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SUMMER VEGETABLES AND MELON CROPS OFF SLIGHTLY

Prospective area of 14 fresh market vegetable crops for harvest during July, August and September 1976 is placed at 315,220 acres, 1 percent less than the 317,700 acres harvested during the summer quarter of 1975. Potential production for these crops, based on average yields per acre for the past three years, is projected at 44.7 million cwt. This would be 3 percent less than last year's summer production of 46.3 million cwt.

Melon area for harvest in the summer quarter 1976 including cantaloups, water-melons and honeydew melons is estimated at 177,500 acres, slightly less than the 1975 summer quarter total. Based on average yields for the past three years, potential production is indicated at 19.3 million cwt., down 6 percent from the high yielding summer quarter of a year earlier.

Onion area for harvest in the summer States (storage and non-storage combined) in 1976 is estimated at 76,390 acres, down 4 percent from a year earlier. Acreage of primarily storage type onions is placed at 45,840, an increase of 7 percent from the 1975 total of 43,030 acres. With a 28 percent increase in harvested acreage, and high yield prospects, the first production forecast for primarily non-storage type onions at 3.8 million cwt. is up 40 percent from last year's level of 2.7 million cwt.

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 or limited. Estimates in a number of minor producing States are being 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.

Seasonal totals in some instances will not agree with the previously published totals for summer crops because of consolidation of seasonal estimates in some States.

PROSPECTIVE AREA FOR HARVEST AND INDICATED PRODUCTION, BY
CROPS, SUMMER QUARTER 1/, UNITED STATES, 1976 WITH COMPARISONS
(DOMESTIC UNITS)

CROP	AREA					PRODUCTION		
	HARVESTED		FOR		1974 TOTAL	1975		MAJOR STATES 1976 2/
	1974 TOTAL	1975 TOTAL	MAJOR STATES	MAJOR STATES		TOTAL	MAJOR STATES	
	ACRES					1,000 CWT.		
WINTER	196,100	172,580	169,600	182,100	34,811	33,715	33,495	34,327
SPRING	341,040	341,280	326,200	365,800	53,050	53,649	52,442	56,202
SUMMER:								
SNAP BEANS	32,990	31,500	27,100	28,500	1,248	1,243	1,064	1,112
BROCCOLI 3/	9,500	10,700	10,700	6,400	681	732	732	422
CABBAGE 3/	28,350	30,100	25,150	25,500	6,873	7,688	6,629	6,350
CARROTS 3/	14,250	14,600	12,700	12,850	4,572	4,713	4,251	4,253
CAULIFLOWER 3/	8,000	6,550	6,550	7,200	760	560	560	612
CELERY 3/	6,790	6,000	5,760	6,030	3,485	2,991	2,890	3,057
SWEET CORN	108,100	108,900	95,900	96,700	7,225	7,880	6,879	6,576
CUCUMBERS	15,100	15,750	12,150	12,500	1,595	1,679	1,374	1,375
EGGPLANT	1,300	1,100	1,100	1,100	182	182	182	171
ESCAROLE	1,540	1,340	1,340	1,140	217	208	208	166
LETTUCE	52,070	54,260	49,000	43,500	13,415	13,547	12,749	11,571
GREEN PEPPERS 3/	22,740	22,380	19,100	22,700	1,854	1,799	1,507	1,884
SPINACH	1,400	1,050	1,050	1,300	106	95	95	109
TOMATOES	62,310	63,230	50,100	49,800	8,666	8,537	7,165	7,072
TOTAL 14 VEGETABLES	364,440	367,460	317,700	315,220	50,879	51,854	46,285	44,730
CANTALOUPS	44,400	54,260	47,400	37,200	6,413	7,402	6,854	5,282
HONEYDEWS	9,600	9,450	9,450	8,800	1,824	1,905	1,905	1,681
WATERMELONS	134,200	137,800	120,800	131,500	12,716	13,690	11,732	12,361
TOTAL MELONS	188,200	201,510	177,650	177,500	20,953	22,997	20,491	19,324
TOTAL SUMMER	552,640	568,970	495,350	492,720	71,832	74,851	66,776	64,054

1/ APRIL, MAY AND JUNE. 2/ BASED ON AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE, 1973-75. 3/ FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING ARE BOTH INCLUDED IN ALL OF THESE TOTALS FOR THESE CROPS IN THIS REPORT.

