

# Vegetables



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## **Processing Vegetables Down 10 Percent**

**Vegetable processors** have contracted with U. S. farmers to grow 1.37 million acres of the four major vegetable crops (snap beans, sweet corn, green peas, and tomatoes). Planted acreage is down 10 percent from last year and 9 percent below two years ago.

**Canning** contracts cover 930,830 acres, a drop of 10 percent from last year and 8 percent below two years ago. **Freezer** contracted area covers 436,810 acres, an 8 percent decline from last year and 11 percent below two years ago.

**Tomato** acreage for canning dropped 24 percent, to 273,820 acres planted. Contract tonnage of 8.78 million tons is down 18 percent. **Snap beans** are planted on 205,620 contracted acres, a decline of 12 percent. **Sweet corn** acreage, at 535,300 acres, is down 5 percent, and **green peas**, totalling 352,900 acres, are off 1 percent from last year.

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Processing Vegetables, Planted Area and Production, by Utilization,  
and Crop, United States, 1990-92  
(Domestic Units)

Crop and Utilization	Planted Area				1992 as Pct of 1991	
	1990		1991			Preliminary: 1992 Contract
	Total	Total	Contract	Contract		
----- Acres -----						Percent
All Processing:						
Snap Beans	261,530	246,190	232,370	205,620	88	
Sweet Corn	534,150	566,060	563,160	535,300	95	
Green Peas	368,300	355,300	354,800	352,900	99	
Tomatoes	366,710	367,610	362,590	273,820	76	
Total	1,530,690	1,535,160	1,512,920	1,367,640	90	
Canning:						
Snap Beans	179,550	174,830	164,530	147,090	89	
Sweet Corn	313,520	339,720	339,720	330,170	97	
Green Peas	170,810	170,570	170,570	179,750	105	
Freezing:						
Snap Beans	81,980	71,360	67,840	58,530	86	
Sweet Corn	220,630	226,340	223,440	205,130	92	
Green Peas	197,490	184,730	184,230	173,150	94	
	Production				1992 as Pct of 1991	
	1990		1991			Preliminary: 1992 Contract
	Total	Total	Contract	Contract		
----- Tons -----						Percent
Tomatoes	10,355,260	10,872,990	10,751,140	8,779,180	82	

Processing Vegetables, Planted Area and Production, by Utilization,  
and Crop, United States, 1990-92  
(Metric Units)

Crop and Utilization	:	Planted Area				
	:	1991		:	Preliminary	
	:	1990			:	1992
	:	Total	Total	Contract	:	Contract
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	:	Hectares				
All Processing:	:					
Snap Beans	:	105,840	99,630	94,040	83,210	
Sweet Corn	:	216,170	229,080	227,910	216,630	
Green Peas	:	149,050	143,790	143,580	142,820	
Tomatoes	:	148,400	148,770	146,740	110,810	
Total	:	619,450	621,260	612,260	553,470	
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Canning: <u>1/</u>	:					
Snap Beans	:	72,660	70,750	66,580	59,530	
Sweet Corn	:	126,880	137,480	137,480	133,620	
Green Peas	:	69,130	69,030	69,030	72,740	
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Freezing: <u>1/</u>	:					
Snap Beans	:	33,180	28,880	27,450	23,690	
Sweet Corn	:	89,290	91,600	90,420	83,010	
Green Peas	:	79,920	74,760	74,560	70,070	
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	:	Production				
	:	1991		:	Preliminary	
	:	1990			:	1992
	:	Total	Total	Contract	:	Contract
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	:	Metric Tons				
Tomatoes	:	9,394,080	9,863,760	9,753,220	7,964,300	

1/ Utilization may not add to total crop because of rounding.

Snap Beans for Processing: Planted Area, by Utilization,  
State and United States, 1990-92

State and Utilization	:	Planted Area				:	1992 as Pct of 1991
	:	1991				:	
	:	1990		Preliminary:		:	
	:	1992		1992		:	
	:	Total	Total	Contract	Contract	:	
	:	Acres				:	Percent
GA	:	2,800					
IL	:	25,500	23,000	23,000	18,000		78
IN	:	7,500	3,100	3,100	4,100		132
MI	:	29,500	29,000	24,300	20,000		82
MN	:	7,000					
NY	:	24,400	23,800	23,600	19,800		84
OR	:	25,500	24,500	24,500	22,500		92
PA	:	8,700	6,600	6,600	5,600		85
TN	:	5,200	5,400	5,100	4,600		90
WI	:	85,600	81,900	75,300	70,800		94
Oth Sts <u>1</u> /	:	39,830	48,890	46,870	40,220		86
US	:	261,530	246,190	232,370	205,620		88
Canning	:	179,550	174,830	164,530	147,090		89
Freezing	:	81,980	71,360	67,840	58,530		86

<sup>1/</sup> 1990 - AZ, AR, CA, DE, FL, ID, MD, MO, NJ, NC, OH, OK, TX, UT, VA, and WA.  
1991-92 - AZ, AR, CA, DE, FL, GA, ID, IA, MD, MN, MO, NJ, NC, OH, OK, SC,  
TX, UT, VA, and WA.

