

vegetables - fresh market



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SPRING VEGETABLE PRODUCTION UNCHANGED

Production of fresh market vegetables during the spring quarter of 1973 (April, May and June) is estimated at 39.0 million cwt. This is practically the same as last year's spring crop of 38.9 million cwt., but is 6 percent more than the 36.8 million cwt. produced in the spring of 1971. Acreage harvested for the 14 fresh market vegetables in the spring quarter is estimated at 243,590 acres, 1 percent less than the 246,420 acres harvested in the spring quarter of 1972. The aggregate average yield per acre for the 14 vegetable crops at 160 cwt. compares with 158 and 148 cwt., respectively, for 1972 and 1971 spring quarters.

Spring quarter production was higher for cabbage, celery, sweet corn, escarole, lettuce, green peppers, and spinach. Decreases are estimated for snap beans, broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, cucumbers, eggplant and tomatoes.

Melon production for the spring quarter is forecast at 14.6 million cwt., 7 percent below last year and 4 percent below the 1971 spring quarter. Watermelon production is off sharply from last year while cantaloup output is nearly the same but honeydew melons are more than double the 1972 total. Acreage harvested for spring quarter melons is estimated at 115,900 acres, 22 percent below last year and 3 percent below 1971. Yield, for all melons in the spring quarter 1973, is set at 126 cwt. compared to 105 cwt. last year and 127 cwt. for the spring 1971 quarter.

Above average prices were obtained for many spring vegetable crops.

Summer production of primarily non-storage type onions is now forecast at 2,894,000 cwt. as compared to the 2,899,000 cwt. estimate in July.

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Acreage and yield, Spring Quarter 1/ United States, -1973 with comparisons

Crop	Acreage			Yield		
	Harvested		For harvest 1973	1971	1972	Ind. 1973
	1971	1972				
Winter 2/	176,960	194,140	180,470	164	160	170
Spring						
Snap Beans	25,420	23,950	21,600	35	36	35
Broccoli 3/	10,300	11,500	12,300	90	95	65
Cabbage 3/	25,010	23,740	25,790	175	181	185
Carrots 3/	13,500	15,900	18,500	240	244	194
Cauliflower 3/	4,400	4,200	3,900	100	120	70
Celery 3/	9,400	8,300	9,100	436	479	472
Sweet Corn	44,500	42,200	38,600	79	90	106
Cucumbers	16,600	18,100	16,400	85	98	99
Eggplant	720	750	650	165	205	230
Escarole	2,430	2,140	2,480	120	127	129
Lettuce	52,700	50,200	47,000	240	247	267
Green Peppers 3/	9,800	9,100	10,000	79	99	107
Spinach	2,370	2,040	2,070	65	66	70
Tomatoes	30,900	34,300	35,200	125	140	130
Total 14 Vegetables	248,050	246,420	243,590	148	158	160
Cantaloups	28,700	31,200	25,500	123	113	138
Honeydew Melons	2,400	1,800	2,400	135	85	150
Watermelons	89,000	116,300	88,000	128	104	122
Total Melons	120,100	149,300	115,900	127	105	126
Total Spring Crop	368,150	395,720	359,490	141	138	149
Summer 4/	601,640	578,700	606,870	124	125	Nov. 9

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Production and value of fresh vegetables, Spring Quarter 1/ United States, 1973 with comparisons

