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SPRING ONION PRODUCTION DOWN 4 PERCENT SUMMER, NON-STORAGE ACREAGE UP 23 PERCENT

Production of **SPRING ONIONS** in Texas and Georgia combine for a drop of 4 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest in the two States is set at 18.3 thousand this year, down 7 percent from a year ago.

Georgia growers expect to produce 1.20 million cwt of onions this year, nearly double the 635 thousand cwt produced last year. Acreage for harvest is set at 5700 acres, up 21 percent from last year. The average yield is forecast at 210 cwt per acre. Harvest is nearing the halfway point on an excellent crop.

Texas production is down 22 percent from a year ago. Harvest acreage should total 12.6 thousand acres, dropping 16 percent from last year, while the average yield has tailed off somewhat. Rio Grande Valley harvest is nearing its end with a few growers finished. Harvest is underway in Laredo and just starting in the San-Antonio Winter Garden area. Heavy rainfall has caused some problems.

SUMMER, NON STORAGE ONION acreage is estimated at 14.9 thousand acres for harvest this year, a gain of 23 percent from a year ago. Substantial gains in Texas and New Mexico more than offset smaller acreage in Washington.

In New Mexico, the onion is in good condition although some poor stands are noticed. Acreage in the Texas High Plains area is nearly all planted but early growth is slow. Trans-Pecos area onion planting is winding down. Washington non-storage acreage is 7 percent less than last year but the crop is looking good.

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ONIONS

CROP AND STATE	AREA			YIELD PER ACRE		
	HARVESTED		FOR	1988	1989	1990
			HARVEST			
	1988	1989	1990			
	ACRES			CWT		
SPRING:						
ARIZ	1,200	1,000	770	375	440	
CALIF	8,500	7,700	8,500	390	400	
GA 1/		4,700	5,700		135	210
TEX	14,000	15,000	12,600	230	215	200
TOTAL	23,700	28,400	27,570	295	260	
SUMMER:						
NON-STORAGE						
N MEX	6,400	6,600	8,400	430	400	
TEX	4,100	4,000	5,100	210	260	
WASH	1,600	1,500	1,400	400	350	
TOTAL SUMMER	12,100	12,100	14,900	351	348	
	PRODUCTION					
	1988		1989		1990	
	1,000 CWT					
SPRING:						
ARIZ	450		440			
CALIF	3,315		3,080			
GA 1/			635		1,197	
TEX	3,220		3,225		2,520	
TOTAL	6,985		7,380			
SUMMER:						
NON-STORAGE						
N MEX	2,752		2,640			
TEX	861		1,040			
WASH	640		525			
TOTAL SUMMER	4,253		4,205			

1/ ESTIMATES BEGAN IN 1989.