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## ACREAGE AND INDICATED PRODUCTION

1944

Aggregate tonnage of the 17 winter crops is now expected to approximate 1,394,000 tons - an increase of 2 percent over the February 1 indication. The indicated tonnage (1,394,000 tons) is 74 percent greater than the production in 1943, 90 percent above 10-year (1933-42) average, and is the largest winter tonnage of record. Indicated production, by crops, as a percentage of 1943 follows: Tomatoes, 197; cabbage, 164; green peas, 164; beets, 138; celery, 135; escarole, 131; spinach, 130; cauliflower, 122; snap beans, 122; lettuce, 116; kale, 112; green peppers, 110; lima beans, 101; carrots, 100; artichokes, 92; shallots, 83; eggplant, 71.

Preliminary estimates on a portion of the spring season crops show an increase of about 14 percent over the corresponding acreage in 1943 and 14 percent above the 10-year (1933-42) average. Particularly heavy increases are indicated for spring onions. Reports on intentions to plant onions in the early summer and late summer states indicate a prospective acreage for the United States of approximately 178,000 acres, an increase of about 69,000 acres (64 percent) over that harvested in 1943. Watermelon growers in the late spring and early summer states expect to plant 194,000 acres this year compared with 125,000 acres harvested in 1943 - an increase of 55 percent. Reports issued to date covering acreage of all winter crops and parts of spring and summer crops, show an increase of 32 percent this year over last year and 12 percent above the 10-year (1933-42) average.

**ASPARAGUS:** Production of asparagus in the early spring group of States (Calif., Ariz., Oreg, Wash., Ga., and S. C.) for marketing fresh and for processing (California) in 1944 is placed at 8,416,000 crates, a decrease of 1 percent below the production of 8,515,000 crates harvested in 1943. The reduction in prospective production is due to a slight acreage decrease from 1943 as the outlook at this time is for the same or a better yield per acre this year than last for all States except Washington. California production taken by processors for the 10-year (1933-42) has been about 63 percent of the total production in the State. Varying portions of the crop in other States also are taken by processors, but there are no figures available on the quantities handled by processors in these States.

1944 preliminary estimated acreage of asparagus for harvest in the late spring group of States (Md., Del., N. J., Pa., Mass., Mich., Ill., and Iowa) is 43,080 acres. This is less than 1 percent below last season's harvested acreage and 40 percent more than the 1933-42 average of 30,700 acres. New Jersey accounts for 49 percent of the total asparagus acreage in this seasonal group. Moisture conditions are reported satisfactory at this time.

SNAP BEANS: Production of winter-crop snap beans in Florida for harvesting this season is indicated to be 2,250,000 bushels. A year ago the Florida winter production amounted to 1,840,000 bushels. A yield slightly below last year and below the 1933-42 average - both 80 bushels - is in prospect at this time.

BEETS: Acreage of beets in the spring group of States including Louisiana, South Carolina, North Carolina and Virginia is indicated at 1,450 acres for 1944. This is the same as the acreage harvested in 1943 but 39 percent less than the 10-year (1933-42) average of 2,370 acres. Preliminary planted acreage in each State of the group is also unchanged from last year.

CABBAGE: Prospective production of cabbage for shipment in the winter harvesting States (Calif., Ariz., Texas, and Fla.) in 1944 is placed at 502,200 tons, a marked increase of 80 percent above the production of 278,600 tons cut in 1943. The 10-year (1933-42) acreage production is 254,500 tons. Every State shows an increase in production over 1943 with California showing the lowest percentage increase - 5 percent - and Texas the largest with 155 percent.

Growers of cabbage in the early spring group of States (La., Miss., Ala., Ga., South and S.C.) report that they have planted a 27 percent greater acreage this spring than they planted last season. Planted acreage for 1944 is placed at 19,000 acres compared with 15,050 acres in 1943 and the 10-year (1933-42) average of 16,430 acres. Every State in the group except South Carolina, shows an acreage increase over last year. Mississippi with 8,400 acres accounts for 44 percent of the early spring acreage and Louisiana is second with 26 percent of the group total acreage. Cutting will start in late March and continue well into June.

CARROTS: The spring States include only California and Arizona, but this year California production estimates will not be made until March 23. For Arizona March 1 indications are that growers will harvest 1,134,000 bushels this year compared with 1,622,000 bushels produced one year ago and the 10-year (1933-42) average of 348,000 bushels.

CAULIFLOWER: A production of 2,346,000 crates of spring Cauliflower is indicated for California and Washington this season. This compares with 2,213,000 crates produced in 1943 and the 1933-42 average production of 2,688,000 crates. The crop in both States is reported in fair to good condition at this time. Some late acreage remains to be transplanted in Washington. Shipments are now moving from California with March expected to be the heavy production period in that State.

