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WINTER VEGETABLE ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION UP: Area for harvest in major producing winter vegetable States is estimated at 182,100 acres, 7 percent above the 169,600 acres harvested during the same quarter in 1975. The production estimate at 34.3 million cwt., is 2 percent higher than the 33.5 million cwt. produced the previous year. Yields for many important winter vegetable crops did not come up to the unusually high levels of 1975.

Higher production for carrots, cauliflower, sweet corn, and lettuce more than offset lower production for snap beans, broccoli, cabbage, celery, eggplant, escarole, green peppers, spinach, and tomatoes.

SPRING ONION PRODUCTION: The 1976 spring onion production forecast for Texas, California, and Arizona at 7.1 million cwt. is 35 percent more than the 1975 spring crop.

Changes in the Statistical Reporting Service Fresh Market Vegetable program were announced by the USDA on April 1, 1976. A major change being reflected in this report is the reclassification of all fresh market vegetable estimates as major, limited, or eliminated.

The summary table on page 2 of this report provides a comparison of historic data under the previous program with the newly modified program. Individual crop tabulations provide historic data under the above reclassifications, but include 1976 estimates only for major States.

AREA AND YIELD, WINTER QUARTER, UNITED STATES,
1976 WITH COMPARISONS

CROP	AREA				YIELD ^{1/}		
	1975				FOR HARVEST:		
	1974-TOTAL	TOTAL	MAJOR	MAJOR STATES:	1974	1975	1976
				1976			
	ACRES				CWT		
SNAP BEANS	13,500	14,200	14,200	14,900	28	36	32
BROCCOLI ^{2/}	13,250	11,800	10,800	13,000	76	95	80
CABBAGE ^{2/}	24,750	22,750	21,800	23,100	217	223	205
CARROTS ^{2/}	22,100	18,000	18,000	20,700	230	204	225
CAULIFLOWER ^{2/}	5,150	5,230	4,200	5,500	77	78	80
CELERY ^{2/}	8,300	8,800	8,800	8,200	507	498	514
SWEET CORN	12,400	12,300	12,300	11,300	85	87	100
EGGPLANT	450	550	550	550	215	240	215
ESCAROLE	2,900	2,600	2,600	2,600	135	160	145
LETTUCE	73,000	58,300	58,300	61,500	186	221	200
GREEN PEPPER ^{2/}	5,300	5,300	5,300	5,200	120	135	110
SPINACH	3,100	2,650	2,650	2,450	63	82	77
TOMATOES	11,900	10,100	10,100	13,100	200	310	215
TOTAL WINTER ^{3/}	196,100	172,580	169,600	182,100	178	195	189

PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF FRESH VEGETABLES, WINTER QUARTER,
UNITED STATES, 1976 WITH COMPARISONS

CROP	PRODUCTION				TOTAL VALUE			
	1975				1976			
	1974	TOTAL	MAJOR	MAJOR	1974	TOTAL	MAJOR	MAJOR
	TOTAL	TOTAL	STATES	STATES	TOTAL	TOTAL	STATES	STATES
	1,000 CWT				1,000 DOLLARS			
SNAP BEANS	378	511	511	477	8,165	9,811	9,811	10,494
BROCCOLI	1,010	1,116	1,080	1,040	13,920	16,929	16,300	16,298
CABBAGE	5,369	5,080	4,970	4,746	22,354	27,169	26,673	22,337
CARROTS	5,088	3,672	3,672	4,652	23,961	31,273	31,273	25,464
CAULIFLOWER	394	410	336	440	7,525	9,075	7,234	8,878
CELERY	4,208	4,380	4,380	4,218	19,161	24,069	24,069	40,564
SWEET CORN	1,054	1,070	1,070	1,130	8,558	9,609	9,609	12,543
EGGPLANT	97	132	132	118	1,009	1,795	1,795	1,263
ESCAROLE	392	416	416	377	3,203	4,368	4,368	5,090
LETTUCE	13,611	12,864	12,864	13,552	70,340	90,368	90,368	96,415
GREEN PEPPER	636	716	716	572	9,858	16,396	16,396	16,130
SPINACH	194	217	217	188	2,665	3,427	3,427	3,165
TOMATOES	2,380	3,131	3,131	2,817	41,412	65,751	65,751	55,213
TOTAL WINTER	34,811	33,715	33,495	34,327	232,131	310,030	307,074	313,854

