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PRELIMINARY ACREAGE HIGHLIGHTS

1976 CONTRACTED ACREAGE DOWN 14 PERCENT

The 1976 preliminary planted area of the principal processing vegetable crops (excluding cabbage for kraut) grown under contract in the United States is estimated at 7.6 million acres by the Crop Reporting Board. This is a reduction of 14 percent from the 1975 contracted acreage. Acreage for freezing purposes declined 17 percent while canning acreage dropped 13 percent.

GREEN LIMA BEANS: The preliminary planted area of lima beans is estimated at 50,020 acres contracted for 1976, down 38 percent from last year. Canning acreage is estimated 31 percent below last year while freezing acreage is down 43 percent. California's planting is on schedule and early stands look good. Wisconsin's crop development is slow due to a lack of moisture.

SNAP BEANS: Contracted plantings of snap beans at 224,890 acres are down 18 percent from last year. Area for freezing is down 12 percent and that expected to be canned is 19 percent below 1975. In Wisconsin, cool, wet weather delayed early planting and then an extended dry spell slowed development of the non-irrigated snap beans.

BEETS FOR CANNING: The planted area for processing beets, now estimated at 14,710 acres, is 23 percent less than the 1975 planted acreage of 19,210. Beets planted early in Wisconsin developed well, but late plantings are jeopardized by a lack of moisture.

SWEET CORN: The 1976 preliminary area for sweet corn for processing is estimated at 465,480 acres, down 10 percent from the 518,200 acres planted in 1975. Acreage estimated for freezing, at 119,500 is down 7 percent from 1975. Canning acreage at 345,980 acres is 11 percent below the 1975 acreage. Minnesota sweet corn is in fair to good condition; however, lack of moisture is a problem. Illinois sweet corn is slightly ahead of last year. Moisture has been generally adequate.

CUCUMBERS FOR PICKLES: The planted area of cucumbers for pickles is estimated at 121,910 acres, down 8 percent from the 1975 acreage of 132,810. In Michigan, cucumber planting has been slightly delayed because of dry weather. North Carolina's crop has had good growing conditions

GREEN PEAS: The 1976 contract area at 402,740 acres is 14 percent below the 1975 contract planted acreage of 465,770 acres. Green pea acreage intended for freezing in 1976 is estimated at 126,260 acres, 21 percent below 1975. Canning acreage at 276,480 acres is 10 percent below the 1975 level of 306,890 acres. In Wisconsin, dry weather cut back late planted acreage. Minnesota green peas had an early start, but were hurt by dry weather. Later varieties appear to be doing better than early varieties.

TOMATOES: Planted area in 1976 is estimated at 337,510 acres, 13 percent below the 385,840 acres planted in 1975. California, the largest grower of processing tomatoes, is 13 percent below the 1975 contract acreage.

CABBAGE FOR KRAUT UP: Prospective 1976 contract tonnage of cabbage for kraut, at 211,200 tons, is up slightly from the 1975 contract tonnage of 211,100 tons. In New York, planting is behind schedule due to wet weather. Wisconsin cabbage planting started early and ample moisture was available. However, dry weather is now reducing prospects for later plantings.

SPRING SPINACH: Planted area of spring spinach for processing is estimated at 11,540 acres, 16 percent below the 1975 acreage of 13,820. Acreage for freezing is estimated at 1,450 acres, 29 percent under last year's acreage of 2,040 acres. Canning acreage at 10,090 acres is 14 percent below last year's level of 11,780 acres. Total production, forecast at 54,400 tons, is 10 percent below last year.

GREEN LIMA BEANS FOR PROCESSING: PRELIMINARY PLANTED AREA, BY STATES, 1976, WITH COMPARISONS

STATE AND UTILIZATION	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1976/1975 PERCENT
	1974 TOTAL	1975 TOTAL	1975 CONTRACT	1976 CONTRACT	
	ACRES				
CALIF	26,900	28,100	28,100	16,600	59
MD	4,800	3,600	3,600	4,100	114
WIS	7,700	11,900	11,900	3,800	32
OTH STS ^{1/}	41,620	37,690	37,690	25,520	68
U S	81,020	81,290	81,290	50,020	62
FOR FREEZING					
BABY LIMAS	39,540	34,320	34,320	19,700	57
FORDHOOKS ^{2/}	14,100	13,900	13,900	7,600	55
FOR CANNING (PRIMARYLY BABY LIMAS)	27,380	33,070	33,070	22,720	69

^{1/} ARK, DEL, IDAHO, ILL, MICH, MINN, MISS, N J, N Y, OHIO, OREG, PA, TENN, UTAH, VA AND WASH.
^{2/} INCLUDES EMERALDS.

