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GREEN PEAS FOR COMMERCIAL PROCESSING PROSPECTIVE PLANTED ACREAGE 1956, WITH COMPARISONS

An intended increase of 6 percent from the 1955 plantings of green peas for processing is indicated for 1956, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This indicated increase is based on reports received from processors in late February and early March giving information on the acreage they intend to contract and plant in 1956. The indicated acreages for 1956 are interpretations of these reports from processors based on past relationships between such reports and the acreage actually planted.

If these early-season acreage prospects materialize, the 1956 plantings for processing will total 499,840 acres. This compares with 469,920 acres planted in 1955 and the average of 459,340 acres for the 1945-54 period.

Assuming a loss in plantings of around 6 percent in line with recent years, a planted acreage of 499,840 acres for processing would result in about 469,800 acres for harvest. This would compare with 433,900 acres harvested last year and the average of 429,080 acres harvested.

Of the 499,840 acres in prospect for processing this year, intentions reports indicate 346,080 acres will be planted for canning and 153,760 acres will be planted for freezing. The acreage indicated for canning, including strained peas and similar products, is about 5 percent more than last year's plantings but 3 percent less than average. The acreage to be planted for freezing is 10 percent more than last year and 51 percent above the 1945-54 average.

The purpose of this report is to assist growers and processors generally in making such further changes in their 1956 acreage plans as may appear desirable. The acreages actually planted in 1956 may turn out to be larger or smaller than indicated by reason of weather conditions, price of changes, labor supply, financial conditions and the effect of this report itself upon processors and growers' actions. The following table shows the acreages in prospect at the present time.

GREEN PEAS, Commercial crop for processing: Prospective planted acreage by States, 1956, with comparisons

STATE	Average	1955	Prospective	1956	
	1945-54			As percent of	1955
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Percent	Percent
Maine.....	7,430	7,800	8,000	108	103
New York.....	30,540	22,000	22,200	73	101
Pennsylvania.....	14,460	13,200	14,500	100	110
Ohio.....	3,360	1,300	1,400	42	108
Indiana.....	4,320	* 2,800	2,800	65	100
Illinois.....	24,240	29,200	30,600	126	105
Michigan.....	7,420	5,600	5,800	78	104
Wisconsin.....	135,810	127,000	134,600	99	106
Minnesota.....	52,600	62,400	63,600	121	102
Iowa.....	4,280	4,200	4,100	96	98
Delaware.....	2,490	4,000	6,200	249	155
Maryland.....	9,380	9,600	10,300	110	107
Virginia.....	2,320	2,800	2,500	108	89
Idaho.....	9,580	18,100	18,100	189	100
Colorado.....	4,190	2,500	2,800	67	112
Utah.....	10,780	7,200	7,200	67	100
Washington.....	61,900	70,000	77,000	124	110
Oregon.....	56,230	63,000	68,000	121	108
California.....	8,470	11,000	13,100	155	119
Other States <u>1/</u>	9,530	6,220	7,040	74	113
U. S. TOTAL	459,340	469,920	499,840	109	106
For freezing <u>2/</u>	101,770	139,390	153,760	151	110
For canning and other processing <u>2/</u>	357,570	330,530	346,080	97	105

* Revised.

1/ Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Tennessee, West Virginia and Wyoming.

2/ Not shown by States to avoid disclosure of individual operations.