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ACREAGE CONTRACTED FOR MAJOR PROCESSING VEGETABLES DOWN 14 PERCENT

MAJOR CROPS: The 1976 prospective contracted planted area of the Nation's major processing vegetable crops reported March 15, 1976 is estimated at 1.62 million acres by the Crop Reporting Board. This is 14 percent less than the 1.89 million acres contracted last year and reflects declines in acreage intentions for each crop except California's winter spinach. Contracted tonnage of cabbage for kraut is expected to increase slightly. Except for winter spinach, current planting intentions for frozen products range from 12-48 percent below 1975 levels while expectations for canned vegetables slip 9-23 percent.

GREEN LIMA BEANS: An estimated 50,210 acres of green lima beans are expected to be planted under contract this year, 38 percent below the 1975 contracted area. Current plans indicate that Maryland area will be equal to last year, but most other major producing States expect sizeable cutbacks. Planting prospects for canning utilization, at 25,310 acres contracted, are off 23 percent, while expectations for frozen product uses are down 48 percent to 24,900 acres. Of the freezing total, Baby Limas will account for 16,300 acres, 53 percent below 1975 and Fordhooks will be planted on 8,600 acres, off 38 percent from a year ago.

Estimates of prospective 1976 planted area are based on reports made by processors prior to planting and represent area contracted or intentions to contract as well as intended area grown by processing firms for their own use. The area actually planted may vary significantly because of weather, labor supply, other economic conditions and the effect of this report itself.

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SNAP BEANS: The prospective planted area of snap beans contracted for 1976 is estimated at 227,780 acres, 17 percent less than in 1975. Wisconsin, New York, and Oregon, the leading snap bean States, indicate 6 to 9 percent reductions. In Michigan, the only State expecting some expansion, plans are for 3 percent more acres. Snap beans contracted for freezing, at 44,140 acres, are 13 percent below the 1975 level and prospects for canning purposes are down 18 percent.

BEETS FOR CANNING: Current expectations are that 1976 beets for canning will be planted under contract on 14,420 acres, 25 percent below a year earlier. Wisconsin plans a 21 percent reduction to 6,500 acres and in New York intentions are off 4 percent.

CABBAGE FOR KRAUT: Prospective 1976 contracted tonnage of cabbage for kraut, at 212,350 tons, is 1 percent more than in 1975. Planned New York tonnage is up 1 percent and Wisconsin expects an 8 percent increase, but in most other States prospects are below year earlier levels.

SWEET CORN: Expectations are that 469,980 acres will be contracted in 1976, down 9 percent from last year. Producers in Wisconsin, the largest sweet corn State, intend to plant 136,500 acres, off 7 percent, and in Minnesota (the number two producer) planting intentions are down 6 percent to 116,000 acres. Plantings of corn for freezing are estimated 12 percent below 1975 while canning corn is off 9 percent.

CUCUMBERS FOR PICKLES: Currently scheduled plantings of contracted spring and summer crop cucumbers will cover 120,370 acres in 1976, 9 percent less than in 1975. In the top producing States of North Carolina and Michigan, intended plantings are off 22 percent.

GREEN PEAS: The 1976 prospective contracted plantings of green peas are estimated at 400,850 acres, a 14 percent decline from the area contracted in 1975. Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Washington, the Nation's leading producers, expect decreases of 14, 3, and 27 percent, respectively. Expected contracted area planted to peas for freezing is now placed at 122,070 acres (down 23 percent) while canning peas now contracted total 278,780 acres (down 9 percent).

SPINACH: Production of winter spinach contracted in California is forecast at 96,000 tons for 1976 compared with the 85,100 ton output a year ago. The 14 percent increase in area to be harvested more than offset the expected decline in average yield. Winter spinach production in Florida will be included with other States in the Spring group (published June 25, 1976).

TOMATOES: Prospective plantings of tomatoes grown under contract are expected to total 329,350 acres in 1976, a 15 percent reduction from 1975. In California, accounting for 78 percent of the U.S. total, plans are to plant 16 percent fewer acres. In Ohio expected plantings are down 5 percent.

GREEN LIMA BEANS FOR PROCESSING: PROSPECTIVE PLANTED AREA, BY STATES,
1976 WITH COMPARISONS

STATE AND UTILIZATION	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1976/1975 PERCENT
	1974 TOTAL	1975 TOTAL	1975 CONTRACT	1976 CONTRACT	
	ACRES				
CALIF	26,900	28,100	28,100	16,000	57
DEL	17,000	12,300	12,300	10,100	82
MD	4,800	3,600	3,600	3,600	100
WIS	7,700	11,900	11,900	4,200	35
OTH STS <u>1/</u>	24,620	25,390	25,390	16,310	64
U S	81,020	81,290	81,290	50,210	62
FOR FREEZING					
BABY LIMAS	39,540	34,320	34,320	16,300	47
FORDHOOKS <u>2/</u>	14,100	13,900	13,900	8,600	62
FOR CANNING (PRIMARILY BABY LIMAS)	27,380	33,070	33,070	25,310	77

1/ ARK, IDAHO, ILL, MICH, MINN, MISS, N J, N Y, OHIO, OREG, PA, TENN, UTAH, VA AND WASH.

