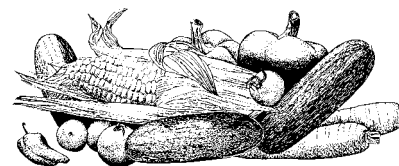


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SPRING ONION ACREAGE INTENTIONS

Growers intend to plant 37.0 thousand acres of spring onions for 2001, down 11 percent from 2000 and 8 percent below 1999. Planting is on schedule in California. The Texas crop looks good in most areas with plenty of rain. However, planting was delayed in the San Antonio/Winter Garden area because of these rains.

SPRING ONION ACREAGE INTENTIONS 1/

State	Area Planted		2001 Intentions
	1999	2000	
Acres			
Arizona	3,000	3,300	3,200
California	7,500	7,200	6,300
Georgia	16,000	15,000	13,000
Texas	13,800	15,900	14,500
4-STATE TOTAL	40,300	41,400	37,000

1/ Primarily fresh market.

WINTER FRESH MARKET VEGETABLE ACREAGE

Broccoli: California acreage is forecast at 30.0 thousand acres, 3 percent below 2000 and 5 percent below 1999. The winter crop comes from the central valley and desert regions where recent cool weather has benefitted crop development. No major pest or disease problems are reported for the upcoming season.

Carrots: Winter harvested acreage is forecast at 26.0 thousand, 2 percent below last year but, 5 percent above two years ago. The California crop is reported in good condition. High demand for baby carrots continues.

Cauliflower: California acreage is forecast at 10.5 thousand acres, down 9 percent from 2000, but 5 percent above 1999. Cool nights and mildly warm days have been beneficial to winter cauliflower. No disease or pest problems have developed.

Celery: The winter celery crop for harvest in California is forecast at 7.70 thousand acres, 3 percent above last year, but 1 percent below 1999. Weather in the major celery production areas of the central coast was mild through December and early January resulting in favorable growth.

Head Lettuce: Acreage for harvest is forecast at 68.5 thousand, down 2 percent from last year, but 9 percent above two years ago. The Imperial Valley of California is actively harvesting with good quality reported.

WINTER FRESH MARKET VEGETABLE ACREAGE

Crop and State	Usual Harvesting Period	Area Harvested		2001 Indications	2001/2000
		1999	2000		
Acres				Percent	
Broccoli: 1/ California	Jan-Mar	31,500	31,000	30,000	97
Carrots:					
California	Jan-Mar	22,000	23,000	23,000	100
Texas	Dec-Mar	2,800	3,500	3,000	86
TOTAL		24,800	26,500	26,000	98
Cauliflower: 1/ California	Jan-Mar	10,000	11,500	10,500	91
Celery: 1/ California	Jan-Mar	7,800	7,500	7,700	103
Head Lettuce:					
Arizona, Western	Nov-Apr	44,000	50,300	50,300	100
California	Jan-Mar	19,000	19,500	18,200	93
TOTAL		63,000	69,800	68,500	98

1/ Includes fresh market and processing.

UNITED STATES LIMA BEANS FOR PROCESSING UTILIZATION 1/

Utilization	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Acres				Tons				
Canning	8,510	7,600	8,510	7,200	0.98	1.13	8,380	8,130
Fordhooks	3,700	4,400	3,700	4,300	1.95	1.08	7,220	4,640
Baby Limas	43,190	39,150	42,770	38,150	1.22	1.14	51,980	43,400
Freezing	46,890	43,550	46,470	42,450	1.27	1.13	59,200	48,040
UNITED STATES TOTAL	55,400	51,150	54,980	49,650	1.23	1.13	67,580	56,170

1/ 1999 -- CA, DE, IL, MD, MN, NJ, OR, TN, WA, AND WI.

2000 -- CA, DE, IL, MD, NJ, OR, SC, TN, VA, WA, and WI. SC and VA added to vegetable program in 2000.

2000 VEGETABLE CROP SUMMARY

California fresh market and dual utilization vegetable crop production (excluding potatoes) was 11.7 million tons, 3 percent more than the previous year. California continued to be the leading fresh market State, accounting for 43 percent of the harvested area, 48 percent of the production, and 53 percent of the value for the United States.

