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HIGHLIGHTS

SPRING ONION production in Texas and Georgia is forecast at 4.16 million cwt, up 15 percent from last year and 8 percent above two years ago.

SUMMER, NON-STORAGE acreage for harvest is estimated at 12.7 thousand acres, down 12 percent from last year and 2 percent below 1989.

SPRING ONIONS: Texas production is forecast at 3.07 million cwt, a gain of 22 percent while wet weather has reduced Georgia potential to 1.09 million cwt, down slightly from last year. In Georgia, harvest has been difficult because of wet field conditions. At the end of April, harvest was 10 percentage points behind a year ago. In Texas, rain and slow drying conditions delayed harvest in the Rio Grande Valley during April. Harvest progress is good in Winter Garden and Laredo areas.

SUMMER, NON-STORAGE ONIONS: Growers expect to harvest 12.7 thousand acres of onions this season, down 12 percent from last year. In the Texas High Plains, the crop is off to a good start although winds have caused some problems. Progress is good in the Trans-Pecos area. New Mexico growers planted more acres than expected and the crop looks good. Washington growers lost some acreage to winter-kill and are left with fewer acres than expected earlier.

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Onions: Area, Yield, and Production, By States, 1989-91

Crop and State	Area			Yield per acre		
	Harvested		For	1989	1990	1991
	1989	1990	Harvest			
			1991			
	Acres			Cwt		
Spring:						
AZ	1,100	1,100	900	405	430	
CA	7,700	8,500	8,000	400	420	
GA	4,700	5,600	6,800	135	195	160
TX	15,000	12,600	12,800	215	200	240
Total Spring	28,500	27,800	28,500	259	275	
Summer:						
Non-storage						
NM	7,500	8,200	7,500	400	350	
TX	4,000	5,100	4,300	260	270	
WA	1,500	1,200	900	350	340	
Total Summer	13,000	14,500	12,700	351	321	
	Production					
	1989		1990		1991	
	1,000 Cwt					
Spring:						
AZ	446		473			
CA	3,080		3,570			
GA	635		1,092		1,088	
TX	3,225		2,520		3,072	
Total Spring	7,386		7,655			
Summer:						
Non-storage						
NM	3,000		2,870			
TX	1,040		1,377			
WA	525		408			
Total Summer	4,565		4,655			