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FALL PROSPECTIVE AREA FOR HARVEST FOR 7 SELECTED FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES UP 3 PERCENT FROM 1988

The prospective area for harvest of 7 selected fresh market vegetables in major producing States during the fall season is estimated at 159 thousand acres, 3 percent more than the area harvested during the fall of 1988. The 7 crops included in this group are broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, celery, sweet corn, lettuce, and tomatoes.

Honeydew melon area for harvest in the fall of 1989 is estimated at 3,800 acres, 12 percent less than 1988.

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SELECTED FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES AND MELONS,
PROSPECTIVE AREA FOR HARVEST, FALL SEASON, UNITED STATES
(DOMESTIC UNITS)

CROP	AREA		
	HARVESTED		FOR HARVEST 1989
	1987	1988	
	ACRES		
WINTER	192,800	193,300	209,500
SPRING	187,500	186,500	197,800
SUMMER	259,890	253,330	252,000
FALL			
BROCCOLI 1/	26,700	24,000	24,500
CARROTS 1/	12,400	12,900	13,600
CAULIFLOWER 1/	15,600	14,500	15,000
CELERY 1/	10,000	9,300	9,700
SWEET CORN	11,300	8,900	10,900
LETTUCE	60,100	64,800	66,000
TOMATOES	18,500	19,600	19,100
TOTAL 7 VEGETABLES	154,600	154,000	158,800
HONEYDEW MELONS	4,400	4,300	3,800
TOTAL FALL CROP	159,000	158,300	162,600

SELECTED FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES AND MELONS,
PROSPECTIVE AREA FOR HARVEST, FALL SEASON, UNITED STATES
(METRIC UNITS)

CROP	AREA		
	HARVESTED		FOR HARVEST 1989
	1987	1988	
	HECTARES		
WINTER	78,020	78,230	84,780
SPRING	75,880	75,470	80,050
SUMMER	105,170	102,520	101,980
FALL			
BROCCOLI 1/	10,810	9,710	9,910
CARROTS 1/	5,020	5,220	5,500
CAULIFLOWER 1/	6,310	5,870	6,070
CELERY 1/	4,050	3,760	3,930
SWEET CORN	4,570	3,600	4,410
LETTUCE	24,320	26,220	26,710
TOMATOES	7,490	7,930	7,730
TOTAL 7 VEGETABLES	62,570	62,310	64,260
HONEYDEW MELONS	1,780	1,740	1,540
TOTAL FALL CROP	64,350	64,050	65,800

1/ INCLUDES TOTAL FOR FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING USE.

SELECTED FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES AND MELONS, PROSPECTIVE AREA FOR HARVEST
FALL SEASON

CROP AND STATE	USUAL HARVEST PERIOD	AREA			1989 AREA FOR HARVEST AS PERCENT OF 1988
		HARVESTED		FOR	
		1987	1988	1989	
		ACRES			PERCENT
BROCCOLI: 1/ CALIF	OCT-DEC	26,700	24,000	24,500	102
CARROTS: 1/ CALIF - OTHER	OCT-DEC	10,900	11,000	12,000	109
TEX	AUG-NOV	1,500	1,900	1,600	84
GROUP TOTAL		12,400	12,900	13,600	105
CAULIFLOWER: 1/ CALIF	OCT-DEC	15,600	14,500	15,000	103
CELERY: 1/ CALIF - SOUTH COAST	OCT-DEC	3,000	3,000	3,000	100
- CENTRAL COAST	OCT-DEC	5,300	4,500	5,000	111
FLA	NOV-DEC	1,700	1,800	1,700	94
GROUP TOTAL		10,000	9,300	9,700	104
SWEET CORN:					
CALIF	OCT-NOV	1,100	900	1,000	111
FLA	OCT-DEC	10,200	8,000	9,900	124
GROUP TOTAL		11,300	8,900	10,900	122
HONEYDEWS:					
ARIZ	SEP-NOV	1,000	1,000	500	50
CALIF	OCT-DEC	3,400	3,300	3,300	100
GROUP TOTAL		4,400	4,300	3,800	88
LETTUCE:					
ARIZ - OTHER	OCT-DEC	2,600	4,000	3,200	80
CALIF - BLVDHE	SEP-JAN	6,200	5,100	3,800	75
- CENTRAL COAST	SEP-DEC	34,500	37,900	40,000	106
- SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY	SEP-DEC	12,100	13,000	14,700	113
FLA	OCT-DEC	2,400	2,200	2,000	91
N J	AUG-NOV	1,100	1,300	1,200	92
N MEX	OCT-NOV	1,200	1,300	1,100	85
GROUP TOTAL		60,100	64,800	66,000	102
TOMATOES:					
FLA	OCT-DEC	18,100	19,300	18,800	97
TEX	NOV-FEB	400	300	300	100
GROUP TOTAL		18,500	19,600	19,100	97

1/ INCLUDES TOTAL FOR FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING USE.