Sweet Corn for Processing: Planted Area, by Utilization,  
State and United States, 1990-92

State and Utilization	:	Planted Area				:	1992 as Pct of 1991
	:	1991		:	Preliminary:		
	:	1990	1992		:		
	:	Total	Total	Contract	Contract	:	
	:	Acres				:	Percent
DE	:	6,100	6,700	6,700	6,400	:	96
ID	:	20,400	23,000	23,000	20,400	:	89
IL	:	42,000	48,400	48,400	41,300	:	85
MD	:	7,200	7,100	7,100	7,400	:	104
MI	:		6,700	6,700	7,700	:	115
MN	:	140,100	145,500	145,500	140,400	:	96
NY	:	33,300	33,200	33,200	34,000	:	102
OR	:	47,800	48,000	46,400	42,400	:	91
PA	:	3,500	3,300	3,300	2,000	:	61
WA	:	57,000	61,000	60,100	58,400	:	97
WI	:	160,900	171,300	170,900	163,500	:	96
Oth Sts <u>1/</u>	:	15,850	11,860	11,860	11,400	:	96
US	:	534,150	566,060	563,160	535,300	:	95
Canning	:	313,520	339,720	339,720	330,170	:	97
Freezing	:	220,630	226,340	223,440	205,130	:	92

1/ 1990 - IN, IA, MI, OH, and VA.

1991 - IN, IA, and OH.

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Green Peas for Processing: Planted Area, by Utilization,  
State and United States, 1990-92

State and Utilization	:	Planted Area				:
	:	1991				:
	:	1990	1991		Preliminary:	1992
	:	Total	Total	Contract	Contract	as Pct of 1991
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	:	Acres				Percent
DE	:	8,800	8,000	7,800	9,600	123
MN	:	91,500	85,400	85,400	100,600	118
NY	:	10,500	11,500	11,500	11,100	97
OR	:	36,900	39,600	39,600	37,300	94
WA	:	61,800	60,700	60,700	53,500	88
WI	:	98,900	94,100	93,800	93,800	100
Oth Sts <u>1/</u>	:	59,900	56,000	56,000	47,000	84
US	:	368,300	355,300	354,800	352,900	99
Canning	:	170,810	170,570	170,570	179,750	105
Freezing	:	197,490	184,730	184,230	173,150	94

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1991-92 - CA, ID, IL, IA, ME, MD, MI, NJ, and PA.

**Tomatoes for Processing: Planted Area and Production,  
by State and United States, 1990-92**

State	Planted Area				1992 as Pct of 1991
	1990		1991		
	Total		Preliminary: 1992		
	Total	Total	Contract	Contract	
	Acres				Percent
CA	320,000	322,000	320,000	240,000	75
CO	200	210	210	160	76
IN	8,000	8,900	8,300	6,300	76
MI	6,100	6,900	6,800	6,200	91
NJ	3,400	2,700	2,700	1,400	52
NY	2,300				
OH	17,500	17,800	17,000	14,500	85
PA	1,900	2,000	1,500	1,200	80
Oth Sts <u>1/</u>	7,310	7,100	6,080	4,060	67
US	366,710	367,610	362,590	273,820	76
	Production				1992 as Pct of 1991
1990		1991			
Total		Preliminary: 1992			
Total	Total	Contract	Contract		
	Tons				Percent
CA	9,306,200	9,893,520	9,820,000	8,000,000	81
CO	2,390	3,000	3,000	3,000	100
IN	193,040	217,540	202,790	155,500	77
MI	169,860	169,510	167,130	162,000	97
NJ	57,020	47,320	47,320	27,300	58
NY	39,800				
OH	434,510	392,410	374,700	359,660	96
PA	34,920	27,600	26,550	22,400	84
Oth Sts <u>1/</u>	117,520	122,090	109,650	49,320	45
US	10,355,260	10,872,990	10,751,140	8,779,180	82

1/ 1990 - DE, FL, IL, IA, MD, SC, TX, and VA.  
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**Snap Beans:** Processors have contracted 205,620 acres of snap beans in 1992, down 12 percent from last year and 15 percent below two years ago. Cannery planted 147,090 acres, a loss of 11 percent; while freezers acreage, at 58,530 acres, is off 14 percent. Indiana snap bean acreage, at 4,100 acres contracted, is up from last year but is well below two years ago. Neighboring Illinois indicates a 22 percent decrease. All other snap bean producing States are down from last year. Wisconsin is down 6 percent, Oregon is down 8 percent, Tennessee is down 10 percent, Pennsylvania is down 15 percent, New York is down 16 percent and Michigan is down 18 percent from last year's plantings. Harvest should be active by the last half of June.

**Sweet Corn:** Processing sweet corn is contracted on 535,300 acres this year, down 5 percent from a year ago but slightly above 1990. Cannery are looking at 330,170 acres, a decline of 3 percent; while freezers plantings, at 205,130 acres, dropped 8 percent from last year. Six of the seven leading States planted less sweet corn than last year. Acreage is down 4 percent each in Wisconsin and Minnesota, down 3 percent in Washington, 9 percent in Oregon, 11 percent in Idaho, and off 15 percent in Illinois. New York processors indicate an increase of 2 percent. Michigan with 7,700 acres is up 15 percent but Pennsylvania and Delaware cuts will more than offset this increase.

**Green Peas:** Producers planted peas on 352,900 acres this year, down 1 percent from last year and 4 percent below two years ago. Cannery contracts covering 179,750 acres, gained 5 percent from last year while freezers with 173,150 acres, are down 6 percent. Minnesota and Delaware show higher acreage than last year, while New York, Washington and Oregon are down. Wisconsin green pea acreage is the same as last year.

**Tomatoes for Canning:** Processors have contracted tomato planting on 273,820 acres this year, down 24 percent from the last two years. California processors estimate plantings at 240,000 acres under contract, 25 percent less than last year. Water shortage and low contract offerings are behind the cut. Early harvest began in the Desert at the end of May and should move to the San Joaquin Valley the third week of June, which would be a week to ten days ahead of normal. Michigan and Ohio production is expected to be down 3 and 4 percent, respectively, while Pennsylvania, Indiana, and New Jersey expect deeper cuts. Contract tonnage is forecast at 8.78 million tons, down 18 percent from last year and 14 percent below 1990.

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