



Press Release

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On: TEXAS SPRING ONION PRODUCTION
DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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For Release: IMMEDIATELY (July 11, 2005)

Austin . . . Spring onion production in South Texas is estimated at 3.9 million hundredweight (cwt), down 1 percent from last year, according to figures released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service. Planted acreage totaled 15,500, up 6 percent from 2004. Texas' harvested acreage is estimated at 14,000 acres, up 11 percent from the 12,500 acres harvested a year ago. Yield is estimated at 275 cwt per acre, down 35 cwt from last year. Production in the Lower Rio Grande Valley is estimated at 2.35 million cwt, up 7 percent from last year. Spring production in the San Antonio-Winter Garden and Laredo areas is estimated at 1.5 million cwt, down 8 percent.

United States' producers harvested 34,600 acres, down 3 percent from a year ago. U.S. production is estimated at 10.9 million cwt, down 10 percent from a year ago.

Onion production in Georgia is estimated at 2.6 million cwt, 30 percent below last year, while production in California is estimated at 3.2 million cwt, down 10 percent from last year.

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TEXAS SPRING ONIONS: ACREAGE, YIELD AND PRODUCTION BY AREAS

Area	Acres planted		Acres harvested		Yield per acre ^{1/}		Production	
	2004	2005	2004	2005 ^{2/}	2004	2005 ^{2/}	2004	2005 ^{2/}
	<u>Acres</u>		<u>Acres</u>		<u>Cwt</u>		<u>1,000 cwt</u>	
Rio Grande Valley	9,100	11,300	7,800	10,200	280	230	2,200	2,350
Winter Garden/Laredo ^{3/}	5,400	4,200	4,700	3,800	355	395	1,675	1,500
TOTAL	14,500	15,500	12,500	14,000	310	275	3,875	3,850

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



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On: TEXAS SUMMER ONION PRODUCTION
UNCHANGED FROM LAST YEAR

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Austin . . . Texas summer onion production forecasted for the High Plains and Trans-Pecos is 1,036,000 hundredweight (cwt), unchanged from the 2004 crop.

According to figures released by the Texas Agricultural Statistics Service, yield is estimated at 370 cwt per acre, unchanged from last year.

Harvested acreage is expected to also remain unchanged from a year ago, at 2,800 acres.

United States production of nonstorage summer onions is estimated at 10.9 million cwt, down 10 percent from last year, and down 6 percent from 2003.

Harvested acreage is expected to total 22,400 acres, down 3 percent from a year ago. Average yield is forecast at 488 cwt per acre compared with 521 cwt last year.