21 Cold Storage: Eggs, Chickens and Turkeys: Livestock Slaughter	22
25 Holiday	26	27	28 Poultry Stocks and Processing	29 Agricultural Prices

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