

VEGETABLE SEED STOCKS

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VEGETABLE SEED STOCKS UP 24 PERCENT

Carryover stocks of vegetable seeds in dealers' hands on June 30, 1981 totaled 138 million pounds (62.4 thousand metric tons), up 24 percent from a year earlier and the highest U.S. carryover stocks in 4 years. Twenty-eight of the forty-two kinds of seeds showed increases from last year, while 14 kinds registered equal or lower carryover inventories.

Pea seed jumped more than one-third, with carryover of nearly 70 million pounds, and accounted for 51 percent of the total seed stocks. Garden beans gained 19 percent, covering 28 percent of the carryover. The remaining 21 percent of the seeds totaling 29.5 million pounds were only 8 percent above year earlier stocks.

Sweet corn seed carryover was down 18 percent from last year, with stocks of 8.59 million pounds. Carryover of lettuce, radish, and spinach seed was also less. Cucumber seed stocks were up sharply, along with beets, carrots, cabbage, okra, and turnips. Moderate gains were shown in onions, squash, and melons.

Data for this report are based on a nationwide survey of 162 firms handling virtually all of the vegetable seed stocks. Annual dealer carryover of major kinds of seeds are shown on page 2 of this report for 1976 through 1981. More detailed varietal information can be found on pages 3 through 9 for 1980 and 1981.

STOCKS OF VEGETABLE SEEDS ON JUNE 30, 1976-81

KIND	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981
1,000 POUNDS						
BEANS, BUSH GREEN POD	46,162	29,131	14,245	12,212	22,960	29,282
BEANS, BUSH WAX POD	4,061	2,359	2,021	1,514	1,698	2,669
BEANS, POLE	2,673	2,620	2,340	2,223	1,705	2,077
BEANS, BUSH LIMA	6,236	5,246	3,634	3,355	5,224	3,751
BEANS, POLE LIMA	460	482	480	579	455	485
TOTAL BEANS	59,592	39,838	22,720	19,883	32,042	38,264
BEET, GARDEN	1,712	2,061	2,040	892	423	1,015
BROCCOLI	184	200	134	83	104	261
CABBAGE	581	689	555	442	361	500
CARROT	1,633	2,676	1,730	1,504	720	1,421
CAULIFLOWER	133	119	88	65	116	208
CELERY	72	97	59	46	24	26
CHARD, SWISS	205	320	201	132	84	56
CORN, SWEET, HYBRID	13,924	14,634	10,862	10,707	10,118	8,308
CORN, SWEET, OPEN POLLINATED	723	991	593	463	356	281
TOTAL CORN, SWEET	14,647	15,625	11,455	11,170	10,474	8,589
CORN, NON-SWEET	350	433	286	318	172	127
CUCUMBER	2,535	1,902	1,289	1,031	1,766	3,079
EGGPLANT	36	44	29	18	18	39
ENDIVE	148	136	88	100	90	84
KALE AND COLLARDS	441	662	680	474	341	341
KOHLRABI	8	24	17	23	49	90
LEEK	13	12	9	7	2	8
LETTUCE, HEADING	626	616	502	405	642	538
LETTUCE, LOOSE-LEAF	154	198	217	177	169	192
LETTUCE, ROMAINE	75	60	56	48	55	69
TOTAL LETTUCE	855	874	775	630	866	799
MUSKMELON AND CANTALOUPE	728	703	460	562	1,038	1,103
WATERMELON	1,332	1,372	1,202	1,034	1,406	1,707
MUSTARD	1,034	959	654	391	465	361
OKRA	1,200	700	189	178	523	922
ONION SEED	596	1,141	1,183	952	1,196	1,303
PARSLEY	119	172	249	174	169	200
PARSNIP	48	74	55	20	21	38
PEAS	67,456	72,168	33,062	49,726	51,605	69,808
PEPPER	453	360	237	157	221	365
PUMPKIN	300	286	215	184	163	161
RADISH	2,046	2,993	2,102	1,737	1,667	1,475
SALSIFY	8	8	7	10	9	7
SPINACH	1,534	796	1,014	494	1,797	1,478
SQUASH, SUMMER	1,296	1,272	963	692	941	1,057
SQUASH, WINTER	384	468	414	304	262	275
TOMATO	847	978	882	880	916	981
TURNIP	1,900	3,151	2,070	1,161	594	1,248
RUTABAGA	243	355	197	246	172	147
TOTAL ALL VEGETABLES	164,669	153,668	87,310	95,720	110,817	137,543

