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PROSPECTIVE AREA FOR FRESH MARKET VEGETABLE HARVEST UP 1 PERCENT FROM 1984

Prospective acreage of 7 fresh market vegetables for harvest during the summer quarter (July, August and September 1985) in the major producing States is estimated at 279 thousand acres (113 thousand hectares), 1 percent above a year ago. Cauliflower, celery, and tomato acreage decreased while the other crop acreages increased. The vegetables included are broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, celery, sweet corn, lettuce, and tomatoes.

Honeydew melon acreage for harvest totals 18.1 thousand acres (7320 hectares), a 20 percent increase over the same period a year ago.

MAJOR STATES JANUARY-JUNE PRODUCTION OF FRESH MARKET VEGETABLES AND MELONS DOWN 3 PERCENT

The 1985 January-June production of 7 fresh market vegetables in the major producing States is estimated at 68.8 million cwt (3.12 million metric tons) compared with 71.1 million cwt (3.23 million metric tons) produced in the same period of 1984. Harvested acres for the 7 crops is estimated at 329 thousand acres (133 thousand hectares), 1 percent less than the January-June period last year.

January-June production was below last year for broccoli, carrots, celery, and lettuce. Production increased for cauliflower, sweet corn, and tomatoes.

Honeydew melon production during the January-June 1985 period is estimated at 950 thousand cwt (43.1 thousand metric tons), unchanged from a year earlier. This year's January-June production was harvested from 5000 acres (2020 hectares), the same as a year ago. Average yield for honeydew melons, at 190 cwt per acre is unchanged from a year earlier.

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PROSPECTIVE AREA FOR HARVEST, SUMMER QUARTER 1/,
UNITED STATES
(DOMESTIC UNITS)

CROP	AREA		
	1983	1984	FOR HARVEST 1985
	ACRES		
WINTER	156,500	165,600	159,500
SPRING	164,900	171,300	174,020
SUMMER			
BROCCOLI 2/	19,200	17,900	18,500
CARROTS 2/	25,800	27,000	27,800
CAULIFLOWER 2/	13,900	14,300	13,700
CELERY 2/	8,030	8,450	6,830
SWEET CORN	109,500	111,900	113,300
LETTUCE 3/	47,200	49,300	49,800
TOMATOES	50,800	50,000	49,100
TOTAL 7 VEGETABLES	272,430	278,850	279,030
HONEYDEW MELONS	14,900	15,100	18,100
TOTAL SUMMER CROP	287,330	293,950	297,130

1/ JUL, AUG, AND SEP. 2/ INCLUDES TOTAL FOR FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING USES. 3/ NEW JERSEY LETTUCE EXCLUDED FROM 1983-1985 SUMMER CROP.

PROSPECTIVE AREA FOR HARVEST, SUMMER QUARTER,
UNITED STATES
(METRIC UNITS)

CROP	AREA		
	1983	1984	FOR HARVEST 1985
	HECTARES		
WINTER	63 330	67 020	64 550
SPRING	66 730	69 320	70 420
SUMMER			
BROCCOLI	7 770	7 240	7 490
CARROTS	9 630	10 930	11 250
CAULIFLOWER	5 630	5 790	5 540
CELERY	3 250	3 420	2 760
SWEET CORN	44 310	45 280	45 850
LETTUCE	19 100	19 950	20 150
TOMATOES	20 560	20 230	19 870
TOTAL 7 VEGETABLES	110 250	112 840	112 910
HONEYDEW MELONS	6 030	6 110	7 320
TOTAL SUMMER CROP	116 280	118 950	120 230

VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET, PROSPECTIVE AREA FOR HARVEST
SUMMER QUARTER

CROP AND STATE	AREA			1985 AREA HARVESTED AS PERCENT OF 1984
	HARVESTED		FOR HARVEST	
	1983	1984		
	ACRES			PERCENT
BROCCOLI: 1/ CALIF	19,200	17,900	18,500	103
CARROTS: 1/ CALIF - OTHER	7,300	7,700	8,100	105
MICH 2/	7,200	7,500	7,300	97
N Y 2/	1,600	1,600	1,600	100
TEX 2/	500	700	500	71
WASH 2/	4,000	4,300	5,200	121
WIS 2/	3,200	5,200	5,100	98
GROUP TOTAL	23,800	27,000	27,800	103
CAULIFLOWER: 1/ CALIF	10,400	10,400	9,900	95
N Y - LONG ISLAND 2/	1,800	2,000	1,800	90
- UPSTATE 2/	1,700	1,900	2,000	105
GROUP TOTAL	13,900	14,300	13,700	96
CELERY: 1/ CALIF - CENTRAL COAST	3,800	3,800	2,500	66
MICH 2/	3,500	3,900	3,600	92
N Y 2/	730	750	730	97
GROUP TOTAL	8,030	8,450	6,830	81
SWEET CORN:				
CALIF	7,400	8,200	7,000	85
CONN	4,600	4,500	4,700	104
ILL	3,700	3,800	3,900	103
MASS	8,700	8,100	8,100	100
MICH	12,800	12,300	12,000	98
N J	12,000	12,500	12,800	102
N Y	25,300	26,800	28,400	106
N C	4,700	4,800	5,000	104
OHIO	15,000	15,000	15,000	100
PA	15,300	15,900	16,400	103
GROUP TOTAL	109,500	111,900	113,300	101
HONEYDEWS:				
ARIZ	2,100	1,700	1,700	100
CALIF - SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY 2/	6,600	7,200	7,900	110
- SACRAMENTO VALLEY 2/	6,200	6,200	8,500	137
GROUP TOTAL	14,900	15,100	18,100	120
LETTUCE:				
CALIF - CENTRAL COAST 2/	39,400	42,700	42,600	100
COLO	3,800	2,800	3,500	125
N J 3/	1,300	1,300		
N Y	4,000	3,800	3,700	97
GROUP TOTAL 4/	47,200	49,300	49,800	101
TOMATOES:				
ALA 2/	2,300	2,500	2,600	104
ARK	1,300	1,100	800	73
CALIF - SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY 2/	16,500	17,800	16,800	94
- CENTRAL COAST 2/	4,000	3,900	4,300	110
- SOUTH COAST 2/	7,300	4,400	3,600	82
MICH	3,300	3,500	3,400	97
N J	5,700	6,000	6,800	113
N Y	3,200	3,000	2,800	93
PA	4,200	4,500	4,800	107
TEX	900	900	900	100
VA	2,100	2,400	2,300	96
GROUP TOTAL	50,800	50,000	49,100	98

1/ INCLUDES TOTAL FOR FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING USES.
2/ THE ACTUAL HARVEST PERIOD BEGINS BEFORE AND/OR EXTENDS BEYOND THE QUARTER
IN WHICH THE CROP IS SHOWN TO BE HARVESTED. 3/ 1985 NEW JERSEY LETTUCE
INCLUDED IN SPRING OR FALL QUARTER. 4/ EXCLUDES 1984-85 NEW JERSEY LETTUCE.

BROCCOLI: Prospective area for harvest in California during the July-September quarter is estimated at 18.5 thousand acres (7490 hectares), up 3 percent from the same period last year. The crop has developed on schedule. Weather has been generally favorable and fields are in good condition. Harvest is very active in central coast districts.

CARROTS: Prospective area for harvest during the summer quarter is estimated at 27.8 thousand acres (11.3 thousand hectares), a 3 percent increase from the summer of 1984.

Michigan's carrot crop is developing about a week ahead of normal. Growing conditions have been hampered by high winds, spotty hail storms and dry weather.

Planting was completed slightly behind schedule in the Texas High Plains due to prolonged wetness. Some replanting was necessary due to soil compaction.

California's summer carrots are in good condition. Harvest is increasing in the Kern district and Salinas Valley as harvest slows in the Desert.

The crop condition is good in Washington, but slightly behind normal maturity for this time of the year, due to the cool spring weather.

CAULIFLOWER: Prospective area for harvest in New York and California during the July-September period is estimated at 13.7 thousand acres (5540 hectares) which is 4 percent below the same period a year ago.

Weather in California was mostly favorable for growth and development. Harvest continues active with most summer cauliflower coming from the central coast.

CELERY: During the summer quarter, 6830 acres (2760 hectares) of celery are estimated for harvest. This is 19 percent less than a year ago.

