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SPRING FRESH MARKET VEGETABLE ACREAGE IS UP 10 PERCENT

The prospective acreage for harvest of 7 fresh market vegetables in major producing States during the spring is estimated at 198 thousand acres, up 10 percent from 1988. Increased acreage of carrots, lettuce and tomatoes offset declines in celery and sweet corn.

Texas spring honeydew melon acreage for harvest is estimated at 7,000 acres, a decrease of 7 percent from a year ago.

The major producing States expect to harvest 98.0 thousand acres of asparagus in 1989. This is 2 percent more than in 1988.

The prospective area for harvest of strawberries in the major spring producing States is estimated at 30.6 thousand acres, down 1 percent from last year.

Spring onion production in Texas is forecast at 4.08 million cwt, up 27 percent from last year, and 48 percent above 1987.

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PROSPECTIVE AREA FOR HARVEST, SPRING SEASON, UNITED STATES
(DOMESTIC UNITS)

CROP	AREA		
	HARVESTED		FOR
	1987	1988	HARVEST 1989
	ACRES		
WINTER	188,700	191,100	209,500
SPRING			
BROCCOLI 1/	30,500	29,500	33,300
CARROTS 1/	12,400	12,400	15,900
CAULIFLOWER 1/	14,000	11,500	11,500
CELERY 1/	8,400	8,800	8,600
SWEET CORN	41,400	45,300	43,800
LETTUCE	37,600	40,200	45,600
TOMATOES	26,500	32,600	39,100
TOTAL 7 VEGETABLES	170,800	180,300	197,800
HONEYDEW MELONS	4,600	7,500	7,000
TOTAL SPRING CROP	175,400	187,800	204,800

1/ INCLUDES TOTALS FOR FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING USE.

PROSPECTIVE AREA FOR HARVEST, SPRING SEASON, UNITED STATES
(METRIC UNITS)

CROP	AREA		
	HARVESTED		FOR
	1987	1988	HARVEST 1989
	HECTARES		
WINTER	76,370	77,340	84,780
SPRING			
BROCCOLI	12,340	11,940	13,480
CARROTS	5,020	5,020	6,430
CAULIFLOWER	5,670	4,650	4,650
CELERY	3,400	3,560	3,480
SWEET CORN	16,750	18,330	17,730
LETTUCE	15,220	16,270	18,450
TOMATOES	10,720	13,190	15,820
TOTAL 7 VEGETABLES	69,120	72,960	80,040
HONEYDEW MELONS	1,860	3,040	2,830
TOTAL SPRING CROP	70,980	76,000	82,870

VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET, PROSPECTIVE AREA FOR HARVEST
SPRING 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	APR-JUN	30,500	29,500	33,300	113
CARROTS: 1/ CALIF - OTHER	APR-JUN	6,600	6,600	10,700	162
FLA	APR-JUL	3,800	4,200	3,200	76
TEX	APR-JUN	2,000	1,600	2,000	125
GROUP TOTAL		12,400	12,400	15,900	128
CAULIFLOWER: CALIF	APR-JUN	14,000	11,500	11,500	100
CELERY:					
CALIF - SOUTH COAST	APR-JUL	4,300	5,100	4,700	92
- CENTRAL COAST	APR-JUN	600	700	600	86
FLA	APR-JUL	3,500	3,000	3,300	110
GROUP TOTAL		8,400	8,800	8,600	98
SWEET CORN:					
CALIF	MAY-JUN	6,900	8,300	8,300	100
FLA	APR-JUN	34,500	37,000	35,500	96
GROUP TOTAL		41,400	45,300	43,800	97
HONEYDEWS: TEX	APR-JUN	4,600	7,500	7,000	93
LETTUCE:					
ARIZ - OTHER	MAR-JUN	3,100	3,000	2,500	83
CALIF - SAN JOAQUIN	MAR-MAY	10,200	12,100	12,900	107
- CENTRAL COAST	APR-MAY	16,800	19,300	25,000	130
FLA	APR-JUN	4,300	3,000	3,100	103
N J	MAY-JUL	1,500	1,300	1,200	92
N MEX	APR-JUN	1,700	1,500	900	60
GROUP TOTAL		37,600	40,200	45,600	113
TOMATOES:					
ALA	JUN-JUL	600	500	500	100
ARK	JUN-SEP	500	600	600	100
CALIF - DESERT	MAY-JUL	1,100	1,200	2,000	167
FLA	APR-JUN	18,500	23,700	30,000	127
S C	MAY-JUL	3,600	3,700	3,500	95
TEX	APR-JUN	2,200	2,900	2,500	86
GROUP TOTAL		26,500	32,600	39,100	120

1/ INCLUDES FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING.

VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET

CROP AND STATE	AREA			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
	HARVESTED		FOR	1987	1988	1989	1987	1988	1989
	1987	1988	HARVEST						
	1987	1988	1989						
	ACRES			CWT			1,000 CWT		
ASPARAGUS: 1/									
CALIF	39,700	40,100	41,500	30	29		1,191	1,163	
MICH	22,000	22,500	23,000	11	11		242	248	
N J	1,800	1,700	1,500	18	20		32	34	
WASH	31,000	32,000	32,000	26	28		806	896	
GROUP TOTAL	94,500	96,300	98,000	24	24		2,271	2,341	
ONIONS: 2/									
SPRING									
ARIZ 3/	1,300	1,200	1,000	450	375		585	450	
CALIF 3/	8,200	8,200	7,400	390	375		3,198	3,075	
TEX	12,500	14,000	16,000	220	230	255	2,750	3,220	4,080
GROUP TOTAL	22,000	23,400	24,400	297	288		6,533	6,745	
STRAW-									
BERRIES: 1/									
WINTER									
FLA	4,900	5,000	5,300	225	250	290	1,103	1,250	1,537
SPRING									
CALIF	16,800	17,600	19,000	490	490	490	8,232	8,624	9,310
MICH	2,200	2,300	2,200	60	55		132	127	
N J	800	700	700	53	46		42	32	
OREG	7,800	7,800	6,400	120	130		936	1,014	
WASH	2,500	2,400	2,300	96	92		240	221	
GROUP TOTAL	30,100	30,800	30,600	318	325		9,582	10,018	
MAJOR STATES									
TOTAL	35,000	35,800	35,900	305	315		10,685	11,268	

- 1/ INCLUDES FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING.
 2/ PRIMARILY FRESH MARKET.
 3/ FIRST FORECAST WILL BE PUBLISHED JUN 9.

ASPARAGUS: Preliminary acreage for harvest in the major States is estimated at 98.0 thousand acres, 2 percent more than 1988. Weather permitting, harvest will be in full swing by mid-April in Washington. Growers are concerned about the labor situation.

BROCCOLI: Prospective spring season area for harvest is estimated at 33.3 thousand acres, up 13 percent from 1988. The weather has been ideal this spring for broccoli production.

CARROTS: Spring season acreage for harvest is estimated at 15.9 thousand acres, an increase of 28 percent from a year ago.

In Florida, a late February freeze burned the tops in some areas. This delayed harvest but steady supplies are available from the Zellwood and Everglades areas.

Harvest is underway in Texas and California.

CAULIFLOWER: Prospective area for the California spring season is estimated at 11.5 thousand acres, unchanged from 1988. Growing conditions have been near normal since mid-March.

CELERY: The spring season prospective area for harvest is estimated at 8,600 acres, a decrease of 2 percent from last year.

Planting was nearing completion in the Florida Everglades and was expected to be complete in the central area by mid-April. The crop was in good condition. Yields, quality and size have been good.

Transplanting picked up seasonally in the central coast counties of California. Growing conditions have been normal. Harvest continued seasonally active in the south coast counties. Yields and quality have been good.

SWEET CORN: Sweet corn acreage for harvest during the spring is forecast at 43.8 thousand acres, a decrease of 3 percent from 1988.

The Florida crop was damaged by late February frosts. Much of the area in the Everglades had to be replanted which is expected to delay harvest 3 to 4 weeks. Limited picking began in late March in those areas that escaped the frost. Most Zellwood growers did not plant until early March and escaped the frost. Harvest should start in early May in the Zellwood area. Currently, most supplies are coming from the Dade County and Pompano areas.

The early spring crop in California was making good progress. Harvest is expected to start in the Desert area in late April.

HONEYDEW MELONS: The spring area for harvest is expected to total 7,000 acres, a decrease of 7 percent from last year. An early February cold spell caused extensive replanting in the Rio Grande Valley. Progress has been good. Plants are blooming and setting fruit. Harvest is expected to be slightly later than normal.

LETTUCE: Spring lettuce acreage for harvest is forecast at 45.6 thousand acres, up 13 percent from a year ago.

Harvest has been active in the Florida Everglades. Cutting has been light in central area but is increasing. Supplies should increase through April then decline seasonally.