CELERY: Production of celery in the winter States of Florida and California is placed at 5,003,000 crates compared with 3,176,000 crates from last season's crop and the 1933-42 average of 3,688,000 crates. Season average yields this year for both States are above those of 1943 but dry weather has tended to hold down production in Florida during the past two weeks.

EGGPLANT: A 29 percent reduction from the 1943 Florida winter eggplant production is indicated for 1944. Estimates this season place the current production at 175,000 bushels compared with 248,000 bushels in 1943. Yields from the 1944 eggplant acreage in the Pompano section have been comparatively light because of the failure of plants to set fruit.

**CAROLE:** Production of escarole in Florida for shipment during the winter season is placed at 665,000 hampers - an increase of 31 percent above the 8,000 hampers harvested in 1943. Yield is unchanged from last year and the increase in production is due to a 31 percent increase in acreage over 1943.

**KALE:** Production of the winter crop of kale in Virginia for harvest during the period November 1, 1943 to April 30, 1944 is indicated to be substantially higher than the production one year ago, or 822,000 bushels this season compared with 4,000 bushels for the winter season of 1943. The current production is also expected to exceed by 40 percent the 1933-42 average of 588,000 bushels.

**LETTUCE:** Lettuce production for shipment in the early spring States, excluding California other (due March 23), but including Arizona, Florida, Georgia, South Carolina and North Carolina is placed at 4,077,000 crates for 1944, or 24 percent above the 1943 production of 3,291,000 crates and 60 percent above the 10-year (1933-42) average of 2,554,000 crates for the group. Current indications point to generally higher yields per acre this spring compared with the average. However, the chief factor contributing to the increased production prospects is a 10 percent higher acreage than was harvested one year ago. Light cutting will be under way in all States of the group about April 1.

**ONIONS:** Early reports on intentions to plant onions in the late summer States (Mass., N.Y., Pa., Ohio, Ind., Ill., Mich., Wis., Minn., Iowa, Colo., Utah, Ariz., Calif., Idaho, Oreg., and Wash.) indicate that 72,920 acres will be planted in this group of States for harvest in 1944. This is an increase of 33 percent over the 54,740 acres harvested in 1943 and is about 29 percent above the 10-year (1933-42) average harvested acreage. In 1943, however, unfavorable weather in Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Colorado and Oregon caused considerable loss of planted acreage. The intended acreage for the group as a whole is approximately 20 percent greater than that actually planted in 1943. All major States in the group, with the exception of Indiana and Ohio, show larger prospective planted acreages than in 1943, but the acreage in Indiana is expected to exceed that harvested last year.

Heavy increases also indicated for the earlier groups (early spring, late spring, and early summer), prospective acreage for the entire 1944 season is 178,340 acres compared with 108,890 acres harvested (approximately 115,400 planted) in 1943 and the 10-year (1933-42) average of 130,680 acres harvested.

**SPINACH:** Production of spinach in the winter producing States of Texas, Louisiana and California is placed at 8,728,000 bushels for the current season. This is a substantial increase of 30 percent above the 1943 outturn of 6,718,000 bushels and is 22 percent greater than the 1933-42 average of 7,173,000 bushels.

There are 12,950 acres of spinach planted for harvest in the spring producing States (Va., Md., Mo., Ark., Okla., N.J., Pa., and Illinois), or 8 percent more than were harvested in 1943 and 23 percent above the 10-year (1933-42) average. Due to excessive moisture is reported in all States of the spring group. Harvest in the earliest producing areas of the group usually starts about March 10.

**STRAWBERRIES:** Production of winter strawberries in Florida is estimated at 91,000 crates (24-qt.) Last year the production was 156,000 crates. The heavy reduction from 1943 in estimated 1944 production is due chiefly to the sharp decline from acreage harvested last year. The average yield per acre this year is indicated to be 12 percent higher than in 1943.

STRAWBERRIES, Cont'd: Production of strawberries in the early spring producing States (La., Ala., Texas, Calif., S. Dist.) is indicated at 1,074,000 crates (24-qt.) on the basis of March 1 indications. This compares with 983,000 crates produced in 1943 and with the 1933-42 average of 1,978,000 crates. Light movement from Texas and Louisiana acreage is expected about mid-March. Shipments from all States in the early spring group will be at peak April 15-30.

Strawberry growers in the mid-spring producing States (Miss., S.C., N.C., Tenn., Ark., Okla., Kan., Mo., Ill., Kentucky, Va., Md., Del., Calif., other, Oreg., and Wash.) have decreased acreage 26 percent below that harvested in 1943. The 54,180 acres for harvest this year compares with 73,660 harvested in 1943 and the 10-year (1933-42) average of 98,100 acres.

TOMATOES: Winter season production of tomatoes in south Florida this year is indicated at 1,625,000 bushels compared with 826,000 bushels in 1943 and the 1933-42 average of 1,872,000 bushels. Yields are below last year, being 125 bushels for the current crop compared with 140 bushels last year, but acreage for 1944 is 13,000 compared with only 5,900 in 1943.

