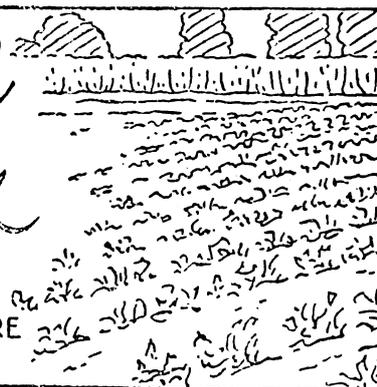


# Commercial Truck Crops

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## TRUCK CROPS FOR COMMERCIAL PROCESSING PROGRESS OF PLANTING AND CONDITION ON MAY 15

Most green pea growers had finished planting their seed by May 15 except a few who were in the northern part of Wisconsin and Maine, or in western New York where a brief spell of dry weather early in May slowed down field work. However, information received by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics indicates, that in general the crop was developing favorably. Rains fell where they were needed most and cool temperatures provided optimum growing conditions.

### GREEN PEAS FOR PROCESSING

Delaware, Maryland  
and New Jersey:

Gentle rains at frequent intervals have provided excellent conditions for green peas from New Jersey southward. Some early fields were beginning to blossom around mid-May.

Pennsylvania and  
Western Maryland:

Most fields were in good condition. Skies were overcast much of the time and there was plenty of moisture for the crop.

New York:

Rains fell in western New York on May 10-11 to relieve the dry spell so growers could complete planting their fields. The 1952 season is reported to be slightly ahead of last season and seed in most fields has germinated nicely.

Ohio, Indiana  
and Michigan:

Westward from New York to Illinois, the green pea crop is developing quite well, although the lack of moisture in scattered areas hindered vine growth. A few blossoms were appearing in early fields by mid-May.

Illinois and  
Wisconsin:

The period of high temperatures and dryness that worried growers in Wisconsin and parts of Illinois early in May was ended by mid-May rains. Planting operations were resumed by growers and efforts were being made to finish this work before early June. Early plantings were in fairly good condition.

Iowa and  
Minnesota:

Planting operations were about on schedule. In early fields, the seed had germinated by May 15.

Colorado  
and Utah:

The 1952 season is not as far advanced as on the corresponding date last year. Local hail storms caused some damage.

## GREEN PEAS FOR PROCESSING (Contd.)

Idaho, Oregon and Washington: In the Northwest, this year's crop of processing peas is making excellent growth. There is plenty of moisture and planting was completed before the end of May by most growers.

California: Harvesting green peas was near its peak in Central Valley and central Coastal parts of California and was about finished in Southern California by May 15. Relatively cool weather was favorable for the crop.

## SWEET CORN FOR PROCESSING

Sweet corn growers took full advantage of the favorable weather in May to complete their full planting. Soil was generally favorable for quick seed germination.

Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Virginia: Planting was under way early in May but some of the growers were obliged to stay out of their fields for a period around mid-May on account of showery weather. Seed in the early fields was germinating slowly.

Pennsylvania: Growers started to plant sweet corn seed early in the month and will continue through most of May.

New York: In western New York planting schedules are about 7-10 days later than in Pennsylvania. Fields were in good condition for early preparations and this season is slightly farther advanced than on the corresponding date in 1951.

Ohio and Indiana: The ground was in fine condition for planting and growers were busy preparing fields for seed. Season is relatively early.

Illinois and Wisconsin: Favorable conditions also prevailed in this area. Planting schedules were generally adhered to, although some growers had to stay out of their fields for brief periods when the ground was too wet.

Iowa and Minnesota: Limited areas remained to be planted toward the end of May but the ground is in good condition.

Idaho, Oregon and Washington: The season in the Northwest is normal. Planting was under way early in May.

## SNAP BEANS FOR PROCESSING

Seasonal headway is being made in nearly all producing areas for snap beans for processing.

Delaware, Maryland, and Virginia: Planting in these States is about on a normal schedule. Frequent rains have maintained good soil conditions.

New Jersey and Pennsylvania: Some fields were planted before mid-May and additional seed will be planted through several weeks.

New York: Early fields were being prepared for snap beans. Planting will be more active toward the end of May.

Michigan and Wisconsin: Soil moisture is adequate and growers are preparing fields as fast as they can get to them.

Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Missouri: In the Ozarks, a rainy spell followed by hot, dry weather caused some damage to the early fields.

Oregon and Washington: The Northwest crop was being planted under favorable conditions.