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ACREAGE AND ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL COMMERCIAL CROP SEPTEMBER 7, 1973

ONIONS: Production of spring and summer onions is now placed at 30.3 million cwt., 7 percent above last year. The increase is due to a 10 percent increase in acreage harvested, which more than offsets the decrease of 8 cwt. per acre in yield.

SUMMER STORAGE TYPE ONION production is now estimated at 22.0 million cwt., 10 percent above last year. Acreage for harvest is placed at 66,050 acres, 12 percent above last year. Yield is forecasted at 334 cwt. per acre.

Hot dry weather has slowed growth of New York's onions and reduced yield prospects. Harvest of the seed crop in Orange County is nearing completion with a sizable number of small onions, due to leaf blight and dry weather. In Central and Western sections, onions matured earlier than normal, limiting bulb size. Topping is proceeding well and is about two weeks ahead of schedule. Harvest of the Ohio crop is nearing the half way mark. Sizing has been a problem in some fields. In Indiana, harvest is about one week away in Northern counties. Harvest in Michigan started in late August. Wet spring weather coupled with a recent hot, dry period is expected to reduce yields.

Wisconsin planted later than usual, and some areas are reporting that tops are down as a result of hot, humid weather but are remaining green and still sizing. Southern Minnesota yields are somewhat above the yields at Moorhead. Harvest has not started yet. Colorado's crop condition has increased substantially due to favorable weather in recent months and sufficient water supply. Utah's onions got off to a poor start because of the cold, wet spring. Washington's harvest is getting underway in the mid-basin with good weather conditions. Some topping of late fields continues. Good volume should be moving by early September. Western Oregon's onions have been pulled and are just beginning to move into storage. Weather had been good for quality and yields. Eastern Oregon's harvest and shipments are underway. Above average numbers of seeders have been reported. Harvest in Idaho got underway a few days earlier this year, yields are generally good although average size is smaller than normal on the Oregon slope. California's summer onion harvest is active in Central Coast and the San Joaquin Valley. Digging in the Tulalake area will start about mid-September. Yields are below normal as sizes are running smaller this year. The bulk of the crop is moving to dehydrators.

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STRAWBERRIES: The 1973 production of strawberries is placed at 4.64 million cwt. slightly above last year. The decrease in acreage was more than offset by the large increase in yield this year as a result of favorable growing conditions in most areas. The 1973 yield is placed at 114 cwt. per acre as compared to last year's yield of 105 cwt.

ASPARAGUS: Production of asparagus for fresh market and processing in 1973 is estimated at 2.6 million cwt., 11 percent below last year and 8 percent below the 1971 crop. As a result of cool, wet spring weather in most areas, acreage harvested was 2 percent less than a year ago while yield was down 2 cwt. per acre.

ARTICHOKES: California's 1973 production is placed at 600,000 cwt., 15 percent below last year's crop. This reduction is a result of a decrease of 14 cwt. per acre in yield. The 1974 acreage for harvest is placed at 12,000 acres, the same level as 1973, but 8 percent above the 1972 crop. The new crop is making good progress in the Castroville area. Central Coast volume is light, but will increase until the fall peak is reached in October. Late fall and winter movement will be light followed by peak harvest in March and April.

BRUSSELS SPROUTS: The 1973 acreage for harvest of brussels sprouts in California is estimated at 5,900 acres, 3 percent less than last year. Harvest is getting underway in the Bay Area and will be followed by the other areas. Volume is expected to increase until peak harvest is reached in November.

GARLIC: California's 1973 garlic production is placed at 863,000 cwt., 30 percent above last year. This large increase is due mainly to a 35 percent increase in acres harvested.

Acreage and production reported to date, 1973 with comparisons

Crop, Season, 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.		
Brussels Sprouts 1/ California	5,400	6,100	5,900	115	115		621	702	Sept. 1974
Onions 1/ Spring	25,300	24,700	26,500	217	223	204	5,498	5,501	5,400
Summer Non-storage Total 2/	10,950	10,750	11,300	263	265	256	2,875	2,846	2,894
Storage 3/ New York	13,300	11,500	13,600	310	200	240	4,123	2,300	3,264
Ohio	600	570	600	450	265	310	270	151	186
Indiana	1,000	900	900	310	290	300	310	261	270
Michigan	6,200	6,400	6,500	270	335	290	1,674	2,144	1,885
Wisconsin	1,600	1,500	1,400	235	250	235	376	375	329
Minnesota	800	950	950	300	265	275	240	252	261
Colorado	5,000	5,100	4,400	295	335	300	1,475	1,709	1,320
Utah	950	1,000	1,100	230	370	240	219	370	264
Washington	1,200	1,100	1,200	400	380	420	480	418	504
West Oregon	2,100	2,100	2,100	400	365	440	840	767	924
Idaho & East Oregon	9,100	9,200	10,500	470	523	495	4,281	4,809	5,198
California	20,700	18,700	22,800	345	345	335	7,142	6,452	7,638
Storage Total	62,550	59,020	66,050	343	339	334	21,430	20,008	22,043
Total Summer	73,500	69,770	77,350	331	328	322	24,305	22,854	24,937
United States	98,800	94,470	103,850	302	300	292	29,803	28,355	30,337

