
Vegetables



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SPRING ONIONS: Texas spring onion production is forecast at 2.75 million cwt (125 thousand metric tons), down 24 percent from last year and 15 percent below 1985. Yields are now expected to average 220 cwt per acre, down sharply from the April 1 forecast. Spring freezes (late March) have had a devastating effect on the new 1015 variety, causing excessive bolting of maturing onions and loss of yield. Harvest is underway in the Rio Grande Valley, and should begin shortly in San Antonio-Winter Garden and Laredo areas. All three areas are behind schedule.

SUMMER NON-STORAGE ONIONS: Harvest area of summer, non-storage onions is forecast at 11.0 thousand acres (4450 hectares), down 1 percent from last year but 11 percent above two years ago. A sharp acreage increase in New Mexico was more than offset by a decline in Texas. Washington growers expect to harvest 100 more acres than last year. Late transplants in New Mexico helped add to an 1100 acre increase over last year.

The Texas growing season was slowed by cool spring weather and freezes. Considerable acreage was lost in the High Plains and some replanting was done. Stands are reduced and irrigation is being used on dry fields. Development in the Trans-Pecos area is slow and there has been some wind damage. In Washington, a mild winter should improve yields although some bolting is reported.

* 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	1985	1986	1987
	1985	1986	HARVEST			
			1987			
	ACRES			CWT		
ONIONS 1/						
SPRING:						
ARIZ	1,200	1,200	1,200	470	550	
CALIF	7,800	7,800	8,200	450	370	
TEX	17,000	12,000	12,500	190	300	220
GROUP TOTAL	26,000	21,000	21,900	281	340	
SUMMER:						
NON-STORAGE						
N MEX	4,500	4,500	5,600	325	385	
TEX	4,100	5,300	4,000	230	290	
WASH	1,300	1,300	1,400	300	330	
GROUP TOTAL	9,900	11,100	11,000	282	333	
	PRODUCTION					
	1985		1986		1987	
	1,000 CWT					
ONIONS 1/						
SPRING:						
ARIZ	564		660			
CALIF	3,510		2,886			
TEX	3,230		3,600			2,750
GROUP TOTAL	7,304		7,146			
SUMMER:						
NON-STORAGE						
N MEX	1,463		1,733			
TEX	943		1,537			
WASH	390		429			
GROUP TOTAL	2,796		3,699			

1/ INCLUDES FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING.

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