ONIONS FOR FRESH MARKET

CROP AND STATE	AREA			YIELD PER ACRE		
	HARVESTED		FOR	1987	1988	1989
	1987	1988	HARVEST			
	ACRES			CWT		
SPRING	22,000	23,700	24,400	297	295	296
SUMMER						
NON-STORAGE	11,500	12,100	12,100	299	351	348
STORAGE:						
COLO	12,500	13,500	13,500	375	410	390
IDAHO & MALHEUR	16,900	17,700	17,200	600	530	540
MICH	7,600	8,000	8,000	250	250	280
MINN	650	600	540	300	210	260
N Y	11,600	11,700	11,200	270	240	260
OHIO	470	550	490	295	300	370
OREG - OTHER	3,600	3,600	3,500	420	360	460
UTAH	1,700	1,800	1,700	485	380	440
WASH	5,000	5,600	5,100	460	450	420
WIS	1,200	1,300	1,400	280	270	330
SUBTOTAL	61,220	64,350	62,630	411	386	399
CALIF 1/	29,000	32,000	33,000	370	380	375
TOTAL SUMMER	101,720	108,450	107,730	387	381	386
U S	123,720	132,150	132,130	371	365	369
PRODUCTION						
	1987	:	1988	:	1989	
1,000 CWT						
SPRING	6,533		6,985		7,234	
SUMMER						
NON-STORAGE	3,437		4,253		4,205	
STORAGE:						
COLO	4,688		5,535		5,265	
IDAHO & MALHEUR	10,140		9,381		9,288	
MICH	1,900		2,000		2,240	
MINN	195		126		140	
N Y	3,132		2,808		2,912	
OHIO	139		165		181	
OREG - OTHER	1,512		1,296		1,610	
UTAH	825		684		748	
WASH	2,300		2,520		2,142	
WIS	336		351		462	
SUBTOTAL	25,167		24,866		24,988	
CALIF 1/	10,730		12,160		12,375	
TOTAL SUMMER	39,334		41,279		41,568	
U S	45,867		48,264		48,802	

1/ PRIMARILY FOR PROCESSING.

ONIONS

STATE	:	PLANTED AREA			:	1990 AS PERCENT OF	
	:	INTENDED:			:		
	:	1988	1989	1990	:	1988	1989
	:	ACRES			:	PERCENT	
SPRING	:				:		
TEX	:	14,500	16,200	14,500	:	100	90

BROCCOLI: Area for harvest in California during the 1989 fall season is estimated at 24.5 thousand acres, 2 percent more than harvested during the fall of 1988. Transplanting began on time in most areas. Much needed rain was received in September to help get the new crop off to a good start.

CARROTS: The prospective area for harvest during the fall is estimated at 13.6 thousand acres, 5 percent more than the same period last year.

Harvest is active in the High Plains of Texas with good yields being reported. Growing conditions have been only fair in the Rio Grande Valley where hot, dry weather has affected growth. However, harvest should begin soon.

September rains were welcome by California's growers. Growing conditions have been about normal.

CAULIFLOWER: California's acreage for harvest during the fall season is estimated at 15.0 thousand acres, a 3 percent increase from last year. The crop was planted on time and growing conditions have been about normal.

CELERY: The prospective fall acreage for harvest is expected to total 9,700 acres, up 4 percent from last year.

In Florida, planting was completed in the central area by mid-September. Transplanting continues steady in the Everglades, being interrupted occasionally by wet weather. Harvest is expected to start by the end of October.

Transplanting continues seasonally active in California's south coast while harvest is active on the central coast.

SWEET CORN: An estimated 10.9 thousand acres is expected for harvest during the fall season, an increase of 22 percent from a year ago.

In the Florida Everglades, growers abandoned some acreage because of poor stands caused by wet fields which prevented proper germination. Harvest began, in late September, in the Zellwood and northern peninsula areas.

HONEYDEW MELONS: The fall Arizona-California acreage for harvest is down 12 percent to 3,800 acres.

Arizona's crop is in good condition. Harvest began in mid-September.

Growing conditions have been normal for California's desert crop. Harvest is expected to begin the first week of October.