Crops that had value increases were snap beans, bell peppers, broccoli, cabbage, processing carrots, cauliflower, celery, head lettuce, leaf lettuce, romaine lettuce, watermelons, summer onions, spinach, and tomatoes. Crops showing a decrease in value were artichokes, asparagus, brussels sprouts, fresh carrots, cucumbers, garlic, cantaloups, spring onions, and sweet corn. Honeydew melons and mushrooms remained unchanged from the previous year.

CALIFORNIA FRESH MARKET AND DUAL UTILIZATION VEGETABLE CROPS

Crop and Use ^{1/}	Area Harvested		Average Yield		Production		Price Per Cwt. ^{2/}		Total Value	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Acres		Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.		Dollars		1,000 Dollars	
Artichokes	9,800	9,500	115	115	1,125	1,093	67.00	65.10	75,395	71,142
Asparagus	33,800	37,000	33	32	1,115	1,184	142.00	122.00	158,330	144,448
Beans, Snap	5,100	5,500	95	100	485	550	58.90	57.10	28,567	31,405
Broccoli	130,000	124,000	140	140	18,200	17,360	23.80	30.90	432,973	536,757
Brussels Sprouts	3,200	2,900	180	160	576	464	37.20	33.70	21,419	15,657
Cabbage	12,500	13,700	320	370	4,000	5,069	13.40	15.70	53,600	79,583
Carrots,										
Fresh	87,000	86,500	295	290	25,665	25,085	17.20	13.40	441,438	336,139
Processing	4,400	4,980	623	606	2,739	3,018	3.61	3.51	9,877	10,592
Total	91,400	91,480	311	307	28,404	28,103	15.89	12.34	451,315	346,731
Cauliflower	41,000	42,000	145	160	6,355	6,720	27.30	33.20	173,725	222,996
Celery	25,000	23,500	700	705	17,500	16,568	12.00	18.70	209,940	309,711
Corn, Sweet	26,000	24,000	165	140	4,290	3,360	17.60	16.70	75,504	56,112
Cucumbers	6,500	6,500	310	285	2,015	1,853	26.80	28.40	54,002	52,625
Escarole/Endive ^{3/}	---	2,000	---	155	---	310	---	33.20	---	10,292
Eggplant ^{3/}	---	1,700	---	220	---	374	---	38.40	---	14,362
Garlic	40,000	39,000	185	170	7,400	6,630	29.60	27.10	219,076	179,863
Greens, ^{3/}										
Collard	---	500	---	200	---	100	---	35.40	---	3,540
Kale	---	2,000	---	275	---	550	---	34.00	---	18,700
Mustard	---	1,500	---	140	---	210	---	36.70	---	7,707
Lettuce,										
Head	140,000	143,500	380	370	53,200	53,095	13.70	18.90	728,840	1,003,496
Leaf	43,000	43,000	220	235	9,460	10,105	23.80	27.40	225,148	276,877
Romaine	31,000	35,000	315	294	9,765	10,290	18.00	19.80	175,770	203,742
Melons,										
Cantaloupe	61,000	57,500	210	220	12,810	12,650	17.30	17.40	221,613	220,110
Honeydew	20,500	22,000	180	190	3,690	4,180	21.10	18.60	77,859	77,748
Watermelon	14,700	12,300	430	500	6,321	6,150	9.80	11.80	61,946	72,570
Mushrooms (Agaricus)	548	537	2,412	2,408	1,322	1,293	122.28	125.55	161,612	162,279
Onions,										
Spring	7,300	7,100	440	435	3,212	3,089	11.90	10.60	38,223	32,743
Summer (Storage Only)	39,000	36,300	435	445	16,965	16,154	7.53	8.08	125,936	128,538
Peppers,										
Bell	22,500	29,200	330	305	7,425	8,929	29.80	28.80	220,997	257,367
Chili ^{3/}	---	3,900	---	230	---	897	---	57.30	---	51,427
Potatoes,										
Winter	8,500	9,000	260	320	2,210	2,880	22.60	<u>4/</u>	49,946	<u>4/</u>
Spring	19,000	18,800	400	395	7,600	7,426	10.80	<u>4/</u>	82,080	<u>4/</u>
Summer	6,700	6,500	360	355	2,412	2,308	12.80	<u>4/</u>	30,874	<u>4/</u>
Fall	9,000	8,700	445	430	4,005	3,741	7.35	<u>4/</u>	29,437	<u>4/</u>
Total	43,200	43,000	376	380	16,227	16,355	11.90	<u>4/</u>	192,337	<u>4/</u>
Pumpkins ^{3/}	---	5,900	---	305	---	1,800	---	10.60	---	19,080
Radishes ^{3/}	---	1,500	---	250	---	375	---	21.40	---	8,025
Spinach	17,000	17,000	150	185	2,550	3,145	31.40	33.00	80,070	103,785
Squash ^{3/}	---	8,600	---	160	---	1,376	---	20.00	---	27,468
Tomatoes	44,000	42,800	260	260	11,440	11,128	22.30	30.00	255,112	333,840

