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## VEGETABLES FOR COMMERCIAL PROCESSING SPINACH--ACREAGE AND INDICATED PRODUCTION 1953 WITH COMPARISONS

Reports from spinach processors in California and Texas indicate a 1953 production of 52,200 tons for canning and freezing from the winter crop in Texas and the early spring crop in California, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. This is about 10 percent less than the 1952 production of 58,200 tons, but is 6 percent more than the average annual production of 49,170 tons for the 1942-51 period.

The 1953 acreage for harvest in these two States is estimated at 11,700 acres. This compares with 13,000 acres harvested in the winter and early spring of 1952 and an average annual harvested acreage of 15,450 acres for the preceding 10-year period.

The 1953 indicated yield for these two States is 4.46 tons per acre. This compares with 4.48 tons obtained last year and an average of 3.18 tons for the 1942-51 period.

SEASONAL GROUP AND STATE	ACREAGE			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
	10-year			10-year			10-year		
	average	1952	1953	average	1952	1953	average	1952	1953
	1942-51			1942-51			1942-51		
		Acres			Tons			Tons	
Winter									
Texas . . . .	7,340	5,000	4,500	1.5	1.4	1.5	11,300	7,000	6,800
Early Spring									
California . .	8,110	8,000	7,200	4.7	6.4	6.3	37,870	51,200	45,400
Total Above	15,450	13,000	11,700	3.18	4.48	4.46	49,170	58,200	52,200
Late Spring 1/	2/13,010	12,490	---	3/2.40	2.45	---	2/31,270	30,600	Due
Fall 4/	2/12,410	4,850	---	3/2.84	4.49	---	2/35,270	21,780	Due
ALL STATES	2/40,870	30,340	---	3/2.83	3.64	---	2/115,710	110,580	Due
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1/ Late Spring: Arkansas, Maryland, New York, Oklahoma, Virginia and Washington.

2/ Includes short-time averages for New York and Washington.

3/ Derived (total production by total acres).

4/ Fall: Arkansas, California, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Virginia and Washington.

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GREEN PEAS FOR PROCESSING  
PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS  
1953, with Comparisons

An increase of about 4 percent over 1952 in the planted acreage of green peas for processing is indicated for 1953, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. This indicated increase over last year's plantings is based on reports received from processors in late February and early March giving information on the acreage they intend to contract and plant in 1953. The indicated State acreages for 1953 are interpretations of these reports from processors based on past relationships between such reports and the acreage actually planted.

If these early-season acreage prospects materialize, the 1953 plantings for processing will total 462,830 acres. This compares with 444,230 acres planted in 1952 and an average of 465,880 acres for the 1942-51 period.

Assuming a loss in plantings of around 7 percent, in line with recent years, a planted acreage of 462,830 acres of processing peas would result in about 430,000 acres for harvest. This compares with 422,890 acres harvested last year and an average of 431,480 acres for the 1942-51 period.

Of the 462,830 acres in prospect for processing this year, intentions reports indicate that 338,900 acres will be planted for canning and 123,930 acres will be planted for freezing. The acreage indicated for canning this year is about 3 percent above last year's plantings but 12 percent below the average plantings for canning purposes. The acreage for freezing exceeds the 1952 plantings by nearly 8 percent and is 53 percent above the average plantings for freezing during 1942-51.

The purpose of this report is to assist growers and processors generally in making such further changes in their 1953 acreage plans as may appear desirable. The acreage actually planted in 1953 may turn out to be larger or smaller than indicated, by reason of weather conditions, price changes, labor supply, financial conditions, and the effect of this report itself upon processors' and growers' actions. The following table shows the acreages in prospect at the present time.

## PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS: 1953, with Comparisons

STATE	PLANTED ACREAGES					
	10-year average 1942-51		1952		1953	
	As percent of planted 10-year average 1942-51		1952		1953	
	Acres		Acres		Percent	
Maine.....	6,780	6,250	8,400	124	134	
New York .....	35,440	24,000	25,200	71	105	
Pennsylvania .....	15,320	14,000	14,300	93	102	
Ohio .....	5,080	2,500	2,200	43	88	
Indiana .....	7,480	2,650	2,400	32	91	
Illinois .....	21,450	29,000	29,600	138	102	
Michigan .....	9,260	6,100	6,700	72	110	
Wisconsin .....	142,760	133,000	131,800	92	99	
Minnesota .....	46,720	58,600	61,500	132	105	
Iowa .....	4,180	5,700	5,200	124	91	
Delaware .....	2,880	3,200	3,500	122	109	
Maryland .....	11,090	7,800	8,000	72	103	
Virginia .....	2,860	2,000	2,300	80	115	
Idaho .....	7,320	9,800	9,800	134	100	
Colorado .....	4,830	3,900	4,100	85	105	
Utah .....	13,150	7,800	8,000	61	103	
Washington .....	56,450	61,200	65,300	116	107	
Oregon .....	54,110	49,000	55,300	102	113	
California .....	6,870	10,600	11,900	173	112	
Other States 1/	11,850	7,130	7,330	62	103	
U. S. TOTAL .....	465,880	444,230	462,830	99.3	104.2	
For freezing .....	81,140	114,830	123,930	152.7	107.9	
For canning and other processing	384,740	329,400	338,900	88.1	102.9	

1/ Arkansas, Georgia, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Tennessee, West Virginia and Wyoming.