STOCKS OF VEGETABLE SEEDS ON JUNE 30, 1980 AND 1981

KIND AND VARIETY OR TYPE	1980	1981
	POUNDS	
BEANS, GARDEN, BUSH GREEN POD		
BLUE LAKE TYPE	7,666,177	9,832,202
CONTENDER	542,625	283,318
PROVIDER TYPES	651,538	1,060,964
HARVESTER TYPE	1,006,196	2,503,458
HORTICULTURAL TYPES	292,096	290,671
TENDERCROP	151,146	310,765
TENDERGREEN TYPES	283,253	365,143
TOPCROP	338,669	290,622
WHITE HALF RUNNER TYPES	350,973	210,846
WHITE OR LIGHT TENDERCROP TYPES	4,902,318	5,744,113
OTHER WHITE SEEDED STRINGLESS VARIETIES	4,513,439	5,001,058
OTHER BUSH GREEN VARIETIES	2,261,122	3,389,239
TOTAL	22,949,552	29,282,399
BEANS, GARDEN, BUSH WAX POD		
ROUND POD TYPES	1,434,779	2,389,318
FLAT POD TYPES	263,660	279,902
TOTAL	1,698,439	2,669,220
BEANS, GARDEN, POLE		
BLUE LAKE TYPES	487,849	514,912
KENTUCKY WONDER (BROWN SEEDED)	359,607	518,320
SCARLET RUNNER TYPES	65,377	152,839
OTHER POLE VARIETIES	792,186	890,682
TOTAL	1,705,019	2,076,753
BEANS, BUSH LIMA		
FORDHOOK TYPES	1,524,937	1,295,950
BREEN SEED (HENDERSON LIKE TYPE)	2,410,103	1,517,733
HENDERSON BUSH	209,861	318,855
JACKSON WONDER	539,227	339,964
OTHER BUSH LIMA VARIETIES	740,117	278,119
TOTAL	5,224,245	3,750,621
BEANS, POLE LIMA		
ALL VARIETIES	455,487	484,728
TOTAL	455,487	484,728

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KIND AND VARIETY OR TYPE	1980	1981
	POUNDS	
BEET, GARDEN		
CROSBY OR EARLY WONDER TYPES	141,078	291,631
DETROIT TYPES	197,284	412,508
RUBY QUEEN TYPES	40,074	239,888
OTHER GARDEN VARIETIES	44,878	71,186
TOTAL	423,314	1,015,213
BROCCOLI		
HYBRIDS	23,608	136,327
OPEN-POLLINATED VARIETIES	79,959	124,711
TOTAL	103,567	261,038
CABBAGE		
HYBRIDS: EARLY	33,959	59,694
MIDSEASON	54,094	38,294
LATE	6,516	34,102
COPENHAGEN AND GOLDEN ACRE TYPES	61,094	48,205
DANISH BALLHEAD TYPES	16,475	19,502
ROUND DUTCH TYPES	63,600	63,600
FLAT DUTCH TYPES	20,412	61,167
RED VARIETIES	13,328	30,780
SAVOY VARIETIES	17,756	20,438
WAKEFIELD TYPES	38,560	62,030
OTHER VARIETIES	34,773	62,625
TOTAL	360,567	500,437
CARROT		
CHANTENAY, ALL TYPES	200,229	669,900
DANVERS, ALL TYPES	191,606	144,173
HYBRIDS: FRESH MARKET	42,456	36,907
PROCESSING	17,377	23,919
IMPERATOR TYPES	145,407	272,315
NANTES TYPES	102,382	243,861
OTHER VARIETIES	19,962	30,160
TOTAL	719,419	1,421,235
CAULIFLOWER		
HYBRIDS	1,019	3,561
SNOWBALL TYPES	101,457	182,373
WINTER TYPES	13,497	21,883
TOTAL	115,973	207,817
CELERY		
UTAH TYPES	10,939	12,722
OTHER VARIETIES	12,765	13,432
TOTAL	12,704	26,154
CHARD, SWISS		
BROAD-RIB GREEN	16,588	10,371
FORDHOOK GIANT	44,573	24,459
OTHER VARIETIES	23,204	20,918
TOTAL	84,365	55,748

