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FALL FRESH MARKET VEGETABLE AREA UP 3 PERCENT

The prospective area for harvest of 7 fresh market vegetables in major producing States during the fall season is estimated at 147 thousand acres (59.3 thousand hectares), 3 percent more than the area harvested during the fall of 1986. 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 1987 is estimated at 4400 acres (1780 hectares), 2 percent less than 1986.

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

CROP	AREA		
	HARVESTED		FOR
	1985	1986	HARVEST 1987
	ACRES		
WINTER	183,000	181,700	193,400
SPRING	169,950	168,300	170,850
SUMMER	275,310	267,270	275,900
FALL			
BROCCOLI 1/	23,200	28,400	26,700
CARROTS 1/	9,600	9,700	10,400
CAULIFLOWER 1/	14,000	15,900	15,600
CELERY 1/	10,400	9,600	9,600
SWEET CORN	13,100	10,500	11,300
LETTUCE	50,700	52,200	54,400
TOMATOES	12,500	16,500	18,500
TOTAL 7 VEGETABLES	133,500	142,800	146,500
HONEYDEW MELONS	3,200	4,500	4,400
TOTAL FALL CROP	136,700	147,300	150,900

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

CROP	AREA		
	HARVESTED		FOR HARVEST 1987
	1985	1986	
	HECTARES		
WINTER	74,060	73,530	78,270
SPRING	68,780	68,110	69,140
SUMMER	111,420	108,160	111,650
FALL			
BROCCOLI 1/	9,390	11,490	10,810
CARROTS 1/	3,890	3,930	4,210
CAULIFLOWER 1/	5,670	6,430	6,310
CELERY 1/	4,210	3,890	3,890
SWEET CORN	5,300	4,250	4,570
LETTUCE	20,520	21,120	22,020
TOMATOES	5,060	6,680	7,490
TOTAL 7 VEGETABLES	54,040	57,790	59,300
HONEYDEW MELONS	1,300	1,820	1,780
TOTAL FALL CROP	55,340	59,610	61,080

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

CROP AND STATE	USUAL HARVEST PERIOD	AREA			1987 AREA FOR HARVEST AS PERCENT OF 1986
		HARVESTED		FOR HARVEST	
		1985	1986		
		ACRES			PERCENT
BROCCOLI: 1/ CALIF	OCT-DEC	23,200	28,400	26,700	94
CARROTS: 1/ CALIF - OTHER	OCT-DEC	8,400	8,400	8,900	106
TEX	AUG-NOV	1,200	1,300	1,500	115
GROUP TOTAL		9,600	9,700	10,400	107
CAULIFLOWER: CALIF	OCT-DEC	14,000	15,900	15,600	98
CELERY: CALIF - SOUTH COAST	OCT-DEC	3,100	2,500	3,000	120
- CENTRAL COAST	OCT-DEC	5,600	5,500	5,100	93
FLA	OCT-DEC	1,700	1,600	1,500	94
GROUP TOTAL		10,400	9,600	9,600	100
SWEET CORN: CALIF	OCT-DEC	1,000	1,200	1,100	92
FLA	OCT-DEC	12,100	9,300	10,200	110
GROUP TOTAL		13,100	10,500	11,300	108
HONEYDEWS: ARIZ	SEP-NOV	600	1,000	1,000	100
CALIF	OCT-DEC	2,600	3,500	3,400	97
GROUP TOTAL		3,200	4,500	4,400	98
LETTUCE: ARIZ - OTHER	OCT-DEC	3,800	2,800	2,500	89
CALIF - BLYTHE	SEP-DEC	4,100	4,500	5,900	131
- CENTRAL COAST	SEP-DEC	26,800	28,300	29,300	104
- SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY	SEP-DEC	10,300	11,400	12,000	105
FLA	OCT-DEC	2,700	2,500	2,400	96
N J	AUG-NOV	1,400	1,300	1,000	77
N MEX	OCT-NOV	1,600	1,400	1,300	93
GROUP TOTAL		50,700	52,200	54,400	104
TOMATOES: FLA	OCT-DEC	12,000	16,100	18,100	112
TEX	NOV-FEB	500	400	400	100
GROUP TOTAL		12,500	16,500	18,500	112

1/ INCLUDES TOTAL FOR FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING USE.

VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET

CROP AND STATE	AREA			YIELD PER ACRE		
	HARVESTED		FOR	1985	1986	1987
	1985	1986	HARVEST			
	ACRES			CWT		
ONIONS:						
SPRING 1/	26,000	21,000	22,000	281	340	295
SUMMER 1/ NON-STORAGE	9,900	11,300	11,700	282	334	296
STORAGE:						
COLO	12,600	10,800	12,000	425	425	375
IDAHO & MALHEUR	16,400	15,500	16,700	550	530	560
MICH	7,800	5,700	7,900	325	290	250
MINN	670	650	650	290	320	300
N Y	13,200	12,800	11,400	300	270	225
OHIO	490	490	480	450	345	310
OREG - OTHER	3,500	3,200	3,100	430	450	450
UTAH	1,600	1,400	1,400	450	335	425
WASH	4,300	4,400	4,700	410	420	430
WIS	1,300	1,200	1,200	335	315	340
SUBTOTAL	61,860	56,140	59,530	416	399	389
CALIF 2/	25,000	26,900	26,600	370	370	375
TOTAL SUMMER	96,760	94,340	97,830	390	383	374
U S	122,760	115,340	119,830	367	375	360
	PRODUCTION					
	1985		1986		1987	
	1,000 CWT					
SPRING 1/	7,304		7,146		6,492	
SUMMER 1/ NON-STORAGE	2,796		3,776		3,459	
STORAGE:						
COLO	5,355		4,590		4,500	
IDAHO & MALHEUR	9,020		8,215		9,352	
MICH	2,535		1,653		1,975	
MINN	194		208		195	
N Y	3,960		3,456		2,565	
OHIO	221		169		149	
OREG - OTHER	1,505		1,440		1,395	
UTAH	720		469		595	
WASH	1,763		1,848		2,021	
WIS	436		378		408	
SUBTOTAL	25,709		22,426		23,155	
CALIF 2/	9,250		9,953		9,975	
TOTAL SUMMER	37,755		36,155		36,589	
U S	45,059		43,301		43,081	

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

ONIONS: AREA INTENTIONS

STATE	PLANTED AREA			1988 AS PERCENT OF	
	1986	1987	INTENDED	1986	1987
			1988		
	ACRES			PERCENT	
SPRING 1/ TEX	15,000	13,800	14,000	93	101

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

BROCCOLI: Area for harvest in California during the 1987 fall season is estimated at 26.7 thousand acres (10.8 thousand hectares), 6 percent less than harvested during the fall of 1986. The crop looks good at this time with good to excellent stands. Horned Larks are causing a problem on the West side. Harvest should begin in late October.

CARROTS: Prospective area for harvest during the fall is estimated at 10.4 thousand acres (4210 hectares), 7 percent more than a year ago.

Harvest is underway in California. Quality is good.

Harvest is making good progress on the High Plains of Texas. Early yields and quality have been good. Late fall carrots in the Rio Grande Valley are making good progress and planting continues for the winter crop.

CAULIFLOWER: California's cauliflower acreage for harvest during the fall season is estimated at 15.6 thousand acres (6310 hectares), 2 percent below the same period a year ago. The crop is making good progress. Stands along the West side are excellent and there has been little or no replanting.

CELERY: The 1987 fall celery prospective acreage for harvest totals 9600 acres (3890 hectares), unchanged from the fall season of 1986.

Early plantings in Florida are growing well. Light harvest is expected by the end of October. Transplanting continues in the Everglades.

In California, planting is declining in the Central Coast District but transplanting continues active in the South Coast District. Growing conditions are normal.

SWEET CORN: An estimated 11.3 thousand acres (4570 hectares) of sweet corn is expected for harvest during the fall season. This is 8 percent more than a year ago.

The Florida crop is making good progress with harvest active in the Zellwood and northern Peninsula areas. Stands are good in the early planted Everglade acreage. Growers continue land preparation for the anticipated early October planting in the southeast.

HONEYDEW MELONS: The fall Arizona-California honeydew acreage for harvest is down 2 percent to 4400 acres (1780 hectares).

Arizona's fall crop is in good condition. Insect problems have been minimal except for white flies in the southwest. Harvest began the week of September 20 in the central valley.

California's crop is making good progress, although crown set is light. White flies have been reported by a few growers.

LETTUCE: Fall lettuce area for harvest during 1987 is placed at 54.4 thousand acres (22.0 thousand hectares), up 4 percent from the 1986 fall acreage.

In New Jersey, hot and dry summer weather delayed plantings and resulted in less acreage than normal. Growing conditions were improved during September. Harvest of the iceberg crop began the last week of September and will continue through October.

Seeding is active in both the Florida Everglades and central areas. Early seedings are up and making good growth. First harvest for specialty types is expected to get underway by late October.

Quality has been good to excellent for the New Mexico fall crop. Heavy rains caused acreage to be lost after planting.

Field preparations and planting for the Arizona fall lettuce deal began in the east in late July. Field work was slowed in early August due to heavy rains. Harvesting began on a limited scale in the Willcox area the week of September 27th.