Planting in southern New Jersey was delayed by wet conditions in late March. Some growers are switching from head lettuce to leaf lettuce.

Harvest of central Arizona's spring deal began the third week of March. Supplies should increase through April.

Cold weather delayed the start of harvest of the California spring crop. Harvest had been expected to start by late March in the Kern district. Harvest of the central coast crop should be active by mid-April.

ONIONS: Texas spring onion production is forecast at 4.08 million cwt, up more than one-fourth from last year, and nearly 50 percent above two years ago. Area for harvest is estimated at 16.0 thousand acres, up 14 percent from last year, while the average yield is expected to come in at 255 cwt per acre, a gain of 11 percent.

In the Rio Grande Valley, harvest gained momentum during March; however, low market prices held shipments down early. Quality varies, with most in good condition; however, a late season cold spell hurt some varieties. In the San Antonio, Winter Garden, and Laredo areas, most fields are making normal progress.

STRAWBERRIES: Acreage for harvest in the major spring producing States is estimated at 30.6 thousand acres, down 1 percent from last spring.

Harvest in California's south coast counties is near normal after a slow start. Extremely cold weather in January and February caused early blooms to be lost which delayed picking. Harvest started in early April in the central coast counties.

In New Jersey, there was little winter damage this year. Growers are worried about yields because of the warm, dry winter.

The western Oregon crop is about a week behind normal and just beginning to grow. The damage caused by February freezes has not been fully determined. Damage was most severe in older fields. Fields in the southern part of the State and mid-Willamette Valley were generally snow covered and appear to be in better condition than those in the western part of the State.

The extreme cold also caused plants to be injured in Washington. The full extent of the damage is not known yet.

TOMATOES: The estimate of spring acreage for harvest is up 20 percent from 1988 to 39.1 thousand acres.

Harvest was underway in the southwest and Ft. Pierce-Pompano areas of Florida. The late February freeze caused growers to replant in the Palmetto-Ruskin area but harvest is expected to start in early April. West and north Florida growers began planting in early March.

The late February freeze caused minor damage in Alabama. The crop is in good condition as mild weather prevails. Rainy weather during March delayed planting the south California crop. Planting should pick up as weather permits.

Cold weather and dry, windy conditions slowed crop development in the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Irrigation has kept most fields in good condition. Wet weather has slowed planting in east Texas.

1989 Agricultural Statistics Board Calendar

January

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Holiday	3	4	5 Egg Products	6 Hogs and Pigs; Dairy Products
9 Poultry Slaughter; Vegetables; Poultry Slaughter	10	11 Crop Production	12	13 Crop Production; Vegetables; Poultry Slaughter; Eggs; Poultry Slaughter
16 Holiday	17 Turkey Hatchery; Poultry Slaughter	18 Milk Production	19 Noncattle Poultry; Poultry Slaughter	20
23	24 Cattle; Poultry Slaughter; Cold Storage	25	26 Cattle on Foot; Cold Storage	27 Poultry Slaughter; Poultry Slaughter
30 Eggs, Chickens and Turkey; Poultry Slaughter; Poultry Slaughter; Poultry Slaughter	31 Agricultural Prices			

July

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 Holiday	5 Farm Production; Poultry Slaughter; Egg Products	6 Poultry Slaughter; Poultry Slaughter	7 Cattle
10 Noncattle Poultry; Poultry Slaughter; Poultry Slaughter	11	12 Crop Production	13 Turkey Hatchery	14 Milk Production
17	18 Vegetables	19	20 Milk; Cattle	21 Cattle on Foot; Poultry Slaughter; Cold Storage
24	25 Eggs, Chickens and Turkey	26	27	28 Poultry Slaughter; Poultry Slaughter
31 Agricultural Prices; Cattle Production				

February

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Dairy Products; Poultry Slaughter	7 Cattle	8 Cattle; Sheep and Goats	9 Crop Production	10 Hogs; Poultry Slaughter
13	14 Turkey Hatchery	15 Milk Production	16 Potato Stocks; Cattle on Foot	17 Sugar Market; Sugarbeets
20 Holiday	21 Cattle	22	23 Eggs, Chickens and Turkey	24 Cold Storage; Poultry Slaughter
27 Poultry Slaughter; Poultry Slaughter	28 Agricultural Prices			