Crop	Production			Value		
	1971	1972	Ind. 1973	1971	1972	Ind. 1973
	1,000 cwt.			1,000 dollars		
Winter 2/	28,942	31,096	30,758	177,039	242,916	241,551
Spring						
Snap Beans	902	867	753	11,803	12,017	13,433
Broccoli 3/	927	1,093	800	9,603	11,186	9,920
Cabbage 3/	4,384	4,293	4,777	18,905	15,382	30,749
Carrots 3/	3,246	3,877	3,595	24,008	23,237	20,972
Cauliflower 3/	440	509	273	4,725	5,321	4,505
Celery 3/	4,099	3,978	4,293	19,029	22,492	27,737
Sweet Corn	3,503	3,812	4,093	22,674	23,145	27,922
Cucumbers	1,406	1,776	1,616	12,650	15,952	16,038
Eggplant	119	154	150	1,261	1,401	1,800
Escarole	291	271	321	3,446	2,157	4,794
Lettuce	12,646	12,415	12,526	66,505	55,404	153,029
Green Peppers 3/	779	905	1,074	16,400	16,213	19,723
Spinach	154	134	145	1,815	1,935	1,944
Tomatoes	3,867	4,790	4,568	55,744	76,781	71,574
Total 14 Vegetables	36,763	38,874	38,984	268,568	282,623	404,140
Cantaloups	3,540	3,527	3,524	31,356	29,047	36,829
Honeydew Melons	324	153	360	3,532	1,530	4,500
Watermelons	11,358	12,069	10,706	33,730	33,721	40,239
Total Melons	15,222	15,749	14,590	68,618	64,298	81,568
Total Spring Crop	51,985	54,623	53,574	337,186	346,921	485,708
Summer 4/	74,784	72,571	74,045	407,800	446,346	Nov. 9

1/ April, May and June.

2/ Estimate as of May 1, 1973 (January, February, and March).

3/ Includes Fresh Market and Processing.

4/ Preliminary acreage for harvest and projected production as of July 1, 1973 (July, August, and September).

Acres and yield, Spring Quarter 1/ by States, 1973, with comparisons

Crop and State	Acreage			Yield		
	Harvested		For harvest	1971	1972	Ind.
	1971	1972	1973			1973
	Acres			Cwt.		
SNAP BEANS:						
Winter 2/	13,400	15,100	14,400	28	32	30
Spring						
New Jersey	700	500	300	37	38	40
Maryland	600	500	550	28	22	18
Virginia	1,800	1,450	1,300	38	36	30
North Carolina	1,800	2,100	1,900	28	29	20
South Carolina	3,100	3,100	2,800	31	36	27
Georgia	2,700	2,800	2,000	28	31	25
Florida	12,000	10,800	11,200	38	36	40
Alabama	820	900	450	27	29	22
Louisiana	1,300	1,100	500	32	31	20
California	600	700	600	82	110	100
Total Spring	25,420	23,950	21,600	35	36	35
Summer 3/	28,860	28,740	30,160	42	39	Nov. 9
BROCCOLI 4/:						
Winter 2/	11,560	13,440	11,840	78	81	66
Spring						
California	10,300	11,500	12,300	90	95	65
Summer 3/	9,000	10,700	13,700	64	67	Nov. 9
CABBAGE 4/:						
Winter 2/	25,570	25,120	27,890	184	189	186
Spring						
New Jersey	700	700	800	230	185	210
Ohio	380	400	450	190	230	190
Missouri	430	360	550	115	120	120
Maryland	200	190	200	180	195	210
Virginia	1,200	1,000	1,000	117	110	115
North Carolina	2,400	2,700	2,800	115	140	150
South Carolina	1,000	850	1,000	125	150	130
Georgia	2,000	2,200	2,500	110	115	100
Florida	6,500	5,400	5,500	205	215	260
Tennessee	950	1,000	1,000	275	280	270
Mississippi	500	700	800	120	110	110
Louisiana	900	1,000	700	130	100	75
Texas	3,700	3,400	4,700	165	180	200
Arizona	850	540	490	125	130	120
California	3,300	3,300	3,300	245	245	200
Total Spring	25,010	23,740	25,790	175	181	185
Summer 3/	26,290	26,250	24,850	245	237	Nov. 9
CANTALOUPS:						
Spring						
Texas	12,900	10,000	10,500	95	95	130
Arizona	7,300	9,900	5,900	170	130	150
California-Desert	8,500	11,300	9,100	135	115	140
Total Spring	28,700	31,200	25,500	123	113	138
Summer 3/	65,700	60,550	66,700	125	148	Nov. 9
CARROTS 4/:						
Winter 2/	20,500	21,400	18,890	191	180	207
Spring						
Texas	4,400	4,600	7,000	145	120	110
Arizona	1,800	2,600	2,300	195	170	110
California-Desert	3,900	4,000	4,400	275	275	290
Other	3,400	4,700	4,800	350	380	270
Total Spring	13,500	15,900	18,500	240	244	194
Summer 3/	15,520	16,030	16,220	319	327	Nov. 9