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KIND AND VARIETY OR TYPE	1980	1981
	POUNDS	
CORN, SWEET, HYBRIDS		
GOLDEN CROSS BANTAM	641,723	567,425
YELLOW HYBRIDS: EARLY SEASON	1,029,998	1,054,959
MIDSEASON	3,320,516	3,313,848
LATE	1,781,635	1,071,143
BICOLORS	502,791	433,746
COUNTRY GENTLEMAN HYBRIDS	29,610	34,726
SUPER SWEETS	579,499	740,704
ROWED WHITE HYBRIDS	1,778,922	993,640
OTHER HYBRIDS	153,335	98,155
TOTAL	10,118,029	8,308,346
CORN, SWEET, OPEN POLLINATED		
ALL TYPES AND VARIETIES	356,327	280,566
TOTAL	356,327	280,566
CORN, NON-SWEET		
ALL NON-SWEET VARIETIES	172,029	126,698
TOTAL	172,029	126,698
CUCUMBER		
HYBRIDS: PICKLING, BLACK SPINE	109,721	237,008
PICKLING, WHITE SPINE	587,838	622,339
SLICERS	139,570	232,739
BEIT-ALPHA TYPES	21,717	140,410
OPEN-POLLINATED VAR.: PICKLING TYPES	228,788	815,875
POINSETT TYPES	249,935	376,832
BEIT-ALPHA TYPES	151,991	434,754
OTHER SLICING VAR.	276,654	218,842
TOTAL	1,766,214	3,078,799
EGGPLANT		
HYBRIDS	7,620	14,169
BLACK BEAUTY TYPES	3,816	8,724
FLORIDA MARKET-FT MYERS MKT TYPES	3,177	7,758
OTHER VARIETIES	3,802	8,055
TOTAL	18,415	38,706
ENDIVE		
BROAD LEAF VARIETIES	60,405	38,336
CURLED LEAF VARIETIES	30,015	46,123
TOTAL	90,420	84,459
KALE & COLLARDS		
DWARF SIBERIAN	80,403	53,761
SCOTCH TYPES	18,947	51,785
OTHER VARIETIES	4,422	30,861
COLLARDS	237,210	204,505
TOTAL	340,982	340,912
KOHLRABI		
PURPLE VARIETIES	8,943	6,981
WHITE VARIETIES	40,263	82,809
TOTAL	49,206	89,790
LEEK		
ALL TYPES AND VARIETIES	2,130	8,133
TOTAL	2,130	8,133

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KIND AND VARIETY OR TYPE	1980	1981
	POUNDS	
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LETTUCE, HEADING		
BIBB TYPES	22,763	25,541
OTHER BUTTER HEAD VARIETIES	34,534	33,529
CRIS HEAD SHIPPING STRAINS	399,846	266,233
TOTAL	457,143	325,303
LETTUCE, LOOSE-LEAF		
GRAND RAPIDS	8,618	16,386
PRIZE HEAD	12,397	12,493
SALAD BOWL	2,342	4,150
SIMPSON	2,029	2,632
OTHER LOOSE-LEAF VARIETIES	5,193	6,560
TOTAL	30,579	42,221
LETTUCE, ROMAINE		
ALL TYPES AND VARIETIES	20,121	23,420
TOTAL	20,121	23,420
	<u>ALL OTHER</u>	
LETTUCE, HEADING		
BIBB TYPES	46,469	28,091
OTHER BUTTER HEAD VARIETIES	61,462	74,076
CRISP HEAD SHIPPING STRAINS	76,667	110,431
TOTAL	184,598	212,598
LETTUCE, LOOSE-LEAF		
GRAND RAPIDS	26,606	38,259
PRIZE HEAD	14,472	11,569
SALAD BOWL	8,604	8,880
SIMPSON TYPES	66,448	36,133
OTHER LOOSE-LEAF VARIETIES	22,348	54,510
TOTAL	138,478	149,351
LETTUCE, ROMAINE		
ALL TYPES AND VARIETIES	34,504	45,188
TOTAL	34,504	45,188
	<u>TOTAL</u>	
LETTUCE, HEADING		
BIBB TYPES	69,232	53,632
OTHER BUTTER HEAD VARIETIES	95,996	107,605
CRISP HEAD SHIPPING STRAINS	476,513	376,664
TOTAL	641,741	537,901
LETTUCE, LOOSE-LEAF		
GRAND RAPIDS	35,224	54,645
PRIZE HEAD	26,869	24,062
SALAD BOWL	10,946	13,030
SIMPSON TYPES	68,477	38,765
OTHER LOOSE-LEAF VARIETIES	27,541	61,070
TOTAL	169,057	191,572
LETTUCE, ROMAINE		
ALL TYPES AND VARIETIES	54,625	68,608
TOTAL	54,625	68,608

