

Vegetables

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Fall Season Fresh Vegetable Harvested Area Up 5 Percent
Fall Season Melon Harvested Area Up 19 Percent
Summer Storage Onion Production Up 3 Percent

The prospective area for harvest of 11 selected fresh market vegetables during the fall quarter is forecast at 152,080 acres, up 5 percent from last year. Acreage increased from last year for snap beans, broccoli, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, sweet corn, cucumbers, and head lettuce while acreage declined for carrots, bell peppers, and tomatoes.

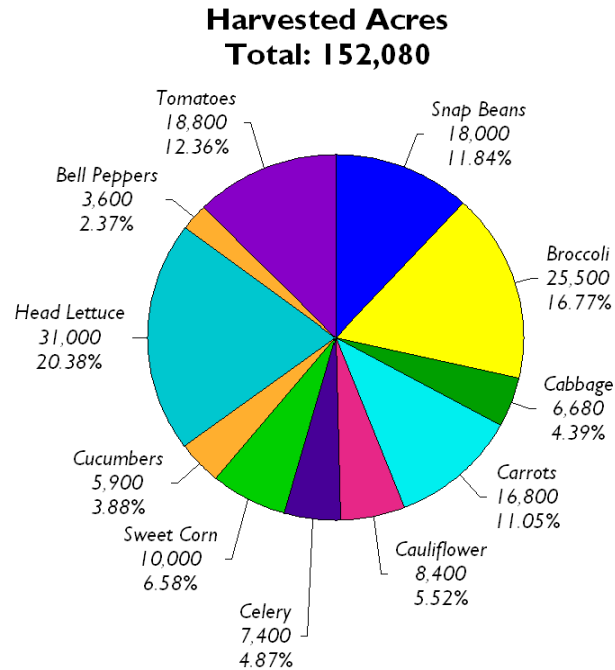
Area forecasted for fall melon harvest is 17,200 acres, up 19 percent from last year. Cantaloup harvested area is forecast at 13,700 acres, up 19 percent from 2008. Honeydew harvested area is forecast at 3,500 acres, up 21 percent from last fall.

Summer storage onion production is forecast at 57.2 million hundredweight, up 3 percent from last year. Storage onion harvested area is forecast at 104,410 acres, down 1 percent from 2008. California production, at 13.9 million hundredweight, is 5 percent above 2008. Harvested area is expected to total 32,000 acres, up 2 percent from last year.

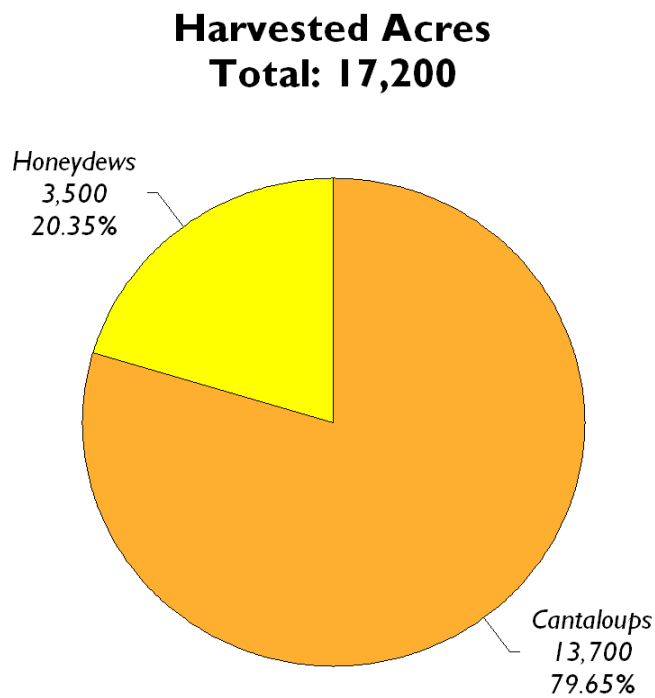
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Fall Season Fresh Market Vegetables: 2009



Fall Season Fresh Market Melons: 2009



**Selected Fresh Market Vegetables and Melons: Area Harvested by Season
and Crop, Major States, 2007-2008 and Forecasted Area 2009
(Domestic Units)**