Artichokes 1/: Prospective acreage for harvest, 1974 with comparisons

Season and State	Harvested Acreage			1974 as a percent of	
	1972	1973	For harvest	1972	1973
			1974		
	Acres			Percent	
Winter: California	11,100	12,000	12,000	108	100

- 1/ Includes fresh market and processing.
 2/ Primarily onions sold without being placed in storage.
 3/ Primarily storage type onions.

Acreage and yield per acre, 1971-73

Crop, seasonal group, and State	Planted acreage			Harvested acreage			Yield per acre		
	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973	1971	1972	1973
	Acres			Acres			Cwt.		
Artichokes 1/:									
Winter									
California	11,000	11,100	12,000	11,000	11,100	12,000	72	64	50
Asparagus 1/:									
Spring									
Massachusetts	550	500	500	550	500	500	22	23	22
New Jersey	14,900	13,800	12,000	14,900	13,800	12,000	16	13	10
Illinois	9,500	9,400	9,200	9,500	9,400	9,200	13	15	14
Michigan	13,500	14,500	15,400	13,500	14,500	15,400	14	15	16
Maryland	4,000	3,700	3,600	4,000	3,700	3,600	16	16	16
Washington	19,000	21,700	22,000	19,000	21,700	22,000	33	27	28
Oregon	1,300	1,100	1,100	1,300	1,100	1,100	25	25	25
California	43,000	45,700	45,000	43,000	45,700	45,000	32	34	28
Other States 2/	8,420	8,670	8,290	8,420	8,670	8,290	15	13	13
United States	114,170	119,070	117,090	114,170	119,070	117,090	24	24	22
Garlic 1/:									
Summer									
California	3,700	5,100	6,900	3,700	5,100	6,900	130	130	125
Onions 1/:									
Spring									
Texas	19,000	18,500	20,500	18,000	17,500	19,500	190	170	160
Arizona	1,500	1,500	1,600	1,500	1,500	1,600	380	430	480
California	5,800	5,700	5,400	5,800	5,700	5,400	260	330	280
Total Spring	26,300	25,700	27,500	25,300	24,700	26,500	217	223	204
Strawberries 1/:									
Winter									
Florida	1,600	1,600	1,400	1,600	1,600	1,400	110	125	135
Spring									
Massachusetts	250	250	250	250	250	250	40	40	40
New York	1,600	1,400	1,200	1,600	1,300	1,100	35	24	40
New Jersey	1,300	1,200	1,100	1,300	1,200	1,100	53	38	42
Pennsylvania	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	1,300	36	31	32
Ohio	1,600	1,700	1,700	1,600	1,700	1,400	37	33	30
Indiana	850	700	650	850	700	650	31	34	29
Illinois	1,200	1,100	1,000	1,200	1,100	1,000	35	35	32
Michigan	5,400	4,200	3,600	5,200	4,000	3,400	48	53	44
Wisconsin	1,500	1,400	1,400	1,500	1,400	1,400	29	23	27
Missouri	700	630	600	700	630	600	30	33	32
Maryland	650	620	620	600	570	550	36	30	31
Virginia	870	750	600	870	750	600	24	23	19
North Carolina	1,900	2,100	2,100	1,900	2,100	2,100	18	9	32
Kentucky	600	700	600	600	700	600	46	34	28
Tennessee	860	860	860	860	860	860	37	29	17
Arkansas	1,400	1,300	1,300	1,400	1,300	1,300	25	25	22
Louisiana	1,100	1,200	1,200	1,100	1,200	1,100	74	60	55
Oklahoma	650	650	650	650	650	650	29	37	39
Texas	300	300	300	300	300	300	25	30	30
Washington	4,100	3,800	3,600	4,100	3,800	3,600	65	64	57
Oregon	10,800	8,700	8,100	10,800	8,600	7,800	77	63	62
California	8,300	7,800	8,100	8,300	7,800	8,100	365	365	380
Total Spring	47,230	42,660	40,530	46,980	42,210	39,460	107	104	113
United States	48,830	44,260	41,930	48,580	43,810	40,860	107	105	114