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	POUNDS	
MUSKMELON AND CANTALOUPE		
HYBRIDS	45,314	45,480
HALES BEST STRAINS	53,974	88,656
HONEY DEW GREEN FLESH	63,443	91,439
IMPERIAL AND PMR TYPES	595,769	404,717
LATE SHIPPERS	44,733	91,852
ROCKY FORD	21,528	16,000
OTHER VARIETIES	213,622	364,500
TOTAL	1,038,383	1,102,644
WATERMELON		
HYBRIDS	9,620	10,157
CHARLESTON GRAY TYPES	605,947	924,680
CONGO	37,477	32,527
CRIMSON SWEET	75,844	123,468
JUBILEE TYPES	156,065	93,014
KLONDIKE AND PEACOCK TYPES	152,861	128,361
SUGAR BABY	114,079	115,851
OTHER ICEBOX TYPES	64,104	118,731
OTHER RED-FLESHED VARIETIES	176,809	136,125
YELLOW AND ORANGE-FLESHED VARIETIES	13,571	24,098
TOTAL	1,406,377	1,707,012
MUSTARD		
CURLED LEAF	167,260	148,970
SMOOTH LEAF	297,840	211,925
TOTAL	465,100	360,895
OKRA		
CLEMSON SPINELESS	293,946	760,386
VELVET TYPE	51,046	21,472
OTHER VARIETIES	178,405	140,586
TOTAL	523,397	922,444
ONION SEED		
HYBRIDS: LONG-DAY STORAGE	117,482	155,213
SHORT-DAY	153,882	122,626
SPANISH	172,019	167,790
BERMUDA, YELLOW TYPES	27,908	58,197
CRYSTAL WHITE WAX TYPES	16,018	20,284
EBENEZER	76,409	72,229
GRANO TYPES	50,507	64,175
PICKLING VARIETIES	36,489	1,208
SOUTHPORT WHITE GLOBE	126,108	91,611
SWEET SPANISH, WHITE TYPES	40,729	34,276
SWEET SPANISH, YELLOW ALL STRAINS	63,889	53,441
YELLOW GLOBE, ALL TYPES	63,492	75,539
BUNCHING OR NON-BULBING TYPES	71,984	58,854
OTHER OPEN POLLINATED VARIETIES	178,720	327,519
TOTAL	1,195,636	1,302,962
PARSLEY		
HAMBURG ROOTED	3,230	2,621
CURLED VARIETIES	148,932	128,891
PLAIN VARIETIES	16,642	68,520
TOTAL	168,804	200,032
PARSNIP		
ALL TYPES AND VARIETIES	20,542	37,592
TOTAL	20,542	37,592