Michigan celery growth and development is about 5 days ahead of normal. Cool nights and dry weather during June slowed growth and development. Quality of Michigan celery is very good with no insect or disease damage. Harvest has started in the West Central area.

Weather was favorable for planting and growth of California's summer celery crop. Acreage is far below the last two years.

SWEET CORN: Sweet corn harvest during July-September in the major producing States is estimated at 113 thousand acres (45.9 thousand hectares), 1 percent above the acreage harvested during the same period a year ago.

Pennsylvania's corn crop is in good condition. Early plantings germinated very well. Some growers report Stewart's wilt, spotting, and weed problems. Cool weather was slowing growth, however, crops are now showing good growth and development.

Ohio sweet corn crop got off to an early start. Harvest began the last week of June and extended from the southern most areas to the central area of the State. Volume harvest should begin by mid-July.

Michigan's sweet corn crop is about a week ahead of normal. Growing conditions have been hampered by high winds, sand burn, spotty hail storms and dry weather. Some replanting was done after the May 31 wind storm.

California's crop appears to be in good condition with harvest of early fields already underway. The bulk of the harvest will begin in mid-July.

HONEYDEW MELONS: Honeydew melon acreage for harvest during the summer quarter is estimated at 18.1 thousand acres (7320 hectares), 20 percent more than a year ago.

The Arizona summer honeydew crop has been in good condition with fruit sizing and developing normally. In the west, harvesting began the first week of June, while in the central part of the State, harvest activities began the third week. Melon quality has been excellent with good size, color and sugar.

Weather in California has been favorable for growth and development of honeydew. Harvest is underway in Riverside County and should begin soon in the San Joaquin Valley.

LETTUCE: Lettuce for harvest during July-September is estimated at 49.8 thousand acres (20.2 thousand hectares), 1 percent above the 1984 summer estimate.

California's lettuce acreage for the June-August period is in fair condition. Two weeks of hot weather in June caused some heavy cullage and reduced shipments. Transportation problems were slowing shipments at the end of June.

TOMATOES: Prospective area for harvest during the summer quarter is estimated at 49.1 thousand acres (19.9 thousand hectares), 2 percent below the area harvested a year ago.

Pennsylvania's tomato crop is in good condition. Growth is 7-10 days earlier than last year and development is good. Ripening has been delayed by cool weather but overall the crop is in good shape.

Michigan's tomato crop is about a week ahead of normal. However, growing conditions have been hampered by high winds, sand burn, spotty hail storms and dry weather. Some replanting was done after the May 31 wind storm.

Plantings were completed on schedule in Texas. Harvest has begun in portions of East Texas. Elsewhere, the crop is making normal progress with only minor problems due to insects.

Harvest of California's non-desert tomato crop is getting into full swing. Picking is past the peak in the early Cutler - Orosi area and is active in the Huron, Merced and south coast areas.

VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET IN MAJOR STATES JANUARY-JUNE
UNITED STATES
(DOMESTIC UNITS)

CROP	AREA PLANTED			AREA HARVESTED		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
	ACRES					
BROCCOLI 1/	38,900	52,200	51,900	38,900	52,200	51,900
CARROTS 1/	46,900	48,400	46,100	44,900	45,800	43,500
CAULIFLOWER 1/	15,500	20,700	21,700	15,500	20,700	21,700
CELERY 1/	18,800	17,600	18,280	17,600	17,100	16,770
SWEET CORN	52,500	52,600	53,200	49,900	48,400	44,400
LETTUCE	106,700	111,600	112,300	104,700	102,500	105,700
TOMATOES	44,950	47,250	47,500	44,400	45,200	44,550
TOTAL						
7 VEGETABLES:	324,250	350,350	350,980	315,900	331,900	328,520
HONEYDEW MELONS:	5,700	5,200	5,200	5,500	5,000	5,000
TOTAL JAN-JUN:	329,950	355,550	356,180	321,400	336,900	333,520
	YIELD			PRODUCTION		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
	CWT			1,000 CWT		
BROCCOLI 1/	90	105	105	3,501	5,481	5,450
CARROTS 1/	231	214	202	10,350	9,817	8,764
CAULIFLOWER 1/	94	110	105	1,457	2,277	2,279
CELERY 1/	517	552	536	9,106	9,445	8,997
SWEET CORN	92	89	97	4,581	4,306	4,312
LETTUCE	267	279	257	27,935	28,570	27,204
TOMATOES	251	248	265	11,143	11,223	11,805
TOTAL						
7 VEGETABLES:	215	214	209	68,073	71,119	68,811
HONEYDEW MELONS:	140	190	190	770	950	950
TOTAL JAN-JUN:	214	214	209	68,843	72,069	69,761

1/ INCLUDES FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING.

VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET IN MAJOR STATES JANUARY-JUNE
UNITED STATES
(METRIC UNITS)

CROP	AREA PLANTED			AREA HARVESTED		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
	HECTARES					
BROCCOLI	15 740	21 120	21 000	15 740	21 120	21 000
CARROTS	18 980	19 590	18 660	18 170	18 530	17 600
CAULIFLOWER	6 270	8 380	8 780	6 270	8 380	8 780
CELERY	7 610	7 120	7 400	7 120	6 920	6 790
SWEET CORN	21 250	21 290	21 530	20 190	19 590	17 970
LETTUCE	43 180	45 160	45 450	42 370	41 480	42 780
TOMATOES	18 190	19 120	19 220	17 970	18 290	18 030
TOTAL						
7 VEGETABLES:	131 220	141 780	142 040	127 830	134 310	132 950
HONEYDEW MELONS:	2 310	2 100	2 100	2 230	2 020	2 020
TOTAL JAN-JUN:	133 530	143 880	144 140	130 060	136 330	134 970
	YIELD			PRODUCTION		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
	METRIC TONS					
BROCCOLI	10.09	11.77	11.77	158 800	248 610	247 210
CARROTS	25.84	24.03	22.59	469 470	445 290	397 530
CAULIFLOWER	10.54	12.32	11.77	66 090	103 280	103 370
CELERY	58.01	61.91	60.10	413 040	428 420	408 090
SWEET CORN	10.29	9.97	10.88	207 790	195 320	195 590
LETTUCE	29.91	31.24	28.84	1 267 100	1 295 910	1 233 950
TOMATOES	28.13	27.83	29.70	505 440	509 060	535 460
TOTAL						
7 VEGETABLES:	24.15	24.02	23.48	3 087 730	3 225 890	3 121 200
HONEYDEW MELONS:	15.66	21.33	21.33	34 930	43 090	43 090
TOTAL JAN-JUN:	24.01	23.98	23.44	3 122 660	3 268 980	3 164 290

VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET
JANUARY-JUNE

CROP AND STATE	AREA PLANTED			AREA HARVESTED		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
	ACRES					
BROCCOLI: 1/ CALIF	38,900	52,200	51,900	38,900	52,200	51,900
CARROTS: 1/ CALIF - DESERT	11,900	10,700	11,600	11,900	10,700	11,600
- OTHER	12,000	13,400	13,200	12,000	13,400	13,200
FLA	10,600	12,000	12,500	10,000	10,600	11,500
TEX	12,400	12,300	8,800	11,000	11,100	7,200
GROUP TOTAL	46,900	48,400	46,100	44,900	45,800	43,500
CAULIFLOWER: 1/ CALIF	15,500	20,700	21,700	15,500	20,700	21,700
CELERY: 1/ CALIF - SOUTH COAST	9,900	9,000	10,200	9,100	8,800	9,400
- CENTRAL COAST	600	800	680	500	800	670
FLA	8,300	7,800	7,400	8,000	7,500	6,700
GROUP TOTAL	18,800	17,600	18,280	17,600	17,100	16,770
SWEET CORN: CALIF	6,000	6,000	5,500	6,000	6,000	5,500
FLA	46,500	46,600	47,700	43,900	42,400	38,900
GROUP TOTAL	52,500	52,600	53,200	49,900	48,400	44,400
HONEYDEWS: TEX	5,700	5,200	5,200	5,500	5,000	5,000
LETTUCE: ARIZ - YUMA	20,000	21,000	25,200	20,000	21,000	25,200
- OTHER	5,700	7,300	5,400	5,700	3,700	4,900
CALIF	62,100	63,600	62,100	62,100	62,400	59,600
FLA	11,800	12,900	13,100	10,400	10,500	10,800
N J	1,700	1,700	1,400	1,600	1,500	1,400
N MEX	2,600	3,000	2,000	2,300	1,900	1,600
TEX	2,800	2,100	3,100	2,600	1,500	2,200
GROUP TOTAL	106,700	111,600	112,300	104,700	102,500	105,700
TOMATOES: ALA	750	750	700	600	600	550
ARK	600	800	900	600	800	800
CALIF - DESERT	1,500	1,800	1,500	1,500	1,800	1,500
FLA	34,400	36,500	37,100	34,400	34,800	35,100
S C	5,000	4,700	4,300	4,800	4,700	4,200
TEX	2,700	2,700	3,000	2,500	2,500	2,400
GROUP TOTAL	44,950	47,250	47,500	44,400	45,200	44,550

