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GREEN PEAS CONTRACTED FOR PROCESSING JULY 1, 1976

Green pea production contracted for processing in the United States for 1976 is estimated at 452,350 tons according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 19 percent below last year's production of 560,950 tons. Contract acreage estimated for harvest at 370,080 is 15 percent below the 433,050 acres harvested under contract last year. The estimated 1976 average yield per acre at 1.22 tons compares with 1.30 tons in 1975 and 1.35 tons per acre in 1974.

New York's harvest began the last two weeks of June. Generally favorable growing conditions have produced a good crop with normal yields. Harvest of Pennsylvania green peas was approximately 20 percent completed by July 1. Dry weather in early June has caused some yield variations but present conditions are good with adequate moisture. Illinois green peas suffered from hot, dry weather early in the season but there is now sufficient soil moisture in most areas. The crop is in mostly good condition. The Minnesota harvest is underway; however, hot dry weather has hurt much of the crop. Recent rains have improved prospects for later varieties. Extended dry weather in most districts of Wisconsin has cut yields. Scattered rain showers have improved prospects for the late crop.

Idaho harvest is in full swing and nearing the half way mark. Weather has been generally favorable for development of the crop. Yields are expected to be near normal in north Idaho where the bulk of the acreage is grown. Green peas in eastern Oregon are in fair to good condition. In western Oregon, some early plantings did poorly due to root rot and infestations of grass. Late plantings are in excellent condition. Harvest in eastern Washington got underway around the third week in June and is about 50% complete. Eastern Washington has had excellent weather conditions and growers expect better than average yields. Western Washington weather has been cooler than normal and damp which has slowed pea maturity. Although the crop is later than usual crop condition is good. By early June processing pea harvest was completed in California. Yields were down for both early and late varieties.

GREEN PEAS FOR PROCESSING

STATE	HARVESTED AREA						
	1974 TOTAL	1975 TOTAL	1975 CONTRACT	INDICATED 1976 CONTRACT			
ACRES							
CALIF	11,900	10,800	10,800	8,000			
COLO	530	340	340	430			
DEL	11,900	10,900	10,900	9,300			
IDAHO	12,000	13,500	13,500	17,500			
MD	6,000	5,700	5,700	7,600			
MINN	69,500	70,800	70,800	69,000			
N Y	6,800	6,400	6,400	4,500			
OREG	43,000	49,100	49,100	36,000			
WASH <u>1/</u>	76,400	80,400	80,400	62,500			
WIS	129,800	133,100	132,700	106,700			
OTH STS <u>2/</u>	49,870	52,410	52,410	48,550			
U S	417,700	433,450	433,050	370,080			
	YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION			
	1974 TOTAL	1975 <u>3/</u> TOTAL	INDICATED: 1976 CONTRACT	1974 TOTAL	1975 TOTAL	1975 CONTRACT	INDICATED 1976 CONTRACT
TONS (SHELLED)							
CALIF	1.81	2.06	1.60	21,550	22,200	22,200	12,800
COLO	.94	1.62	1.50	500	550	550	650
DEL	1.52	1.22	1.30	18,100	13,300	13,300	12,100
IDAHO	1.14	1.13	1.10	13,700	15,200	15,200	19,250
MD	1.45	1.21	1.20	8,700	6,900	6,900	9,100
MINN	1.17	1.12	1.00	81,300	79,600	79,600	69,000
N Y	1.53	1.38	1.60	10,400	8,800	8,800	7,200
OREG	1.23	1.12	1.10	52,900	55,000	55,000	39,600
WASH <u>1/</u>	1.58	1.58	1.70	120,700	126,850	126,850	106,250
WIS	1.33	1.21	1.00	172,650	161,200	160,750	106,700
OTH STS <u>2/</u>	1.28	1.37	1.44	63,900	71,800	71,800	69,700
U S	1.35	1.30	1.22	564,400	561,400	560,950	452,350

1/ WASHINGTON'S PLANTED AREA WILL BE REVISED DEC 16, 1976.

2/ ILL, IOWA, MAINE, MICH, MONT, N J, N C, OHIO, PA, TENN, UTAH, VA, AND WYO.

3/ DERIVED 1975 CONTRACT YIELD PER ACRE MAY DIFFER SLIGHTLY FROM TOTAL YIELD DUE TO EXCLUSION OF OPEN MARKET PURCHASES.