California lettuce harvest is declining in the Central Coast district. Harvest in the Central Valley is expected to begin the first week of October. Cool summer temperatures in the central coast resulted in a heavier than normal infestation of Mosaic virus. New plantings in the south coast and desert areas are showing good germination.

TOMATOES: The prospective area for fall tomatoes is 18.5 thousand acres (7490 hectares), 12 percent more than the same period a year ago.

The Florida fall tomato crop is in good condition in all areas. Older fields showed fairly good fruit set and sizing in the Palmetto-Ruskin area with picking expected to start in mid-to-late October. In the southwest and Pompano areas, fruit set is only fair with some bloom droppage on crown hands noticed, and stepped up spray programs are controlling disease outbreaks. Dade County growers seeded a limited acreage between recent heavy rainstorms with regular spray programs keeping fields clear of disease.

ONIONS: Storage onion production (excluding California) is forecast at 23.2 million cwt (1.05 million metric tons), up 3 percent from last year, but 10 percent below 1985. Area for harvest is set at 59.5 thousand acres (24.1 thousand hectares), up 6 percent from last year but 4 percent below two years ago. The average yield is forecast at 389 cwt per acre, down 3 percent from last year and 6 percent below 1985. California summer onion production (used mostly for processing) is forecast at 9.98 million cwt, slightly above last year.

Onion harvest is finished in Utah and Western Oregon and is nearing completion in most other States. Heavy rains caused flooding in New York, damaging onions during harvest in the Plattsburg area and slowing field work across the State. Michigan harvest is nearly finished. Quality has been excellent but sizing was limited by hot weather. Ohio and Minnesota report good quality onions with strong movement in Minnesota.

Harvest is slow in Colorado and there have been reports of labor shortages. Dry weather and scattered hail damage also reduced crop expectations. Good late season growing conditions in Idaho and Utah helped in sizing and produced good yields. Harvest is completed in Utah and nearly finished in Idaho. Dry late summer and early fall weather in Oregon allowed a smooth harvest, but limited sizing of bulbs. Washington fields are mostly harvested and quality is variable.

SPRING ONIONS INTENTIONS FOR 1988: Texas growers are planning to put in 14.0 thousand acres (5670 hectares) of spring onions in 1988. This is up 1 percent from 1987 but 7 percent below 1986.

TOMATOES FOR PROCESSING

STATE	HARVESTED AREA							
	1985 TOTAL	1986		INDICATED 1987 CONTRACT				
		TOTAL	CONTRACT					
ACRES								
CALIF	217,000	210,400	209,100	210,000				
COLO	860	650	650	620				
DEL	1,100							
IND	6,800	6,400	6,000	6,400				
MD	2,300	1,800	1,600	1,500				
MICH	6,600	5,400	5,300	5,100				
N J	4,200	3,000	2,800	3,000				
OHIO	15,900	14,800	14,800	16,000				
PA	2,800	2,900	2,800	3,100				
VA	1,400							
OTH STS 1/	6,540	6,710	5,330	6,370				
U S	265,500	252,060	248,380	252,090				
YIELD PER ACRE : PRODUCTION								
:		: INDICATED:		:	1986		:	INDICATED
1985		1986	1987	:	1985	1986		1987
TOTAL:		TOTAL:	CONTRACT	:	TOTAL	TOTAL	CONTRACT	CONTRACT
TONS								
CALIF	28.12	30.80	31.80	6,102,040	6,480,320	6,440,280	6,678,000	
COLO	20.12	16.68	16.25	17,300	10,840	10,840	10,080	
DEL	12.67			13,940				
IND	20.60	21.58	23.50	140,080	138,110	127,980	150,400	
MD	17.90	13.78	13.00	41,170	24,800	22,060	19,500	
MICH	25.20	24.70	26.00	166,320	133,380	130,910	132,600	
N J	21.95	17.42	19.70	92,190	52,260	49,670	59,100	
OHIO	25.47	26.00	26.00	404,970	384,800	384,800	416,000	
PA	19.45	17.62	17.00	54,460	51,100	47,590	52,700	
VA	18.00			25,200				
OTH STS 1/	18.27	17.54	17.83	119,460	117,680	101,150	113,550	
U S	27.03	29.33	30.27	7,177,130	7,393,290	7,315,280	7,631,930	

1/ 1985 - FLA, ILL, IOWA, N MEX, N Y, N C, S C, TEX, AND W VA.

1986-87 - DEL, FLA, ILL, IOWA, N MEX, N Y, N C, S C, TEX, UTAH, AND VA.

PROCESSING TOMATOES: Production of tomatoes under processing contract is forecast at 7.63 million tons (6.92 million metric tons), up 4 percent from last year. The California crop is up 3 percent from the September 1 forecast.