2/ INCLUDES EMERALDS.

BEETS FOR CANNING: PROSPECTIVE PLANTED AREA, BY STATES,
1976 WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1976/1975 PERCENT
	1974 TOTAL	1975 TOTAL	1975 CONTRACT	1976 CONTRACT	
	ACRES				
N Y	5,400	4,900	4,700	4,500	96
TEX	2,700	3,300	3,300	1,700	52
WIS	8,600	8,200	8,200	6,500	79
OTH STS <u>1/</u>	3,480	3,010	3,010	1,720	57
U S	20,180	19,410	19,210	14,420	75

1/ CALIF, MICH, MINN, OHIO, OREG AND WASH.

SNAP BEANS FOR PROCESSING: PROSPECTIVE PLANTED AREA, BY STATES, 1976 WITH COMPARISONS

STATE AND UTILIZATION	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1976/1975
	1974 TOTAL	1975		1976 CONTRACT	
		TOTAL	CONTRACT	CONTRACT	PERCENT
	ACRES				
ARK	6,600	5,700	5,700	5,500	96
CALIF	7,400	7,800	7,800	6,900	88
COLO	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,500	79
ILL	12,200	9,700	9,000	6,100	68
MICH	14,800	13,600	11,600	12,000	103
N Y	52,700	50,800	48,800	46,100	94
OKLA	1,500	2,800	2,800	1,700	61
OREG	44,800	33,100	32,900	30,500	93
PA	6,600	6,700	6,500	6,300	97
TENN	12,600	15,400	6,900	6,400	93
TEX	6,700	5,300	5,300	3,500	66
VA	2,900	3,100	3,100	2,900	94
WASH	3,800	1,900	1,900	600	32
WIS	72,400	70,800	67,300	61,100	91
OTH STS 1/	74,950	66,200	62,600	36,680	59
U S	321,950	294,800	274,100	227,780	83
FOR FREEZING	65,660	53,730	51,000	44,140	87
FOR CANNING	256,290	241,070	223,100	183,640	82

1/ ALA, DEL, FLA, GA, IDAHO, IND, KY, LA, MAINE, MD, MINN, MISS, MO, N C, N J, OHIO, S C, UTAH, AND W VA.

SWEET CORN FOR PROCESSING: PROSPECTIVE PLANTED AREA, BY STATES, 1976 WITH COMPARISONS

STATE AND UTILIZATION	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1976/1975
	1974 TOTAL	1975		1976 CONTRACT	
		TOTAL	CONTRACT	CONTRACT	PERCENT
	ACRES				
IDAHO	28,500	27,400	27,400	24,100	88
ILL	61,800	60,200	60,200	52,900	88
IOWA	12,900	15,100	15,100	12,800	85
MD	14,400	15,300	15,300	15,100	99
MINN	124,100	122,800	122,800	116,000	94
N Y	18,900	22,700	22,400	23,200	104
OREG	42,100	43,100	42,800	39,000	91
PA	7,300	6,300	6,300	5,900	94
WASH	40,300	43,100	43,000	31,100	72
WIS	144,800	146,900	146,600	136,500	93
OTH STS 1/	17,350	16,300	16,300	13,380	82
U S	512,450	519,200	518,200	469,980	91
FOR FREEZING	131,660	129,580	129,080	114,070	88
FOR CANNING	380,790	389,620	389,120	355,910	91

1/ DEL, IND, OHIO, TEX, UTAH, VA, AND W VA.

CABBAGE FOR KRAUT: PROSPECTIVE PRODUCTION, BY STATES, 1976 WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	PRODUCTION				CONTRACT CHANGE 1976/1975
	1974 TOTAL	1975		1976 CONTRACT	
		TOTAL	CONTRACT	CONTRACT	
TONS					
N Y	106,300	90,250	78,550	79,100	101
OHIO	26,000	16,700	16,700	15,500	93
WIS	68,750	71,150	60,600	65,700	108
OTH STS <u>1/</u>	80,400	60,600	55,050	52,050	95
U S	281,450	238,700	210,900	212,350	101

1/ COLO, FLA, IDAHO, ILL, IND, MICH, N C, OREG, PA, TENN, VA AND WASH.