WATERMELONS: March 1 reported intentions to plant watermelons in the early summer States (Calif., other, Ariz., Texas, La., Miss., Ala., Ga., S.C., N.C., Ark., Okla., and Mo.) point to an increase of 54 percent over the 108,300 harvested in 1943. Even if this acreage is realized it will still be 15 percent below the 10-year (1933-42) average of 197,120 acres. All States in the group plan substantial increases over the 1943 harvested acreage.

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Acreage and Indicated Production of 24 crops for the 1944 season with Comparisons

CROP AND STATE	ACREAGE			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
	10-year average 1933-42	1943	Prelim. 1944	10-yr av. 33-42	1943	Ind. 1944	10-year average 1933-42	1943	Indicated 1944
<b>ARTICHOKEs:</b>	- Acres -			- Box -			- 1,000 boxes -		
Winter: 2/ ..	9,300	8,700	7,250	97	95	105	890	826	761
<b>ASPARAGUS: 3/</b>	- Acres -			- Crate -			- 1,000 crates -		
Early Spring:									
California ..	73,250	70,570	70,380	91	93	93	6,688	6,542	6,545
Market ....	27,220	30,170		91	95		2,462	2,866	
Processing ..	46,030	40,400		92	91		4,226	3,676	
Arizona ....	270	100	80	80	60	65	22	6	5
Oregon .....	650	800	800	111	110	110	72	88	88
Washington..	4,540	9,500	9,300	130	165	160	619	1,568	1,488
Georgia ....	2,550	1,000	900	25	23	24	63	23	22
S. Carolina ..	8,820	7,200	6,700	39	40	40	342	288	268
Group total ..	90,080	89,170	88,160	87	95	95	7,806	8,515	8,416
Late Spring:									
Maryland ...	2,230	2,300	2,250	125	100		278	230	Report due
Delaware ...	1,260	1,600	1,700	107	100		136	160	May 9
New Jersey ..	14,240	22,000	21,000	136	130		1,940	2,860	
Pennsylvania ..	2,270	2,350	2,350	103	115		234	270	
Massachusetts	1,920	1,800	1,800	89	83		172	149	
Michigan ....	2,400	4,200	4,450	95	125		237	525	
Illinois ...	5,940	8,500	9,000	88	82		531	697	
Iowa .....	440	530	530	63	75		29	40	
Group total ..	30,700	43,280	43,080	116	114		3,557	4,931	
ALL STATES ...	120,780	132,450	131,240	94	102		11,363	13,446	
<b>LIMA BEANS:</b>	- Acres -			- Bushel -			- 1,000 bushels -		
Winter 2/ ...	4/1,730	2,300	1,500	4/62	45	70	4/96	104	105
ALL STATES ...	19,290	19,150		63	63		1,211	1,206	
<b>SNAP BEANS:</b>	- Acres -			- Bushel -			- 1,000 bushels -		
Winter:									
Florida ...	25,930	23,000	30,000	80	80	75	2,062	1,840	2,250
ALL STATES ..	167,220	176,250		88	97		14,986	17,057	
<b>BEEts:</b>	- Acres -			- Bushel -			- 1,000 bushels -		
Winter:									
Texas .....	6,680	7,600	9,200	132	140	160	883	1,064	1,472
Spring:									
Louisiana ..	1,420	700	700	129	110		184	77	Report due
S. Carolina ..	240	400	400	246	200		59	80	April 8
N. Carolina ..	230	250	250	236	200		56	50	
Virginia ...	480	100	100	288	300		138	30	
Group total ..	2,370	1,450	1,450	184	163		437	237	
Total 2 groups	9,050	9,050	10,650	146	144		1,320	1,301	
ALL STATES ...	11,660	12,300		182	179		2,123	2,203	
<b>ABBAGE:</b>	- Acres -			- Ton -			- Tons -		
Winter:									
California ..	7,260	12,650	13,000	7.6	7.8	8.0	55,600	98,700	104,000
Arizona ....	380	960	1,800	7.8	12.5	15.0	3,000	12,000	27,000
Texas .....	28,180	25,900	44,000	4.5	3.2	4.8	133,900	82,900	211,200
Florida ....	10,340	10,000	20,000	5.9	8.5	8.0	62,000	85,000	160,000
Group total ..	46,160	49,510	78,800	5.51	5.63	6.37	254,500	278,600	502,200

