

Vegetables

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Fresh Vegetable Harvested Area Up 2 Percent From Last Year Spring Onion Planted Acreage Down 7 Percent Strawberry Planted Acreage Down 3 Percent

The prospective area for harvest of 11 selected fresh market vegetables during the winter quarter is forecast at 157,300 acres, up 2 percent from last year. Acreage increased for cabbage, carrots, and head lettuce. Acreage declined for snap beans, broccoli, cauliflower, celery, sweet corn, bell peppers, and tomatoes. Area harvested for spinach remains unchanged.

Area planted for spring onions, at 28,000 acres, is down 7 percent from 2009. California and Texas reduced planted acreage from 2009, while Georgia's planted acreage remains unchanged.

Strawberry area planted for the major States (California, Florida, and Oregon) in 2010 is forecast at 48,500 acres, down 3 percent from 2009.

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**Selected Fresh Market Vegetables: Area Harvested by Crop, Winter Season,
Major States, 2008-2009 and Forecasted 2010
(Domestic Units)**

Crop	Area		
	Harvested		For Harvest 2010
	2008	2009	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Snap Beans	13,500	12,000	11,500
Broccoli ¹	27,000	26,000	25,500
Cabbage	11,330	11,720	12,600
Carrots	16,400	16,200	16,600
Cauliflower ¹	8,000	8,500	8,200
Celery ¹	7,300	7,200	7,100
Sweet Corn	9,200	8,800	8,400
Head Lettuce	50,700	47,000	51,000
Bell Pepper ¹	6,400	6,800	6,700
Spinach	1,100	600	600
Tomatoes	9,100	9,300	9,100
Total Winter Crop	160,030	154,120	157,300

¹ Includes fresh market and processing.

**Selected Fresh Market Vegetables: Area Harvested by Crop, Winter Season,
Major States, 2008-2009 and Forecasted 2010
(Metric Units)**

Crop	Area		
	Harvested		For Harvest 2010
	2008	2009	
	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>
Snap Beans	5,460	4,860	4,650
Broccoli ¹	10,930	10,520	10,320
Cabbage	4,590	4,740	5,100
Carrots	6,640	6,560	6,720
Cauliflower ¹	3,240	3,440	3,320
Celery ¹	2,950	2,910	2,870
Sweet Corn	3,720	3,560	3,400
Head Lettuce	20,520	19,020	20,640
Bell Pepper ¹	2,590	2,750	2,710
Spinach	450	240	240
Tomatoes	3,680	3,760	3,680
Total Winter Crop ²	64,760	62,370	63,660

¹ Includes fresh market and processing.

² Total may not add due to rounding.

**Selected Fresh Market Vegetables: Area Harvested by Crop, State, and
Total, Winter Season, 2008-2009 and Forecasted 2010**

Crop and State	Usual Harvest Period	Area		
		Harvested		For Harvest 2010
		2008	2009	
		<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Snap Beans FL	Jan-Mar	13,500	12,000	11,500
Broccoli ¹ CA	Jan-Mar	27,000	26,000	25,500
Cabbage FL	Jan-Mar	5,000	4,900	4,800
TX	Dec-Mar	6,330	6,820	7,800
Total		11,330	11,720	12,600
Carrots CA	Jan-Mar	15,600	15,500	16,000
TX	Dec-Mar	800	700	600
Total		16,400	16,200	16,600
Cauliflower ¹ CA	Jan-Mar	8,000	8,500	8,200
Celery ¹ CA	Jan-Mar	7,300	7,200	7,100
Sweet Corn FL	Jan-Mar	9,200	8,800	8,400
Head Lettuce AZ - Western	Nov-Apr	32,700	32,000	34,000
CA	Jan-Mar	18,000	15,000	17,000
Total		50,700	47,000	51,000
Bell Pepper ¹ FL	Jan-Mar	6,400	6,800	6,700
Spinach TX	Dec-Mar	1,100	600	600
Tomatoes FL	Jan-Mar	9,100	9,300	9,100

¹ Includes fresh market and processing.

