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SPRING ONIONS: The 1984 spring onion area for harvest is estimated at 28.1 thousand acres (11.4 thousand hectares), fractionally below last year and 3 percent below two years ago. Production in Texas is forecast at 3.3 million cwt, 12 percent below last year and 4 percent below 1982.

In the Rio Grande Valley of Texas, harvest began in mid-April, some 3 to 4 weeks behind schedule. Yields in early fields were down due to freezing early in the season. The later fields of onions are in good condition.

In the San Antonio-Winter Garden area, harvest began the first part of May. Hot, dry weather has made it necessary to irrigate heavily. Onions are in fair to good condition but some stands are poor. Harvest is 3 to 4 weeks behind normal.

In Laredo, harvest has begun on a small scale, but later than normal. Both stands and crop look good at this time; although hot, dry weather has accelerated maturity.

SUMMER NON-STORAGE ONIONS: Acreage of summer non-storage onions for harvest in 1984 is estimated at 11.2 thousand acres (4530 hectares), up 1 percent from last year, but fractionally less than two years ago.

On the Texas High Plains, producers planted fewer acres because of a shortage of transplants. Planting was slightly behind schedule this year and cool conditions have slowed growth. Currently the crop looks good, but moisture is needed.

In the Trans-Pecos area, onion seeding was completed about two weeks late. Cool, dry conditions have slowed germination.

Washington growers intend to harvest 20 percent more acres than last year if packinghouse capacity can be stretched to accommodate a larger crop.

New Mexico onions are in good conditions. Some extremely late transplanting continued through the last week in April.

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VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET

CROP	AREA			YIELD PER ACRE		
	HARVESTED		FOR	1982	1983	1984
	1982	1983	HARVEST			
	1982	1983	1984	1982	1983	1984
	ACRES			CWT		
ONIONS 1/ SPRING:						
ARIZ	1,700	1,600	1,800	515	410	
CALIF	7,900	7,600	7,700	355	285	
TEX	19,400	19,000	18,600	180	200	180
GROUP TOTAL	29,000	28,200	28,100	247	235	
SUMMER: NON-STORAGE						
N J 2/	600			150		
N MEX	4,500	3,900	4,000	365	320	
TEX	6,300	6,200	6,000	245	265	
WASH	850	1,000	1,200	370	420	
GROUP TOTAL	12,250	11,100	11,200	293	298	
	PRODUCTION					
	1982		1983		1984	
	1,000 CWT					
ONIONS 1/ SPRING:						
ARIZ	876		656			
CALIF	2,805		2,166			
TEX	3,492		3,800		3,348	
GROUP TOTAL	7,173		6,622			
SUMMER: NON-STORAGE						
N J 2/	90					
N MEX	1,643		1,248			
TEX	1,544		1,643			
WASH	315		420			
GROUP TOTAL	3,592		3,311			

- 1/ INCLUDES FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING.
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