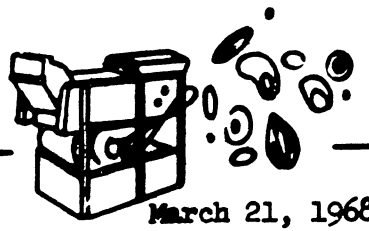


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# Seed Crops



VEGETABLE SEED REPORT

March 21, 1968

## Prospective Production of Vegetable Seeds Down 11 Percent

The prospective 1968 production, at 235 million pounds, would be 11 percent below 1967 production, but 7 percent above the 1962-66 average. By major groups, prospective production of seed beans is down 24 percent, seed peas down 9 percent and all sweet and non-sweet corn up 24 percent. Total production of all other vegetable seeds is expected to be 1 percent below 1967. These prospective changes are based on the annual Nationwide survey made as of February 15 by the Statistical Reporting Service.

A total of 166,895 acres of vegetable seeds (78,602 acres of smooth and wrinkled peas, 39,495 beans, 9,102 corn, and 39,696 acres of all other kinds or types of vegetable seeds) were reported for harvest this year. This compares with last year's total of 184,869 acres (88,185 acres of smooth and wrinkled peas, 51,576 beans, 8,183 corn, and 36,925 acres of all other vegetable seeds).

Decreases in production of 40 percent or more from last year are indicated for: garden beets, cabbage, endive, leek, smooth peas, spinach, and rutabaga. Seeds with indicated declines from 10 to 39 percent are: bush green beans, bush wax beans, pole beans, broccoli, swiss chard, eggplant, kahlrabi, onion seed, pumpkin, and turnip seed.

Increases in production of 40 percent or more from last year are in prospect for: celery, kale, heading lettuce, loose leaf lettuce, and okra. Increases of 10 to 39 percent are indicated for: pole lima beans, carrots, hybrids sweet corn, cucumber, Romaine lettuce, cantaloupe, watermelon, mustard, parsley, pepper, and tomato.

A total of 74 seed companies, dealers or growers cooperated in the current survey by reporting their final 1967 acreage and production as well as their 1968 intended acreage and expected production of vegetable seeds. As usual, no estimates or projections were made for any company which did not report. Growers' intentions may be modified either prior to planting time or later as a result of weather conditions, supplies or irrigation water, availability of labor and other factors, as well as by the effect of this report.

The table on the reverse side gives the National totals of the acreage and production by kinds and types of seed. Detailed information by varieties is given in another report which is available upon request.

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Acres and production of vegetable seeds average 1962-66, annual 1967 and 1968

Kind	Acreage			Production		
	Average	1967	1968 1/	Average	1967	1968 1/
	1962-66			1962-66		
	Acres	Acres	Acres	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
Beans, Bush Green Pod	25,598	36,340	25,697	33,940	53,149	36,012
Beans, Bush Wax Pod	4,403	4,117	2,965	5,675	6,463	4,081
Beans, Pole	1,991	2,193	1,717	3,256	3,911	2,989
Beans, Bush Lima	6,367	8,904	9,091	11,604	16,535	17,596
Beans, Pole Lima	209	22	25	438	20	26
Beet, Garden	1,386	1,397	776	1,407	1,624	725
Broccoli	66	62	75	71	66	54
Cabbage	495	860	554	448	721	319
Carrot	1,908	1,841	1,893	1,037	829	1,045
Cauliflower	96	160	141	45	69	70
Celery	34	20	34	20	14	21
Chard, Swiss	70	36	39	102	60	46
Corn, Sweet, Hybrids	7,324	7,457	8,348	13,949	12,111	15,318
Corn, Sweet, Open-pollinated	569	424	452	1,221	854	895
Corn, Non-sweet	2/	302	302	2/	704	704
Cucumber	2,409	3,352	3,993	1,089	1,217	1,579
Eggplant	54	55	62	7	10	9
Endive	78	65	35	63	57	29
Kale	46	73	143	43	59	156
Kohlrabi	16	46	25	14	33	20
Leek	22	20	7	10	8	4
Lettuce, Heading	1,080	1,168	1,423	443	376	586
Lettuce, Loose-Leaf	375	253	345	167	78	168
Lettuce, Romaine	57	50	67	33	28	31
Muskmelon & Cantaloupe	1,974	1,869	1,956	593	458	610
Watermelon	7,528	11,362	13,007	1,431	1,888	2,367
Mustard	319	321	350	315	326	379
Okra	2/	234	320	2/	216	478
Onion Seed	1,415	2,090	2,125	679	1,013	846
Parsley	222	113	136	126	87	103
Parsnip	57	51	50	55	44	43
Peas, Smooth	17,702	21,756	11,747	26,210	36,089	17,120
Peas, Wrinkled	54,380	66,429	66,855	112,304	120,937	126,205
Pepper	2,080	2,005	2,571	160	224	282
Pumpkin	136	141	110	79	67	48
Radish	1,053	1,645	1,688	983	1,346	1,463
Salsify	15	1	6	9	3/	2
Spinach	779	743	577	743	925	539
Squash, Summer	685	930	910	430	520	472
Squash, Winter	343	374	492	144	165	157
Tomato	2,287	4,785	5,055	328	582	692
Turnip	505	748	702	574	969	755
Rutabaga	35	55	29	53	108	24
Grand Total	146,167	184,869	166,895	220,296	264,960	235,068

1/ Indicated by growers' intentions.  
2/ Data not available.  
3/ Less than 1,000 pounds.