



# Commercial Truck Crops

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## COMMERCIAL TRUCK CROPS FOR FRESH MARKET INDICATED ACREAGE -- 1953 WINTER SEASON

Note: The estimates contained in this report have been revised on the basis of the 1950 Census of Agriculture and the seasonal groupings for asparagus and strawberries have been revised. Except in the case of potatoes these estimates are not strictly comparable with those previously published.

**ASPARAGUS:** Reports from growers, as of October 1, indicate the total asparagus acreage for cutting in 1953 for both fresh market and processing uses will total 138,130 acres, about 4 percent larger than in 1952 and 10 percent above the 1942-1951 average. California acreage for early spring harvest is expected to be about 3 percent greater than in 1952 and at 71,200 acres will be 4 percent above average for this State. In the mid-spring areas an increase of 400 acres is indicated for Washington and Oregon's acreage will be unchanged from 1952. This amounts to an increase of about 4 percent over 1952 and 15 percent over average. Late spring acreage is also indicated to be up about 5 percent from 1952 and the total of 55,330 acres for this group is 25 percent above average. Most of the increase in the late spring acreage is in New Jersey, although Illinois and Michigan are also up.

**KALE:** An increase of 100 acres for the Virginia winter crop of kale is indicated by October 1 reports from growers. At 2,800 acres this is about a 4 percent increase over the 1952 acreage which was about equal to the 1942-1951 average.

**ONIONS:** Texas growers intend to plant 62,800 acres of onions for early spring harvest in 1953 according to indications as of October 1. If present plans are carried out, this will be an increase of 56 percent over the 1952 planted acreage and will be 62 percent greater than the 38,800 acres harvested in 1952. Compared with the average harvested acreage for the period 1942-51, the 1953 intended acreage is larger by 47 percent. All areas of Texas are reporting increases this year with the non-irrigated plantings accounting for most of the expansion.

**SHALLOTS:** An above average crop of winter shallots is in prospect for Louisiana although it is not quite up to 1952. Acreage is reported to be the same as in 1952 but indicated yield is slightly lower. At 112,000 barrels (100 lbs.), the indicated 1953 production is 3 percent less than 1952, but 47 percent larger than the 1942-51 average.

STRAWBERRIES: According to indications as of October 1, acreage of strawberries available for harvest in 1953 is 9 percent less than the acreage harvested in 1952. However, it is still 6 percent above the average acreage harvested in the years 1942-1951. Most of the indicated decrease is in the mid-spring group of States where a total of 49,100 acres is indicated for 1953 harvest, down 22 percent from the 1952 acreage of 62,610 and slightly below average. Acreage for winter harvest in Florida is down 200 acres from 1952 but still well above average. The early spring areas expect to harvest 9,550 acres in 1953 compared to 7,600 acres in 1952 and the average of 17,080 acres. Most of the change in this group of States is in Louisiana where 8,000 acres are indicated for 1953 compared to 5,800 acres harvested in 1952. However, Louisiana's 1953 acreage will be only 56 percent of the average acreage harvested in the years 1942-1951. In the late spring group of States acreage for harvest in 1953 is up slightly over 1952 with increases indicated for Washington and Oregon offsetting decreases in New Jersey, Ohio, Indiana, New York and Utah.

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- 1/ The 10-year averages and the 1952 estimates shown in this report (TC-52: 1002) have been revised on the basis of the 1950 Census of Agriculture. The 1953 estimates are comparable with the revised 10-year averages and 1952 estimates. Revised estimates for the individual years, 1939-50, will be published after December 17, 1952. The revised 10-year averages and 1952 estimates, given in this report, have not been included in the report on 1952 crops (TC-52: 1001).
- 2/ Data from release of September 10, 1952 (TC-52: 902).
- 3/ Includes acreage from which the production is taken for processing.
- 4/ Fresh market estimates discontinued beginning with 1953 crop. Processing estimates included in Other States.
- 5/ Processing only, Arkansas, Idaho, Indiana, Minnesota, Missouri, New York, Ohio, Utah, Wisconsin and South Carolina (1953 only).
- 6/ Preliminary acreage and indicated production will be published on December 10.
- 7/ Short-time average: Strawberries, Late Spring, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maine--1949-51.
- 8/ Equivalent to  $2\frac{1}{2}$  crates or 4 bushels, (Barrels of 100 pounds)