^{1/} DERIVED 1975 MAJOR STATES YIELD MAY DIFFER SLIGHTLY FROM ALL STATES YIELD DUE TO EXCLUSION OF MINOR STATES. ^{2/} FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING ARE BOTH INCLUDED IN ALL TOTALS FOR THESE CROPS IN THIS REPORT. ^{3/} JANUARY, FEBRUARY, AND MARCH.

AREA AND ESTIMATED PRODUCTION REPORTED TO DATE,
1976 WITH COMPARISONS

CROP AND STATE	AREA			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
	HARVESTED		FOR	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	IND
	1974	1975	HARVEST						FOR PROD.
			1976						1976
	ACRES			CWT			1,000 CWT		
GARLIC 1/ CALIF	9,000	10,800	9,100	130	130		1,170	1,404	
ONIONS 1/ SPRING:									
ARIZ	2,000	1,400	1,800	410	490	410	820	686	738
CALIF	5,400	4,600	6,400	335	345	320	1,809	1,587	2,048
TEX	21,000	17,000	24,000	170	175	180	3,570	2,975	4,320
GROUP TOTAL	28,400	23,000	32,200	218	228	221	6,199	5,248	7,106
SUMMER NON-STORAGE									
N J	900	700	700	170	135		153	95	
N MEX	3,300	3,000	3,200	340	335		1,122	1,005	
TEX	6,100	5,200	6,600	260	270		1,586	1,404	
WASH	500	500	550	400	400		200	200	
GROUP TOTAL	10,800	9,400	11,050	283	288		3,061	2,704	

1/ INCLUDES FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING.

AREA AND YIELD, WINTER QUARTER, BY STATES,
1976 WITH COMPARISONS

CROP AND STATE	AREA			YIELD		
	HARVESTED		FOR HARVEST:	1974	1975	INDICATED 1976
	1974	1975	1976			
	ACRES			CWT.		
SNAP BEANS:						
FLA	13,500	14,200	14,900	28	36	32
BROCCOLI:						
CALIF	11,900	10,800	13,000	80	100	80
MINOR STATES <u>1/</u>	1,350	1,000		43	36	
GROUP TOTAL	13,250	11,800		76	95	
CABBAGE:						
CALIF	3,700	2,600	2,400	220	205	220
FLA	10,400	10,500	10,700	260	290	240
TEX	9,500	8,700	10,000	180	160	165
SUB TOTAL	23,600	21,800	23,100	222	228	205
DISCONTINUED STATES <u>2/</u>	1,150	950		123	116	
GROUP TOTAL	24,750	22,750		217	223	
CARROTS:						
ARIZ	600	500	500	170	110	120
CALIF-DESERT	5,300	4,400	4,400	265	245	240
-OTHER	5,600	4,100	5,300	365	290	370
TEX-S TEX	10,600	9,000	10,500	145	150	150
GROUP TOTAL	22,100	18,000	20,700	230	204	225
CAULIFLOWER:						
CALIF	4,100	4,200	5,500	80	80	80
MINOR STATES <u>1/</u>	1,050	1,030		63	72	
GROUP TOTAL	5,150	5,230		77	78	
CELERY:						
CALIF-SO COAST	3,900	3,800	3,800	605	600	560
FLA	4,400	5,000	4,400	420	420	475
GROUP TOTAL	8,300	8,800	8,200	507	498	514
SWEET CORN:						
FLA	12,400	12,300	11,300	85	87	100
EGGPLANT:						
FLA	450	550	550	215	240	215
ESCAROLE:						
FLA	2,900	2,600	2,600	135	160	145
LETTUCE:						
ARIZ-YUMA	17,900	10,800	12,400	190	185	180
-OTHER	2,000	700	1,500	175	170	200
CALIF-DESERT	45,800	40,300	41,500	185	230	235
FLA	3,400	3,000	3,600	190	230	220
TEX-S TEX	3,900	3,500	2,500	190	225	190
GROUP TOTAL	73,000	58,300	61,500	186	221	220
GREEN PEPPERS:						
FLA	5,300	5,300	5,200	120	135	110
SPINACH:						
CALIF	600	550	650	140	165	165
TEX	2,500	2,100	1,800	44	60	45
GROUP TOTAL	3,100	2,650	2,450	63	82	77
TOMATOES:						
FLA	11,900	10,100	13,100	200	310	215