PROSPECTIVE AREA FOR HARVEST AND INDICATED PRODUCTION, BY
CROPS, SUMMER QUARTER 1/, UNITED STATES, 1976 WITH COMPARISONS
(METRIC UNITS)

CROP	AREA					PRODUCTION		
	HARVESTED		FOR		1974 TOTAL	1975		MAJOR STATES 1967 2/
	1974 TOTAL	1975 TOTAL	MAJOR STATES	MAJOR STATES		TOTAL	MAJOR STATES	
	HECTARES					METRIC TONS		
WINTER	79,360	69,840	68,640	73,690	1,578,990	1,529,280	1,519,300	1,557,040
SPRING	138,020	138,110	132,010	148,040	2,406,290	2,433,460	2,378,720	2,549,270
SUMMER:								
SNAP BEANS	13,350	12,750	10,970	11,530	56,610	56,380	48,260	50,440
BROCCOLI 3/	3,840	4,330	4,330	2,590	30,890	33,200	33,200	19,140
CABBAGE 3/	11,470	12,180	10,180	10,320	311,750	348,720	300,680	288,030
CARROTS 3/	5,770	5,910	5,140	5,200	207,380	213,780	192,820	192,910
CAULIFLOWER 3/	3,240	2,650	2,650	2,910	34,470	25,400	25,400	27,760
CELERY 3/	2,750	2,430	2,330	2,440	158,080	135,670	131,090	138,660
SWEET CORN	43,750	44,070	38,810	39,130	327,720	357,430	312,020	298,280
CUCUMBERS	6,110	6,370	4,920	5,060	72,350	76,160	62,320	62,370
EGGPLANT	530	450	450	450	8,260	8,260	8,260	7,760
ESCAROLE	620	540	540	460	9,840	9,430	9,430	7,530
LETTUCE	21,070	21,960	19,830	17,600	608,490	614,480	578,280	524,850
GREEN PEPPERS 3/	9,200	9,060	7,730	9,190	84,100	81,600	68,360	85,460
SPINACH	570	420	420	530	4,810	4,310	4,310	4,940
TOMATOES	25,220	25,590	20,270	20,150	393,080	387,230	325,000	320,780
TOTAL 14 VEGETABLES	147,490	148,710	128,570	127,560	2,307,830	2,352,050	2,099,430	2,028,910
CANTALOUPS	17,970	21,960	19,180	15,050	290,890	335,750	310,890	239,590
HONEYDEWS	3,890	3,620	3,620	3,560	82,730	86,410	86,410	76,250
WATERMELONS	54,310	55,770	48,890	53,220	576,790	620,960	532,150	560,680
TOTAL MELONS	76,170	81,550	71,890	71,830	950,410	1,043,120	929,450	876,520
TOTAL SUMMER	223,660	230,260	200,460	199,390	3,258,240	3,395,170	3,028,880	2,905,430

1/ APRIL, MAY AND JUNE. 2/ BASED ON AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE, 1973-75. 3/ FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING ARE BOTH INCLUDED IN ALL OF THESE TOTALS FOR THESE CROPS IN THIS REPORT.

AREA INTENTIONS BY SPECIFIED PLANTING PERIODS AND PROSPECTIVE AREA FOR HARVEST,
SUMMER QUARTER, BY STATES, 1976 WITH COMPARISONS

CROP AND STATE	PLANTING PERIOD	AREA PLANTED AND TO BE PLANTED			SUMMER AREA HARVESTED		
		YEAR OF PLANTING		INTENDED	1974	1975	FOR HARVEST 1976
		1974	1975				
ACRES							
CABBAGE: <u>1/</u>							
CALIF	MAR-JUL	1,500	1,600	1,600	1,500	1,600	1,600
COLO	APR-JUN	2,700	2,500	2,600	1,500	1,700	1,800
GA	DEC-JUL	3,800	3,800	4,000	500	500	600
IND	MAR-JUN	1,710	1,600	1,400	1,500	1,400	1,300
MICH	APR-JUL	5,200	5,000	5,000	2,700	2,900	2,500
N J	MAR-AUG	4,900	5,000	5,500	2,400	2,400	2,700
N Y	APR-JUL	10,700	10,900	11,300	3,000	3,500	4,500
N C	MAR-JUL	3,300	4,000	4,100	3,100	3,700	4,000
OHIO	APR-JUN	1,400	1,400	1,500	1,200	1,100	1,200
PA	APR-AUG	2,900	2,800	2,800	1,700	1,600	1,600
VA	FEB-AUG	1,900	1,800	1,400	1,400	1,350	1,000
WIS	APR-JUN	6,000	5,800	5,600	3,100	3,400	2,700
SUBTOTAL		46,010	46,200	46,800	23,600	25,150	25,500
MINOR STATES <u>2/</u>		4,570	4,670		4,210	4,450	
DISCONTINUED STATES <u>3/</u>		800	810		540	500	
GRAND TOTAL		51,380	51,680		28,350	30,100	
CANTALOUPS:							
ARIZ	JAN-APR	6,900	7,000	6,900	1,400	5,000	1,900
CALIF	MAR-JUN	25,900	32,100	24,500	25,900	32,100	24,500
GA	MAR-APR	4,000	4,200	4,700	3,300	3,300	3,700
IND	APR-JUN	2,100	1,800	1,700	2,000	1,700	1,600
TEX	MAR-JUN	5,000	5,600	5,900	4,800	5,300	5,500
SUBTOTAL		43,900	50,700	43,700	37,400	47,400	37,200
MINOR STATES <u>2/</u>		6,700	6,700		6,200	6,110	
DISCONTINUED STATES <u>3/</u>		1,000	900		800	750	
GRAND TOTAL		51,600	58,300		44,400	54,260	
CELERY:							
CALIF (C. COAST)	JAN-SEP	8,600	8,050	8,500	3,900	3,200	3,400
MICH	APR-JUL	2,500	2,400	2,500	2,000	1,900	2,000
N Y	APR-JUL	910	830	890	650	660	630
SUBTOTAL		12,010	11,280	11,890	6,550	5,760	6,030
MINOR STATES <u>2/</u>		260	250		240	240	
GRAND TOTAL		12,270	11,530		6,790	6,000	
ESCAROLE:							
N J	MAR-AUG	1,400	1,500	1,400	790	740	740
OHIO	APR-AUG	1,470	1,150	1,000	750	600	400
GROUP TOTAL		2,870	2,650	2,400	1,540	1,340	1,140
HONEYDEW MELONS:							
ARIZ	FEB-MAY	900	1,100	1,700	900	950	1,700
CALIF	MAR-JUN	8,700	8,500	7,100	8,700	8,500	7,100
GROUP TOTAL		9,600	9,600	8,800	9,600	9,450	8,800

