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GENERAL COMMENTS ON GREEN PEAS FOR PROCESSING ON MAY 1, 1951

Green peas for processing were growing under quite favorable conditions in the Middle Atlantic States, the Rocky Mountain and Pacific Northwest States, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. Harvesting some early fields should begin before the end of May. But from New York State westward to Iowa, Minnesota and Wisconsin, excessive rains have interfered with planting and the crop is late.

Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, Virginia: Planting of green pea acreage in this area was nearing completion by May 1. Adequate soil moisture and generally favorable growing conditions have favored germination and stands up to 9 inches in height were reported for some early plantings.

Pennsylvania: Planting operations are progressing satisfactorily with slight delay due to rains. Soil and weather conditions have been generally favorable and early plantings are growing nicely.

New York: Planting operations have been materially delayed by excessive rains. Some localities had a limited acreage out by May 1. Below average temperatures have retarded germination.

Ohio, Indiana, Michigan: Farming operations in this area were behind 2 to 3 weeks due to unfavorable conditions similar to those in New York. Growth on early plantings was reported good, but needing warmer weather.

Illinois, Wisconsin: Planting schedules in these States were severely delayed by frequent rains and cold weather during April. In Illinois considerable acreage had not been planted by May 1, but early seedings were germinating well. Comparatively little green pea acreage had been planted in Wisconsin during April, but farming operations were expected to progress rapidly after May 1. Heavy snow fall last winter followed by excessive rains through April have supplied abundant subsoil moisture.

Iowa, Minnesota: The farming situation in these States is similar to that in Wisconsin. Wet cold weather during April greatly retarded operations and very little seed had been sown before May 1.

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Colorado, Utah: Planting operations in these States progressing about on schedule. Soil moisture is sufficient, after late April rains in Utah, to germinate the seed and develop the crop satisfactorily.

Idaho, Oregon, Washington: About normal seasonal conditions are reported for this northwest area. Early seeding operations were nearing completion by May 1 with adequate moisture in most localities for good germination.