August

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 Cattle	8	9	10 Crop Production	11 Vegetables; Poultry Slaughter
14 Farm Labor	15 Milk Production	16	17 Cattle on Foot	18 Sugar Market; Sugarbeets; Melons
21 Cattle	22	23 Cold Storage; Cattle	24 Eggs, Chickens and Turkey	25 Poultry Slaughter; Poultry Slaughter
28	29 Poultry Slaughter; Poultry Slaughter	30	31 Agricultural Prices	

March

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6 Dairy Products	7 Cattle	8 Vegetables	9 Crop Production	10
13 Poultry Slaughter; Poultry Slaughter	14 Turkey Hatchery	15 Potato Stocks	16 Milk Production; Cattle on Foot	17
20 Cold Storage; Poultry Slaughter	21 Cattle	22 Hogs; Poultry Slaughter	23 Eggs, Chickens and Turkey	24 Cold Storage; Poultry Slaughter; Poultry Slaughter
27	28 Poultry Slaughter; Poultry Slaughter	29	30 Agricultural Prices	31 Poultry Slaughter; Poultry Slaughter; Poultry Slaughter

September

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4 Holiday	5	6 Poultry Slaughter; Poultry Slaughter	7 Cattle	8 Vegetables
11	12 Crop Production	13 Turkey Hatchery	14	15 Milk Production
18 Cattle on Foot	19	20 Hogs; Poultry Slaughter	21	22 Poultry Slaughter; Poultry Slaughter
25 Cattle Poultry	26 Eggs, Chickens and Turkey	27 Poultry Slaughter	28 Poultry Slaughter; Poultry Slaughter	29 Agricultural Prices; Poultry Slaughter

October

November

December

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Egg Products	3 Poultry Slaughter	4	5 Dairy Products	6 Calf
9 Holiday	10	11 Vegetables	12 Crop Production	13 Turkey Hatchery
16 Milk Production	17	18	19	20 Cattle on Feed; Livestock Slaughter
23 Cold Storage	24	25 Eggs, Chickens and Turkeys	26	27
30 Peanut Stocks and Processing	31 Milk Stocks; Agricultural Prices			

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		1	2 Egg Products	3 Poultry Slaughter
6 Dairy Products	7 Calf	8	9 Crop Production	10 Holiday
13	14 Turkey Hatchery; Farm Labor	15	16 Milk Production	17 Sugar Market; Cattle on Feed
20 Cattle	21	22 Cold Storage; Eggs, Chickens and Turkeys	23 Holiday	24
27 Livestock Slaughter	28 Peanut Stocks and Processing	29	30 Agricultural Prices	

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 Egg Products
4 Poultry Slaughter	5	6 Dairy Products; Calf	7	8
11	12 Crop Production	13 Turkey Hatchery	14	15 Milk Production; Vegetables; Potato Stocks
18 Cattle on Feed	19	20 Cattle	21 Cold Storage; Eggs, Chickens and Turkeys; Livestock Slaughter	22
25 Holiday	26	27	28 Peanut Stocks and Processing	29 Agricultural Prices

April

May

June

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 Egg Products	4 Poultry Slaughter	5	6 Dairy Products; Calf	7 Meat Animals; Food, Drug, and Income
10 Vegetables	11 Crop Production	12	13 Turkey Hatchery	14 Turkey Stocks; Milk Production
17 Non-Farm Crops	18	19	20 Cattle	21 Cattle on Feed; Cold Storage
24	25 Eggs, Chickens and Turkeys	26	27 Peanut Stocks and Processing	28 Poultry Production and Values; Agricultural Prices

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2 Egg Products	3 Poultry Slaughter	4	5 Dairy Products; Agricultural Prices
8 Cattle; Food, Drug, and Income	9 Vegetables	10	11 Crop Production	12 Turkey Hatchery; Farm Labor
15 Milk Production	16 Potato Stocks	17 Cattle on Feed	18 Sugar Market; Station	19 Livestock Slaughter
22 Cattle; Cold Storage	23 Eggs, Chickens and Turkeys	24	25	26 Peanut Stocks and Processing
29 Holiday	30	31 Agricultural Prices		

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				2 Egg Products; Grain; Milk; Food; Drug; and Income
5 Poultry Slaughter	6 Dairy Products	7	8 Calf	9 Vegetables; Annual
12 Crop Production	13 Turkey Hatchery	14	15	16 Milk Production; Cattle on Feed
19	20	21 Cattle	22 Query Production; Eggs, Chickens and Turkeys	23 Cold Storage; Livestock Slaughter
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