AREA INTENTIONS BY SPECIFIED PLANTING PERIODS AND PROSPECTIVE AREA FOR HARVEST,
SUMMER QUARTER, BY STATES, 1976 WITH COMPARISONS

CROP AND STATE	AREA PLANTED AND TO BE PLANTED				SUMMER AREA HARVESTED		
	PLANTING PERIOD	YEAR OF PLANTING		INTENDED 1976	1974	1975	FOR HARVEST 1976
		1974	1975				
ACRES							
TOMATOES: <u>1/</u>							
ALA	MAR-JUL	9,300	8,000	8,500	6,200	5,200	5,500
ARK	MAR-MAY	3,000	3,300	3,700	1,400	1,700	1,900
CALIF (OTH)	FEB-JUL	26,700	28,800	24,400	14,400	16,500	15,500
IND	MAY-JUN	2,400	2,100	1,700	2,100	1,900	1,600
MICH	MAY-JUN	4,600	4,600	4,400	4,400	4,300	4,200
N J	APR-JUN	6,600	6,700	6,900	6,400	6,500	6,700
N Y	MAY-JUN	3,000	3,100	3,200	2,700	2,900	3,000
N C	MAR-JUN	7,700	2,000	2,000	7,600	7,900	7,900
S C	MAR-APR	8,200	8,400	8,900	1,800	1,900	2,000
TENN	APR-MAY	2,200	2,200	2,200	2,100	2,100	2,000
TEX (OTH)	MAR-JUN	4,500	4,700	5,000	2,800	2,600	3,100
VA	APR-MAY	2,800	2,700	2,500	2,700	2,600	2,400
SUBTOTAL		75,000	76,600	73,400	48,600	50,100	49,800
MINOR STATES <u>2/</u>		11,270	10,490		10,250	9,680	
DISCONTINUED STATES <u>3/</u>		3,540	3,550		3,460	3,450	
GRAND TOTAL		89,810	90,640		62,310	63,230	
WATERMELONS:							
ALA	MAR-MAY	14,400	13,700	15,000	11,500	10,800	11,300
ARIZ	JAN-MAR	2,100	2,900	3,200	1,200	2,800	3,000
CALIF (DES)	NOV-MAR	3,300	3,900	3,700	600	2,100	1,000
CALIF (OTH)	MAR-JUN	4,800	5,700	5,700	4,800	5,700	5,700
GA	MAR-APR	31,000	32,200	37,900	26,000	26,000	30,000
IND	APR-MAY	6,700	6,800	6,800	6,300	6,400	6,600
MISS	MAR-APR	10,000	10,400	14,000	9,400	9,500	11,400
N C	APR-MAY	7,000	8,400	9,200	7,000	8,000	9,000
OKLA	MAR-MAY	7,000	9,000	8,500	6,400	7,500	7,500
S C	MAR-MAY	23,100	21,000	23,000	21,600	20,000	21,000
TEX	JAN-JUN	55,000	55,000	55,000	24,000	22,000	25,000
SUBTOTAL		164,400	169,000	182,000	118,800	120,800	131,500
MINOR STATES <u>2/</u>		13,500	14,800		12,800	14,400	
DISCONTINUED STATES <u>3/</u>		2,800	2,900		2,600	2,600	
GRAND TOTAL		180,700	186,700		134,200	137,800	

1/ CABBAGE - MD, VA SPRING COMBINED WITH SUMMER; ILL, MASS, OREG FALL COMBINED WITH SUMMER; N Y UPSTATE AND L I COMBINED; TOMATOES - GA SPRING COMBINED WITH SUMMER; N Y, PA FALL COMBINED WITH SUMMER; OREG SUMMER COMBINED WITH FALL.

2/ INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES WHICH ARE LIMITED TO END-OF-SEASON ESTIMATES ONLY: CABBAGE - ILL, MD, MASS, WASH; CANTALOUPS - COLO, MICH, S C; CELERY - OHIO; TOMATOES - GA, KY, MD, MASS, OHIO, PA; WATERMELONS - ARK, DEL, MD, MO.