^{1/} Fresh Market Usage, except where specified.

^{2/} For processing crops and the processed segment of the dual utilization crops, price is based on equivalent returns at the processing plant door. For fresh market crop, price is on a packed and loaded basis, f.o.b. shipping point.

^{3/} Added to vegetable program in 2000.

^{4/} Available September 2001. Total value of potatoes is based on estimated sales, a component of total production.

PROCESSING TOMATO PRODUCTION

California's processing tomato production in 2000 was 10.3 million pay tons, 16 percent below the 1999 production.

Harvested acreage is 271,000 acres, down 18 percent from a year earlier. The yields were 37.96 tons per acre, up 2 percent from 1999.

PROCESSING TOMATOES

State	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre ^{1/}		Production	
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
	Acres				Tons			
California	337,000	289,000	329,000	271,000	37.20	37.96	12,239,300	10,286,500
Indiana	7,300	7,600	7,200	6,600	29.88	34.70	215,140	229,020
Michigan	2,900	3,000	2,900	2,800	30.00	30.00	87,000	84,000
Ohio	7,900	5,800	7,800	5,400	27.22	29.39	212,320	158,710
Pennsylvania	1,600	1,500	1,400	1,400	22.50	30.40	31,500	42,560
Other States ^{2/}	2,420	2,400	2,110	2,400	24.06	23.94	50,760	57,450
UNITED STATES	359,120	309,300	350,410	289,600	36.63	37.49	12,836,020	10,858,240

^{1/} Yield per acre may not equal production divided by area harvested due to rounding.

^{2/} 1999: Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and Virginia

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CALIFORNIA PROCESSING TOMATOES

Processing Crop	Area Harvested		Average Yield		Production		Price Per Ton ^{1/}				Total Value	
							First Delivery Point		Processing Plant Door			
	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000	1999	2000
Acres		Tons		Dollars				1,000 Dollars				
Tomatoes	329,000	271,000	37.20	37.96	12,239,300	10,286,500	59.85	50.65	70.50	60.00	862,871	617,190

^{1/} The processing crops price is based on equivalent returns at the processing plant door.

CALIFORNIA PROCESSING TOMATOES BY COUNTY, 2000 CROP

County	Contracted and Open Market							
	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production ^{1/}	
	Acres				Tons			
Fresno	116,000		109,400		39.74		4,348,100	
Kings	7,000		6,500		37.57		244,200	
Merced	15,600		14,600		39.42		575,500	
Sacramento	4,300		4,000		30.20		120,800	
San Joaquin	25,900		24,700		37.42		924,200	
Solano	14,700		12,400		35.14		435,700	
Stanislaus	14,000		12,900		39.05		503,800	
Sutter	10,800		9,700		34.22		331,900	
Yolo	44,800		41,700		34.42		1,435,300	
Other ^{2/}	35,900		35,100		38.95		1,367,000	
Total	289,000		271,000		37.96		10,286,500	

^{1/} On the basis of PAID FOR TONNAGE purchased from growers as reported by processors, dockage not included.

^{2/} To avoid disclosure of individual operations, OTHER COUNTIES includes: Alameda, Colusa, Contra Costa, Glenn, Imperial, Kern, Madera, San Benito, Santa Clara, Tulare, and Ventura.