SPINACH FOR PROCESSING: PRELIMINARY AREA AND PRODUCTION,
BY STATES, 1976 WITH COMPARISONS

SEASON, STATE AND UTILIZATION	PLANTED AREA				HARVESTED AREA			
	1974 TOTAL	1975 TOTAL	1976 CONTRACT	1976 CONTRACT	1974 TOTAL	1975 TOTAL	1976 CONTRACT	1976 CONTRACT
ACRES								
WINTER <u>1/</u> CALIF	10,200	8,900	8,900	9,900	9,800	8,400	8,400	9,600
FOR FREEZING	6,700	5,950	5,950	7,150	6,500	5,500	5,500	DEC 16
FOR CANNING	3,500	2,950	2,950	2,750	3,300	2,900	2,900	DEC 16
YIELD PER ACRE								
	YIELD PER ACRE				PRODUCTION			
	1974 TOTAL	1975 TOTAL <u>2/</u>	1976 CONTRACT	1976 CONTRACT	1974 TOTAL	1975 TOTAL	1976 CONTRACT	1976 CONTRACT
TONS								
WINTER <u>1/</u> CALIF	10.46	10.13	10.00	102,500	85,100	85,100	96,000	
FOR FREEZING	10.01	9.58	DEC 16	65,050	52,700	52,700	DEC 16	
FOR CANNING	11.35	11.17	DEC 16	37,450	32,400	32,400	DEC 16	

1/ FLA WINTER CROP COMBINED WITH SPRING "OTHER STATES" (PUBLISHED JUN 25, 1976) TO AVOID DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

2/ DERIVED 1975 CONTRACT YIELD PER ACRE MAY DIFFER SLIGHTLY FROM TOTAL YIELD DUE TO EXCLUSION OF OPEN MARKET PURCHASES.

CUCUMBER FOR PICKLES: PROSPECTIVE PLANTED AREA,
BY STATES, 1976, WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1976/1975 PERCENT
	1974 TOTAL	1975 TOTAL	1975 CONTRACT	1976 CONTRACT	
ACRES					
SPRING & SUMMER					
CALIF	4,000	5,500	5,400	4,700	87
COLO	2,900	2,500	2,500	3,200	128
IND	2,200	2,900	2,800	1,800	64
MD	2,600	3,700	3,600	3,700	103
MICH	29,400	30,400	28,300	22,000	78
MISS	7,900	6,300	6,300	5,300	84
N C	29,500	30,500	28,700	22,500	78
OHIO	7,200	7,100	6,900	6,500	94
S C	7,500	8,400	7,600	7,600	100
TEX ^{2/}	7,100	6,400	6,300	5,800	92
VA	4,700	4,000	3,000	2,600	87
WIS	12,000	10,600	9,700	11,000	113
OTHER STATES ^{1/}	20,500	25,110	21,710	23,670	109
U S	137,500	143,410	132,810	120,370	91

^{1/} ALA, ARIZ, ARK, DEL, FLA, GA, IDAHO, ILL, KY, LA, MASS, MINN, MO, NEBR, NJ, NY, OKLA, OREG, PA, S DAK, TENN, AND WASH. ^{2/} BEGINNING 1975, SEPARATE ESTIMATES PROVIDED FOR SPRING & SUMMER AND FALL CROPS--PRIOR YEARS' FALL PLANTINGS INCLUDED IN SPRING & SUMMER GROUP.

GREEN PEAS FOR PROCESSING: PROSPECTIVE PLANTED AREA
BY STATES, 1976, WITH COMPARISONS

STATE AND UTILIZATION	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1976/1975 PERCENT
	1974 TOTAL	1975 TOTAL	1975 CONTRACT	1976 CONTRACT	
ACRES					
CALIF	12,900	14,000	14,000	8,800	63
COLO	560	390	390	500	128
DEL	12,100	11,300	11,300	7,600	67
IDAHO	12,800	14,600	14,600	14,700	101
MD	6,300	5,900	5,900	10,000	169
MINN	78,600	75,900	75,900	73,900	97
NY	6,900	6,700	6,700	5,300	79
OREG	45,500	52,200	52,200	43,200	83
WASH	77,600	83,000	83,000	60,900	73
WIS	146,900	148,000	147,600	126,600	86
OTHER STATES ^{1/}	53,680	54,180	54,180	49,350	91
U S	453,840	466,170	465,770	400,850	86
FOR FREEZING	156,500	158,880	158,880	122,070	77
FOR CANNING	297,340	307,290	306,890	278,780	91

^{1/} ILL, IOWA, MAINE, MICH, MONT, N J, N C, OHIO, PA, TENN, UTAH, VA, AND WYO.

TOMATOES FOR PROCESSING: PROSPECTIVE PLANTED AREA, BY STATES,
1976 WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1976/1975
	1974	1975		1976	
	TOTAL	TOTAL	CONTRACT	CONTRACT	
	ACRES				PERCENT
CALIF	252,400	305,600	304,200	256,000	84
COLO	750	840	840	900	107
IND	15,300	16,100	15,400	14,100	92
MD	3,800	4,800	4,100	4,500	110
MICH	5,700	4,700	4,400	3,600	82
N J	13,400	11,000	9,900	8,500	86
N MEX	600	860	860	860	100
OHIO	25,600	24,500	23,900	22,700	95
PA	6,700	7,200	7,000	5,300	76
TEX	4,100	5,100	4,900	4,400	90
VA	4,200	3,900	3,700	3,400	92
OTHER STATES <u>1/</u>	11,140	9,330	6,640	5,090	77
U S	343,690	393,930	385,840	329,350	85

1/ ALA, ARK, DEL, FLA, ILL, IOWA, KY, LA, N Y, N C, OKLA, UTAH, AND W VA.