## **REFERENCE ROOM**

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SPINACH FOR PROCESSING PROSPECTIVE ACREAGE

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(Vegetables for Commercial Processing)

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1956 with Comparisons (Winter and Early Spring Crops)

According to the Crop Reporting Board, the 1956 winter and early spring acreage of spinach for processing in Texas and California is expected to total 12,400 acres. Such an acreage would be 3 percent less than the 12,800 acres planted last year and 16 percent below the 1945-54 average of 14,680 acres planted. The California acreage is expected to be 13 percent larger than that planted last year; the Texas acreage about one-third less. Practically all the processing acreage in Texas is in the irrigated sections of the Winter Garden, and Eagle Pass districts. It is doubtful if any of the Lower Valley spinach will be processed, and the acreage in the Coastal Bend is negligible.

PROSPECTIVE ACREAGE OF WINTER AND EARLY SPRING SPINACH FOR PROCESSING, AVERAGE 1945-54, ANNUAL 1955 AND 1956

	::10-yr. average (1945-54):		1955		1956		
SEASONAL GROUP AND STATE	Planted:	: : Harvested	Planted	: : Harvested :	1	: As po : cent : plan :l0-yr : av . :1945- : 54	of ted
	: Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres	 :Pct.	Pct.
Winter: Texas  Early Spring: California	: : 6,240 :	6,090	: 4,500	: 4,000	3,000	: : 48	: 67
	: : 8,440 :	7,390	: 8,300 :	: : 8,000	: 9,400	: :111 :	: :113
Fotal above	: : 14,680 :	13,480	12,800	12,000	12,400	: 84 :	 : 97