3/ INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES TERMINATED WITH PROGRAM CHANGES EFFECTIVE IN 1976: CABBAGE - CONN, MINN; CANTALOUPS - OHIO; TOMATOES - COLO, CONN, ILL, MO, WASH; WATERMELONS - LA.

PROSPECTIVE AREA FOR HARVEST, SUMMER QUARTER BY STATES, 1976
WITH COMPARISONS

CROP AND STATE	SUMMER AREA		FOR HARVEST 1976	1976 AREAS FOR HARVEST AS PER- CENT OF 1975 PERCENT
	1974	1975		
	ACRES			
SNAP BEANS <u>1/</u> <u>2/</u>				
CALIF	1,700	1,800	1,700	94
GA	1,400	1,200	1,300	108
MD	1,800	1,800	1,700	94
MICH	2,600	2,100	2,100	100
N J	4,400	3,800	5,300	139
N Y	7,700	7,600	7,600	100
N C	3,800	3,800	4,300	113
TENN	1,300	1,600	1,500	94
VA	3,600	3,400	3,000	88
SUBTOTAL	28,300	27,100	28,500	105
MINOR STATES <u>3/</u>	3,400	3,170		
DISCONTINUED STATES <u>4/</u>	1,290	1,230		
GRAND TOTAL	32,990	31,500		
BROCCOLI <u>1/</u> <u>2/</u>				
CALIF	7,400	8,800	5,500	63
OREG	2,100	1,900	900	47
GROUP TOTAL	9,500	10,700	6,400	60
CARROTS <u>1/</u> <u>2/</u>				
CALIF (OTH)	6,400	7,200	7,000	97
MICH	2,900	2,700	2,900	107
TEX (HI PLNS)	900	800	700	88
WASH	1,000	600	450	75
WIS	1,400	1,400	1,800	129
SUBTOTAL	12,600	12,700	12,850	101
MINOR STATES <u>3/</u>	1,650	1,900		
GRAND TOTAL	14,250	14,600		
CAULIFLOWER <u>1/</u> <u>2/</u>				
CALIF	7,200	5,600	5,900	105
N Y	800	950	1,300	137
GROUP TOTAL	8,000	6,550	7,200	110
SWEET CORN <u>1/</u> <u>2/</u>				
ALA	2,100	2,100	1,800	86
CALIF	7,300	7,400	7,600	103
CONN	5,100	5,400	5,600	104
ILL	4,700	4,700	4,500	96
MASS	8,200	8,200	7,900	96
MICH	11,400	11,200	11,500	103
N J	10,600	10,900	11,200	103
N Y	15,000	16,100	15,300	95
N C	4,800	5,300	5,400	102
OHIO	14,000	13,500	14,000	104
PA	12,000	11,100	11,900	107
SUBTOTAL	95,200	95,900	96,700	101
MINOR STATES <u>3/</u>	8,900	9,000		
DISCONTINUED STATES <u>4/</u>	4,000	4,000		
GRAND TOTAL	108,100	108,900		

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PROSPECTIVE AREA FOR HARVEST, SUMMER QUARTER BY STATES, 1976
WITH COMPARISONS

CROP AND STATE	SUMMER AREA			1976 AREAS FOR HARVEST AS PERCENT OF 1975 PERCENT
	1974	1975	FOR HARVEST 1976	
	ACRES			
CUCUMBERS 1/:				
CALIF	1,500	1,400	1,300	93
N J	1,400	1,300	1,400	108
N Y	2,000	2,100	2,300	110
N C	3,700	3,700	4,100	111
TEX	900	850	800	94
VA	2,600	2,800	2,600	93
SUBTOTAL	11,500	12,150	12,500	103
MINOR STATES 3/	3,600	3,600		
GRAND TOTAL	15,100	15,750		
EGGPLANT 1/:				
N J	1,300	1,100	1,000	100
LETTUCE 1/ 2/:				
CALIF	38,000	41,000	35,400	86
COLO	4,400	4,300	4,600	107
N J	600	500	600	120
N Y	3,200	3,200	2,900	91
SUBTOTAL	46,200	49,000	43,500	89
MINOR STATES 3/	4,700	4,100		
DISCONTINUED STATES 4/	1,170	1,160		
GRAND TOTAL	52,070	54,260		
GREEN PEPPERS 1/:				
CALIF	4,300	4,000	3,900	98
KY 5/			2,500	
N J	6,200	5,600	6,700	120
N C	7,800	8,000	7,700	96
TEX	1,200	1,500	1,900	127
SUBTOTAL	19,500	19,100	22,700	119
MINOR STATES 3/	2,700	2,800		
DISCONTINUED STATES 4/	540	480		
GRAND TOTAL	22,740	22,380		
SPINACH 1/:				
CALIF	400	400	450	113
COLO	1,000	650	850	131
GROUP TOTAL	1,400	1,050	1,300	124

1/ ACREAGE INTENTIONS FOR SPECIFIED PERIODS ARE NOT ESTIMATED NATIONALLY.

