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SNAP BEANS FOR PROCESSING CONTRACTED ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION AUGUST 1, 1976

Production of snap beans contracted for processing in the United States for 1976 is estimated at 517,250 tons, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 16 percent below last year. Contracted acreage for harvest is placed at 209,090 in 1976, off 17 percent from a year earlier. Average yield per acre is forecast at 2.47 tons compared with 2.44 tons per acre on last year's total crop.

In New York, excessive moisture during the planting season reduced expected acreage and yields. Harvest is expected to be at least two weeks later than usual. Soil moisture in New Jersey has been short and irrigation has been heavy where available. Harvest of the early acreage is complete. Harvest of Pennsylvania snap beans began in early July. Yields to date have only been fair due to an uneven set. Prospects are good, but rain is needed.

Virginia's harvest is finished. Reduced yields resulted from dry conditions. Wisconsin's yields vary greatly from irrigated to non-irrigated acreage. Some of the late plantings do not have irrigation, so yields will depend much on future rainfall. In Illinois, hot weather during blooming time reduced the set in some areas, but plants are now in mostly good condition. Harvest is progressing normally.

In Western Washington, the cold, wet spring delayed planting until June so harvest will not begin until the end of August. Eastern Washington has a heavy set and the beans are of good quality. Harvest started August 2 in Walla Walla area and is expected to end around mid-September.

The overall Oregon crop is in good condition. Some early plantings will yield poorly because of cool weather but most late plantings are in excellent condition. Warm weather is beginning to expedite the maturity of the crop. Harvest of California's processing snap bean crop is complete in Fresno County but is just starting in the Sacramento Valley and northern San Joaquin Valley areas. Good yields are expected.

SNAP BEANS FOR PROCESSING: PRELIMINARY AREA AND INDICATED PRODUCTION BY STATES,
1976 WITH COMPARISONS

| STATE | AREA HARVESTED | | | | | | |
|------------|----------------|------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------|------------------|-------------------------------|
| | 1974 TOTAL | 1975 TOTAL | 1975 CONTRACT | INDICATED 1976 CONTRACT | | | |
| | ACRES | | | | | | |
| ARK | 6,000 | 4,000 | 4,000 | 3,800 | | | |
| CALIF | 7,000 | 7,400 | 7,400 | 5,200 | | | |
| COLO | 1,900 | 1,700 | 1,700 | 1,400 | | | |
| ILL | 8,600 | 9,000 | 8,300 | 5,100 | | | |
| MICH 1/ | 13,800 | 13,100 | 11,100 | 13,200 | | | |
| N Y | 49,700 | 48,000 | 46,100 | 40,000 | | | |
| OKLA | 1,400 | 2,200 | 2,200 | 1,600 | | | |
| OREG | 43,600 | 32,400 | 32,200 | 29,000 | | | |
| PA | 6,000 | 6,100 | 6,000 | 5,100 | | | |
| TENN | 12,000 | 15,000 | 6,900 | 6,700 | | | |
| VA | 2,700 | 2,900 | 2,900 | 2,900 | | | |
| WIS | 61,000 | 64,800 | 61,300 | 55,000 | | | |
| OTH STS 2/ | 77,380 | 65,180 | 61,980 | 40,090 | | | |
| U S | 291,080 | 271,780 | 252,080 | 209,090 | | | |
| | YIELD PER ACRE | | | | | | |
| | 1974 TOTAL | 1975 TOTAL 3/ | INDICATED 1976 CONTRACT | 1974 TOTAL | 1975 TOTAL | 1975 CONTRACT | INDICATED 1976 CONTRACT |
| | TONS | | | | | | |
| ARK | 2.17 | 2.58 | 2.50 | 13,000 | 10,300 | 10,300 | 9,500 |
| CALIF | 2.30 | 2.45 | 2.70 | 16,100 | 18,150 | 18,150 | 14,050 |
| COLO | 2.95 | 3.53 | 3.40 | 5,600 | 6,000 | 6,000 | 4,750 |
| ILL | 1.42 | 2.35 | 2.20 | 12,200 | 21,150 | 19,450 | 11,200 |
| MICH 1/ | 2.58 | 2.29 | 2.40 | 35,600 | 30,000 | 25,450 | 31,700 |
| N Y | 2.06 | 2.21 | 1.90 | 102,400 | 106,000 | 101,600 | 76,000 |
| OKLA | 1.82 | 2.32 | 2.30 | 2,550 | 5,100 | 5,100 | 3,650 |
| OREG | 4.20 | 4.23 | 4.30 | 183,200 | 137,100 | 136,100 | 124,700 |
| PA | 2.51 | 1.89 | 2.10 | 15,050 | 11,500 | 11,100 | 10,700 |
| TENN | 2.53 | 2.10 | 2.20 | 30,350 | 31,900 | 14,400 | 14,750 |
| VA | 2.07 | 1.66 | 1.60 | 5,600 | 4,800 | 4,800 | 4,600 |
| WIS | 2.55 | 2.21 | 2.30 | 155,550 | 143,200 | 135,900 | 126,500 |
| OTH STS 2/ | 2.21 | 2.11 | 2.12 | 171,150 | 137,550 | 130,350 | 85,150 |
| U S | 2.57 | 2.44 | 2.47 | 748,350 | 662,750 | 618,700 | 517,250 |

1/ PLANTED AREA WILL BE REVISED DEC. 16, 1976. 2/ ALA, DEL, FLA, GA, IDAHO, IND, KY, LA, MAINE, MD, MINN, MISS, MO, N J, N C, OHIO, S C, TEX, UTAH, WASH AND W VA. 3/ DERIVED 1975 CONTRACT YIELD MAY DIFFER SLIGHTLY FROM TOTAL YIELD DUE TO EXCLUSION OF OPEN MARKET PURCHASES.