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The prospective 1956 planted acreage for 8 vegetables for commercial processing is about 9 percent more than last year, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The 8 vegetables for processing for which 1956 intended acreage reports are now available are snap beans, beets, cabbage for kraut (contract acreage only), sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, green peas, winter and early spring spinach and tomatoes. These crops usually account for nearly 90 percent of the planted acreage for the 11 vegetables for processing covered in the regular program of reports.

The indicated changes in planted acreage, compared with last year, for the three crops for which prospective acreage has just been estimated, are: beets, 11 percent more; cucumbers for pickles, 4 percent less; and tomatoes 10 percent more. Details by States for these three crops are given in the attached commodity reports.

Prospective Planted Acreage by Crops, United States, April 15, 1956, with Comparisons

C R O P	Average	1955	1956
	1945-54		Prospective
	Acres	Acres	Acres
Beans, Snap 1/.....	130,540	146,010	152,490
Beets for Canning.....	17,090	18,590	20,720
Cabbage for Kraut (Contract)1/.....	9,940	7,680	9,820
Corn, Sweet 1/.....	496,100	406,900	469,980
Cucumbers for Pickles.....	144,140	134,220	129,070
Peas, Green 1/.....	459,340	469,920	499,840
Spinach (Winter and Early Spring)2/.....	14,680	12,800	13,200
Tomatoes.....	412,840	322,720	355,550
TOTALS - Crops for which prospective			
1956 planted acreage has been estimated	1,684,670	1,518,840	1,650,670
Asparagus for Processing.....	84,410	115,070	Dec. 28
Beans, Green Lima.....	99,120	105,050	May 10
Cabbage for Kraut (Open Market).....	8,420	5,840	Dec. 28
Pimientos.....	20,480	26,700	July 10
Spinach (Late Spring and Fall).....	26,250	21,790	June 11 & Nov.
TOTALS -			
11 CROPS FOR PAST SEASONS.....	1,922,450	1,793,290	Dec. 28

1/ From previous releases.

2/ Planted acreages comparable with harvested acreages in Report TC -56:303.

BEETS FOR COMMERCIAL CANNING
 PROSPECTIVE PLANTED ACREAGE
 1956 with Comparisons

An increase of about 11 percent over 1955 plantings of canning beets is indicated for 1956, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This estimate is based on reports received from beet canners in early April giving information on the acreage they intend to contract and plant in 1956. The indicated State acreages for 1956 are interpretations of these reports from canners based on past relationships between such reports and the acreage actually planted.

If these acreage prospects materialize, the 1956 plantings of canning beets will total 20,720 acres. Last year, 18,590 acres were planted and the 10-year average is 17,090 acres.

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

STATE	Average	1955	Prospective	1956	
	1945-54			As percent of	1955
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Percent	Percent
New York.....	4,120	5,300	6,000	146	113
Michigan.....	1,070	750	800	75	107
Wisconsin.....	6,900	7,700	8,100	117	105
Oregon.....	1,630	1,600	1,700	104	106
Other States <u>1</u> /...	3,370	3,240	4,120	122	127
U. S. TOTAL.....	17,090	18,590	20,720	121	111

1/ California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Washington.

CUCUMBERS FOR PICKLES
PROSPECTIVE PLANTED ACREAGE
1956, with Comparisons

A decrease of about 4 percent from the 1955 plantings of cucumbers for pickles is indicated for 1956, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This estimate is based on reports received from pickle packers in early April giving information on the acreage that they intend to contract and plant in 1956. The indicated State acreages for 1956 are interpretations of these reports from pickle packers, based on past relationships between such reports and the acreage actually planted.

If these early season prospects materialize, the 1956 plantings of cucumbers for pickles will total 129,070 acres. This compares with 134,220 acres planted in 1955 and the 10-year average of 144,140 acres.

Abandonment of planted acreage has averaged around 8 percent annually during the past 10 years. If 129,070 acres are planted and 8 percent is lost or abandoned there would be about 118,700 acres for harvest. This compares with 126,200 acres harvested in 1955 and an average of 131,460 acres for the preceding 10-year period.