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KIND AND VARIETY OR TYPE	1980	1981
	POUNDS	
PEAS		
PROGRESS #9 TYPES	358,306	563,072
LITTLE MARVEL	399,481	163,920
OTHER MARKET AND HOME TYPES	925,274	558,971
ALASKA, REGULAR	1,218,267	1,285,132
ALASKA SMALL, ALL MATURITIES	675,174	3,504,478
OTHER SMOOTH VARIETIES FOR SOWING	4,186,920	2,698,542
ALSWEET TYPES	6,753,360	15,200,263
EARLY PERFECTION, LARGE SEED	4,047,837	3,647,172
EARLY PERFECTION, SMALL SEED	5,843,953	8,756,351
LATE PERFECTION	2,118,050	2,151,590
SURPRISE TYPES	1,400,470	2,423,810
EARLY FREEZER TYPES	5,468,996	9,715,032
MIDSEASON FREEZER TYPES	4,167,612	2,998,237
LATE FREEZER TYPES	8,311,565	11,529,245
OTHER CANNING AND FREEZING TYPES	5,044,848	4,147,676
EDIBLE PODDED PEAS	684,692	464,387
TOTAL	51,604,805	69,807,878
PEPPER		
HYBRIDS	2,697	7,273
CALIFORNIA WONDER TYPES	16,732	42,356
EARLY CALWONDER TYPES	14,860	34,679
YOLO WONDER	27,559	45,536
KEYSTONE RESISTANT	20,036	33,424
OTHER SWEET BELL TYPES	19,488	34,941
SWEET NON-BELL TYPES	22,029	48,821
ANAHEIM CHILI STRAINS	24,630	23,432
OTHER HOT VARIETIES	73,431	94,780
TOTAL	221,462	365,242
PUMPKIN		
HYBRID	9,767	8,456
CONNECTICUT FIELD TYPES	75,093	40,455
CUSHAW TYPES	7,047	6,097
OTHER LARGE TYPES	33,154	48,320
OTHER MEDIUM TYPES	9,939	30,980
OTHER SMALL TYPES	27,574	26,249
TOTAL	162,574	160,557
RADISH		
CHERRY BELLE	77,617	93,266
CRIMSON GIANT	161,550	110,990
RED PRINCE	170,037	131,289
SCARLET GLOBE TYPE, MEDIUM TOP	333,939	171,433
SCARLET GLOBE TYPE, SHORT TOP	132,843	85,930
SPARKLER TYPES	125,227	160,430
WHITE ICICLE	130,666	132,599
WINTER VARIETIES	67,912	49,353
OTHER VARIETIES	466,911	539,385
TOTAL	1,666,702	1,474,675
SALSIFY		
ALL TYPES AND VARIETIES	8,907	6,720
TOTAL	8,907	6,720

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	POUNDS	
SPINACH		
HYBRID: SMOOTH TYPES	443,413	273,094
SEMI-SAVOY TYPES	731,332	681,588
SAVOY TYPES	231,851	174,356
SAVOY TYPES	187,134	158,978
GIANT NOBEL TYPES	39,075	30,034
VIROFLAY TYPES	130,218	71,204
OTHER VARIETIES	33,693	89,201
TOTAL	1,796,716	1,478,455
SQUASH, SUMMER		
HYBRIDS: ZUCCHINI TYPE	205,461	318,458
CROOKNECK TYPE	26,879	97,837
STRAIGHTNECK TYPE	32,771	51,175
OTHER HYBRIDS	68,920	108,225
COCOZELLE AND OTHERS	233,329	222,424
CROOKNECK VARIETIES	69,181	74,011
STRAIGHTNECK VARIETIES	91,807	77,240
SCALLOP VARIETIES	42,263	23,222
ZUCCHINI	170,752	83,908
TOTAL	941,363	1,056,500
SQUASH, WINTER		
WINTER HYBRID	17,201	37,402
BUTTERNUT TYPES	73,879	44,162
TABLE QUEEN TYPES	69,264	59,072
OTHER WINTER VARIETIES	102,033	134,292
TOTAL	262,377	274,928
TOMATO		
HYBRIDS: SHIPPER TYPES	9,257	4,685
MARKET AND HOME GARDEN	22,549	25,035
PROCESSING	17,907	14,918
EASTERN CANNING TYPES	78,722	79,751
SOUTHERN SHIPPING TYPES	89,416	112,220
WESTERN MARKET TYPES	65,035	75,566
WEST PROC. MCH HVST, GR SHOULDER VF145	167,651	158,334
WEST PROC. MCH HVST, UNIFORM GR VF145	56,698	74,929
ELONGATED TYPES	229,495	246,939
OTHER ROUND TYPES	91,790	83,029
PINK FRUITED VARIETIES	1,871	3,526
YELLOW FRUITED VARIETIES	4,278	1,445
PASTE TYPES	67,893	86,114
SMALL FRUITED VARIETIES	13,052	14,096
TOTAL	915,614	980,587
TURNIP		
PURPLE TOP WHITE GLOBE	236,480	752,239
SEVEN TOP TYPES	103,958	200,296
SHOGGIN TYPES	98,067	132,630
OTHER WHITE-FLESHED VARIETIES	111,013	116,922
YELLOW-FLESHED VARIETIES	44,582	45,585
TOTAL	594,100	1,247,672
RUTABAGA		
ALL TYPES AND VARIETIES	172,394	147,340
TOTAL	172,394	147,340

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