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Production and value of fresh vegetables, Spring Quarter 1/ by States, 1973, with comparisons

Crop and State	Production			Total value		
	1971	1972	Ind. 1973	1971	1972	Ind. 1973
	1,000 cwt.			1,000 dollars		
SNAP BEANS:						
Winter 2/	375	483	432	6,638	7,680	9,115
Spring						
New Jersey	26	19	12	390	380	193
Maryland	17	11	10	199	149	178
Virginia	68	52	39	728	702	624
North Carolina	50	60	38	575	754	775
South Carolina	96	112	76	1,162	1,456	1,938
Georgia	76	87	50	821	1,122	1,015
Florida	456	389	448	6,202	5,407	6,944
Alabama	22	26	10	313	438	236
Louisiana	42	34	10	533	439	198
California	49	77	60	880	1,170	1,332
Total Spring	902	867	753	11,803	12,017	13,433
Summer 3/	1,204	1,109	1,237	16,181	16,371	Nov. 9
BROCCOLI 4/:						
Winter 2/	906	1,082	778	10,396	11,679	10,142
Spring						
California	927	1,093	800	9,603	11,186	9,920
Summer 3/	580	719	932	6,194	7,357	Nov. 9
CABBAGE 4/:						
Winter 2/	4,714	4,751	5,177	16,826	19,222	27,469
Spring						
New Jersey	161	130	168	837	527	1,344
Ohio	72	92	86	274	379	688
Missouri	50	43	66	200	164	528
Maryland	36	37	42	172	136	300
Virginia	140	110	115	742	435	543
North Carolina	281	376	420	1,100	1,137	2,797
South Carolina	125	128	130	718	595	858
Georgia	223	254	250	956	965	1,345
Florida	1,332	1,173	1,430	5,967	4,575	8,938
Tennessee	261	280	270	545	674	870
Mississippi	60	77	88	203	178	356
Louisiana	117	102	53	500	373	290
Texas	611	612	940	2,929	2,534	7,153
Arizona	106	70	59	486	234	357
California	809	809	660	3,276	2,476	4,382
Total Spring	4,384	4,293	4,777	18,905	15,382	30,749
Summer 3/	6,432	6,217	6,014	16,036	20,172	Nov. 9
CANTALOUPS:						
Spring						
Texas	1,161	950	1,365	10,507	8,474	14,879
Arizona	1,231	1,277	885	11,321	11,356	10,089
California-Desert	1,148	1,300	1,274	9,528	9,217	11,861
Total Spring	3,540	3,527	3,524	31,356	29,047	36,829
Summer 3/	8,204	8,940	9,005	46,330	62,340	Nov. 9
CARROTS 4/:						
Winter 2/	3,907	3,848	3,913	17,464	25,405	25,426
Spring						
Texas	638	552	770	4,848	3,575	4,851
Arizona	351	439	253	3,158	3,233	1,601
California-Desert	1,066	1,100	1,276	7,928	8,082	7,107
Other	1,191	1,786	1,296	8,074	8,347	7,413
Total Spring	3,246	3,877	3,595	24,008	23,237	20,972
Summer 3/	4,949	5,248	5,126	24,053	20,447	Nov. 9

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Acres and Yield, Spring Quarter 1/ by States, 1973, with comparisons

