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Summer Non-Storage Onion down 6 Percent

Summer Non-Storage Onion production is forecast at 4.44 million cwt, down 6 percent from last year and 3 percent below two years ago. A good crop in New Mexico does not offset poorer onions in Texas and Washington.

Snap Beans for processing are forecast at 726,640 tons for 1991, down 2 percent from last year and 13 percent below contracted production in 1989. Acreage for harvest is slightly higher but average yield is projected lower than last year.

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Onions For Fresh Market, Acres, Yield, and Production, 1989-91

Season and State	Area			Yield Per Acre		
	Harvested		For	1989	1990	1991
			Harvest			
	1989	1990	1991			
	Acres			Cwt		
Spring	28,500	27,700	28,200	259	276	269
Summer						
Non-Storage						
NM	7,500	8,400	7,500	400	350	425
TX	4,000	5,100	4,000	260	270	240
WA	1,500	1,200	900	350	340	320
Total	13,000	14,700	12,400	351	321	358
Storage	64,160	65,440		403	440	
CA <u>1</u> /	27,000	30,500		375	380	
Summer Total	104,160	110,640	12,400	389	408	
US	132,660	138,340	40,600	361	382	
	Production					
	1989		1990		1991	
	1,000 Cwt					
Spring	7,386		7,657		7,575	
Summer						
Non-Storage						
NM	3,000		2,940		3,188	
TX	1,040		1,377		960	
WA	525		408		288	
Total	4,565		4,725		4,436	
Storage	25,826		28,809			
CA <u>1</u> /	10,125		11,590			
Summer Total	40,516		45,124			
US	47,902		52,781			

1/ Primarily for processing.

Snap Beans for Processing, Acres, Yield, and Production 1989-91

		Harvested Area						
State	:	1990				Indicated		
	:	1989				1991		
	:	Total	Total	Contract		Contract		
		Acres						
GA	:	2,700	2,700	1,200		2,000		
IL	:	24,800	24,600	24,600		15,000		
IN	:	4,600	6,600	6,600		4,000		
MI	:	21,500	27,000	23,400		31,000		
MN	:	5,900	6,800	6,800				
NY	:	25,200	22,600	22,400		21,600		
OR	:	25,700	25,400	25,400		22,700		
PA	:	5,700	8,500	8,500		7,400		
TN	:	5,200	5,000	4,700		3,600		
WA	:	1,100						
WI	:	82,500	78,700	68,300		75,100		
Oth Sts 1/	:	44,100	38,030	34,030		44,080		
US	:	249,000	245,930	225,930		226,480		
		Yield Per Acre		Production				
:	:	:	Indicated	:	1990		Indicated	
:	1989	1990	1991	1989			1991	
:	Total	Total	Contract	Total	Total	Contract	Contract	
		Tons						
GA	:	2.30	2.20	1.50	6,210	5,940	2,400	3,000
IL	:	3.31	2.41	2.80	82,090	59,290	59,290	42,000
IN	:	3.18	2.52	2.50	14,630	16,630	16,630	10,000
MI	:	2.90	2.95	3.00	62,350	79,650	68,890	93,000
MN	:	3.84	2.70		22,660	18,360	18,360	
NY	:	2.76	3.10	3.00	69,550	70,060	69,440	64,800
OR	:	6.77	5.80	6.30	173,990	147,320	147,320	143,010
PA	:	2.55	2.93	1.70	14,540	24,910	24,910	12,580
TN	:	1.75	1.78	1.80	9,100	8,900	8,400	6,480
WA	:	4.35			4,790			
WI	:	3.41	3.27	3.20	281,330	257,350	223,000	240,320
Oth Sts 1/	:	2.91	2.82	2.53	128,460	107,140	99,160	111,480
US	:	3.49	3.23	3.21	869,700	795,550	737,800	726,670
1/ 1989 - AL, AR, CA, DE, FL, GA, ID, IA, LA, MD, MO, NJ, NC, OH, OK, SC, TX, UT, AND VA.								
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Summer, Non-Storage Onions: Production of summer, non-storage onions is forecast at 4.44 million cwt this year, down 6 percent from a year ago and 3 percent below two years ago. Area for harvest is down 16 percent from last year but the average yield is up 12 percent.

Onions are better than a year ago in New Mexico but poorer in Texas and Washington. Harvest is winding down in southern New Mexico and is still active on the High Plains. Quality and yields are very good. In Texas, harvest in the High Plains has been delayed by July rains, but quality remains good. Harvest is finished in the Trans-Pecos area with some acreage abandonment due to hail. Washington harvest is complete with lower yields than normal.

Snap Beans for Processing: Production of snap beans for processing is forecast at 726,640 tons this year, down 2 percent from last year and 13 percent below 1989. Area for harvest, at 226,480 acres, is up slightly but poorer yields along the Atlantic coast and Southeast areas are responsible for the downturn.

Mid-west snap bean harvest is going well as recent cooler temperatures have allowed the crop to mature on schedule. Wisconsin processors reported good yields in spite of earlier hot weather. Quality is excellent. Acreage for harvest is up sharply in Michigan but down in neighboring Illinois. Good yields are reported in both States. In the Northwest, yields are better than last year when heat shortened the harvest season. Acreage is down in Oregon but yields are good. The California crop is variable, with generally lower yields because of late development.

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