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CROP AND STATE	ACREAGE			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
	10-year average 1933-42	1943	Prelim. 1944	10-yr. av. 33-42	1943	Ind. 1944	10-year average 1933-42	1943	Indicated 1944
<b>CABBAGE, Cont'd:</b>									
Early Spring:									
Louisiana .....	3,960	3,800	4,900	3.9	3.2		14,500	12,200	Report due
Mississippi ..	6,680	6,500	8,400	4.9	2.8		32,900	18,200	April 8
Alabama .....	1,400	750	900	5.3	5.5		7,600	4,100	
Georgia, South	1,970	2,600	3,500	4.4	5.0		8,700	13,000	
S. Carolina ..	2,420	1,400	1,300	7.2	5.0		17,400	7,000	
Group total ..	16,430	15,050	19,000	4.94	3.62		81,100	54,500	
Late Spring 2/	11,800	8,840	10,400	5.04	5.67		59,500	50,100	
Total 3 groups.	74,390	73,400	108,200	5.31	5.22		395,100	383,200	
ALL STATES .....	159,800	159,640		6.63	6.46		1,059,400	1,031,200	
<b>CARROTS:</b>									
Winter 2/ .....									
	19,330	32,150	33,400	213	242	232	4,114	7,765	7,760
Spring:									
California ...	6,660	10,000	Mar. 23	386	420		2,569	4,200	Mar. 23
Arizona .....	850	5,200	3,600	414	312	315	348	1,622	1,134
Group total ..	7,510	15,200		388	383		2,917	5,822	
Total 2 groups	26,840	47,350		262	287		7,031	13,587	
ALL STATES .....	18,580	83,690		316	322		15,352	26,912	
<b>CAULIFLOWER:</b>									
Winter 2/ .....									
	8,750	7,030	9,000	253	280	281	2,215	1,970	2,531
Spring:									
California ...	8,100	6,600	7,000	297	302	295	2,410	1,993	2,065
Washington ...	790	440	580	362	500	485	278	220	281
Group total ..	8,890	7,040	7,580	302	314	309	2,688	2,213	2,346
Total 2 groups.	17,640	14,070	16,580	278	297	294	4,903	4,183	4,877
ALL STATES .....	29,980	26,440		274	286		8,210	7,569	
<b>CELERY:</b>									
Winter:									
Florida .....	4,560	5,950	6,500	533	490	550	2,406	2,916	3,575
California ...	1,890	1,600	2,100	683	500	680	1,282	800	1,428
Group total ..	6,450	7,550	8,600	572	492	582	3,688	3,716	5,003
ALL STATES .....	38,710	38,790		402	411		15,544	15,938	
<b>EGGPLANT:</b>									
Winter:									
Florida .....	4/180	550	1,000	4/325	450	175	4/60	248	175
ALL STATES .....	3,970	5,150		225	223		894	1,147	
<b>ESCAROLE:</b>									
Winter, Florida	920	1,450	1,900	465	350	350	416	508	665
<b>KALE:</b>									
Winter:									
Virginia .....	1,690	1,650	2,350	356	445	350	588	734	822
<b>LETTUCE:</b>									
Winter 2/ .....									
	37,120	34,700	39,400	132	165	168	4,889	5,723	6,613
Early Spring:									
Arizona .....	18,070	17,500	22,800	128	174	165	2,328	3,045	3,762
Calif., other ..	28,480	17,700	Mar. 23	116	185		3,233	3,274	Mar. 23
Florida .....	4/390	500	650	4/128	100	100	4/38	50	65
Georgia .....	4/300	410	460	4/76	90	100	4/22	37	46
S. Carolina ...	540	800	800	127	120	130	66	96	110
N. Carolina ...	1,250	1,050	1,050	81	60	90	100	63	94
Total ex. Calif.	20,550	20,260	25,760	124	162	158	2,554	3,291	4,077