2/ SNAP BEANS-ALA, MD, VA SPRING COMBINED WITH SUMMER; BROCCOLI-OREG FALL COMBINED WITH SUMMER; CARROTS-COLO FALL COMBINED WITH SUMMER, MINN, N Y AND OREG SUMMER COMBINED WITH FALL; CAULIFLOWER-MICH, OREG SUMMER COMBINED WITH FALL; SWEET CORN-MICH, N Y, OREG FALL COMBINED WITH SUMMER; LETTUCE-N Y SPRING COMBINED WITH SUMMER.

3/ SNAP BEANS-ALA, OHIO, PA; CARROTS-COLO, ILL; SWEET CORN-COLO, OREG, VA, WASH; CUCUMBERS-MD, MICH; LETTUCE-MICH, OHIO, WASH, WIS; GREEN PEPPERS-MICH, OHIO.

4/ SNAP BEANS-CONN, MASS; SWEET CORN-MO, N H, S C; LETTUCE-CONN, MASS, OREG; GREEN PEPPERS-MASS.

5/ FIRST YEAR OF ESTIMATES.

AREA AND ESTIMATED PRODUCTION REPORTED TO DATE, 1976 WITH COMPARISONS

CROP AND STATE	AREA			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
	HARVESTED		FOR						
	1974	1975	HARVEST	1974	1975	1976	1974	1975	1976
	ACRES		1976	CWT.			1,000 CWT.		
ONIONS:									
SPRING <u>1/</u>	28,400	23,000	32,200	218	228	221	6,199	5,248	7,106
SUMMER <u>1/</u>									
NON-STORAGE:									
N J	900	750	700	170	140	170	153	105	119
N MEX	3,300	3,000	4,200	340	335	350	1,122	1,005	1,470
TEX	6,100	5,200	6,600	260	270	300	1,586	1,404	1,980
WASH	500	500	550	400	380	385	200	190	212
TOTAL	10,800	9,450	12,050	283	286	314	3,061	2,704	3,781
STORAGE:									
COLO	5,100	5,300	5,600	290	310		1,479	1,643	
IDAHO & E. OREG	9,900	10,000	11,600	460	450		4,554	4,500	
MICH	6,900	6,800	7,100	310	260		2,139	1,768	
MINN	750	750	790	375	220		281	165	
N Y	13,700	13,500	13,700	290	255		3,973	3,443	
OHIO	480	580	550	285	375		137	218	
OREG, W	2,100	2,100	2,100	520	520		1,092	1,092	
UTAH	1,300	1,300	1,400	300	290		390	377	
WASH	1,600	1,500	1,800	400	400		640	600	
WIS	1,300	1,200	1,200	280	260		364	312	
SUBTOTAL	43,130	43,030	45,840	349	328		15,049	14,118	
CALIF <u>2/</u>	26,400	27,000	18,500	325	340		8,580	9,180	
DISCONTINUED STATE <u>3/</u>	600	400		260	280		156	112	
TOTAL SUMMER	80,930	79,880	76,390	332	327		26,846	26,114	
U S	109,330	102,880	108,590	302	305		33,045	31,362	

1/ PRIMARILY FRESH MARKET. 2/ PRIMARILY FOR PROCESSING. 3/ INDIANA.

SNAP BEANS: The 1976 summer quarter prospective area for harvest is estimated at 28,500 acres, 5 percent more than the 27,100 acres harvested during the same quarter in 1975. Based on historic average yields, this acreage is expected to provide 1.1 million cwt., which is 5 percent above the 1975 crop.

In New York, plantings are behind schedule in most areas due to wet field conditions in May. Early plantings have poor stands. In New Jersey, snap bean harvest is in heavy volume. Fields have become dry, but most growers are irrigating. Harvest is expected to be heavy throughout most of the summer.

Dry soil conditions in Michigan prevailed in early June delaying snap bean planting. Recent moisture has been beneficial for crop growth. Planting is now completed. Harvest of early planted beans is expected to start by mid-July. In Maryland, this year's crop got off to a slow start due to cool and dry weather. Recent hot weather and much needed rain improved the condition of the crop.

Harvest has begun in Virginia with some damage due to dry, windy weather. In North Carolina, crop prospects are very good at this time. California's weather has been favorable for crop growth. Normal supplies are expected during the summer quarter.

BROCCOLI: California and Oregon 1976 prospective area for harvest during the summer quarter is placed at 6,400 acres, 40 percent less than the 10,700 acres harvested last year. California's acreage declined 37 percent. The summer production is expected to provide 422,000 cwt. based on historic average yields. This would be 42 percent below the same period in 1975.

In Oregon cool weather has hampered crop development, but most fields are reported in fair condition. California's broccoli production is moderately heavy and quality is good. Supplies should peak in September.

