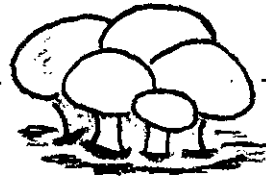


MUSHROOMS



August 29, 1968

1967-68 Mushroom Production 181 Million Pounds

Production of mushrooms in the United States totaled 181 million pounds during the year ended June 30, 1968, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 10 percent above the revised total of 165 million pounds produced during the previous year. Pennsylvania produced 113 million pounds of mushrooms during the year July 1967 to June 1968, accounting for more than 62 percent of the Nation's production.

Total value to growers for the 181 million pound crop was \$61,750,000 or 34.1 cents per pound. This compares with \$58,025,000 or 35.2 cents per pound for the previous year's production.

Total bed and tray area used during the past growing season amounted to about 83 million square feet compared to nearly 81 million square feet during the comparable period a year earlier.

Of the total bed and tray area used during the past growing season, 34 million square feet were used for the first fill, 28 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 74 percent, of the estimated production was sold to or used by mushroom processors. These sales to processors averaged 30.3 cents per pound. Fresh market sales totaled nearly 48 million pounds. Average price per pound for fresh market was 44.9 cents.

For the 1968-69 season, growers intend to increase fillings by 3 percent, indicating a total of nearly 86 million square feet. Most of this increase over last year is expected to occur in those operations using the tray system.

TABLE 1.--MUSHROOMS: AREA, PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE
JULY 1, 1967 to JUNE 30, 1968

State	Area in production				Production	Price per pound	Value of Production
	First filling	Second filling	Additional 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	22,400	17,660	6,635	46,695	113,000	33.4	37,697
Ohio	298	206	1,575	2,079	4,350	35.8	1,557
Delaware	1,146	733	74	1,953	4,565	29.3	1,339
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	34,214	28,168	21,007	83,389	180,950	34.1	61,750

TABLE 2.--MUSHROOMS: BED OR TRAY AREA TO BE IN PRODUCTION
JULY 1, 1968 to JUNE 30, 1969

State	Intentions July 1968-June 1969				Intentions as percent of last year			
	First filling	Second filling	Additional fillings	Total	First filling	Second filling	Additional fillings	Total
	- - - 1,000 square feet - - -				- - - Percent - - -			
New York	2,164	1,951	1,650	5,765	103	98	100	100
New Jersey	<u>1</u> /136	---	---	136	94	---	---	94
Pennsylvania	21,790	17,935	8,417	48,142	97	102	127	103
Ohio	298	195	1,630	2,123	100	95	103	102
Delaware	1,019	679	120	1,818	89	93	162	93
Maryland	517	306	40	863	100	99	100	100
Other States	7,627	7,182	11,888	26,697	100	99	108	103
United States	33,551	28,248	23,745	85,544	98	100	113	103

1/ Small quantity of second filling included.

TABLE 3.--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	Additional 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

TABLE 4.--MUSHROOMS: AREA, PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE
JULY 1, 1965 to JUNE 30, 1966

State	Area in production				Production	Price per pound	Value of production
	First filling	Second filling	Additional fillings	Total			
	- - - 1,000 square feet - - -				1,000 pounds	Cents	1,000 dollars
Pennsylvania	21,210	14,012	5,213	40,435	93,000	32.7	30,410
Delaware	1,217	517	5	1,739	4,590	30.9	1,419
Maryland	479	244	---	723	1,750	31.1	544
3-State Total	22,906	14,773	5,218	42,897	99,340	32.6	32,373

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TABLE 5.--MUSHROOMS: SALES AND VALUE BY TYPE OF SALE,
 YEARS BEGINNING JULY - 1965, 1966, and 1967

Year and State	Fresh market		Processing	
	Sales 1,000 pounds	Value of sales 1,000 dollars	Sales 1,000 pounds	Value of sales 1,000 dollars
<u>1965</u>				
Pennsylvania	23,250	10,462	69,750	19,948
Delaware	1,124	483	3,466	936
Maryland	336	148	1,414	396
3-State total	24,710	11,093	74,630	21,280
<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>				
Pennsylvania	27,120	11,933	85,880	25,764
Other States	20,491	9,451	47,459	14,602
United States	47,611	21,384	133,339	40,366