Crop and State	Acreage			Yield		
	Harvested		For harvest	1971	1972	Ind. 1973
	1971	1972	1973			
	Acres			Cwt.		
CAULIFLOWER 4/:						
Winter 2/	4,790	6,030	5,750	94	100	61
Spring						
California	4,400	4,200	3,900	100	120	70
Summer 3/	4,820	6,720	9,460	97	102	Nov.9
CELERY 4/:						
Winter 2/	8,300	8,400	8,000	513	475	524
Spring						
Florida	4,500	3,900	4,300	360	390	390
Calif.-So.Coast	4,100	3,800	4,200	495	545	545
Other	800	600	600	560	645	545
Total Spring:	9,400	8,300	9,100	436	479	472
Summer 3/	6,690	6,490	6,670	478	473	Nov.9
SWEET CORN:						
Winter 2/	12,400	13,400	9,800	49	67	81
Spring						
Florida	33,600	30,200	29,900	86	98	115
Alabama	1,200	2,500	1,000	68	63	60
Texas	4,900	4,900	2,600	40	48	52
California	4,800	4,600	5,100	70	100	90
Total Spring:	44,500	42,200	38,600	79	90	106
Summer 3/	108,590	105,500	108,000	68	66	Nov.9
CUCUMBERS:						
Spring						
North Carolina:	1,800	1,600	1,800	68	74	85
South Carolina:	3,800	4,000	4,200	50	57	45
Florida	7,300	7,800	6,900	105	125	130
Texas	3,000	3,700	2,700	53	50	64
California	700	1,000	800	240	270	255
Total Spring:	16,600	18,100	16,400	85	98	99
Summer 3/	17,300	17,000	16,200	97	90	Nov.9
EGGPLANT:						
Winter 2/	400	450	400	170	210	175
Spring:						
Florida	720	750	650	165	205	230
Summer 3/	1,100	1,100	1,200	140	135	Nov.9
ESCAROLE:						
Winter 2/	3,000	4,100	3,900	130	105	110
Spring						
New Jersey	310	310	380	165	175	160
Ohio	120	130	200	115	125	110
Florida	2,000	1,700	1,900	115	115	125
Total Spring:	2,430	2,140	2,480	120	127	129
Summer 3/	1,450	1,420	1,420	148	154	Nov.9
HONEYDEW MELONS::						
Spring						
Texas	2,400	1,800	2,400	135	85	150
Summer 3/	9,180	10,600	11,400	174	189	Nov.9

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Production and value of fresh vegetables, Spring Quarter 1/ by States, 1973, with comparisons

Crop and State	Production			Total value		
	1971	1972	Ind. 1973	1971	1972	Ind. 1973
	1,000 cwt.			1,000 dollars		
CAULIFLOWER 4/:						
Winter 2/	450	601	350	5,498	7,882	6,224
Spring						
California	440	509	273	4,725	5,321	4,505
Summer 3/	469	687	927	4,270	6,399	Nov. 9
CELERY 4/:						
Winter 2/	4,255	3,987	4,189	15,677	32,651	27,741
Spring						
Florida	1,620	1,521	1,677	7,906	9,445	10,330
California-So. Coast	2,030	2,071	2,289	8,958	11,185	15,085
Other	449	386	327	2,165	1,862	2,322
Total Spring	4,099	3,978	4,293	19,029	22,492	27,737
Summer 3/	3,195	3,070	3,115	15,881	17,924	Nov. 9
SWEET CORN:						
Winter 2/	608	898	794	4,931	7,597	7,472
Spring						
Florida	2,890	2,960	3,439	17,918	16,783	22,422
Alabama	81	157	60	519	1,005	396
Texas	196	235	135	1,858	2,468	1,331
California	336	460	459	2,379	2,889	3,773
Total Spring	3,503	3,812	4,093	22,674	23,145	27,922
Summer 3/	7,410	6,983	7,344	38,736	42,148	Nov. 9
CUCUMBERS:						
Spring						
North Carolina	122	118	153	854	850	1,148
South Carolina	190	228	189	1,493	2,031	1,966
Florida	767	975	897	7,133	8,941	7,992
Texas	159	185	173	1,393	1,732	2,076
California	168	270	204	1,777	2,398	2,856
Total Spring	1,406	1,776	1,616	12,650	15,952	16,038
Summer 3/	1,683	1,536	1,571	10,532	12,788	Nov. 9
EGGPLANT:						
Winter 2/	68	95	70	641	838	819
Spring						
Florida	119	154	150	1,261	1,401	1,800
Summer 3/	154	149	174	1,093	1,342	Nov. 9
ESCAROLE:						
Winter 2/	400	434	429	3,360	3,292	3,762
Spring						
New Jersey	52	55	61	437	547	1,476
Ohio	14	16	22	120	134	748
Florida	225	200	238	2,889	1,476	2,570
Total Spring	291	271	321	3,446	2,157	4,794
Summer 3/	214	219	214	1,888	1,966	Nov. 9
HONEYDEW MELONS:						
Spring						
Texas	324	153	360	3,532	1,530	4,500
Summer 3/	1,593	2,001	1,984	8,490	11,894	Nov. 9

