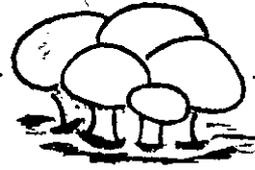

MUSHROOMS



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1969-70 Mushroom Production 194 Million Pounds

United States mushroom production in 1969-70 was nearly 3 percent above last year and 7 percent above 1967-68 production. United States mushroom growers produced 194 million pounds in the year ended June 30, 1970. Pennsylvania accounted for 63 percent of the Nation's production with 123 million pounds.

Growers received \$72,683,000 for the 194 million pound crop, an average of 37.5 cents per pound. This compares with \$67,842,000 for the previous year's production--35.9 cents per pound.

Mushrooms grew in 82 million square feet of bed and tray area during the July 1, 1969 to June 30, 1970 period, slightly less than the 83 million square feet used in the same period one year earlier. First fillings covered about 32 million square feet, second fillings 27 million and additional fillings 23 million square feet. (Fillings from growers with continuous filling operations were prorated to first, second and additional fillings.)

Processors used about 132 million pounds or 68 percent of the estimated mushroom production. Mushrooms sold to processors averaged 33.9 cents per pound. Fresh market sales were 62 million pounds and averaged 45.1 cents per pound.

Growers intend to increase fillings for the 1970-71 season by 3 percent over the past season. Intentions are to fill nearly 85 million square feet.

TABLE 1.--MUSHROOMS: AREA, PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE
JULY 1, 1969 to JUNE 30, 1970

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	1,246	1,131	340	2,717	5,308	40.7	2,162
New Jersey	1/125	---	---	125	269	37.9	102
Pennsylvania	20,753	16,980	9,433	47,166	122,693	36.4	44,694
Ohio	744	650	784	2,178	4,025	38.9	1,566
Delaware	971	602	71	1,644	4,320	32.2	1,391
Maryland	520	292	128	940	2,904	34.7	1,009
Other States	8,145	7,452	11,959	27,556	54,305	40.1	21,759
United States	32,504	27,107	22,715	82,326	193,824	37.5	72,683

TABLE 2.--MUSHROOMS: BED OR TRAY AREA TO BE IN PRODUCTION
JULY 1, 1970 to JUNE 30, 1971

State	Intentions July 1970-June 1971				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	1,238	1,194	340	2,772	99	106	100	102
New Jersey	1/121	---	---	121	97	---	---	97
Pennsylvania	20,890	17,975	9,716	48,581	101	106	103	103
Ohio	850	806	884	2,540	114	124	113	117
Delaware	974	570	103	1,647	100	95	145	100
Maryland	530	344	126	1,000	102	118	98	106
Other States	8,109	7,451	12,317	27,877	100	100	103	101
United States	32,712	28,340	23,486	84,538	100	105	103	103

1/ Small quantity of second filling included.

TABLE 3.--MUSHROOMS: AREA, PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE
JULY 1, 1968 to JUNE 30, 1969

State	Area in production				Total	Production	Price per pound	Value of production
	First filling	Second filling	Addi- tional fillings					
	- - 1,000 square feet - -					1,000 pounds	Cents	1,000 dollars
New York	1,981	1,793	254	4,028	5,621	35.0	1,966	
New Jersey	<u>1</u> /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	

1/ Small quantity of second filling included.

TABLE 4.--MUSHROOMS: AREA, PRODUCTION, PRICE AND VALUE
JULY 1, 1967 to JUNE 30, 1968

State	Area in production				Total	Production	Price per pound	Value of production
	First filling	Second filling	Addi- tional fillings					
	- - 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	

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TABLE 5.--MUSHROOMS: SALES AND VALUE BY TYPE OF SALE,
 YEARS BEGINNING JULY - 1967, 1968, and 1969

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>1967</u>				
Pennsylvania	27,120	11,933	85,880	25,764
Other States	20,491	9,451	47,100	14,505
<u>United States</u>	<u>47,611</u>	<u>21,384</u>	<u>132,980</u>	<u>40,269</u>
<u>1968</u>				
Pennsylvania	32,392	14,900	88,608	27,574
Other States	23,596	10,931	44,175	14,437
<u>United States</u>	<u>55,988</u>	<u>25,831</u>	<u>132,783</u>	<u>42,011</u>
<u>1969</u>				
Pennsylvania	39,262	16,411	83,431	28,283
Other	22,798	11,571	48,333	16,418
<u>United States</u>	<u>62,060</u>	<u>27,982</u>	<u>131,764</u>	<u>44,701</u>