

MUSHROOMS

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1966-67 Mushroom Production 155 Million Pounds

Production of mushrooms in the United States during the period July 1, 1966 to June 30, 1967 totaled 154,789,000 pounds, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Results of this first nationwide grower survey show that mushrooms are produced commercially in 24 States. Pennsylvania is by far the leading State, accounting for 57 percent of the total United States production. Comparable data for 1966 are available for only one State—Pennsylvania. In 1967 Pennsylvania produced 88,070,000 pounds compared with 89,000,000 in 1966. Bed area in production in all States amounted to 75.9 million square feet for all fillings. In Pennsylvania, bed areas amounted to 37.8 million square feet in 1967 compared with 38.7 million in 1966. The total value to growers for the 155 million pound crop was \$53,035,000 or 34.3 cents per pound.

Of the total bed and tray area used during the past growing season 32.0 million square feet were used for the first fill, 24.2 million square feet for the second fill, and 19.7 million square feet in additional fillings. Most large operations use the tray or two-phase method of mushroom culture. This method is equivalent to four or five fillings per year.

About 115.4 million pounds, or 75 percent, of last year's production was sold to or used by mushroom processors. These sales to processors averaged 31.3 cents per pound. Fresh market sales totaled 39.3 million pounds. Average price per pound for fresh market was 42.9 cents.

For the 1967-68 season, growers intend a 7 percent increase in fillings for a total of nearly 81 million square feet. Most of this increase over last year is expected to occur in those operations using the tray system.

Mushroom processors were surveyed to determine utilization of the processed portion of the crop for canning, freezing, soups, and other types of products. However, results of this survey cannot be published as these data would reveal individual operations.

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TABLE 1.--PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF MUSHROOMS

State	Fresh Market Sales		Processing Sales		Total Sales	
	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Dollars	1,000 Pounds	1,000 Dollars
Massachusetts	126	56	---	---	126	56
New York	1/		1/		9,426	2,934
New Jersey	1/		1/		285	91
Pennsylvania	21,137	8,243	66,933	20,749	88,070	28,992
Ohio	1/		1/		4,184	1,601
Delaware	1/		1/		3,424	1,044
Maryland	1/		1/		2,059	611
Other States	18,080	8,562	48,513	15,425	47,215	17,706
U. S. TOTAL	39,343	16,861	115,446	36,174	154,789	53,035

1/ Included in other States to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

TABLE 2.--SQUARE FEET OF MUSHROOM BEDS IN PRODUCTION

State	July 1, 1966 to June 30, 1967				Intentions July 1, 1967 to June 30, 1968				Intention as % Last Year
	First Filling	Second Filling	Additional Fillings	Total	First Filling	Second Filling	Additional Fillings	Total	
	1,000 Sq. Ft.	1,000 Sq. Ft.	1,000 Sq. Ft.	1,000 Sq. Ft.	1,000 Sq. Ft.	1,000 Sq. Ft.	1,000 Sq. Ft.	1,000 Sq. Ft.	Per cent
Massachusetts	28	16	43	87	32	16	50	98	113
New York	2,121	2,028	1,602	5,751	2,088	1,951	1,625	5,664	98
New Jersey	158	---	---	158	158	13	---	171	108
Pennsylvania	19,277	13,229	5,292	37,798	19,594	14,288	6,940	40,822	108
Ohio	754	640	892	2,286	770	653	909	2,332	102
Delaware	930	469	16	1,415	954	590	8	1,552	110
Maryland	593	206	12	811	539	211	12	762	94
Other States	8,142	7,589	11,863	27,594	8,726	8,121	12,677	29,524	107
U. S. TOTAL	32,003	24,177	19,720	75,900	32,861	25,843	22,221	80,925	107