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Acreage for Harvest of 9 Commercial Truck Crops, 1953

with Comparisons 1/

CROP AND STATE	ACREAGE			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
	10-YEAR AVERAGE 1942-51	1952	Ind. 1953	10-YR. AV. 42-51	1952	Ind. 1953	10-YEAR AVERAGE 1942-51	1952	Ind. 1953
	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES Prelim.	- Boxes -			- 1,000 boxes -		
ARTICHOKES: 2/									
Winter:	7,300	8,300	8,000	100	90		722	747	
ASPARAGUS: 3/			Prospect-	- Crates -			- 1,000 crates -		
Early Spring:			ive						
California.....	68,310	69,400	71,200	80	72		5,454	4,996	
Arizona.....	40	---	---	48	--		2	---	
Georgia.....	240	---	---	20	--		5	---	
South Carolina 4/	2,800	320	---	35	44		92	14	
Group total	71,380	69,720	71,200	78	72		5,552	5,010	
Mid Spring:									
Washington.....	9,590	10,800	11,200	123	105		1,178	1,134	
Oregon.....	480	400	400	84	75		40	30	
Group total	10,070	11,200	11,600	121	104		1,218	1,164	
Late Spring:									
Maryland.....	1,760	1,600	1,600	85	80		148	128	
Delaware.....	1,530	1,500	1,600	73	65		111	98	
New Jersey.....	22,290	27,300	29,500	97	90		2,161	2,457	
Pennsylvania...	1,880	950	900	77	80		145	76	
Illinois.....	3,000	8,200	8,400	78	74		626	610	
Massachusetts..	1,630	1,600	1,600	65	60		109	96	
Michigan.....	4,910	7,200	7,500	86	81		417	580	
Iowa.....	880	730	730	68	56		59	41	
Other States 5/	1,230	3,430	3,500	66	74		81	253	
Group total	44,160	52,510	55,330	88	83		3,858	4,339	
All States.....	125,610	133,430	138,130	85	79		10,629	10,513	
CABBAGE:				- Tons -			- Tons -		
Winter: 2/	55,490	37,900	54,400	6.42	8.0		353,400	303,400	
KALE:				- Bushels -			- 1,000 bushels -		
Winter:									
Virginia.....	2,710	2,700	2,800	374	395		1,012	1,066	
ONIONS:			Prospect-	- 50 lb. sack -			- 1,000 sacks -		
Early Spring:			ive						
Texas.....	42,770	38,800	62,800	108	100		4,094	3,880	
COMMERCIAL EARLY IRISH POTATOES:				- Bushels -			- 1,000 bushels -		
Winter: 2/	10,910	11,000	13,300	180	222		1,933	2,445	
CAULIFLOWER 6/			Prelim.	- Crates -			- 1,000 crates -		
Winter:									

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	ACRES	ACRES	ACRES Prelim.	- Barrels 8/-			- 1,000 barrels 8/		
<u>SHALLOTS:</u>									
Winter:									
Louisiana.....	2,740	3,500	3,500	28	33	32	76	116	112
<u>STRAWBERRIES:</u> 3/			Prospect	- Crates -			- 1,000 crates -		
Winter:			tive						
Florida.....	3,830	4,700	4,500	66	55		249	258	
Early Spring:									
Louisiana.....	14,210	5,800	8,000	56	65		812	377	
Alabama.....	1,980	1,300	1,000	70	75		143	98	
Texas.....	- 880	500	550	54	60		47	30	
Group Total	17,080	17,600	19,550	58.1	66.4		1,002	502	
Mid-Spring:									
Mississippi....	70	---	---	65	---		5	---	
South Carolina	500	600	600	64	60		32	36	
North Carolina	3,120	2,100	2,000	81	90		260	189	
Tennessee.....	8,890	12,000	9,600	70	60		627	720	
Arkansas.....	12,520	16,000	10,400	57	50		745	800	
Oklahoma.....	1,440	2,800	2,300	76	60		110	168	
Kansas.....	1,050	850	900	50	60		51	51	
Missouri.....	4,620	6,000	3,900	57	40		265	240	
Illinois.....	2,490	2,100	1,700	55	45		140	94	
Kentucky.....	4,400	4,900	3,200	67	50		302	245	
Virginia.....	3,930	4,300	3,400	66	65		258	280	
Maryland.....	2,230	2,200	1,900	61	80		137	176	
Delaware.....	810	360	300	54	75		43	27	
California	3,560	8,400	8,900	229	345		904	2,898	
Group total	49,630	62,610	49,100	76.2	94.6		3,878	2,224	
Late Spring:									
New Jersey.....	2,900	2,900	2,400	73	85		214	246	
Pennsylvania...	2,120	1,700	1,700	67	60		144	102	
Ohio.....	2,390	2,000	1,700	76	65		186	130	
Indiana.....	1,970	2,800	2,100	76	65		156	182	
New York.....	3,820	4,100	3,900	92	85		350	348	
Connecticut	7/ 630	650	650	7/98	80		7/ 63	52	
Massachusetts	7/1,070	950	950	7/100	70		7/ 107	66	
Michigan.....	7,380	9,800	9,800	94	100		707	980	
Wisconsin.....	2,290	1,700	1,700	80	80		183	136	
Iowa.....	920	500	500	50	60		45	30	
Utah.....	780	700	600	60	70		46	49	
Washington.....	5,870	10,000	10,600	99	120		577	1,200	
Oregon.....	10,790	17,000	18,700	84	95		913	1,615	
Maine.....	7/ 550	550	550	7/87	100		7/ 48	52	
Group total	41,900	55,350	55,850	84.3	93.8		3,585	5,191	
All States.....	112,430	130,260	119,000	76.3	91.2		8,715	11,878	

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