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## 1972-73 Mushroom Production Up 10 Percent

United States mushroom production during the year ended June 30, 1973, totaled 254 million pounds, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 10 percent above the 1971-72 crop and 23 percent above the 1970-71 crop. Average yield at 2.48 pounds per square foot compares with the 1971-72 crop yield of 2.47 pounds and the 1970-71 yield of 2.36 pounds. Pennsylvania, with 146 million pounds, accounted for 57 percent of the Nation's production.

An estimated 102 million square feet of bed and tray area was used for mushroom production during July 1, 1972 - June 30, 1973, 9 percent more than the same period a year earlier and 17 percent more than in the 1970-71 period. First fillings accounted for 37 percent of the total area, second fillings 32 percent, and additional fillings 31 percent. In previous season, first fillings accounted for 37 percent, second fillings 33 percent, and additional fillings 30 percent. (Fillings for growers with continuous operations were prorated to first, second, and additional fillings.)

Growers received an average of 43.3 cents per pound, down 2.9 cents from the price received a year earlier. Value of production at \$110 million for the 1972-73 crop is up slightly from the previous years' value of \$107 million. Processors used 70 percent of the current mushroom production compared with 71 percent in 1971-72. Processing sales in 1972-73 averaged 38.0 cents per pound, down 3.5 cents from the previous period, while fresh market sales averaged 55.5 cents per pound, down 2.4 cents.

Growers intend to increase production area for the 1973-74 season by 11 percent over the past season. If intentions materialize, the first fillings will account for 36 percent of the 114 million square feet, second fillings 31 percent, and additional fillings 33 percent.

TABLE 1. MUSHROOMS: AREA, PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE  
JULY 1, 1972 to JUNE 30, 1973

| State                      | Area in production |                   |                        |         | Production   | Price<br>per<br>pound | Value<br>of<br>production |
|----------------------------|--------------------|-------------------|------------------------|---------|--------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
|                            | First<br>filling   | Second<br>filling | Additional<br>fillings | Total   |              |                       |                           |
|                            | 1,000 square feet  |                   |                        |         | 1,000 pounds | cents                 | 1,000 dollars             |
| New York                   | 1,378              | 1,174             | 735                    | 3,287   | 5,468        | 44.6                  | 2,437                     |
| New Jersey                 | 182                | 44                |                        | 226     | 496          | 36.7                  | 182                       |
| Pennsylvania               | 22,767             | 20,242            | 11,980                 | 54,989  | 145,648      | 40.7                  | 59,207                    |
| Ohio                       | 899                | 837               | 1,290                  | 3,026   | 8,808        | 42.6                  | 3,754                     |
| Delaware                   | 1,114              | 962               | 107                    | 2,183   | 5,597        | 37.1                  | 2,210                     |
| Maryland                   | 535                | 362               | 226                    | 1,123   | 2,803        | 41.8                  | 1,171                     |
| Other States <sup>1/</sup> | 11,279             | 9,470             | 16,732                 | 37,481  | 84,822       | 48.4                  | 41,014                    |
| United States              | 38,154             | 33,091            | 310,070                | 102,315 | 254,002      | 43.3                  | 109,975                   |

TABLE 2. MUSHROOMS: BED OR TRAY AREA TO BE IN PRODUCTION  
JULY 1, 1973 to JUNE 30, 1974

| State                      | Intentions July 1973-June 1974: |                   |                            |         | Intentions as percent last year |                   |                            |       |
|----------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------|-------|
|                            | First<br>filling                | Second<br>filling | Addi-<br>tional<br>filling | Total   | First<br>filling                | Second<br>filling | Addi-<br>tional<br>filling | Total |
|                            | 1,000 square feet               |                   |                            |         | Percent                         |                   |                            |       |
| New York                   | 1,368                           | 1,271             | 510                        | 3,149   | 99                              | 108               | 69                         | 96    |
| New Jersey                 | 182                             | 44                |                            | 226     | 100                             | 100               |                            | 100   |
| Pennsylvania               | 23,712                          | 21,232            | 15,546                     | 60,490  | 104                             | 105               | 130                        | 110   |
| Ohio                       | 803                             | 747               | 1,457                      | 3,007   | 89                              | 89                | 113                        | 99    |
| Delaware                   | 1,095                           | 969               | 153                        | 2,217   | 98                              | 101               | 143                        | 102   |
| Maryland                   | 536                             | 327               | 226                        | 1,089   | 100                             | 90                | 100                        | 97    |
| Other States <sup>1/</sup> | 13,015                          | 10,701            | 19,768                     | 43,484  | 115                             | 113               | 118                        | 116   |
| United States              | 40,711                          | 35,291            | 37,660                     | 113,662 | 107                             | 107               | 121                        | 111   |