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Crop and State	Acreage			Yield		
	Harvested		For harvest	1971	1972	Ind. 1973
	1971	1972	1973			
	Acres			Cwt.		
LETTUCE:						
Winter 2/	56,500	60,200	58,900	195	197	208
Spring						
New York	300	200	400	215	195	210
New Jersey	1,500	1,700	1,700	170	135	175
Florida	1,300	1,500	2,100	110	115	155
New Mexico	1,900	1,300	1,200	180	150	245
Arizona-Yuma	2,000	0	2,900	195	0	210
Other	12,700	10,500	9,500	195	160	150
California-Other	33,000	35,000	29,200	270	290	325
Total Spring	52,700	50,200	47,000	240	247	267
Summer 3/	53,330	49,190	51,500	242	248	Nov. 9
GREEN PEPPERS 4/:						
Winter 2/	4,100	4,600	4,100	80	115	115
Spring						
Florida	6,200	5,100	6,500	75	105	125
Louisiana	1,400	1,400	1,400	50	55	30
Texas	1,400	1,800	1,600	76	70	88
California	800	800	500	170	210	155
Total Spring	9,800	9,100	10,000	79	99	107
Summer 3/	22,550	21,600	23,630	76	83	Nov. 9
SPINACH:						
Winter 2/	5,040	4,400	4,400	45	47	47
Spring						
New Jersey	550	500	520	70	70	75
Maryland and Virginia	1,400	1,130	1,150	41	33	35
California	420	410	400	135	150	165
Total Spring	2,370	2,040	2,070	65	66	70
Summer 3/	1,220	1,240	1,300	90	96	Nov. 9
TOMATOES:						
Winter 2/	11,400	17,500	12,200	150	135	140
Spring						
South Carolina	5,200	6,200	5,800	79	84	60
Georgia	900	1,400	900	60	70	56
Florida	16,200	12,600	17,600	150	190	175
Alabama	1,100	2,600	2,000	46	68	50
Arkansas	600	1,900	400	110	110	110
Louisiana	800	800	700	115	90	100
Texas-Rio Grande	2,700	2,600	2,500	70	50	50
Other	1,400	1,300	1,600	53	60	45
California-Desert	2,000	2,000	2,000	220	225	195
Other	0	2,900	1,700	0	220	170
Total Spring	30,900	34,300	35,200	125	140	130
Summer 3/	66,640	63,870	64,260	123	130	Nov. 9
WATERMELONS:						
Spring						
Georgia	2,000	4,300	2,100	79	70	70
Florida	50,100	56,100	51,500	150	120	145
Alabama	700	3,500	600	81	79	75
Texas	31,800	44,800	30,000	187	73	80
Arizona	1,900	3,300	0	170	195	0
California-Desert	2,500	4,300	3,800	215	195	170
Total Spring	89,000	116,300	88,000	128	104	122
Summer 3/	163,400	151,700	160,200	96	87	Nov. 9

