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Austin . . . Onion producers in South Texas expect to harvest 15,200 acres of spring onions this year. This forecast is 2,700 acres more than last year.

Planted acreage for the 2005 spring crop is up 5 percent from a year ago, to 15,200 acres, and up 19 percent from the 2003 crop.

Expected acreage for harvest in the Lower Rio Grande Valley is estimated at 11,100 acres, up 26 percent from 2004.

In the San Antonio-Winter Garden and Laredo areas, producers expect to harvest 4,100 acres, up 11 percent from last year.

United States onion acreage planted for spring is forecast at 40,300 acres, up 1 percent from 2004 and up 12 percent from 2003.

TEXAS SPRING ONIONS: ACRES PLANTED AND HARVESTED BY AREAS, 2003-2005 ¹

Area	Acres Planted			Acres Harvested		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
	<u>Acres</u>			<u>Acres</u>		
Lower Rio Grande Valley	8,300	9,100	11,100	6,900	8,800	11,100
Winter Garden/Laredo ²	4,500	5,400	4,100	4,100	3,700	4,100
TOTAL ALL AREAS	12,800	14,500	15,200	11,000	12,500	15,200

¹ Preliminary 2005 acres for harvest. ² Includes San Antonio and Eagle Pass, and the Coastal Bend areas.