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	10-year average 1933-42	1943	Prelim. 1944	10-yr av. 33-42	1943	Ind. 1944	10-year average 1933-42	1943	Indicated 1944
LETTUCE, Cont'd:									
- Acres -									
- Crate -									
- 1,000 Crates -									
Totalex. Calif.	57,670	54,960	65,160	129	164	164	7,443	9,014	10,690
ALL STATES	153,500	136,500		136	176		20,869	23,977	
ONIONS:									
- Sack -									
- 1,000 sacks -									
Early Spring 2/	46,560	28,000	72,300	39	61		1,720	1,708	April 8
Late Spring 2/	18,980	20,650	25,900	56	43		1,064	839	May 9
Early Summer 2/	8,410	5,500	7,220	137	138		1,156	761	June 9
Late Summer:									
Massachusetts	2,680	1,200	1,250	228	215		598	258	Aug. 9
New York	12,860	10,800	14,100	238	210		3,040	2,268	
Pennsylvania	360	390	400	164	155		59	30	
Eastern	15,900	12,390	15,750	233	209		3,697	2,586	
Ohio	2,530	860	820	151	180		349	155	
Indiana	3,620	1,900	2,200	171	130		559	247	
Illinois	2,420	2,200	2,300	121	120		291	264	
Michigan	9,930	5,600	9,000	189	150		1,835	840	
Wisconsin	1,230	1,900	2,100	175	150		217	235	
Minnesota	3,070	3,900	5,500	196	135		623	526	
Iowa	710	450	500	188	200		128	90	
Central	23,510	16,810	22,420	170	143		4,002	2,407	
Colorado	5,350	9,300	13,600	217	265		1,208	2,464	
Utah	1,100	1,200	1,500	244	250		269	300	
Nevada	160	300	300	214	200		35	60	
California	4,080	7,000	9,000	184	215		747	1,505	
Idaho	2,670	3,300	4,500	316	260		847	858	
Oregon	2,680	3,600	4,500	253	285		678	1,026	
Washington	1,280	840	1,350	248	300		318	252	
Western	17,320	25,540	34,750	237	253		4,102	6,465	
Total Late:	56,730	54,740	72,920	208	209		11,801	11,458	
ALL STATES	130,680	108,890	178,340	120	136		15,741	14,816	
GREEN PEAS:									
- Bushel -									
- 1,000 bushels -									
Winter 2/	14,360	8,000	12,000	74	46	50	1,057	370	605
ALL STATES	100,380	62,250		83	97		8,295	6,058	
GREEN PEPPERS:									
Winter:									
Florida	2,170	2,900	3,600	262	310	275	597	899	990
ALL STATES	20,910	23,120		227	203		4,754	4,699	
GARLIC:									
Louisiana:									
Winter	4/2,820	2,700	2,100	4/111	94	100	4/313	254	210
Spring	4/2,370	2,300	2,100	4/127	85	90	4/296	196	189
ALL STATES	4/5,190	5,000	4,200	4/117	90	95	4/609	450	399
PINNAC:									
Winter:									
Texas	39,800	39,400	47,400	136	130	145	5,383	5,122	6,873
Louisiana	1,240	1,000	1,150	98	75	100	122	75	115
California	2,510	2,600	2,900	681	585	600	1,668	1,521	1,740
Group total.	43,550	43,000	51,450	165	156	170	7,173	6,718	8,728

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	10-year average 1933-42	1943	Prelim. 1944	10-yr av. 33-42	1943	Ind. 1944	10-year 1933-42 Average	1943	Indicated 1944
<b>SPINACH, Cont'd:</b>									
	- Acres -			- Bushel -			- 1,000 bushels -		
<u>Spring:</u>									
Washington ...	330	650	800	354	500		116	325	
Virginia .....	3,150	2,500	2,500	320	325		1,019	812	Report
Maryland .....	690	540	1,400	222	240		150	130	due
Missouri .....	1,000	900	1,000	214	200		215	180	April 8
Arkansas .....	720	1,600	1,200	174	170		128	272	
Oklahoma .....	4/660	750	500	4/150	157		4/72	118	
New Jersey ...	1,770	1,800	2,000	378	410		666	738	
Pennsylvania .	1,540	2,350	2,550	298	300		458	705	
Illinois .....	660	900	1,000	236	190		155	171	
Group total .	10,520	11,990	12,950	283	288		2,979	3,451	
Total 2 groups.	54,070	54,990	64,400	188	185		10,152	10,169	
ALL STATES .....	67,890	72,200		210	201		14,287	14,531	
<u>STRAWBERRIES:</u>									
				- Crate -			- 1,000 crates -		
<u>Winter:</u>									
Florida .....	7,890	2,600	1,300	70	60	70	555	156	91
<u>Early Spring:</u>									
Louisiana ....	19,840	15,000	12,000	65	40	70	1,263	600	840
Alabama .....	3,630	2,900	2,200	75	80	80	273	232	176
Texas .....	2,170	850	500	56	35	45	120	30	22
Calif., S. Dist.	1,960	930	360	167	130	100	322	121	36
Group total .	27,600	19,680	15,060	71.7	49.9	71.3	1,978	983	1,074
Total 2 groups.	35,490	22,280	16,360	71.4	51.1	71.2	2,533	1,139	1,165
<u>Mid Spring:</u>									
Mississippi ..	550	90	100	60	75		29	7	
S. Carolina ..	430	320	200	73	80		31	26	Report
N. Carolina ..	6,590	4,200	2,900	89	70		582	294	due
Tennessee ....	14,530	12,000	10,200	48	40		693	480	April 8
Arkansas .....	16,250	17,000	9,400	50	42		841	714	
Oklahoma .....	940	1,200	700	48	55		49	66	
Kansas .....	1,090	1,200	780	44	40		48	48	
Missouri .....	6,230	4,400	3,900	45	55		274	242	
Illinois .....	4,340	3,600	2,900	54	40		233	144	
Kentucky .....	8,060	5,200	4,000	53	70		428	364	
Virginia .....	7,030	4,200	3,200	70	53		478	223	
Maryland .....	6,820	4,000	2,800	67	50		461	200	
Delaware .....	3,750	1,500	1,200	55	46		207	69	
Calif., other .	3,260	950	700	163	145		526	138	
Oregon .....	11,200	8,800	7,000	74	55		858	484	
Washington ...	7,030	5,000	4,200	84	83		582	415	
Group total .	98,100	73,660	54,180	64.4	53.1		6,320	3,914	
Late Spring 2/.	33,800	27,750	26,650	73.1	76.0		2,470	2,108	May 9
ALL STATES .....	167,390	123,690	97,190	67.6	57.9		11,323	7,161	
<u>TOMATOES:</u>									
				- Bushel -			- 1,000 bushels -		
<u>Winter:</u>									
Florida, south	13,280	5,900	13,000	141	140	125	1,872	826	1,625
ALL STATES .....	200,260	220,180		116	119		23,314	26,101	