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Crop and State	Production			Total value		
	1971	1972	Ind. 1973	1971	1972	Ind. 1973
	1,000 cwt.			1,000 dollars		
LETTUCE:						
Winter	11,010	11,832	12,238	63,232	77,839	80,004
Spring						
New York	64	39	84	397	230	1,084
New Jersey	255	232	298	1,539	1,323	4,321
Florida	143	173	326	1,151	1,495	3,390
New Mexico	342	195	294	1,436	690	4,616
Arizona-Yuma	390	0	609	1,560	0	6,455
Other	2,477	1,686	1,425	13,011	9,323	17,385
California-Other	8,975	10,090	9,490	47,411	42,343	115,778
Total Spring	12,646	12,415	12,526	66,505	55,404	153,029
Summer 3/	12,912	12,219	12,360	66,871	63,797	Nov. 9
GREEN PEPPERS 4/:						
Winter 2/	328	529	472	4,526	8,993	9,582
Spring						
Florida	465	536	813	9,672	9,541	14,228
Louisiana	70	77	42	896	1,155	844
Texas	106	126	141	3,286	3,175	3,046
California	138	166	78	2,546	2,342	1,605
Total Spring	779	905	1,074	16,400	16,213	19,723
Summer 3/	1,718	1,801	1,890	14,858	17,480	Nov. 9
SPINACH:						
Winter 2/	225	207	208	3,088	2,959	2,709
Spring						
New Jersey	39	35	39	351	431	534
Maryland and Virginia	58	37	40	649	413	526
California	57	62	66	815	1,091	884
Total Spring	154	134	145	1,815	1,935	1,944
Summer 3/	110	119	118	1,527	1,984	Nov. 9
TOMATOES:						
Winter 2/	1,696	2,349	1,708	24,762	36,879	31,086
Spring						
South Carolina	409	518	348	5,074	6,579	4,246
Georgia	54	98	50	443	1,009	875
Florida	2,492	2,419	3,080	33,642	37,253	44,044
Alabama	51	178	100	653	2,451	2,340
Arkansas	66	209	44	1,815	5,434	1,470
Louisiana	92	72	70	1,868	1,282	1,820
Texas-Rio Grande	189	130	125	2,930	2,067	1,750
Other	74	78	72	1,443	1,123	1,044
California-Desert	440	450	390	7,876	7,740	7,800
Other	0	638	289	0	11,843	6,185
Total Spring	3,867	4,790	4,568	55,744	76,781	71,574
Summer 3/	8,221	8,303	8,097	100,698	112,392	Nov. 9
WATERMELONS:						
Spring						
Georgia	158	300	147	395	752	588
Florida	7,515	6,732	7,468	20,441	16,291	27,856
Alabama	57	278	45	131	778	225
Texas	2,767	3,270	2,400	9,266	11,816	8,592
Arizona	328	650	0	1,361	1,886	0
California-Desert	533	839	646	2,136	2,198	2,978
Total Spring	11,358	12,069	10,706	33,730	33,721	40,239
Summer 3/	15,736	13,251	13,937	34,162	29,545	Nov. 9

1/ April, May and June. 2/ Estimate as of May 1, 1973, (January, February, and March.) 3/ Preliminary acreage for harvest and projected production as of July 1, 1973 (July, August, and September. 4/ Includes Fresh Market and Processing.

Acreage and estimated production reported to date, 1973 with comparisons

Crop and State	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Harvested		For harvest:	1971	1972	Ind.	1971	1972	Ind.
	1971	1972	1973			1973			1973
	Acres			Cwt.			1,000 cwt.		
ONIONS 1/:									
Spring	25,300	24,700	26,400	217	223	193	5,498	5,501	5,087
Summer									
Non-storage 2/									
New Jersey	1,500	1,500	1,200	200	190	140	300	285	168
Texas	6,300	5,400	6,500	250	240	250	1,575	1,296	1,625
New Mexico	2,600	3,300	3,000	300	320	290	780	1,056	870
Washington	550	550	600	400	380	385	220	209	231
Non-storage total	10,950	10,750	11,300	263	265	256	2,875	2,846	2,894
Storage total 3/	62,550	59,020	66,250	343	339	Sept. 7	21,430	20,008	Sept. 7
Total summer	73,500	69,770	77,550	331	328		24,305	22,854	
U. S. total	98,800	94,470	103,950	302	300		29,803	28,355	

1/ Includes Fresh Market and Processing.

2/ Primarily onions sold without being placed in storage.

3/ Primarily storage type onions, 1973 acreage for harvest is prospective acreage.

SNAP BEANS: Production of spring quarter snap beans is estimated at 753,000 cwt., 13 percent below last year and 17 percent less than the 1971 crop. Earlier acreage and yield expectations were not reached, in North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia because of heavy rains primarily in June. The 1973 spring acreage for harvest is now placed at 21,600, 10 percent below last year and 15 percent less than 1971. Yield this quarter of 35 cwt. per acre is 1 cwt. less than last year but the same as 1972.

