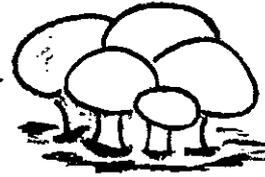


MUSHROOMS



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1968-69 Mushroom Production 189 Million Pounds

Production of mushrooms in the United States totaled 189 million pounds during the year ended June 30, 1969, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is nearly 5 percent above the 181 million pounds produced during the previous year. Pennsylvania produced 121 million pounds of mushrooms during the year July 1968 through June 1969, accounting for 64 percent of the Nation's production. This compares with 113 million pounds produced the previous season.

Total value to growers for the 189 million pound crop was \$67,842,000 or 35.9 cents per pound. This compares with \$61,653,000 or 34.1 cents per pound for the previous year's production.

Total bed and tray area used during the past growing season amounted to about 85 million square feet compared to 83 million square feet during the comparable period a year earlier.

Of the total bed and tray area used during the past growing season, 35 million square feet were used for the first fill, 29 million square feet for the second fill, and 21 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 133 million pounds, or 70 percent, of the estimated production was sold to or used by mushroom processors. These sales to processors averaged 31.6 cents per pound. Fresh market sales totaled nearly 56 million pounds. Average price per pound for fresh market was 46.1 cents.

For the 1969-70 season, growers intend to increase fillings by 1 percent, indicating a total of a little over 85 million square feet. Most of this increase is expected to occur in those operations using the tray system.

TABLE 1.--MUSHROOMS: AREA, PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE
JULY 1, 1968 to JUNE 30, 1969

State	Area in production				Production 1,000 pounds	Price per pound Cents	Value of produc- tion 1,000 dollars
	First filling	Second filling	Addi- tional fillings	Total			
	- - -	1,000 square feet		- - -			
New York	1,981	1,793	254	4,028	5,621	35.0	1,966
New Jersey	1/130	---	---	130	279	33.3	93
Pennsylvania	22,511	18,038	8,316	48,865	121,000	35.1	42,474
Ohio	756	554	735	2,045	4,256	35.6	1,517
Delaware	1,084	623	88	1,795	4,254	32.4	1,378
Maryland	558	295	117	970	2,370	32.0	759
Other States	8,251	7,462	11,158	26,871	50,991	38.5	19,655
United States	35,271	28,765	20,668	84,704	188,771	35.9	67,842

TABLE 2.--MUSHROOMS: BED OR TRAY AREA TO BE IN PRODUCTION
JULY 1, 1969 to JUNE 30, 1970

State	Intentions July 1969-June 1970				Intentions as percent last year			
	First filling	Second filling	Addi- tional fillings	Total	First filling	Second filling	Addi- tional fillings	Total
	-	1,000 square feet		-	- - -	Percent		- - -
New York	1,222	1,013	747	2,982	62	56	294	74
New Jersey	1/158	---	---	158	122	---	---	122
Pennsylvania	22,276	18,558	8,336	49,170	99	103	100	101
Ohio	660	554	735	1,949	87	100	100	95
Delaware	1,021	744	88	1,853	94	119	100	103
Maryland	550	283	52	885	99	96	44	91
Other States	8,472	7,688	12,154	28,314	103	103	109	105
United States	34,359	28,840	22,112	85,311	97	100	107	101

1/ Small quantity of second filling included.

TABLE 3.--MUSHROOMS: AREA, PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE
JULY 1, 1967 to JUNE 30, 1968 ^{1/}

State	Area in production				Production	Price per pound	Value of production
	First filling	Second filling	Addi- tional fillings	Total			
	- - - 1,000 square feet - - -				1,000 pounds	Cents	1,000 dollars
New York	2,103	1,989	1,656	5,748	9,815	31.3	3,075
New Jersey	144	---	---	144	262	31.7	83
Pennsylvania	22,496	17,728	6,635	46,859	113,000	33.4	37,697
Ohio	729	582	768	2,079	4,350	35.8	1,557
Delaware	1,050	665	74	1,789	4,206	29.5	1,242
Maryland	517	310	40	867	1,943	31.8	617
Other States	7,606	7,270	11,027	25,903	47,015	37.0	17,382
United States	34,645	28,544	20,200	83,389	180,591	34.1	61,653

^{1/} Revised.

TABLE 4.--MUSHROOMS: AREA, PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE
JULY 1, 1966 to JUNE 30, 1967

State	Area in production				Production	Price per pound	Value of production
	First filling	Second filling	Addi- tional fillings	Total			
	- - - 1,000 square feet - - -				1,000 pounds	Cents	1,000 dollars
Massachusetts	28	16	43	87	126	44.4	56
New York	2,121	2,028	1,602	5,751	9,426	31.1	2,934
New Jersey	152	---	---	152	240	32.5	78
Pennsylvania	21,564	14,668	6,168	42,400	98,000	34.6	33,908
Ohio	754	640	892	2,286	4,184	38.3	1,601
Delaware	984	500	30	1,514	3,665	30.9	1,131
Maryland	593	206	12	811	2,059	29.7	611
Other States	8,142	7,589	11,863	27,594	47,215	37.5	17,706
United States	34,338	25,647	20,610	80,595	164,915	35.2	58,025

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TABLE 5.--MUSHROOMS: SALES AND VALUE BY TYPE OF SALE,
 YEARS BEGINNING JULY - 1966, 1967, and 1968

Year and State	Fresh market		Processing	
	Sales	Value of sales	Sales	Value of sales
	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 dollars</u>	<u>1,000 pounds</u>	<u>1,000 dollars</u>
<u>1966</u>				
Massachusetts	126	56	---	---
Pennsylvania	23,520	10,819	74,480	23,089
Other States	18,305	8,645	48,484	15,416
United States	41,951	19,520	122,964	38,505
<u>1967</u> ^{1/}				
Pennsylvania	27,120	11,933	85,880	25,764
Other States	20,491	9,451	47,100	14,505
United States	47,611	21,384	132,980	40,269
<u>1968</u>				
Pennsylvania	32,392	14,900	88,608	27,574
Other States	23,596	10,931	44,175	14,437
United States	55,988	25,831	132,783	42,011

^{1/} Revised.