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WINTER AND EARLY SPRING SPINACH FOR COMMERCIAL PROCESSING PRELIMINARY ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION 1956, WITH COMPARISONS

Reports from spinach processors in California and Texas indicate a 1956 production of 74,100 tons for canning and freezing from the winter crop in Texas and the early spring crop in California, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is about 19 percent more than the 1955 production of 62,000 tons and 47 percent above the average annual production of 50,360 tons for the 1945-54 period.

The 1956 acreage for harvest in these two States is estimated at 12,900 acres. This compares with 12,000 acres harvested in the winter and early spring of 1955 and an average annual harvested acreage of 13,480 acres for the preceding 10-year period.

The 1956 indicated yield for these two States is 5.74 tons per acre compared with 5.17 tons obtained last year and the average of 3.74 tons.

SEASONAL GROUP AND STATE	HARVESTED ACREAGE			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
	Average: 1945-54	1955	1956	Average: 1945-54	1955	1956	Average: 1945-54	1955	1956
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons
Winter Texas.....	6,090	4,000	4,000	1.5	1.3	2.5	9,080	5,200	10,000
Early Spring California..	7,390	8,000	8,900	5.6	7.1	7.2	41,280	56,800	64,100
Total above	13,480	12,000	12,900	3.74	5.17	5.74	50,360	62,000	74,100
Late Spring 1/.....	12,100	10,810	---	2.16	2.94	---	29,580	31,800	June 10
Nov 1/.....	8,220	6,650	---	3.51	4.39	---	27,180	29,200	Nov. 10
STATES 1/.....	33,800	29,460	---	3.11	4.18	---	107,120	123,000	Nov. 10

Averages for these groups include short-time averages for New York, Washington and "Other States."