CABBAGE: Prospective area for harvest during the 1976 summer quarter is forecast at 25,500 acres, 1 percent above the summer quarter of 1975. Using historic average yields, production is projected at 6.4 million cwt., a decrease of 4 percent from the high yielding level of 1975.

Wet May weather delayed New York's cabbage planting. Early seeded cabbage development was slow and uneven, but is now improving. Transplanting for the storage crop is underway. In New Jersey, cabbage harvest is now heavy. Growers have been irrigating as soils have become very dry. Moderate to heavy harvest volume is expected to continue through the summer quarter.

The Pennsylvania cabbage crop is in good condition. Heading has begun in the southern part of the State. Volume harvesting in Ohio is underway. The crop made excellent progress during June. In Michigan early growth was hindered by cold temperatures in May, but quickly recovered with warm weather and adequate moisture in June. Some early fields have been harvested in the Southeast.

CABBAGE, CON.: In Wisconsin, few early plants were set throughout April and May. Later plantings developed well once they became established. The Virginia crop is in good condition with the harvest expected to increase through July. North Carolina's growing conditions have been favorable and crop prospects are good at this time. Cabbage in Colorado looks good and the stands are good. Water supply for irrigation is near normal in most areas. In California, weather during April-May favored growth. Normal supplies of cabbage are expected throughout the summer quarter.

CANTALOUPS: The 1976 summer quarter estimate of 37,200 acres for harvest is 22 percent below the 47,400 acres harvested in 1975. Production from this acreage is projected at 5.3 million cwt., which would be 23 percent less than the comparable period last year.

In most areas of Texas, the crop is slightly later than normal due to the cool weather this spring. Moisture is in good supply. There was some early hail damage in the Trans-Pecos area. Harvest in the Presidio area was underway by mid-June. Harvest of Arizona cantaloups began on a limited basis the first week in June with increasing volume by mid-month. A cool spell during the early spring retarded growth making harvest one to three weeks late.

California's cantaloup prospects are good. Warm weather has contributed to good growth rates and excellent development. The Kern district began harvesting in mid-June, slightly ahead of normal. Production is expected to be good through July. Westside production is expected to start in early July - also slightly ahead of normal. Good volume should last through August and taper off into early October.

CARROTS: The 1976 prospective area for harvest during the summer quarter is forecast at 12,850 acres. This is 1 percent more than the 12,700 acres harvested in 1975. Production is projected at 4.3 million cwt., slightly more than last year.

Warm April weather in Michigan encouraged growers to plant carrots earlier than normal. Early development was inhibited however by cold weather in May. Recently however weather and soil conditions have improved crop growth. Harvest is expected to start in late July. In Wisconsin, some early carrots were planted in April, but later plantings were delayed by cool, wet weather well into May. Some acreage was lost by high winds and dry weather in early June.

Unseasonably cool Washington weather in June has delayed crop growth. Harvest is expected to get underway in late July. In California, digging of carrots in the Salinas Valley is increasing. Some volume is coming from the Santa Maria area and the San Joaquin Valley. Volume will be moderate in July, then decline during August and September.

CAULIFLOWER: The 1976 summer quarter prospective area for harvest is estimated at 7,200 acres, 10 percent above last year's summer quarter level of 6,550 acres. Prospective production is estimated at 612,000 cwt., 9 percent above the same quarter in 1975.

CAULIFLOWER, CONT.: In New York, transplanting started early on Long Island. Warm temperatures promoted good crop development. California cauliflower from the Santa Maria-Oceano and Salinas-Watsonville area is in good supply. Good weather has aided growth and harvesting. Production is expected to remain moderate into September.

CELERY: Summer quarter 1976 area for harvest is placed at 6,030 acres, 5 percent above the summer quarter of 1975. Prospective production is estimated at 3.1 million cwt., 6 percent above the 1975 summer quarter production. In New York, planting continues with excellent growing conditions prevailing across the State. Harvest of earliest plantings is underway.

Michigan's warm weather in June stimulated good growth. Stands are excellent on those fields grown under protective paper cover early in the season. Harvest is underway. California's celery cutting is increasing in the Central Coast district. Volume will be at a moderate level through the summer. Crop quality is mostly good.

SWEET CORN: Prospective area for harvest during the 1976 summer quarter is estimated at 96,700 acres, up 1 percent from the same time period in 1975. Prospective production is estimated at approximately 6.6 million cwt., 4 percent under the high yielding 1975 summer quarter.

New York's crop got off to a slow start during a wet May resulting in some poor stands. Growth has improved with warmer weather in June. Early plantings are tasseling in some areas. In New Jersey, sweet corn harvest is increasing. Heavy volume harvest is expected to be available from about July 10 to August 20. Moderate supplies are then expected to continue through early October. Growers have been irrigating heavily. Pennsylvania's sweet corn development is fair to good. The crop is a little behind normal due to a cool, wet May.

Ohio's early season harvest has begun. Volume harvest is expected by about July 20. Early season growth was slowed by cool temperatures and rainfall. However, mid and late June rainfall has been very helpful. Sweet corn in Illinois is in fair to good condition. Soil moisture is short to adequate in most areas. Some fields of sweet corn in Michigan are spotty. Early development has been slow but is improving with better weather conditions. Picking should start about mid-July.