**Spring Onions and Strawberries for Fresh Market: Area Planted and Harvested
by Crop, State, and Total, 2008-2009 and Forecasted 2010**

Crop, Season, and State	Planted Area			Harvested Area		
	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	For Harvest 2010
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
Onions ¹						
Spring						
AZ ²	1,500	1,600		1,500	1,600	
CA ³	6,700	6,200	6,000	6,500	6,000	
GA	12,000	12,000	12,000	11,500	10,500	11,500
TX	11,000	10,300	10,000	8,900	9,100	8,600
Total ³	31,200	30,100	28,000	28,400	27,200	
Strawberries ⁴						
CA	37,600	39,000	37,500	37,600	39,000	37,500
FL	6,900	8,800	8,900	6,900	8,800	8,900
OR	2,100	2,200	2,100	1,800	1,700	1,800
Major States Total	46,600	50,000	48,500	46,300	49,500	48,200

¹ Primarily fresh market.

² Estimates discontinued in 2010.

³ 2010 harvested acreage published April 1, 2010.

⁴ Includes fresh market and processing.

Snap Beans: Florida area for harvest is forecast at 11,500 acres, down 4 percent from last year. Warm and dry weather allowed planting to proceed on schedule. However, the dry weather conditions led growers to irrigate fields in southern Florida. Light harvest for the winter crop began in late December.

Broccoli: California harvested area is forecast at 25,500 acres, down 2 percent from 2009. Quality of the broccoli crop is reported to be in overall good condition. However, some growers reported yellowing, knuckling, and pale green appearance.

Cabbage: Winter area for harvest is forecast at 12,600 acres, 8 percent above 2009. In Florida, planting for the winter crop began in the central Peninsula in November. Light volumes were harvested by mid-December. In Texas, the fall crop is progressing.

Carrots: Winter harvested area is forecast at 16,600 acres, up 2 percent from last year. In California, cool weather towards the end of the season reduced yields in the Bakersfield area. In Texas, the carrot crop is progressing well.

Cauliflower: California harvested area is forecast at 8,200 acres, down 4 percent from last year. Harvest was ahead of schedule and quality of the cauliflower crop is reported to be good.

Celery: The winter celery crop for harvest in California is forecast at 7,100 acres, down 1 percent from last year. The winter celery crop is reported to be in good condition.

Sweet Corn: Florida harvested area is forecast at 8,400 acres, 5 percent below last year. Planting of the winter sweet corn crop was underway by late October. Some fields in southern Florida required irrigation. Light harvesting began by December.

Head Lettuce: Area for harvest is forecast at 51,000 acres, up 9 percent from last year. Harvest in Arizona began in mid-November. Harvest of California's iceberg lettuce crop began around the third week of November.

Onions: Growers intend to plant 28,000 acres of spring onions for 2010, down 7 percent from 2009. California onion growers began planting in October and continued through mid-December. Onion fields have shown good growth in many areas following recent rains. However, water shortages remain a concern for some growers. In Georgia, planting was on schedule despite frequent rainfall in many areas of the State. No disease problems have been reported. In Texas, spring onion plantings have declined, however, yields and quality of the onion crop are reported to be very good.

Bell Peppers: Winter area for harvest in Florida is forecast at 6,700 acres, down 1 percent from last year. High temperatures during the fall season caused bloom drop.

Spinach: Harvested area of winter spinach in Texas is forecast at 600 acres, unchanged from 2009. Harvest of the Baby leaf spinach is well underway.

Strawberries: Planted area for the major States (California, Florida, and Oregon) is forecast at 48,500 acres, down 3 percent from 2009. California's strawberry season started slowly this year due to wet and cool weather. In Florida, producers in Hillsborough County began planting by October. Light harvest began in late November and continued into December.

Tomatoes: Florida winter tomato harvested area is forecast at 9,100 acres, down 2 percent from 2009.

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