BROCCOLI: California's spring crop is estimated at 800,000 cwt., 27 percent less than last year and 14 percent below the 1971 crop. Harvested acres at 12,300 were 7 percent more than in 1972. Yields were sharply below the projected level as a result of cold, rainy weather during the growing season. The 1973 yield is estimated at 65 cwt. compared to 95 cwt. last year and 90 cwt. for 1971.

CABBAGE: The spring quarter production is placed at 4,777,000 cwt., 11 percent more than last year. Harvested acreage this quarter, at 25,790, is 9 percent above last year. Yield this spring at 185 cwt. compares to 181 and 175 cwt. for 1972 and 1971 respectively. Better than average yields were obtained in Florida, North Carolina and Texas resulting in production slightly above the earlier projection.

CANTALOUPS: Production is estimated for the spring quarter at 3,524,000 cwt. compared to 3,527,000 cwt. last year and 3,540,000 cwt. for the spring of 1971 quarter. Harvested acres at 25,500 is 18 percent below last year and 11 percent below 1971. With abundant rainfall in Texas, Arizona and California the 1973 average yield is placed at 138 cwt., per acre compared to 113 cwt. last year and 123 cwt. for 1971.

CARROTS: The spring quarter production is forecast at 3,595,000 cwt., 7 percent below 1972, but 11 percent above the 1971 crop. Acreage harvested this quarter at 18,500 is 16 percent above 1972. Yield per acre at 194 cwt. compares to 244 cwt. for the same period last year. Neither acreage for harvest nor yields came up to earlier expectations. Texas accounted for most of the reduction in acreage and yields were sharply below average in most of the other States.

CAULIFLOWER: Production in California during the spring quarter is estimated at 273,000 cwt., 46 percent below last year and 38 percent less than the 1971 crop. Harvested acres at 3,900 compares to 4,200 and 4,400 for 1972 and 1971 respectively. Yields were reduced substantially as a result of unfavorable growing conditions, resulting in smaller heads. The 1973 yield is placed at 70 cwt. per acre as compared to 120 cwt. last year.

CELERY: The spring quarter production is forecast at 4,293,000 cwt., 8 percent above last year. The increase over the April estimate is due to better than expected yields in California, and Florida. Harvested acreage at 9,100 is 10 percent above 1972. Yield per acre is 472 cwt., 1 percent below last year, but 8 percent above 1971.

SWEET CORN: Spring quarter production of sweet corn is estimated at 4,093,000 cwt. compared with the 1972 crop of 3,812,000 cwt. and the 3,503,000 cwt. produced in 1971. Harvested acreage at 38,600 is 9 percent below 1972. Yield per acre this quarter at 106 cwt. is 18 percent above last year, and 34 percent above 1971. Yields were sharply above average with Florida achieving a record yield of 115 cwt. per acre.

CUCUMBERS: The 1973 spring cucumbers production is placed at 1,616,000 cwt., 9 percent below last year, but 15 percent above the 1971 crop. Harvested acres at 16,400 were 9 percent below 1972 but about the same as 1971. Yield per acre is placed at 99 cwt., an increase of 1 cwt. per acre over last year's high yields and 16 percent above the 1971 yields. With abundant rainfall high average yields were obtained in Florida, North Carolina and Texas.

EGGPLANT: In Florida, the spring production is estimated at 150,000 cwt., 3 percent below last year, but 26 percent higher than the 1971 crop. Harvested acreage at 650 is 13 percent below 1972 and 10 percent below the 1971 crop. Yields were high throughout the entire season, and prices were high. Some fields which had been abandoned earlier in the season were re-entered for additional harvesting, which was contrary to earlier expectations. The 1973 yield is placed at 230 cwt., compared to 205 cwt. last year and 165 cwt. for 1971.

ESCAROLE: The 1973 production is estimated at 321,000 cwt., 18 percent above last year and 10 percent higher than the 1971 crop. Harvested acreage at 2,480 is 16 percent above last year and about the same as 1971. Yield per acre this season of 129 cwt. compares to 127 and 120 cwt. for the 1972 and 1971 spring crops, respectively. High average yields in Florida offset lower than expected yields in New Jersey and Ohio to hold production slightly above the April projection.