North Carolina crop prospects are good at this time. Harvest has just gotten underway in the northeast. Harvest of a good crop in Alabama started in early June and peaked around July 1. California's South Coast is furnishing increasing supplies of sweet corn while the Central Valley and the Bay area harvest is rapidly approaching. In the Brentwood district harvest is starting. Active harvesting with good volume is expected in all districts from late July through August. Supplies will taper off in September. Generally, good conditions prevail throughout most of the State and the crop is slightly ahead of normal.

CUCUMBERS: The summer quarter prospective area for harvest in 1976 is estimated at 12,500 acres, 3 percent above the 12,150 acres harvested in 1975. Anticipated production is placed at 1.4 million cwt., virtually the same as production in the summer quarter of 1975.

In New York, recent warm weather and rain has aided crop development. In New Jersey, cucumber harvest is increasing rapidly. Moderate to heavy volume is expected to continue throughout most of the summer. Growers have been irrigating regularly. The crop in Virginia is in need of rain to improve quality and yields.

North Carolina's cucumber prospects are favorable at this time. Harvest of the summer crop on the Texas High Plains is expected to begin by mid-July. Planting of the late season crop continues active. California weather has been favorable for crop growth. Harvest volume will be normal during the summer quarter. Most of the summer production will come from the South Coast--supported by production from the San Joaquin Valley and Central Coast areas.

EGGPLANT: Prospective summer area for harvest in New Jersey at 1,100 acres is the same as in 1975. Projected production, at 171,000 cwt., is 6 percent below the high yielding summer crop of last year. Soils have become very dry and growers are irrigating on a regular basis. Temperatures have been beneficial for plant development. Harvest is expected to begin about mid-July with moderate to heavy volume available through August and September. Supplies will decline through October.

ESCAROLE: Prospective area for harvest during the 1976 summer quarter is estimated at 1,140 acres, 15 percent lower than a year earlier. The projected production of 166,000 cwt. would be 20 percent below the 1975 production of 208,000 cwt.

In New Jersey, escarole harvest is in moderate volume. Growers have been irrigating regularly. Supplies are expected to extend through the summer and early fall period. Harvest of Ohio summer escarole began mid-June. Cool temperatures were beneficial for early growth.

HONEYDEW MELONS: Prospective area for harvest during the 1976 summer quarter is estimated to be 8,800 acres compared with 9,450 in 1975. Production is expected to drop 12 percent to 1.7 million cwt. from the 1.9 million cwt. produced in 1975.

Arizona's crop has made excellent progress and limited harvest began about 2 weeks ahead of normal. California's honeydew harvest has begun. Harvest volume in the San Joaquin Valley will increase into August and be completed by late September. Sacramento Valley production should begin in the latter half of July and peak from late August through September followed by a seasonal decline through October.

LETTUCE: The 1976 summer quarter lettuce area for harvest is estimated at 43,500 acres, a decrease of 11 percent from the 1975 harvested acres of 49,000. Based on average yields, production is projected at 11.6 million cwt., a 9 percent decline from the 1975 summer quarter.

LETTUCE, CON.: In New Jersey, summer lettuce marketings will be mostly limited to North Jersey. Supplies are now moderate. Soil moisture has been mostly adequate in the northern producing areas. In New York, lettuce harvest is picking up with a good quality crop in prospect in Orange County. Flooding in Oswego County caused some rot resulting in some acreage abandonment. Weeding and sidedressing are in progress in all areas.

In Colorado, the Arkansas Valley harvest⁺ is well underway. In the San Luis Valley the crop condition is good with stands average. Irrigation water is expected to be near normal. Cutting of the California summer lettuce crop has been on schedule and the crop is making good development. Shipments are primarily from the Salinas and Santa Maria areas at this time. The San Francisco Bay area will peak near the end of July.

ONIONS: Summer area for harvest of both non-storage and storage onions combined is estimated at 76,390 acres. This compares with 79,880 acres harvested in 1975. The first production estimate for summer States with primarily non-storage type onions is placed at 3.8 million cwt., up 40 percent above last year. Higher yields are forecast in all producing States. Areas in summer States with primarily storage type onions is estimated at 45,840 acres, 7 percent more than the 43,030 acres harvested in 1975.

NON-STORAGE TYPE: In New Jersey, the crop has made good growth and is maturing rapidly. Growers have been irrigating as soils have been very dry. Marketings are expected to be heavy from mid-July through mid-August. In New Mexico, harvest of the Grano type is at peak. Yields are generally good. Onions on the High Plains of Texas are currently developing well although thrips are evident in some fields. Harvest began at Presidio on May 6 and is now complete. Harvest at Pecos began on May 23 and is expected to continue through August. In Washington, cool spring weather slowed plant growth and some white rot has shown up in scattered fields. Harvest began around mid-June and is now in full swing.

