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SUMMER NON-STORAGE ONIONS DOWN 1 PERCENT

Production of summer, non-storage onions is forecast at 4.21 million cwt, down 1 percent from last year but 22 percent above 1987. Area for harvest is set at 12.1 thousand acres, the same as a year ago and 5 percent above two years ago. The per acre yield averages 348 cwt, 1 percent below a year earlier but 16 percent above two years ago.

Harvest is nearing completion in each of the major growing areas. Sizes are smaller than normal in New Mexico and Washington, although harvest weather has been nearly ideal. In Texas, harvest is moving rapidly in the High Plains. Quality and sizes vary widely. Field activity is winding down in the Trans-Pecos area as yields and quality remain good.

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ONIONS FOR FRESH MARKET

SEASON AND STATE	AREA			YIELD PER ACRE		
	HARVESTED		FOR	1987	1988	1989
			HARVEST			
	1987	1988	1989			
	ACRES			CWT		
SPRING	22,000	23,700	24,500	297	295	296
SUMMER						
NON-STORAGE:						
N MEX	5,400	6,400	6,600	390	430	400
TEX	4,700	4,100	4,000	170	210	260
WASH	1,400	1,600	1,500	380	400	350
TOTAL	11,500	12,100	12,100	299	351	348
STORAGE	61,220	64,350	62,640	411	386	
CALIF 1/	29,000	32,000	33,000	370	380	
SUMMER TOTAL	101,720	108,450	107,740	387	381	
U S	123,720	132,150	132,240	371	365	
	PRODUCTION					
	1987	1988	1989			
	1,000 CWT					
SPRING	6,533	6,985	7,243			
SUMMER						
NON-STORAGE:						
N MEX	2,106	2,752	2,640			
TEX	799	861	1,040			
WASH	532	640	525			
TOTAL	3,437	4,253	4,205			
STORAGE	25,167	24,866				
CALIF 1/	10,730	12,160				
SUMMER TOTAL	39,334	41,279				
U S	45,867	48,264				

1/ PRIMARILY FOR PROCESSING.

SNAP BEANS FOR PROCESSING

STATE	HARVESTED AREA			
	1988			INDICATED
	1987	1988		1989
	TOTAL	TOTAL	CONTRACT	CONTRACT
ACRES				
ARK	3,000	3,600	3,600	
ILL		9,500	9,000	21,200
IND	5,800	6,200	6,200	5,800
MICH	19,500	21,000	14,000	18,300
MINN	5,200	5,400	5,400	5,800
N Y	28,600	28,000	25,200	28,300
OREG	20,300	21,700	21,700	24,000
PA	6,600	6,400	3,800	6,000
TENN	5,400	6,000	5,800	5,000
WASH	1,100	800	800	900
WIS	88,700	82,800	73,300	79,500
OTH STS 1/	37,010	26,250	25,100	46,950
U S	221,210	217,650	193,900	241,750
	YIELD PER ACRE		PRODUCTION	
	INDICATED		1988	
	1987	1988	1987	1989
	TOTAL	TOTAL	TOTAL	CONTRACT
TONS				
ARK	2.21	1.78	6,630	6,410
ILL		3.25	3.50	30,880
IND	2.74	2.85	3.20	15,890
MICH	2.20	1.80	2.70	42,900
MINN	3.35	2.48	2.70	17,420
N Y	2.47	1.89	2.60	70,640
OREG	5.81	5.77	6.60	117,940
PA	2.00	1.87	2.50	13,200
TENN	2.00	1.40	2.20	10,800
WASH	4.51	4.57	4.50	4,960
WIS	3.15	2.53	3.20	279,410
OTH STS 1/	2.68	2.69	2.82	99,220
U S	3.07	2.70	3.34	679,010
1/ 1987 -	AL, CA, DE, FL, GA, ID, IL, MD, MO, N J, N C, OH, OK, S C, TX, UT, AND VA.			
1988 -	AL, CA, DE, FL, GA, ID, MD, MO, N J, N C, OH, OK, S C, TX, UT, AND VA.			
1989 -	AL, AR, CA, DE, FL, GA, ID, IA, LA, MD, MO, N J, N C, OH, OK, S C, TX, UT, AND VA.			

PROCESSING SNAP BEANS PRODUCTION JUMPS 51 PERCENT

Contract snap bean production is forecast at 807 thousand tons in 1989, according to reports from processors. This is up 51 percent from last year's drought stricken crop and 30 percent above two years ago. Harvest acreage is set at 242 thousand acres, up one-quarter from last year and more than one-fifth above 1987. The average yield projection of 3.34 tons per acre is 21 percent above last year and 8 percent above two years ago.

Harvest is active across the country and finished in Florida. Conditions are generally much better this year than last when drought cut yields drastically. With prospects of a much better early crop, some firms have cut back on fall acreage in the South. Western States came through with good to excellent snap bean crops except where heat has outpaced irrigation. In North Central and mid-Western States, timely rains helped bring the crop to harvest with only occasional reports of drought damage. The Atlantic Coast and Southeastern States, on the other hand, suffered from excessive rains and flood damage in low spots.