HONEYDEW MELONS: Spring quarter production in Texas is placed at 360,000 cwt. as compared to 153,000 cwt. last year and 324,000 cwt. produced in the spring quarter of 1971. Harvested acreage at 2,400 is 33 percent above last year, but the same as 1971. Yield per acre is estimated at 150 cwt. as compared to 85 and 135 cwt. for 1972 and 1971, respectively. Yields per acre turned out much higher than the average expected April 1 resulting in higher production than anticipated.

LETTUCE: The 1973 production is set at 12,526,000 cwt., up slightly over last year. This is an increase over the April projection due to increased acreage harvested in Arizona. Also, as a result of exceptionally high grower prices, second and third pickings; resulted in above average yields. The 47,000 acres harvested is 6 percent below last year. Yield this quarter at 267 cwt. is 8 percent above last year.

GREEN PEPPERS: The spring quarter production of peppers is estimated at 1,074,000 cwt., 19 percent above last year and 38 percent above the 1971 crop. Acreage harvested is set at 10,000, which is 10 percent above last year and 2 percent above the 1971 crop. Yield at 107 cwt. compared to 99 and 79 cwt., respectively, for 1972 and 1971. Yields in Florida and Texas were better than projected on April 1.

SPINACH: Production is estimated at 145,000 cwt., 8 percent above last year, but 6 percent below the 1971 crop. The spring harvested acreage at 2,070 is about the same as last year, but 13 percent below 1971. Average yield at 70 cwt. compares to 66 and 65 cwt. for 1972 and 1971, respectively. Production is somewhat below earlier expectations primarily as a result of fewer acres harvested in Maryland and Virginia.

TOMATOES: The spring quarter tomato production for fresh market is placed at 4,568,000 cwt., 5 percent less than last year, but 18 percent above 1971. All States except Texas and the California's desert areas harvested fewer acres than indicated on April 1. Harvested acreage is now estimated at 35,200, 3 percent above last year, and 14 percent more than 1971. Yield per acre is 130 cwt. as compared to 140 cwt. for the 1972 crop.

WATERMELONS: Production of 10,706,000 cwt. is forecast for the spring quarter watermelon crop, 11 percent below 1972 and 6 percent below 1971. Harvested acreage is placed at 88,000, 24 percent below last year and about the same as 1971. Because of heavy rainfall the normal spring harvest in Georgia, Alabama and Arizona was delayed causing some reduction in acreage expected for harvest on April 1. Yield per acre this quarter is 122 cwt., 17 percent above 1972, but 5 percent below the 1971 season.

ONIONS: Summer production of primarily non-storage type onions is now forecast at 2,894,000 cwt. as compared to the 2,899,000 cwt. estimated in July. Harvested acres are now placed at 11,300. Yield is estimated at 256 cwt. per acre, an increase of 4 cwt. from the July 1 forecast. The August estimate is 2 percent above the 1972 crop and 1 percent above 1971 output. Harvesting activities in Washington continue heavy with favorable weather. In New Jersey and Texas, harvest and movement of the later "seeded" acreage has been very good.

The major modifications in the Fresh Market Vegetable Program of estimates as announced on December 11, 1972 are:

(1) The shift to quarterly acreage and production reports for most fresh market vegetable crops: winter--January, February, March; spring--April, May, June; summer--July, August, September; fall--October, November, December. An estimate of acreage for harvest will be issued for most fresh market vegetable crops at the beginning of each quarter. An estimate of acreage harvested and production of each crop for each quarterly seasonal group will be issued following harvest.

(2) The monthly celery report, which now covers only Florida and California, will be expanded to include Ohio, New York, and Michigan.

(3) Producers' intentions to plant will be reported for selected crops within producing areas.

(4) Monthly production forecast during the growing season will be discontinued for all crops except strawberries and onions. Acreage, yield, and production reports for asparagus, artichokes, brussels sprouts, garlic, onions and strawberries will be released at various times during the year according to scheduled release dates.

(5) Crops to be included in the quarterly prospective acreage for harvest program are:

Snap beans	Celery	Honeydew melons
Broccoli	Sweet corn	Green peppers
Cabbage	Cucumbers	Spinach
Cantaloups	Eggplant	Tomatoes
Carrots	Escarole	Watermelons
Cauliflower	Lettuce	