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VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET
JANUARY-JUNE

CROP AND STATE	YIELD			PRODUCTION		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
	CWT			1,000 CWT		
BROCCOLI: 1/ CALIF	90	105	105	3,501	5,481	5,450
CARROTS: 1/ CALIF - DESERT	250	275	240	2,975	2,943	2,784
- OTHER	335	330	300	4,020	4,422	3,960
FLA	110	69	88	1,100	731	1,012
TEX	205	155	140	2,255	1,721	1,008
GROUP TOTAL	231	214	202	10,350	9,817	8,764
CAULIFLOWER: 1/ CALIF	94	110	105	1,457	2,277	2,279
CELERY: 1/ CALIF - SOUTH COAST	605	660	610	5,506	5,808	5,734
- CENTRAL COAST	560	655	620	280	524	415
FLA	415	415	425	3,320	3,113	2,848
GROUP TOTAL	517	552	536	9,106	9,445	8,997
SWEET CORN: CALIF	105	110	105	630	660	578
FLA	90	86	96	3,951	3,646	3,734
GROUP TOTAL	92	89	97	4,581	4,306	4,312
HONEYDEWS: TEX	140	190	190	770	950	950
LETTUCE: ARIZ - YUMA	310	285	285	6,200	5,985	7,182
- OTHER 2/	310	330	170	1,767	1,221	833
CALIF	265	300	275	16,457	18,720	16,390
FLA	190	180	170	1,976	1,890	1,836
N J	140	135	185	224	203	259
N MEX	310	140	220	713	266	352
TEX	230	190	160	598	285	352
GROUP TOTAL	267	279	257	27,935	28,570	27,204
TOMATOES: ALA	100	100	100	60	60	55
ARK	100	105	200	60	84	160
CALIF - DESERT	220	225	175	330	405	263
FLA	280	270	285	9,632	9,396	10,004
S C	195	240	275	936	1,128	1,155
TEX	50	60	70	125	150	168
GROUP TOTAL	251	248	265	11,143	11,223	11,805

1/ INCLUDES TOTAL FOR FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING. 2/ EXCLUDES THE FOLLOWING QUANTITIES NOT HARVESTED OR NOT MARKETING BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC CONDITIONS; 1984, 1,080,000 CWT.

VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET

CROP AND STATE	AREA			YIELD PER ACRE		
	HARVESTED		FOR	1983	1984	1985
	1983	1984	HARVEST			
	ACRES			CWT		
ONIONS:						
SPRING 1/	28,200	28,600	26,100	235	241	284
SUMMER 1/						
NON-STORAGE:						
N MEX	3,900	3,900	4,500	320	350	350
TEX	6,200	6,000	4,300	265	260	250
WASH	1,200	1,200	1,300	410	360	345
TOTAL	11,300	11,100	10,100	299	302	307
STORAGE:						
COLO	10,400	12,200	12,000	330	380	
IDAHO & MALHEUR	13,300	15,500	16,700	505	505	
MICH	8,300	8,500	8,500	310	345	
MINN	790	650	720	200	240	
N Y	13,300	14,100	13,200	210	240	
OHIO	550	500	500	350	410	
OREG - OTHER	2,500	3,200	3,500	420	400	
UTAH	1,900	2,200	1,600	300	315	
WASH	3,500	4,300	4,300	440	450	
WIS	1,600	1,600	1,300	345	340	
SUBTOTAL	56,140	62,750	62,320	349	376	
CALIF 2/	27,400	26,900	24,100	335	365	
TOTAL SUMMER	94,840	100,750	96,520	339	365	
U S	123,040	129,350	122,620	315	338	
	PRODUCTION					
	1983	:	1984	:	1985	
	1,000 CWT					
ONIONS:						
SPRING 1/	6,622		6,887		7,416	
SUMMER 1/						
NON-STORAGE:						
N MEX	1,248		1,365		1,575	
TEX	1,643		1,560		1,075	
WASH	492		432		449	
TOTAL	3,383		3,357		3,099	
STORAGE:						
COLO	3,432		4,636			
IDAHO & MALHEUR	6,717		7,828			
MICH	2,573		2,933			
MINN	158		156			
N Y	2,793		3,384			
OHIO	193		205			
OREG - OTHER	1,050		1,280			
UTAH	570		693			
WASH	1,540		1,935			
WIS	552		544			
SUBTOTAL	19,578		23,594			
CALIF 2/	9,179		9,819			
TOTAL SUMMER	32,140		36,770			
U S	38,762		43,657			

1/ PRIMARILY FRESH MARKET. 2/ PRIMARILY FOR PROCESSING.

BROCCOLI: January-June broccoli production in California is estimated at 5.45 million cwt (247 thousand metric tons), down 1 percent from 1984 January-June production. Acreage harvested, at 51.9 thousand acres (21.0 thousand hectares), is down 1 percent from the same period a year earlier. Yield per acre, at 105 cwt, is the same as a year ago.

Broccoli production in California for the January-June period was about the same as last year, weather was favorable and yields were good.

CARROTS: Production of carrots during the first six months of 1985 is estimated at 8.76 million cwt (398 thousand metric tons), down 11 percent from the same period last year. Harvested acreage was placed at 43.5 thousand acres (17.6 thousand hectares), 5 percent below the first half of 1984. Yield, at 202 cwt, was below the 214 cwt for a year earlier.

Texas carrot production was well below a year earlier as a result of reduced acreage and yield. Acreage was nearly one-third below a year ago while yield averaged 15 cwt less.

Harvest of California's Desert carrot crop was completed in June. Weather was generally favorable and yields about normal. Harvest of California carrots other than desert was about normal during the January-June period. Shipments were below last year during every month with the exception of January.

Harvest of Florida carrots was winding down in early July. The January 1985 freeze caused some damage to growing plants and some acreage was replanted. However, yields averaged well above the 1984 freeze damaged crop.

In Texas, planting of carrots was completed on schedule, with only minor weather delays. Harvest began on schedule, but experienced delays both in the Rio Grande Valley and Winter Garden areas due to adverse weather.

CAULIFLOWER: Cauliflower production in California during January-June 1985 is estimated at 2.28 million cwt (103 thousand metric tons), about the same as a year earlier. Acreage harvested, at 21.7 thousand acres (8780 hectares), was up 5 percent from last year. Yield, at 105 cwt, was down 5 cwt from the 1984 average of 110 cwt.

Cauliflower supplies in California were relatively heavy during the January-June period. Processing tonnage was about the same as the previous year.

CELERY: January-June celery production is estimated at 9.00 million cwt (408 thousand metric tons), a decline of 5 percent from 1984 production for the same period. This year's first half production was harvested from 16.8 thousand acres (6790 hectares), 2 percent less than the previous year. Yield per acre is estimated at 536 cwt, compared with 552 cwt in 1984.

Florida acreage planted and harvested is below a year ago. Yields were improved over the same period a year earlier. Acreage not harvested is up slightly from the previous year. Low market prices and the January freeze contributed to the increased abandoned acreage. Harvest was virtually complete, for the season, by early July.

Harvest was completed in the California Desert area by July 1. Warm weather hastened maturity and caused some acreage to bolt. Transplanting has been active in the Central Coast district. Some acreage was abandoned due to weak market conditions. Growing conditions have been near normal along the South Coast. Harvest has been active and some acreage was abandoned because of weak market prices.

