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TEXAS SPRING ONION PRODUCTION UP 15 PERCENT; U. S. SUMMER, NON-STORAGE ACREAGE DOWN 4 PERCENT

SPRING ONIONS: Texas spring onion production is forecast at 3.71 million cwt, up 15 percent from last year and 35 percent above 1987. Area for harvest is set at 15.8 thousand acres up 13 percent; while the average yield forecast of 235 cwt per acre is up 2 percent.

Harvest is now past its peak in the Rio Grande Valley. Quality has varied because of a late frost, but prices show improvement. Harvest is underway with a good crop expected in the San Antonio-Winter Garden area. Harvest continues in the Laredo area.

SUMMER NON-STORAGE ONIONS: Summer onion acreage for harvest in the non-storage States is estimated at 11.6 thousand acres, down 4 percent from last year but 1 percent above two years ago.

In New Mexico, crop progress is good and harvest will be earlier than normal. Planting is completed in the Texas High Plains and progress is good, although irrigation has been steady. Late frost hit fields in the Trans-Pecos area but they are showing improvement. Washington's Walla Walla onions are in mostly good condition with normal progress.

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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:						
ARIZ	1,300	1,200	1,000	450	375	
CALIF	8,200	8,200	7,400	390	375	
TEX	12,500	14,000	15,800	220	230	235
GROUP TOTAL	22,000	23,400	24,200	297	288	
SUMMER:						
NON-STORAGE						
N MEX	5,400	6,400	6,600	390	430	
TEX	4,700	4,100	3,500	170	210	
WASH	1,400	1,600	1,500	380	400	
GROUP TOTAL	11,500	12,100	11,600	299	351	
	PRODUCTION					
	1987		1988		1989	
	1,000 CWT					
SPRING:						
ARIZ	585		450			
CALIF	3,198		3,075			
TEX	2,750		3,220			3,713
GROUP TOTAL	6,533		6,745			
SUMMER:						
NON-STORAGE						
N MEX	2,106		2,752			
TEX	799		861			
WASH	532		640			
GROUP TOTAL	3,437		4,253			