Season and Crop	Area		
	Harvested		For Harvest 2009
	2007	2008	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Winter	173,280	159,030	150,900
Spring	271,130	269,590	259,500
Summer	370,500	354,200	353,000
Fall			
Snap Beans	18,900	17,800	18,000
Broccoli ¹	26,000	25,000	25,500
Cabbage	5,840	4,970	6,680
Carrots	18,200	17,000	16,800
Cauliflower ¹	8,300	7,900	8,400
Celery ¹	7,100	7,000	7,400
Sweet Corn	9,300	9,400	10,000
Cucumbers	8,600	4,900	5,900
Head Lettuce	29,000	28,000	31,000
Bell Peppers ¹	4,800	3,700	3,600
Tomatoes	17,400	19,000	18,800
Total	153,440	144,670	152,080
Cantaloups	10,500	11,500	13,700
Honeydew Melons	2,800	2,900	3,500
Total Melons	13,300	14,400	17,200
Total Fall Crop	166,740	159,070	169,280

¹ Includes fresh market and processing.

**Selected Fresh Market Vegetables and Melons: Area Harvested by Season
and Crop, Major States, 2007-2008 and Forecasted Area 2009
(Metric Units)**

Season and Crop	Area		
	Harvested		For Harvest 2009
	2007	2008	
	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>
Winter	70,120	64,360	61,070
Spring	109,720	109,100	105,020
Summer	149,940	143,340	142,860
Fall			
Snap Beans	7,650	7,200	7,280
Broccoli ¹	10,520	10,120	10,320
Cabbage	2,360	2,010	2,700
Carrots	7,370	6,880	6,800
Cauliflower ¹	3,360	3,200	3,400
Celery ¹	2,870	2,830	2,990
Sweet Corn	3,760	3,800	4,050
Cucumbers	3,480	1,980	2,390
Head Lettuce	11,740	11,330	12,550
Bell Peppers ¹	1,940	1,500	1,460
Tomatoes	7,040	7,690	7,610
Total ²	62,100	58,550	61,550
Cantaloups	4,250	4,650	5,540
Honeydew Melons	1,130	1,170	1,420
Total Melons ²	5,380	5,830	6,960
Total Fall Crop ²	67,480	64,370	68,510

¹ Includes fresh market and processing.

² Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Selected Fresh Market Vegetables and Melons: Area Harvested by Crop,
State, and Total, Fall Season, 2007-2008 and Forecasted Area 2009**

Crop and State	Usual Harvest Period	Area		
		Harvested		For Harvest 2009
		2007	2008	
		<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Snap Beans				
FL	Oct-Dec	11,000	8,500	9,200
GA	Oct-Dec	5,000	5,500	5,600
NJ	Sep-Oct	1,100	1,000	1,000
VA	Sep-Oct	1,800	2,800	2,200
Total		18,900	17,800	18,000
Broccoli ¹				
CA	Oct-Dec	26,000	25,000	25,500
Cabbage				
FL	Oct-Dec	1,140	1,200	1,700
GA	Oct-Dec	4,000	3,000	4,000
NJ	Aug-Nov	500	600	800
TX	Sep-Nov	200	170	180
Total		5,840	4,970	6,680
Cantaloups				
AZ	Oct-Dec	7,100	7,500	9,700
CA	Oct-Dec	3,400	4,000	4,000
Total		10,500	11,500	13,700
Carrots				
CA	Oct-Dec	18,000	16,900	16,700
TX	Oct-Dec	200	100	100
Total		18,200	17,000	16,800
Cauliflower ¹				
CA	Oct-Dec	8,300	7,900	8,400
Celery ¹				
CA	Oct-Dec	7,100	7,000	7,400
Sweet Corn				
CA	Oct-Dec	4,100	3,900	3,900
FL	Sep-Dec	5,200	5,500	6,100
Total		9,300	9,400	10,000

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Selected Fresh Market Vegetables and Melons: Area Harvested by Crop, State,
and Total, Fall Season, 2007-2008 and Forecasted Area 2009 (continued)**

Crop and State	Usual Harvest Period	Area		
		Harvested		For Harvest 2009
		2007	2008	
		<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Cucumbers				
FL	Oct-Dec	7,100	3,300	3,300
SC	Oct-Dec	400	600	1,000
TX	Sep-Nov	700	600	800
VA	Sep-Oct	400	400	800
Total		8,600	4,900	5,900
Honeydews				
AZ	Oct-Dec	1,200	1,000	1,500
CA	Oct-Dec	1,600	1,900	2,000
Total		2,800	2,900	3,500
Head Lettuce				
CA	Oct-Dec	29,000	28,000	31,000
Bell Peppers ¹				
FL	Oct-Dec	4,800	3,700	3,600
Tomatoes				
CA	Oct-Dec	10,000	11,500	11,500
FL	Sep-Dec	7,400	7,500	7,300
Total		17,400	19,000	18,800

¹ Includes fresh market and processing.

