
Vegetables



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SPRING ONIONS: Texas onion production is forecast at 4.80 million cwt (218 thousand metric tons), a jump of 49 percent above last year and one-fourth above last month's forecast.

In the Rio Grande Valley, open weather allowed producers to make good progress on harvesting activities. By the end of April, harvesting was winding down. Yields have been excellent, resulting in an abundance of onions. Most harvesting will be complete by mid-May.

In the San Antonio-Winter Garden area, harvest should begin in early May, about two weeks ahead of schedule. In Laredo, harvest should be in full swing by early May, with good yields expected.

SUMMER, NON-STORAGE ONIONS: Acreage of summer, non-storage onions is set at 10.7 thousand acres (4330 hectares) for harvest in 1986. This is up 8 percent from last year, but 4 percent short of 1984 acreage harvested.

Texas acreage, at 4.9 thousand acres, is up 20 percent while New Mexico and Washington, at 4.5 thousand acres and 1.3 thousand acres respectively, remain at the same level as last year.

In the Texas High Plains, planting was about complete by late April. Onions are making good progress under steady irrigation. Transplants seem to be in better condition than last year. In the Trans-Pecos area, planting was winding down by late April. Later planted fields look better than early fields. Conditions have been dry.

In Washington, winter damage in the Walla Walla area is expected to hold yield down to slightly above last year's levels. There has been limited replanting of damaged fields.

* AGENCY NAME CHANGE *
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* The Statistical Reporting Service staff has been active during the past *
* 3 years examining virtually every aspect of its work. One phase dealt *
* with the Agency's identity within the agricultural and statistical com- *
* munities. As a result of this study, the name of the Statistical Re- *
* porting Service has been changed to National Agricultural Statistics *
* Service. This name more accurately reflects the purpose of the Agency, *
* its broad agricultural focus, and the service aspect of its responsibi- *
* lity. In line with this change, the Agency's Crop Reporting Board has *
* been renamed the Agricultural Statistics Board to better describe the *
* scope of its output. *

VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET

CROP	AREA			YIELD PER ACRE		
	HARVESTED		FOR	1984	1985	1986
	1984	1985	HARVEST			
	1984	1985	1986			
	ACRES			CWT		
ONIONS 1/ SPRING:						
ARIZ	2,300	1,200	1,200	350	470	
CALIF	7,700	7,800	7,800	355	450	
TEX	18,600	17,000	16,000	180	190	300
GROUP TOTAL	28,600	26,000	25,000	241	281	
SUMMER:						
NON-STORAGE						
N MEX	3,900	4,500	4,500	350	325	
TEX	6,000	4,100	4,900	260	230	
WASH	1,200	1,300	1,300	360	300	
GROUP TOTAL	11,100	9,900	10,700	302	282	
	PRODUCTION					
	1984		1985		1986	
	1,000 CWT					
ONIONS 1/ SPRING:						
ARIZ	805		564			
CALIF	2,734		3,510			
TEX	3,348		3,230		4,800	
GROUP TOTAL	6,887		7,304			
SUMMER:						
NON-STORAGE						
N MEX	1,365		1,463			
TEX	1,560		943			
WASH	432		390			
GROUP TOTAL	3,357		2,796			

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