TRUCK CROPS FOR SHIPMENT

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CROP AND STATE	ACREAGE			YIELD PER ACRE 1/			PRODUCTION		
	10-year average 1933-42	1943	Prelim. 1944	10-yr av. 33-42	1943	Ind. 1944	10-year average 1933-42	1943	Indicated 1944
WATERMELONS:									
Late Spring:									
Calif., Imp. 2/	6,460	4,000	5,800	568	605		3,702	2,420	May 9
Florida 2/ ..	21,750	12,500	21,000	274	325		5,934	4,062	
Group total.	28,210	16,500	26,800	342	393		9,636	6,482	
Early Summer:									
Calif., other	9,090	6,600	7,750	704	720		6,415	4,752	Report
Arizona .....	1,420	2,700	3,800	565	637		793	1,720	due
Texas .....	44,920	21,000	49,400	133	175		5,848	3,675	June 9
Louisiana ...	4,020	2,400	2,900	281	290		1,134	696	
Mississippi .	6,110	4,000	4,800	243	325		1,480	1,300	
Alabama .....	7,940	4,300	5,000	301	350		2,364	1,505	
Georgia.....	62,980	31,000	40,000	223	340		13,887	10,540	
S. Carolina .	22,470	14,000	19,000	202	250		4,509	3,500	
N. Carolina .	11,190	6,200	8,500	210	220		2,352	1,364	
Arkansas ....	4,680	2,600	3,900	260	300		1,214	780	
Oklahoma ....	9,250	9,000	13,500	200	250		1,886	2,250	
Missouri ....	13,060	4,500	8,500	266	350		3,455	1,575	
Group total.	197,120	108,300	167,050	230	311		45,337	33,657	
Total 2 groups	225,330	124,800	193,850	244	322		54,973	40,139	
ALL STATES ....	252,840	141,700		257	338		64,946	47,948	

- 1/ Yields per acre other than bushels or tons are in following units: Artichokes boxes (40 lbs.); cauliflower - 1½ bu. crate (37 lb.); celery - ½ crate (65 lbs); escarole - hamper (37 lbs.); lettuce - 4 to 6 doz. crate (70 lb.); onions - 100 lb. sack; strawberries - 24 quart crates (36 lbs.)
- 2/ Data are from previous releases.
- 3/ Estimates include asparagus for processing in California and other States.
- 4/ Short-time average.

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CONDITION OF CROPS  
ON MARCH 1, 1944  
with Comparisons

(Commercial Truck Crops for Shipment)

CROP and STATE	10-year average Mar. 1, 1933-42	Mar. 1, 1943	Feb. 1, 1944	Mar. 1, 1944	CROP and STATE	10-year average Mar. 1, 1933-42	Mar. 1, 1943	Feb. 1, 1944	Mar. 1, 1944
- Percent -					- Percent -				
ARTICHOKEs:					CARROTS:				
California ..	83	100	89	90	Winter				
ASPARAGUS:					California ..	88	70	88	100
Early Spring					Texas .....	70	78	68	68
California ..	93	100	--	90	Louisiana ..	74	72	83	76
Georgia ....	88	77	--	80	Average ...	76.1	74.5	75.7	79.6
S. Carolina.	82	80	--	80	Spring				
Average ...	91.7	97.9	--	89.0	California ..	88	90	--	100
LIMA BEANS:					Average 2 grps.	79.3	78.5	75.7	84.6
Winter					CAULIFLOWER:				
Florida .....	1/66	--	88	81	Spring				
SNAP BEANS:					California ..	86	80	97	75
Florida .....	67	51	75	75	CELERY:				
Texas .....	66	57	--	86	Florida .....	76	82	93	91
California ..	86	--	--	100	California ..	80	80	75	80
Average ...	71.1	52.7	75.0	81.9	Average ...	77.6	81.5	88.6	88.3
BEETS:					CUCUMBERS:				
Winter					Early Spring				
Texas .....	66	62	69	91	Florida ....	67	64	--	84
Spring					Texas .....	77	75	--	83
Louisiana ..	71	55	--	74	Average ...	72.0	67.0	--	83.7
S. Carolina.	66	30	--	75	EGGPLANT:				
Average ...	70.4	45.9	--	74.4	Florida .....	65	35	72	69
Av. 2 groups	66.8	60.0	69.0	89.2	ESCAROLE:				
BROCCOLI:					Winter				
California ..	1/78	80	97	83	Florida ....	69	80	90	92
CABBAGE:					LETTUCE:				
Winter					Early Spring				
California ..	84	85	96	80	Calif.; other	84	95	--	90
Texas .....	66	48	72	72	Florida ....	1/76	60	--	86
Florida ....	74	75	91	88	Georgia ....	1/92	79	--	92
Average ...	70.7	63.2	81.2	77.5	S. Carolina.	75	60	--	85
Early Spring					N. Carolina.	1/78	58	--	93
Louisiana ..	73	71	88	81	Average ...	83.6	90.6	--	89.9
Mississippi.	77	79	87	82					
Alabama ....	72	70	63	77					
Georgia, south	64	75	85	80					
S. Carolina.	76	50	75	80					
Average ...	73.9	73.1	85.0	81.0					
Average 2 grps.	71.5	65.5	81.9	78.2					

