



Press Release

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On: TEXAS SPRING ONION PRODUCTION
UP 31 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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Austin . . . The 2005 spring onion production in South Texas is expected to total 4.69 million hundredweight (cwt), up 21 percent from last year.

Based on the April 1 survey conducted by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, yield is estimated at 335 cwt per acre, up 25 cwt from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 14,000 acres. Planted acreage is estimated at 15,500 acres, up 7 percent from the previous spring.

Producers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley expect to harvest 4.6 million cwt, up 25 percent from a year ago.

In the San Antonio-Winter Garden and Laredo areas, spring production is forecast at 1.24 million cwt, up 11 percent from the amount produced the previous spring.

United States producers expect to harvest this year's spring crop from 37,100 acres, up 4 percent from last year.

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TEXAS SPRING ONIONS: ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION BY AREAS

Area	Area for harvest			Yield per acre ^{1/}			Production		
	2003	2004	2005 ^{2/}	2003	2004	2005 ^{2/}	2003	2004	2005 ^{2/}
	<u>Acres</u>			<u>Cwt</u>			<u>1,000 cwt</u>		
Rio Grande Valley	6,900	8,800	10,200	330	315	340	2,272	2,765	3,455
Winter Garden/Laredo ^{3/}	4,100	3,700	3,800	305	300	325	1,248	1,110	1,235
TOTAL	11,000	12,500	14,000	320	310	335	3,520	3,875	4,690

^{1/} Derived to nearest 5 cwt. ^{2/} Preliminary. ^{3/} Includes San Antonio, Eagle Pass and Coastal Bend areas.