LETTUCE: The fall acreage for harvest is placed at 66.0 thousand acres, up 2 percent from the 1988 fall acreage.

In Florida, seeding is active in the Everglades and central areas. Planting is behind schedule because of hot and wet weather. The first harvest of specialty types is expected to start by late October.

Rain washed out some of the early plantings in New Mexico. The remaining crop is in excellent condition although somewhat behind normal development.

Transplanting of California's crop began on time in most areas. September rains were beneficial to new plantings. Iceberg lettuce fields in the Salinas area have experienced mildew problems most of the crop year which has resulted in variable quality.

TOMATOES: The prospective area for harvest for the fall crop is 19.1 thousand acres, a 3 percent decrease from last fall.

Hot weather slowed plant growth and development in Florida. Although the northern growing areas received ample rain, most of the central and southern producing areas had short moisture conditions in August and September. Plantings were delayed by hurricane threats in mid-September. However, planting was back on track by the first of October. Harvest should begin the first week of October.

It has been dry in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. This could lower yields even though growers have been irrigating steadily.

SUMMER STORAGE ONIONS: Storage onion production is forecast at 25.0 million cwt (excluding California), up 1 percent from the September 1 forecast and fractionally better than last year. The average yield improved 4 cwt per acre from last month's projection with most improvement noted in Michigan, Idaho, Utah, and Oregon. Poorer than expected crops from last month are forecast in New York, Ohio, Minnesota, and Washington. California production, used largely for processing, is set at 12.4 million cwt, up 2 percent from last year.

Harvest in Idaho and eastern Oregon is nearly two-thirds finished, with sizes running heavy to medium. Western Oregon reports ideal harvest conditions and an excellent crop. Colorado harvest was slowed by rain but size and quality are very good. Washington yields are below last year as harvest continues. Harvest in Michigan is winding down on a good quality crop.

SPRING ONIONS: Texas acreage intention stand at 14.5 thousand off 10 percent from last year and equal to two years ago. Planting is just starting on Texas spring onions.

TOMATOES FOR PROCESSING

	:	HARVESTED AREA						
STATE	:	1988			:	INDICATED		
	:	1987	:			:	1989	
	:	TOTAL	:	TOTAL	:	CONTRACT	:	CONTRACT
	:	ACRES						
CALIF	:	214,000		226,100		223,000		272,000
COLO	:	590		680		680		200
DEL	:			1,000		1,000		680
IND	:	6,700		7,500		7,200		8,200
MD	:	1,700		2,700		2,700		1,300
MICH	:	5,000		5,200		4,800		5,300
N J	:	2,900		3,300		3,200		2,900
N Y	:			2,300		2,200		1,800
OHIO	:	16,000		17,700		17,100		17,500
PA	:	2,100		2,000		1,900		1,700
OTH STS 1/	:	8,110		6,440		5,180		4,870
U S	:	257,100		274,920		268,960		316,450
	:	YIELD PER ACRE			:	PRODUCTION		
	:	:	:	INDICATED:	:	1988	:	INDICATED
	:	1987	:	1988	:	1989	:	1989
	:	TOTAL	:	TOTAL	:	CONTRACT	:	CONTRACT
	:	TONS						
CALIF	:	31.32	28.96	31.50	6,702,480	6,547,860	6,458,620	8,568,000
COLO	:	12.86	18.15	15.00	7,590	12,340	12,340	3,000
DEL	:		6.72	9.10		6,720	6,720	6,190
IND	:	23.41	20.82	21.50	156,850	156,150	150,380	176,300
MD	:	13.19	9.00	11.50	22,420	24,300	24,300	14,950
MICH	:	23.70	21.60	23.00	118,500	112,320	103,680	121,900
N J	:	19.40	12.70	14.80	56,260	41,910	40,320	42,920
N Y	:		17.04	17.70		39,190	38,000	31,860
OHIO	:	23.00	20.30	22.00	368,000	359,310	341,040	385,000
PA	:	14.14	13.93	18.00	29,690	27,860	25,730	30,600
OTH STS 1/	:	17.29	12.73	22.39	140,210	81,960	66,000	109,060
U S	:	29.57	26.95	29.99	7,602,000	7,409,920	7,267,130	9,489,780

1/ 1987 - DE, FL, IL, IA, N M, N Y, N C, S C, TX, UT, AND VA.
1988-89 - FL, IL, IA, S C, TX, AND VA.

TOMATOES FOR CANNING: The California tomato crop is now forecast at 8.57 million tons, down 2 percent from last month but nearly a third better than last year's crop.