1/ Short-time average.

CROP and STATE	10-year average Mar. 1, 1933-42	Mar. 1, 1943	Feb. 1, 1944	Mar. 1, 1944	CROP and STATE	10-year average Mar. 1, 1933-42	Mar. 1, 1943	Feb. 1, 1944	Mar. 1, 1944
- Percent -					- Percent -				
<b>ONIONS:</b>					<b>SPINACH:</b>				
<u>Early Spring</u>					<u>Winter</u>				
Texas .....	70	61	85	82	Texas .....	65	68	71	72
<u>Late Spring</u>					<u>Spring</u>				
California ..	91	90	88	95	Washington .	82	80	--	85
Louisiana ...	78	86	--	63	Arkansas ...	1/ 59	85	--	77
Georgia .....	--	--	--	93	Pennsylvania	1/ 76	78	--	85
Average .....	84.9	87.8	88.0	83.4	Average ...	72.0	80.7	--	83.2
<u>Aver. 2 groups</u>	70.9	63.7	85.1	82.1	<u>Av. 2 groups</u>	66.5	70.0	71.5	73.2
<b>GREEN PEAS:</b>					<b>STRAWBERRIES:</b>				
<u>Winter</u>					<u>Winter</u>				
Florida .....	74	50	68	80	Florida .....	68	43	78	80
Texas .....	68	54	50	--	<u>Early Spring</u>				
Calif., Imper.	74	90	95	90	Louisiana ..	84	86	83	90
Average .....	72.4	71.2	71.8	86.7	Alabama .....	80	86	70	80
<u>Early Spring</u>					<u>Mid-Spring</u>				
Calif., other.	77	90	--	90	Mississippi .	78	78	--	70
Mississippi ..	1/ 76	84	--	76	S. Carolina .	1/ 85	71	--	70
Georgia .....	--	61	--	75	N. Carolina .	1/ 85	71	--	70
S. Carolina..	78	50	--	85	Tennessee ...	1/ 78	82	--	70
Average .....	77.0	83.9	--	87.8	Arkansas ....	1/ 78	76	--	70
<u>Average 2 grps.</u>	75.8	80.3	71.8	87.5	Average .....	79.3	77.5	--	64.2
<b>GREEN PEPPERS:</b>					<u>Average 3 grps.</u>				
Florida .....	61	61	76	75	79.4	78.1	80.8	74.2	
<b>COMMERCIAL EARLY</b>					<b>TOMATOES:</b>				
<b>IRISH POTATOES:</b>					<u>Early Spring</u>				
<u>Early Spring</u>					Florida, other				
Florida, north.	77	60	--	72	Texas, L. Valley	71	68	--	80
Texas, L. Valley	74	70	--	77	Calif., Imper.	86	90	--	90
Average .....	76.1	64.2	--	74.1	Average .....	72.3	65.2	--	86.2
<u>Late Spring</u>									
California ..	91	90	--	90					
<u>Average 2 grps.</u>	84.0	80.8	--	84.3					
<b>SHALLOTS:</b>									
Louisiana ....	1/ 76	64	73	71					

1/ Short-time average.

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GREEN PEAS FOR PROCESSING

INTENDED ACREAGE  
1944, with Comparisons

Reports received by the U. S. Department of Agriculture from processors of green peas indicate an increase above the 1943 planted acreage of 2.5 percent in the plantings for 1944. Should these plans of late February be carried out in the various States, the acreage planted to green peas for canning and freezing will total 497,400 acres in 1944, compared with 485,060 acres in 1943 and an average of 333,600 acres for the preceding 10-year (1933-42) period.