STORAGE TYPE: Early wet weather in New York slowed onion growth and produced some thin stands. The crop has improved with better weather and is in good condition. Prospects are for a good crop. Ohio's onion crop shows good progress. High winds in early May damaged the crop and a large percentage of the acreage was replanted. Winds in mid-June caused additional damage -- leaving stands thinner than desired. Some fields of onions in the west central area of Michigan have been replanted due to frost and wind damage. Early development is slow. Recent rains should help. In Wisconsin, early seeded onions were damaged by high winds. The bulk of the crop has developed well. Planting in Minnesota began early this year due to a warm early spring. In Idaho stands are uniform and the crop is making good to excellent progress. Insect and disease problems have been minimal. In Colorado, the crop condition is good in most areas. Water may be short near the end of the growing season. On the Western Slope insect infestations were prevalent with a small acreage being plowed under. Onion development in Washington got off to a slow start as a result of the generally cool spring weather which continued into late June.

STORAGE TYPE, CON.: However, stands are generally in good condition and with favorable July weather the crop should develop well. In Oregon, some wind damage occurred in early growing stages. Warmer weather is needed as harvest is expected to be approximately 2 weeks late. Digging of California's onions for dehydration is well along in the Desert. The Central Coast will be underway about mid-July followed by the San Joaquin Valley at the end of the month.

GREEN PEPPERS: Summer quarter area for harvest is estimated at 22,700 acres. (Area for harvest in Kentucky, at 2,500 acres, is being included for the first time in this report). Excluding Kentucky, the summer area for harvest is up 6 percent from last year with a projected production of 1.7 million cwt. This is 11 percent above the low yielding crop of 1975. Kentucky's projected production is approximately 200,000 cwt.

The New Jersey pepper harvest is underway. Growers have been irrigating regularly and moderate to heavy volume is expected through the summer quarter. Weather conditions in North Carolina have been favorable and crop prospects are good at this time.

In Kentucky, weather conditions have been good with adequate moisture. Plant development is normal. Green peppers on the High Plains of Texas are currently making good progress. Harvest is expected to begin in late August. Harvest of California bell peppers continues in the South Coast and is underway in the San Joaquin Valley. The Santa Clara deal will start in late July. Supplies will increase in August and September but generally taper off during July.

SPINACH: The 1976 summer quarter estimated area for harvest at 1,300 acres is 24 percent higher than the 1,050 acres harvested in 1975. Production is projected at 109,000 cwt., 15 percent above last year.

The Colorado crop is in good condition and stands are favorable. Water supplies are slightly below normal. Harvest has begun in some early fields. Supplies of California spinach are expected to be normal as a result of favorable weather in May and June.

TOMATOES: The 1976 prospective area for harvest during the summer quarter is placed at 49,800 acres as compared with last year's 50,100 acres. Based on historic average yields the summer production is expected to total 7.1 million cwt. This projection is 1 percent less than the 1975 crop.

New York's tomato crop is progressing well under ideal conditions. Prospects are good in all areas of the State. The New Jersey tomato harvest is underway. Moderate to heavy supplies are expected through most of the summer period. The crop has made good growth and growers have been irrigating. In Michigan, planting and early growth were delayed by unfavorable weather conditions in May. A few fields were replanted because of cold weather. Recent warm temperatures and scattered showers should aid growth.

TOMATOES, CON.: The crop in Virginia has progressed well with harvest now underway. Tomato plants in North Carolina look good at this time and production prospects are excellent. Timely rains have accelerated plant growth. Harvest in south Alabama is progressing rapidly. The crop on Chandler Mountain is looking good, but quality of the early crop will be reduced due to cool nights early in the season. Movement from the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas is rapidly declining. Harvest began in central and east Texas in early June. Some fields in north and east Texas are suffering blight damage due to excess moisture. In California, harvest of summer tomatoes is at low to moderate levels in the San Joaquin Valley and South Coast. Volume will increase through July and continue in good volume through the summer.

WATERMELONS: The 1976 summer quarter watermelon area for harvest is placed at 131,500 acres. This is 9 percent more than the 1975 crop of 120,800 acres. Projected production for the summer crop is estimated at 12.4 million cwt. based on average yields in recent years. This is 5 percent higher than last year's production.

The North Carolina melon crop looks good at this time but it will be late in some areas due to dry conditions at planting time. In Alabama, harvest is well underway and yields are good. In Oklahoma, heavy rains and insect problems caused major replanting in most areas. Vines are growing well and the crop is in good condition. Melon harvest in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas is now in the final stages. Cool, wet weather has hampered crop development in east Texas. Movement is now underway from central and east Texas fields.

Arizona's watermelon harvest started the latter part of June, approximately 3 to 4 weeks later than normal. A cool spring slowed germination and growth. Picking of watermelons in the Imperial Valley of California is underway and increasing in the Palo Verde Valley. The Desert crop harvest will be completed near the end of July. Picking has begun in the San Joaquin Valley and South Coast areas where the crop is making normal development. Shipments will reach good volume near the end of July and continue thru August, tapering off in September.

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