SWEET CORN: AT 4.31 million cwt (196 thousand metric tons), January-June sweet corn production is virtually the same as a year earlier. Harvested acreage is placed at 44.4 thousand acres (18.0 thousand hectares), down 8 percent from the same period in 1984. Yield per acre averaged 97 cwt, up from 89 cwt a year earlier.

The January freeze in Florida caused considerable loss and replanting was necessary. Heavy loss occurred in the Pompano and Dade County areas. The spring crop was very good and offset the winter loss. Harvest continued into mid-July in the Zellwood area.

Sweet corn in California has developed and matured slightly ahead of a year ago. Harvest was well underway in most areas by mid-May with completion expected by early August.

HONEYDEW MELONS: Production during the January-June period in Texas is estimated at 95.0 thousand cwt (43.1 thousand metric tons), the same as a year earlier. Harvested acreage is placed at 5000 acres (2020 hectares), no change from a year ago. Yield per acre was 190 cwt, the same as a year earlier.

In Texas, honeydew melons made good growth during the season under good moisture conditions. Harvest experienced only minor delays from adverse weather. Good yields were realized.

LETTUCE: Production of lettuce for the January-June period is estimated at 27.2 million cwt (1.23 million metric tons), down 5 percent from the same period in 1984. Harvested acreage, at 106 thousand acres (42.8 thousand hectares) was up 3 percent from a year earlier. Yield per acre is placed at 257 cwt, down 22 cwt from last year.

Lettuce prospects in Florida were reduced by a late January freeze. The Zellwood area was the hardest hit. The crop responded to favorable weather in late winter and spring. Good yields were realized. In Texas cold temperatures during January and February damaged the crop. Yields and production were reduced by the adverse weather. However, harvest generally moved along on schedule.

Harvest of California's lettuce crop for the January-June period proceeded on schedule. Market prices were generally weak and some acreage was not cut due to maturity. Lettuce harvest in central and eastern Arizona was completed by late June. Weak markets as a result of heavy supplies from California and Florida caused much of the crop to remain unharvested. This contributed to reduced yields. Acreage of Western lettuce in the Yuma area was up 20 percent from the January-June period. Yields averaged 285 cwt per acre, unchanged from the previous year.

SUMMER ONIONS: Acreage of summer onions for harvest is forecast at 96.5 thousand acres (39.1 thousand hectares) down 4 percent from last year but 2 percent above 1983.

NON-STORAGE: Production of summer non-storage onions is forecast at 3.10 million cwt (141 thousand metric tons), down 8 percent from the last two years. Area for harvest at 10.1 thousand acres (4090 hectares) dropped 9 percent from last year and 11 percent from two years ago. The average yield this year is expected to climb to 307 cwt per acre, up 5 cwt from last year and 8 cwt above 1983.

In the Texas High Plains, harvest was just getting underway in early July. Yields are expected to be lower than last year due to weather and plant condition. In the Trans-Pecos, harvest moved along well and was nearing completion by early July. Yields have been very good.

In New Mexico harvest of Granos is nearing completion. Some sun scalding has been reported.

The Washington non-storage onion yield will be lighter than last year, especially for the fall-planted crop which was damaged by late frosts. The spring-planted crop will be a little better.

STORAGE ONIONS: Harvested acreage for summer storage onions (excluding California) is forecast at 62.3 thousand acres (25.2 thousand hectares), down 1 percent from last year but 11 percent above two years ago. California acreage (mostly for processing) at 24.1 thousand acres fell 10 percent from last year and 12 percent from 1983.

New York acreage dropped 6 percent to 13.2 thousand acres, just below 1983 harvested acreage. Michigan's onion crop is maturing 5 to 7 days ahead of normal. In Minnesota, warm weather allowed very early completion of planting. The Hollandale area has been very dry, although onions started out with good moisture.

The Colorado onion crop looks good with excellent growing conditions to date. Utah weather conditions have been favorable so far this year. The crop should be good if conditions remain favorable.

Onions in Western Oregon show good stands. Willamette Valley growers have been irrigating because of light rainfall. Hermiston growers replanted some fields during mid-May after they were blown out. Washington growers say this year's crop will be smaller than last year but of good quality. California weather has been favorable for growth in most areas and harvest is underway.