Green pea processors in New York State show an increase in their 1944 intended acreage of 89 percent over the record low 1943 planted acreage of 25,800 acres. Untimely rains during the planting season last year made it nearly impossible to prepare the fields in this State for processing peas in 1943. In Michigan, where conditions in 1943 were similar to those in New York, this year's acreage intentions show a 19 percent increase over the 1943 planted acreage. Other states where increases are in prospect are widely scattered and include Pennsylvania, Delaware, California and Washington.

Abandonment of acreage planted to green peas for processing has averaged around 7 percent annually during the past 10 years. If this average loss is assumed for 1944, a planting of 497,400 acres would result in about 462,600 acres for harvest this year compared with 426,850 harvested in 1943.

The 10-year (1933-42) average yield of green peas for processing is 1,632 pounds per acre. For the more recent 5-year (1938-42) period, yields averaged 1,833 pounds per acre. The harvest of 462,600 acres in 1944 with yields in line with the 10-year average of 1,632 pounds would give a production of 377,500 tons for processing. Yields in line with the 5-year average of 1,833 pounds would result in a production of 424,000 tons for processing. The 1943 total production of green peas for processing was 411,390 tons.

The following table shows the acreages which would result if these late February intentions to contract and plant green peas are carried out in 1944. Since these plans may be modified before plantings are actually made, they are not to be considered as estimates of the planted acreage for this season. They are to be considered rather as a guide in making adjustments in acreage plans before planting operations actually begin.

INTENDED ACREAGE: 1944, with Comparisons

STATE AND GROUP	PLANTED ACREAGE		INTENDED IN 1944	
	10-yr. average (1933-1942)	1943	Acres Indicated	As percent of 1943
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Percent
Maine .....	3,540	* 5,670	5,400	95
New York .....	37,000	25,800	48,700	189
Pennsylvania .....	6,910	18,300	19,400	106
<b>NORTH ATLANTIC</b>	<b>47,450</b>	<b>49,770</b>	<b>73,500</b>	<b>147.7</b>
Ohio .....	5,270	8,100	8,100	100
Indiana .....	8,590	* 14,800	14,800	100
Illinois .....	18,000	* 21,400	20,600	96
Michigan .....	12,560	9,800	11,700	119
Wisconsin .....	115,370	* 166,000	161,000	97
Minnesota .....	24,640	* 47,100	46,700	99
Iowa .....	2,490	4,200	4,200	100
<b>NORTH CENTRAL</b>	<b>136,920</b>	<b>271,400</b>	<b>267,100</b>	<b>98.4</b>
Delaware .....	3,320	3,900	4,100	105
Maryland .....	15,770	15,900	14,500	91
Virginia .....	4,460	4,400	3,000	68
<b>SOUTH ATLANTIC</b>	<b>23,550</b>	<b>24,200</b>	<b>21,600</b>	<b>89.3</b>
Colorado .....	3,930	6,100	5,300	95
Utah .....	12,760	16,500	15,300	93
Washington .....	23,830	* 46,000	47,900	104
Oregon .....	19,810	* 49,700	45,000	91
California .....	3,320	4,280	4,350	113
<b>WESTERN</b>	<b>63,650</b>	<b>122,580</b>	<b>118,350</b>	<b>97.0</b>
Other States <sup>1/</sup>	12,030	17,110	16,350	96
<b>U. S. TOTAL</b>	<b>333,600</b>	<b>485,060</b>	<b>497,400</b>	<b>102.5</b>

\* Revised.

<sup>1/</sup> "Other States" include: Arkansas, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and Wyoming.

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SPINACH FOR PROCESSING

ACREAGE AND INDICATED PRODUCTION  
 1944, with Comparisons

Reports received late in February from spinach canners in California and Texas indicate a 1944 production in these two States of 67,400 tons, according to the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This tonnage exceeds the 1943 production of 40,700 tons by 66 percent, and the 1942 production of 61,400 tons by 10 percent.

The acreage of spinach in California and Texas from which spinach is expected to be used in 1944 for canning will total 20,450 acres. This compares with 13,130 acres for processing in 1943, and 20,540 tons harvested in 1942.

The 1944 indicated yield is 3.30 tons. The yield for 1943 was 3.10 tons per acre, and 2.99 tons per acre for 1942.

STATE	ACREAGE (Harvested)				YIELD PER ACRE				PRODUCTION			
	1941	1942	1943	Planted 1944	1941	1942	1943	Indi- cated 1944	1941	1942	1943	Indi- cated 1944
	- Acres -				- Tons -				- Tons -			
Calif.	7,440	15,040	9,130	14,450	3.0	3.5	3.8	4.0	22,300	52,600	34,700	57,800
Texas	4,500	5,500	4,000	6,000	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.5	7,600	8,300	6,000	9,600
TOTAL	11,940	20,540	13,130	20,450	2.50	2.99	3.10	3.30	29,900	61,400	40,700	67,400