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Production, value per cwt., and total value, 1971-73

Crop, seasonal group, and State	Production			Value						
	1971	1972	1973	Per cwt.			Total			
	1,000 cwt.			Dollars			1,000 dollars			
Artichokes 1/:										
Winter										
California	792	710	600	9.72	11.60	14.60	7,697	8,222	8,785	
Asparagus 1/:										
Spring										
Massachusetts	12	12	11	25.00	29.60	34.20	300	355	376	
New Jersey	238	179	120	24.20	25.50	28.70	5,770	4,572	3,444	
Illinois	124	141	129	16.90	23.00	23.50	2,100	3,241	3,030	
Michigan	189	218	246	24.20	27.00	28.80	4,570	5,892	7,089	
Maryland	64	59	58	21.00	22.70	23.60	1,341	1,337	1,369	
Washington	627	586	616	21.00	21.80	23.30	13,160	12,803	14,338	
Oregon	32	27	27	19.10	19.80	21.40	611	535	578	
California	1,376	1,554	1,260	24.30	23.60	26.70	33,452	36,620	33,618	
Other States 2/	129	115	110	21.00	22.30	24.50	2,711	2,566	2,695	
United States	2,791	2,891	2,577	22.90	23.50	25.80	64,015	67,921	66,537	
Garlic 1/:										
Summer										
California	481	663	863	9.32	9.84	10.40	4,485	6,525	8,950	
Onions 1/:										
Spring										
Texas	3,420	2,975	3,120	3.97	4.83	16.50	13,564	14,379	51,609	
Arizona	570	645	768	3.27	4.88	8.84	1,864	3,147	6,792	
California	1,508	1,881	1,512	3.93	6.21	9.92	5,926	11,681	14,999	
Total Spring	5,498	5,501	5,400	3.88	5.31	13.60	21,354	29,207	73,400	
Strawberries 1/:										
Winter										
Florida	176	200	189	34.90	31.60	43.00	6,142	6,320	8,127	
Spring										
Massachusetts	10	10	10	39.40	43.50	46.20	394	435	462	
New York	56	31	44	28.40	29.50	29.80	1,593	913	1,310	
New Jersey	69	46	46	32.40	35.50	33.70	2,236	1,633	1,550	
Pennsylvania	47	40	42	39.30	43.40	44.20	1,847	1,736	1,856	
Ohio	59	56	42	28.00	29.40	29.30	1,652	1,646	1,231	
Indiana	26	24	19	22.30	27.50	36.80	580	660	699	
Illinois	42	39	32	21.20	23.00	27.80	890	897	890	
Michigan	250	212	150	20.20	24.60	31.50	5,061	5,218	4,723	
Wisconsin	44	32	38	29.50	34.90	36.30	1,298	1,117	1,379	
Missouri	21	21	19	19.00	23.80	31.80	399	500	604	
Maryland	22	17	17	29.30	30.90	29.90	645	525	508	
Virginia	21	17	11	23.80	29.70	24.00	500	505	264	
North Carolina	34	19	67	28.10	30.50	35.60	955	580	2,385	
Kentucky	28	24	17	28.50	29.90	28.00	798	718	476	
Tennessee	32	25	15	26.80	29.70	33.80	858	743	507	
Arkansas	35	33	29	27.00	28.50	38.00	945	941	1,102	
Louisiana	81	72	61	29.00	28.50	32.50	2,349	2,052	1,983	
Oklahoma	19	24	25	25.60	24.70	31.60	486	593	789	
Texas	8	9	3/	28.60	29.60		229	266		
Washington	267	243	205	15.80	18.70	23.60	4,221	4,556	4,831	
Oregon	852	542	484	15.10	17.80	23.90	12,542	9,647	11,552	
California	3,030	2,847	3,078	23.20	23.70	26.20	70,385	67,564	80,662	
Total Spring	5,033	4,383	4,451	22.00	23.60	26.90	110,863	103,445	119,763	
United States	5,209	4,583	4,640	22.50	24.00	27.60	117,005	109,765	127,890	

1/ Includes fresh market and processing.

2/ Mostly processing; includes Pennsylvania, Indiana, Ohio, Minnesota, Iowa, Delaware, Virginia and Arkansas.

3/ Estimates discontinued.