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PRODUCTION AND VALUE FOR FRESH VEGETABLES, WINTER QUARTER,
BY STATES, 1976 WITH COMPARISONS

CROP AND STATE	PRODUCTION			TOTAL VALUE		
	1974	1975	IND 1976	1974	1975	IND 1976
	1,000 CWT			1,000 DOLLARS		
SNAP BEANS:						
FLA	378	511	477	8,165	9,811	10,494
BROCCOLI:						
CALIF	952	1,080	1,040	13,012	16,300	16,293
MINOR STATES <u>1/</u>	58	36		908	629	
GROUP TOTAL	1,010	1,116		13,920	16,929	
CABBAGE:						
CALIF	814	533	528	2,922	2,820	2,862
FLA	2,704	3,045	2,568	10,847	16,545	12,198
TEX	1,710	1,392	1,650	7,969	7,308	7,277
SUBTOTAL	5,228	4,970	4,746	21,738	26,673	22,337
DISCONTINUED STATES <u>2/</u>	141	110		616	496	
GROUP TOTAL	5,369	5,080		22,354	27,169	
CARROTS:						
ARIZ	102	55	60	550	649	373
CALIF - DESERT	1,405	1,078	<u>3/</u> 1,056	5,970	9,239	5,469
- OTHER	2,044	1,189	1,961	8,261	8,762	10,704
TEX - S TEX	1,537	1,350	1,575	9,180	12,623	8,918
GROUP TOTAL	5,088	3,672	4,652	23,961	31,273	25,464
CAULIFLOWER:						
CALIF	328	336	440	6,057	7,234	8,878
MINOR STATES <u>1/</u>	66	74		1,468	1,841	
GROUP TOTAL	394	410		7,525	9,075	
CELERY:						
CALIF - SO COAST	2,360	2,280	2,128	10,346	11,889	18,410
FLA	1,848	2,100	2,090	8,815	12,180	22,154
GROUP TOTAL	4,208	4,380	4,218	19,161	24,069	40,564
SWEET CORN:						
FLA	1,054	1,070	1,130	8,558	9,609	12,543
EGGPLANT:						
FLA	97	132	118	1,009	1,795	1,263
ESCAROLE:						
FLA	392	416	377	3,203	4,368	5,090
LETTUCE:						
ARIZ - YUMA	3,401	1,998	2,232	17,719	14,945	16,673
- OTHER	350	119	300	1,715	571	2,190
CALIF - DESERT	8,473	9,269	9,753	43,128	63,029	63,590
FLA	646	690	792	3,999	6,307	10,138
TEX - S TEX	741	788	475	3,779	5,516	3,824
GROUP TOTAL	13,611	12,864	13,552	70,340	90,368	96,415
GREEN PEPPERS:						
FLA	636	716	572	9,858	16,396	16,130
SPINACH:						
CALIF	84	91	107	949	983	1,423
TEX	110	126	81	1,716	2,444	1,742
GROUP TOTAL	194	217	188	2,665	3,427	3,165
TOMATOES:						
FLA	2,380	3,131	2,817	41,412	65,751	55,213

1/ SNAP BEANS - ARIZ AND TEX; CAULIFLOWER - ARIZ AND TEX. 2/ CABBAGE - ARIZ AND LA. 3/ DOES NOT INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING QUANTITIES NOT HARVESTED OR NOT MARKETING BECAUSE OF ECONOMIC CONDITIONS (000 CWT) 1975 CARROTS - CALIF-DESERT. 9.6.

SNAP BEANS: Production in Florida during the winter quarter is estimated at 477,000 cwt., 7 percent less than last year's winter quarter. Cold, windy January weather adversely affected the yields.