Snap Beans: Fall fresh market area for harvest is forecast at 18,000 acres, up 1 percent from last year. In Florida, growers in the southern Peninsula began land preparation and planting in July. Land preparations in the Big Bend and central regions of the State, began in mid-August. However, by early September, some field work was delayed due to heavy rainfall. In New Jersey, lower than normal night time temperatures and excessive rainfall delayed harvest early in the season. However, late plantings benefitted from sufficient showers and near normal temperatures. Growing conditions were reported to be good during September.

Broccoli: California's area for fall harvest is forecast at 25,500 acres, up 2 percent from 2008. Harvest of the fall crop is underway and the crop is reported to be in good condition.

Cabbage: Fresh market area for harvest is forecast at 6,680 acres, up 34 percent from last year. In Georgia, growing conditions have been favorable for the fall season cabbage. In Florida, growers in the southern Peninsula began planting in July. Field preparation in the Big Bend and central regions were underway by mid-August. By early September field work was delayed by heavy rainfall. However, growers were able to get back on track by mid-September. In New Jersey, planting was ahead of schedule due to cool summer weather and sufficient rainfall. Harvest of the cabbage crop started in early September. Crop quality is reported to be good to excellent. In Texas, planting began earlier than normal and the crop is reported to be progressing very well.

Cantaloups: Fall cantaloup area for harvest is forecast at 13,700 acres, up 19 percent from 2008. Arizona's harvest is expected to be in full swing by mid-October. In California, ideal temperatures boosted crop development.

Carrots: Area for fresh market harvest is forecast at 16,800 acres, down 1 percent from last year. In California, harvest is underway in the Bakersfield area and the crop is reported to be in good condition. In Texas, hot and dry weather created challenges for irrigation and stand establishment of plants. However, timely rainfall and cool weather after the Labor Day holiday benefitted soil moisture.

Cauliflower: Area for fall harvest in California is forecast at 8,400 acres, up 6 percent from last year. Harvest is underway with crop quality reported to be in good to excellent condition.

Celery: California's fall area for harvest is forecast at 7,400 acres, up 6 percent from 2008. Growing conditions have been favorable for the fall celery crop.

Sweet Corn: Fresh market area for harvest is forecast at 10,000 acres, up 6 percent from last year. The California crop is in good condition due to favorable weather during the summer and early fall. In Florida, land preparation and planting began in the southern Peninsula in July. By mid-August fields in the Big Bend and central regions were ready for planting. In early September, heavy rainfall delayed some fieldwork. However, by mid-September fields began to dry out allowing growers to proceed with planting.

Cucumbers: Area for fall harvest is forecast at 5,900 acres, up 20 percent from 2008. In Florida, growing conditions have been favorable in the southern peninsula areas. Growers in South Carolina experienced a hot and dry growing season. In Texas, growing conditions were favorable due to rain and cool weather during mid-September.

Honeydews: Fresh market area for fall harvest is forecast at 3,500 acres, up 21 percent from last year. Arizona's harvest of fall season honeydews is expected to be in full swing by mid-October. California's fall melon crop is progressing well due to ideal temperatures.

Head Lettuce: California's area for fall harvest is forecast at 31,000 acres, up 11 percent from last year. Early planted lettuce fields have begun to emerge.

Bell Peppers: Florida's fall area for harvest is forecast at 3,600 acres, down 3 percent from 2008. Planting was delayed in the Panhandle area due to excessive rainfall. Disease is a concern for young transplants due to wet fields.

Tomatoes: Fresh market area for fall harvest is forecast at 18,800 acres, down 1 percent from 2008. In California, quality of fall tomatoes is good despite the summer heat wave. In Florida, acreage remains historically low due to competition from imports, lack of demand during the summer season, and high input costs.