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

CUCUMBERS, Commercial crop for pickles: Prospective planted acreage by States, 1956, with comparisons

STATE	Average	1955	Prospective	1956	
	1945-54			As percent of	Average
	Acres	Acres	Acres	1945-54	1955
				Percent	Percent
Maine.....	710	380	420	59	111
Massachusetts.....	790	900	950	120	106
Ohio.....	2,480	2,100	2,000	81	95
Indiana.....	4,700	2,300	2,100	45	91
Michigan.....	43,240	37,500	38,200	88	102
Wisconsin.....	22,270	18,000	19,400	87	108
Minnesota.....	2,190	1,900	2,600	119	137
Iowa.....	880	900	700	80	78
Missouri.....	1,160	700	600	52	86
Delaware.....	1,430	1,100	650	45	59
Maryland.....	4,350	2,300	2,300	53	100
Virginia.....	6,200	3,500	3,500	56	100
North Carolina...	11,080	13,600	12,200	110	90
South Carolina...	2,950	1,900	1,700	58	89
Georgia.....	7,300	9,300	7,200	99	77
Texas.....	4,910	8,500	7,200	147	85
Colorado.....	2,860	2,600	2,500	87	96
Washington.....	1,100	1,200	1,600	145	133
Oregon.....	1,520	1,700	1,900	125	112
California.....	3,420	3,200	3,900	114	122
Other States <u>1/</u> ...	18,600	20,640	17,450	94	85
U. S. TOTAL.....	144,140	134,220	129,070	90	96

1/ Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee and Utah.

TOMATOES FOR COMMERCIAL PROCESSING
PROSPECTIVE PLANTED ACREAGE
1956, with Comparisons

Intentions to plant reports on tomatoes for processing indicate an acreage increase this year of 10 percent over 1955, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This estimate is based on reports received from processors in early April giving information on the acreage that they intend to contract and plant in 1956. The State acreages for 1956 are interpretations of these reports from processors and are based on past relationships between such intentions reports and the acreage actually planted.

If these early-season acreage prospects materialize, the 1956 plantings of processing tomatoes will total 355,550 acres. This compares with the revised estimate of 322,720 acres planted in 1955 and the 1945-54 average plantings of 412,840 acres.

Abandonment of planted acreage averaged about 3 percent annually during the most recent 10-year period. If such a loss occurs on the indicated 355,550 acres, about 344,900 acres will be harvested in 1956. This compares with 317,920 acres harvested in 1955 and the average of 400,220 acres.

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

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

STATE	1955		1956	
	Average 1945-54	Prospective	As percent of Average 1945-54	of 1955
	Acres	Acres	Percent	Percent
New York.....	21,800	13,000	60	100
New Jersey.....	32,140	25,400	82	103
Pennsylvania.....	26,680	22,500	86	102
Ohio.....	24,370	16,000	66	100
Indiana.....	55,250	32,300	62	105
Illinois.....	11,760	9,600	88	108
Michigan.....	7,690	6,600	95	111
Wisconsin.....	1,390	1,000	79	110
Iowa.....	1,990	1,400	95	136
Missouri.....	6,640	1,600	26	106
Delaware.....	6,030	6,600	121	111
Maryland.....	31,400	15,200	45	92
Virginia.....	20,610	13,500	69	105
South Carolina...	1,730	1,200	81	117
Florida.....	4,700	8,400	170	95
Kentucky.....	2,550	1,300	51	100
Tennessee.....	2,980	600	20	100
Arkansas.....	9,470	3,000	35	110
Oklahoma.....	1,540	200	130	100
Texas.....	21,080	15,000	64	90
Colorado.....	4,060	3,400	94	112
Utah.....	7,170	6,800	92	97
California.....	106,040	116,300	137	125
Other States <u>1/</u> ...	3,770	1,820	46	96
U. S. TOTAL.....	412,840	322,720	86	110

1/ Alabama, Arizona, Connecticut, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Washington and West Virginia.