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SUMMER NON-STORAGE ONIONS EQUAL TO LAST YEAR

Production of summer, non-storage onions is forecast at 3.38 million cwt (153 thousand metric tons), virtually the same as last year, and 6 percent below two years ago. Area for harvest remains at 11.2 thousand acres (4530 hectares), but is down 100 acres from last year. The average yield is predicted at 302 cwt per acre a little better than each of the last two years. Two of the three producing States have lower prospects than a month ago.

In the Texas High Plains, harvesting of transplanted onions continues. Quality is generally good, however, sizes are smaller than normal. Direct seeded onions are showing good sizing in irrigated fields. Harvest of direct seeded onions should begin soon. Harvest continues in the Trans-Pecos area, but is complete in the Presidio area. Quality and yield are good.

In New Mexico, harvest of the Grano variety, which accounts for about 40% of the crop, is complete. Mid-summer hybrid varieties are currently being harvested, with sweet Spanish harvest increasing daily. Fields remaining to be harvested are in good to excellent condition. In Washington, harvesting of the fall-seeded crop is almost over. Growers should start harvesting spring-seeded onions around August 8.

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VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET

CROP AND STATE	AREA			YIELD PER ACRE		
	HARVESTED		FOR	1982	1983	1984
			HARVEST			
	1982	1983	1984			
ACRES			CWT			
ONIONS:						
SPRING 1/	29,000	28,200	28,000	247	235	240
SUMMER 1/						
NON-STORAGE:						
N J 2/	600			150		
N MEX	4,500	3,900	4,000	365	320	350
TEX	6,300	6,200	6,000	245	265	260
WASH	850	1,200	1,200	370	410	350
TOTAL NON-STORAGE	12,250	11,300	11,200	293	299	302
STORAGE TOTAL 3/						
CALIF 3/ 4/	29,700	27,400	28,500	350	335	
TOTAL	96,220	93,340	95,820	358	340	
U S	125,220	121,540	123,820	333	316	
	PRODUCTION					
	1982		1983		1984	
	1,000 CWT					
ONIONS:						
SPRING 1/	7,173		6,622		6,727	
SUMMER 1/						
NON-STORAGE:						
N J 2/	90					
N MEX	1,643		1,248		1,400	
TEX	1,544		1,643		1,560	
WASH	315		492		420	
TOTAL NON-STORAGE	3,592		3,383		3,380	
STORAGE TOTAL 3/						
CALIF 3/ 4/	10,395		9,179			
TOTAL	34,464		31,748			
U S	41,637		38,370			

1/ PRIMARILY FRESH MARKET. 2/ ESTIMATES DISCONTINUED IN 1983. 3/ FIRST PRODUCTION FORECAST WILL BE PUBLISHED ON SEP 11. 4/ PRIMARILY FOR PROCESSING.

SNAP BEANS FOR PROCESSING

STATE	HARVESTED AREA				INDICATED		
	1982		1983		1984		
	TOTAL		TOTAL	CONTRACT	CONTRACT		
ACRES							
ARK	3,600		3,300	3,300		3,500	
COLO	530						
FLA	2,000		600	420		1,400	
IND	1,100		1,900	1,400		2,500	
MD	2,600						
MICH	14,200		14,800	13,000		15,800	
N J	9,300		6,200	6,200		8,600	
N Y	35,600		33,800	33,000		33,000	
N C	1,500						
OREG	25,700		22,400	22,400		23,600	
PA	6,200		4,500	4,200		5,000	
TENN	6,900		4,900	2,400		2,400	
WASH	2,100		1,800	1,800		1,400	
WIS	64,500		72,400	67,100		67,100	
OTH STS 1/	28,580		30,530	29,830		32,750	
U S	204,410		197,130	185,050		197,050	
	YIELD PER ACRE				PRODUCTION		
	1982		1983		1984		
	TOTAL	TOTAL	CONTRACT	TOTAL	TOTAL	CONTRACT	CONTRACT
TONS							
ARK	2.79	2.22	1.35	10,040	7,330	7,330	4,730
COLO	3.62			1,920			
FLA	1.50	1.50	1.80	3,000	900	610	2,520
IND	3.21	1.25	4.10	3,530	2,380	1,800	10,250
MD	2.43			6,320			
MICH	2.58	2.80	2.80	36,640	41,440	36,200	44,240
N J	2.66	1.82	2.85	24,740	11,280	11,280	24,510
N Y	2.82	2.61	2.65	100,390	88,220	85,970	87,450
N C	2.75			4,130			
OREG	5.19	5.52	5.50	133,380	123,650	123,650	129,800
PA	2.16	1.76	2.45	13,390	7,920	7,340	12,250
TENN	2.59	1.82	2.50	17,870	8,920	3,440	6,000
WASH	3.52	3.06	3.70	7,390	5,510	5,510	5,180
WIS	2.95	2.91	2.80	190,280	210,680	196,520	187,880
OTH STS 1/	3.18	2.59	2.85	90,840	79,170	77,910	93,230
U S	3.15	2.98	3.09	643,860	587,400	557,560	608,040

1/ 1982 - ALA, CALIF, DEL, GA, IDAHO, ILL, MINN, MO, OHIO, OKLA, S C, TEX, UTAH, AND VA.
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PROCESSING SNAP BEANS GAIN 9 PERCENT

Contracted production for processing snap beans in 1984 is forecast at 608 thousand tons (552 thousand metric tons), a gain of 9 percent over last year. Area for harvest is set at 197 thousand acres (79.7 thousand hectares), up 6 percent from last year. The average yield is expected to reach 3.09 tons per acre, up 11 tons from last year. Most major States expect larger crops than last year, with the exception of Arkansas, Washington, and Wisconsin.

In New York, harvest is delayed because of the early cold and damp weather. Plants overall look very flush and healthy with first blossoms in excellent condition. In New Jersey, soil moisture is excessive on some fields due to above normal rainfall since March 1. Harvest continues to progress well and yields are reported to be good. The snap bean crop in North Carolina is very good this season. Weather conditions are favorable for crop development.

In Florida, harvest of spring snap beans for processing is complete. Quality was generally good and weather was beneficial for improved yields in the important Pompano area.

Michigan soil moisture conditions are extremely variable in snap bean growing regions. July rains have been beneficial to this year's crop and prospects appear favorable at this time. The Minnesota crop is average to good with normal temperature and moisture conditions. California's harvest of snap beans is well along in the San Joaquin Valley and just starting on the central coast. Yields have been normal. Oregon growers started slowly because of a cool, wet spring. Weather has been excellent since mid-June and the crop has developed about normally. Harvest started in the Willamette Valley July 20th and in eastern areas about July 25, although one week behind normal. In Washington, harvest should begin around August 8, one week behind normal.

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