BROCCOLI: Winter quarter production in California is estimated at 1.0 million cwt., down 4 percent from a year ago. An acreage increase of 20 percent over the previous year was coupled with normal yields this season but failed to offset high 1975 yields.

CABBAGE: Production, at 4.7 million cwt., is down 5 percent from the previous year. Increases in harvested acreage in Florida and Texas, were offset by a lower yield in Florida.

CARROTS: Production in the winter quarter, at 4.7 million cwt. is up 27 percent from 1975 winter quarter. The California non-desert areas had an overall increase in production of 65 percent.

CAULIFLOWER: Winter quarter production is estimated at 440,000 cwt., up 31 percent over the 1975 winter quarter. The production increase is due to a similar increase in acreage for harvest in California.

CELERY: Production of celery, at 4.2 million cwt., is 4 percent below 1975 winter quarter production. A 7 percent reduction in acreage more than offset a slight increase in yield.

SWEET CORN: Florida's sweet corn production for the winter quarter is now estimated at 1.1 million cwt., 6 percent above last year. The winter quarter yield is placed at 13 cwt. per acre above the 1975 winter quarter level.

EGGPLANT: Production of winter quarter eggplant in Florida is placed at 118,000 cwt. This is 11 percent below the 1975 winter quarter output. Bloom drop from unfavorable January weather resulted in lower yields.

ESCAROLE: Winter quarter production in Florida is estimated at 377,000 cwt., 9 percent below a year earlier. A decline from the high 1975 yields resulted in lower production.

LETTUCE: Winter garden production, at 13.6 million cwt. is up 5 percent from 1975 winter quarter production. Acreage increases in all States except Texas combined with higher California Desert area yields to account for the higher production estimate.

GREEN PEPPERS: Production in Florida during the winter quarter is now placed at 572,000 cwt., down 20 percent from a year earlier. Lower yields were attributed to bad weather in January.

SPINACH: Spinach production for the winter quarter is set at 188,000 cwt., down 13 percent from last year. The decline in production is due to a decline in harvested acreage and yield in Texas.

TOMATOES: Tomato production in Florida for the winter quarter is placed at 2.8 million cwt., 10 percent below 1975 winter quarter production. The decline in output is attributed to the removal of high yielding land from production.

GARLIC: The California garlic harvest has started in the Desert area; however, the majority of the crop remains for harvest. Kern County harvest will begin mid-June followed by the Gilroy-Hollister area in early July. Monterey will begin in late June. Crop development is normal.

ONIONS SPRING: Onion harvest was active in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas during April. Rains in late April may result in some onions being lost. Supplies, however, are expected to remain available throughout May. In the San Antonio-Winter Garden area, onion harvest was getting into full swing by the first of May. At Laredo, onion harvest was virtually complete by May 1. The small acreage in the Coastal Bend was harvested during March and early April.

The new crop onions in Arizona have made good growth under favorable conditions. Rain with a cool spell near the middle of April slowed growth for a few days, delaying harvest about a week. Volume movement is expected in June with supplies available through mid-July.

Harvest of spring onions in California is underway in the Desert area where pulling will continue thru June. Digging in the San Joaquin Valley is expected to begin around May 15 and volume is expected to be good thru June and July. Yields are expected to be normal.

ONIONS SUMMER (NON-STORAGE): In New Jersey, cool temperatures have slowed growth. Top soil moisture is barely adequate with unseasonably hot temperatures earlier advancing growth rapidly. The crop is showing 8 to 10 inches of top growth on the "set" acreage. Seeded acreage growth is now about 4 inches. New Mexico harvest of the Grano type onion is expected to begin in late May. The crop is in excellent condition.

Texas onion planting was virtually complete on the High Plains and in the Trans-Pecos by May 1. Both areas are showing an increase in acreage over last season. The crop in both areas is making good progress. Harvest is expected to get underway in the Presidio area of the Trans-Pecos in late May. Supplies will remain available through June and into July from the High Plains.

In Washington, cool, wet spring weather has slowed growth; however, soil moisture is very good and plants should show good growth as weather conditions seasonally improve.

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