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Spring Onion Acreage Up 21 Percent, Summer Down 8

Spring onions will be harvested from 32,200 acres this year if conditions hold, up 21 percent from last year and 16 percent above 1990. Production in Georgia and Texas together total 4.35 million cwt, 25 percent above last year and 21 percent above two years ago. Yields in Georgia are good but only 34 percent of the crop is harvested this year compared with more than half normally. The Texas crop needs more sunshine. Rainy, cool weather reduced size and quality. California acreage is expected to be up 25 percent from last year and Arizona will be the same. Production forecasts will be made for these two States along with Georgia and Texas on June 8, 1992.

Summer, non-storage onion acreage is estimated at 11,300 acres, a drop of 8 percent from last year and 23 percent below 1990. Harvest area is expected to be up 11 percent in Washington but lower in the other two producing States. Walla Walla sweet onions are in excellent condition having come through a mild winter. New Mexico onions are late developing but in good shape. Harvest should begin in mid to late May. Texas fields are also late in the northern areas with some crop loss. Harvest is not expected to start until June.

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**Onions: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production,
by Seasonal Group, and State, 1990-92**

Season and State	Area			Yield per acre		
	Harvested		For	1990	1991	1992
	1990	1991	Harvest			
	1990	1991	1992			
	Acres			Cwt		
Spring						
AZ	1,000	900	900	475	490	
CA	8,500	8,000	10,000	420	395	
GA	5,600	6,000	8,000	195	110	195
TX	12,600	11,800	13,300	200	240	210
Total	27,700	26,700	32,200	276	266	
Summer						
Non-storage						
NM	8,400	7,400	6,600	350	400	
TX	5,100	4,000	3,700	270	240	
WA	1,200	900	1,000	340	330	
Total	14,700	12,300	11,300	321	343	
	Production					
	1990		1991		1992	
	1,000 Cwt					
Spring						
AZ	475		441			
CA	3,570		3,160			
GA	1,092		660		1,560	
TX	2,520		2,832		2,793	
Total	7,657		7,093			
Summer						
Non-storage						
NM	2,940		2,960			
TX	1,377		960			
WA	408		297			
Total	4,725		4,217			