TOMATOES: Production of tomatoes during January-June is estimated at 11.8 million cwt (535 thousand metric tons), up 5 percent from a year earlier. The crop was harvested from 44.6 thousand acres (18.0 thousand hectares), 1 percent less than the previous year. However, yield per acre increased to 265 cwt compared with 248 cwt a year ago.

Abandonment in Florida was above normal due to the January freeze. Overall January-June yields averaged above the previous year's freeze damaged crop. There was some overlap of harvest schedules in the Immokalee and the Palmetto-Ruskin areas after the freeze. Market prices were weak and many growers harvested only the large fruit. Some growers picked the stake crop only one or two times. The spring crop was very good. Harvest of the Florida crop was virtually complete by early July.

Plantings were completed on schedule in the Texas Rio Grande Valley for the January-June period. Harvest was interrupted several times by rains, however, yields were good.

California's Desert market tomato harvest started in late May and continued into July. Market conditions were generally disappointing and many fields were picked very lightly.

Harvesting of South Carolina's crop was over two-thirds complete by July 1. The crop was in fair to good condition. Acreage is expected to be down, but yields should be higher due to good weather conditions.

GREEN PEAS FOR PROCESSING
July 1, 1985

Production of green peas for processing is forecast at 525 thousand tons (476 thousand metric tons), up 6 percent from last year and 23 percent above two years ago. Harvest acreage is set at 348 thousand acres (141 thousand hectares), a gain of 5 percent from last year and 13 percent above 1983. The average yield is forecast at 1.51 tons per acre, up 1 percent from last year and 9 percent above two years ago.

In California, green peas had nearly ideal growing conditions. Harvest has started in many areas and has progressed well with open weather. Early harvest in Oregon's Umatilla County was below normal because of injuries from spring freezes. Later fields should yield less because of dry conditions. In the Willamette Valley, yields should be near normal. Washington crop progress was slowed by late frosts and drought.

Wisconsin production is expected to be up 3 percent from last year. In Minnesota, planting progressed smoothly with warm, dry weather in April and May. Subsoil moisture reserves were enough for early peas to make a good start. Below-normal temperatures in June kept the crop in fair condition. Beginning of harvest was 1 to 2 weeks earlier than normal. Michigan processors expect a yield somewhat higher than 1.50 tons and of good quality. Timely rains have helped provide a good season. In Delaware and Maryland weather for green pea growth and development this spring and summer have been nearly ideal. Peas were planted early, developed early and were harvested nearly two weeks ahead of schedule.

GREEN PEAS FOR PROCESSING

STATE	HARVESTED AREA						
	1983			1984			INDICATED
	TOTAL	TOTAL		CONTRACT		CONTRACT	
		1985					
ACRES							
DEL	9,400		11,500		11,500		11,700
MD	2,900		2,500		2,500		1,800
MINN	64,200		74,200		74,200		77,000
N Y	9,200		9,200		9,200		11,700
OREG	34,400		33,600		33,600		36,800
WASH	65,600		64,400		64,400		65,000
WIS	81,000		86,200		86,200		94,300
OTH STS 1/	42,100		48,870		48,870		49,320
U S	308,800		330,470		330,470		347,620
YIELD PER ACRE : PRODUCTION							
	1983		1984		1984		INDICATED
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985	1985
	TOTAL	TOTAL	CONTRACT	TOTAL	TOTAL	CONTRACT	CONTRACT
TONS (SHELLED)							
DEL	1.47	1.40	1.80	13,820	16,100	16,100	21,060
MD	1.17	1.63	1.90	3,390	4,080	4,080	3,420
MINN	1.25	1.38	1.35	80,250	102,400	102,400	103,950
N Y	1.50	1.64	1.75	13,800	15,090	15,090	20,480
OREG	1.17	1.48	1.25	40,250	49,730	49,730	46,000
WASH	1.49	1.70	1.80	97,740	109,480	109,480	117,000
WIS	1.36	1.48	1.40	110,160	127,580	127,580	132,020
OTH STS 1/	1.58	1.45	1.64	66,330	70,880	70,880	81,020
U S	1.38	1.50	1.51	425,740	495,340	495,340	524,950

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