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TABLE 3. MUSHROOMS: AREA, PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE  
JULY 1, 1971 to JUNE 30, 1972

| State                      | Area in production |                |                             |        | Production   | Price per pound | Value of production |
|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|
|                            | First filling      | Second filling | Addi-<br>tional<br>fillings | Total  |              |                 |                     |
|                            | 1,000 square feet  |                |                             |        | 1,000 pounds | Cents           | 1,000 dollars       |
| New York                   | 1,405              | 1,306          | 750                         | 3,461  | 5,708        | 43.1            | 2,463               |
| New Jersey                 | 141                | 48             |                             | 189    | 404          | 42.6            | 172                 |
| Pennsylvania               | 21,797             | 19,133         | 12,218                      | 53,148 | 140,488      | 45.8            | 64,362              |
| Ohio                       | 780                | 670            | 520                         | 1,970  | 4,666        | 46.3            | 2,161               |
| Delaware                   | 1,307              | 1,088          | 226                         | 2,621  | 6,880        | 40.3            | 2,775               |
| Maryland                   | 439                | 277            | 96                          | 812    | 2,172        | 46.0            | 999                 |
| Other States <sup>1/</sup> | 8,752              | 8,508          | 14,337                      | 31,597 | 71,055       | 47.8            | 33,950              |
| United States              | 34,621             | 31,030         | 28,147                      | 93,798 | 231,373      | 46.2            | 106,882             |

TABLE 4. MUSHROOMS: AREA, PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE  
JULY 1, 1970 to JUNE 30, 1971

| State                      | Area in production |                |                             |        | Production   | Price per pound | Value of production |
|----------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------------------|--------|--------------|-----------------|---------------------|
|                            | First filling      | Second filling | Addi-<br>tional<br>fillings | Total  |              |                 |                     |
|                            | 1,000 square feet  |                |                             |        | 1,000 pounds | Cents           | 1,000 dollars       |
| New York                   | 1,380              | 1,306          | 595                         | 3,281  | 5,251        | 41.2            | 2,165               |
| New Jersey                 | 131                | 21             |                             | 157    | 402          | 44.0            | 177                 |
| Pennsylvania               | 21,119             | 18,800         | 9,901                       | 49,820 | 128,580      | 42.8            | 55,041              |
| Ohio                       | 881                | 705            | 488                         | 2,074  | 4,301        | 39.4            | 1,693               |
| Delaware                   | 1,014              | 815            | 188                         | 2,017  | 5,395        | 42.4            | 2,290               |
| Maryland                   | 562                | 352            | 148                         | 1,062  | 2,452        | 42.8            | 1,050               |
| Other States <sup>1/</sup> | 9,291              | 8,231          | 11,557                      | 29,079 | 60,429       | 45.0            | 27,204              |
| United States              | 34,383             | 30,230         | 22,877                      | 87,490 | 206,810      | 43.3            | 89,620              |

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TABLE 5. MUSHROOMS: SALES AND VALUE BY TYPE OF SALE,  
YEARS BEGINNING JULY 1, 1970 - 72

| Year and State | Fresh Market |                  |                | Processing      |                  |                |
|----------------|--------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------|
|                | Sales        | Percent of sales | Value of sales | Volume of sales | Percent of sales | Value of sales |
|                | 1,000 pounds |                  | 1,000 dollars  | 1,000 pounds    |                  | 1,000 dollars  |
| 1970 - 71      |              |                  |                |                 |                  |                |
| Pennsylvania   | 32,402       | 56               | 17,339         | 96,178          | 65               | 37,702         |
| Other States   | 25,867       | 44               | 14,349         | 52,363          | 35               | 20,230         |
| United States  | 58,269       | 100              | 31,688         | 148,541         | 100              | 57,932         |
| 1971 - 72      |              |                  |                |                 |                  |                |
| Pennsylvania   | 34,841       | 53               | 20,730         | 105,647         | 64               | 43,632         |
| Other States   | 31,482       | 47               | 17,656         | 59,403          | 36               | 24,864         |
| United States  | 66,323       | 100              | 38,386         | 165,050         | 100              | 68,496         |
| 1972 - 73      |              |                  |                |                 |                  |                |
| Pennsylvania   | 34,664       | 45               | 17,921         | 110,984         | 61               | 41,286         |
| Other States   | 42,064       | 55               | 24,675         | 66,290          | 39               | 26,093         |
| United States  | 76,728       | 100              | 42,596         | 177,274         | 100              | 67,397         |

TABLE 6. MUSHROOMS: AREA, PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE;  
CALIFORNIA - FRESH MARKET SALES ONLY, YEAR BEGINNING JULY 1, 1970 - 72, AREA INTENTIONS  
1973 - 74 2/

| Year       | Area in production |                 |                     |              | Production | Price per pound | Value of production |
|------------|--------------------|-----------------|---------------------|--------------|------------|-----------------|---------------------|
|            | First filling      | Second fillings | Additional fillings | Total        |            |                 |                     |
|            | 1,000 square feet  |                 |                     | 1,000 pounds | cents      | 1,000 dollars   |                     |
| 1970 - 71  | 1,968              | 1,901           | 2,198               | 6,787        | 14,728     | 55.4            | 8,154               |
| 1971 - 72  | 2,175              | 2,095           | 3,786               | 8,056        | 19,495     | 55.5            | 10,821              |
| 1972 - 73  | 2,646              | 2,604           | 4,316               | 9,566        | 24,520     | 58.4            | 14,314              |
| Intentions |                    |                 |                     |              |            |                 |                     |
| 1973 - 74  | 2,656              | 2,629           | 4,597               | 9,882        |            |                 |                     |

1/ Arizona, California, Colorado, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Oklahoma, Oregon, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin

2/ Included in other States in all other tables.