**Onions: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by Season,
State, and United States, 2007-2008 and Forecasted 2009**

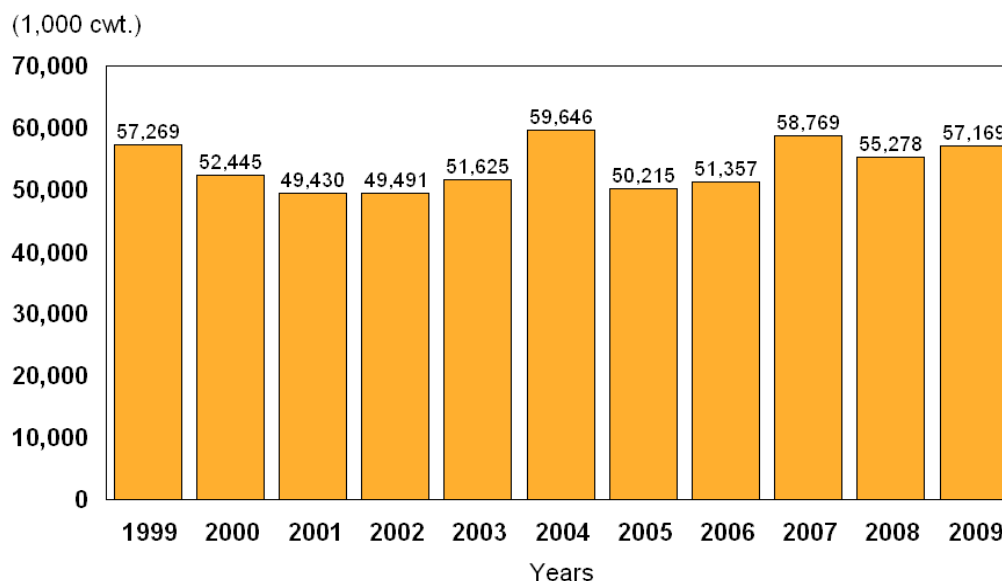
Season and State	Area			Yield per Acre		
	Harvested		For Harvest 2009	2007	2008	2009
	2007	2008				
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>Cwt</i>
Spring	30,200	28,400	27,000	327	338	349
Summer						
Non-Storage	20,200	19,400	17,700	545	533	599
Storage						
CA ¹	29,000	31,300	32,000	425	425	435
CO	7,700	7,500	5,500	410	380	470
ID	9,100	8,600	8,800	750	720	740
MI	3,800	3,600	3,900	260	280	330
NY	10,500	10,100	9,700	360	410	380
OR						
Malheur	12,600	12,200	12,000	780	710	720
Other	10,300	9,600	9,600	620	620	700
WA	22,500	20,000	19,000	610	600	630
WI	2,100	1,100	2,000	370	300	500
Oth Sts ²	2,080	1,690	1,910	470	497	445
Total	109,680	105,690	104,410	536	523	548
Summer	129,880	125,090	122,110	537	525	555
US	160,080	153,490	149,110	497	490	518
Production						
	2007		2008		2009	
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	
Spring	9,870		9,603		9,428	
Summer						
Non-Storage	10,999		10,344		10,608	
Storage						
CA ¹	12,325		13,303		13,920	
CO	3,157		2,850		2,585	
ID	6,825		6,192		6,512	
MI	988		1,008		1,287	
NY	3,780		4,141		3,686	
OR						
Malheur	9,828		8,662		8,640	
Other	6,386		5,952		6,720	
WA	13,725		12,000		11,970	
WI	777		330		1,000	
Oth Sts ²	978		840		849	
Total	58,769		55,278		57,169	
Summer	69,768		65,622		67,777	
US	79,638		75,225		77,205	

¹ Primarily for dehydrated and other processing.

² OH and UT.

Storage Onion Production

United States, 1999-2009



Summer Storage Onion Production Up 3 Percent

Summer storage onion production is forecast at 57.2 million hundredweight (cwt), up 3 percent from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 104,410 acres, down 1 percent from 2008. The yield, at 548 cwt per acre, is up 25 cwt from last year. In California, the storage onion crop is progressing well due to ideal temperatures. No major disease problems were reported. In Colorado, harvest was a week behind schedule due to wet fields. In Idaho, ideal temperatures during the growing season benefitted the onion crop. In Michigan, harvest began in mid-August and was in full swing by mid-September. In New York, excessive moisture resulted in some loss of acreage due to abandonment. Oregon onion harvest was complete by the last week of September. Wisconsin experienced a cool and dry growing season during the early part of the year, then slightly warmer conditions later in the season.

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