BEETS FOR CANNING: PRELIMINARY PLANTED AREA, BY STATES, 1976, WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1976/1975 PERCENT
	1974 TOTAL	1975 TOTAL	1975 CONTRACT	1976 CONTRACT	
	ACRES				
NY	5,400	4,900	4,700	4,200	89
TEX	2,700	3,300	3,300	1,700	52
WIS	8,600	8,200	8,200	6,800	83
OTH STS ^{1/}	3,480	3,010	3,010	2,010	67
U S	20,180	19,410	19,210	14,710	77

^{1/} CALIF, MICH, MINN, OHIO, OREG AND WASH.

SNAP BEANS FOR PROCESSING: PRELIMINARY PLANTED AREA, BY STATES, 1976, WITH COMPARISONS

STATE AND UTILIZATION	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1976/1975 PERCENT
	1974 TOTAL	1975 TOTAL		1976 CONTRACT	
	ACRES				
ARK	6,600	5,700	5,700	4,000	70
CALIF	7,400	7,800	7,800	5,400	69
COLO	2,000	1,900	1,900	1,500	79
ILL	12,200	9,700	9,000	5,500	61
MICH	14,800	13,600	11,600	12,500	108
N Y	52,700	50,800	48,800	45,300	93
OKLA	1,500	2,800	2,800	2,300	82
OREG	44,800	33,100	32,900	29,700	90
PA	6,600	6,700	6,500	5,500	85
TENN	12,600	15,400	6,900	6,900	100
TEX	6,700	5,300	5,300	3,100	58
VA	2,900	3,100	3,100	3,100	100
WIS	72,400	70,800	67,300	60,000	89
OTH STS 1/	78,750	68,100	64,500	40,090	62
U S	321,950	294,800	274,100	224,890	82
FOR FREEZING	65,660	53,730	51,000	45,020	88
FOR CANNING	256,290	241,070	223,100	179,870	81

1/ ALA, DEL, FLA, GA, IDAHO, IND, KY, LA, MAINE, MD, MINN, MISS, MO, N C, N J, OHIO, S C, UTAH, WASH AND W VA.

SWEET CORN FOR PROCESSING: PRELIMINARY PLANTED AREA, BY STATES, 1976, WITH COMPARISONS

STATE AND UTILIZATION	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1976/1975 PERCENT
	1974 TOTAL	1975 TOTAL		1976 CONTRACT	
	ACRES				
IDAHO	28,500	27,400	27,400	23,800	87
ILL	61,800	60,200	60,200	51,500	86
IOWA	12,900	15,100	15,100	10,500	70
MD	14,400	15,300	15,300	13,400	88
MINN	124,100	122,800	122,800	116,900	95
N Y	18,900	22,700	22,400	22,600	101
OREG	42,100	43,100	42,800	40,300	94
PA	7,300	6,300	6,300	5,500	87
WASH	40,300	43,100	43,000	34,300	80
WIS	144,800	146,900	146,600	133,900	91
OTH STS 1/	17,350	16,300	16,300	12,780	78
U S	512,450	519,200	518,200	465,480	90
FOR FREEZING	131,660	129,580	129,080	119,500	93
FOR CANNING	380,790	389,620	389,120	345,980	89

1/ DEL, IND, OHIO, TEX, UTAH, VA, AND W VA.

CABBAGE FOR KRAUT: PRELIMINARY PRODUCTION, BY STATES, 1976, WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	PRODUCTION				CONTRACT CHANGE 1976/1975 PERCENT
	1974 TOTAL	1975		1976 CONTRACT	
		TOTAL	CONTRACT	CONTRACT	
	TONS				
N Y	106,300	90,250	78,550	82,700	105
OHIO	26,000	16,700	16,700	14,500	87
WIS	68,750	71,150	60,600	66,200	109
OTH STS 1/	80,400	61,200	55,250	47,800	87
U S	281,450	239,300	211,100	211,200	100

1/ COLO, FLA, IDAHO, ILL, IND, MICH, N C, OREG, PA, TENN, VA AND WASH.

SPINACH FOR PROCESSING: PRELIMINARY AREA AND PRODUCTION, BY STATES,
1976, WITH COMPARISONS

SEASON, STATE AND UTILIZATION	HARVESTED AREA				YIELD PER ACRE		
	1974 TOTAL	1975		1976	1974 TOTAL	1975 TOTAL 1/	1976 CONTRACT
		TOTAL	CONTRACT	CONTRACT			
	ACRES						
WINTER 2/ CALIF	9,800	8,400	8,400	9,600	10.46	10.13	10.00
SPRING 2/ ARK	1,600	1,400	1,200	1,300	4.75	4.71	5.15
OKLA	1,500	1,300	1,300	1,700	3.67	4.23	4.10
OTH STS 3/	9,400	9,770	9,700	6,690	4.74	5.08	6.10
TOTAL SPRING	12,500	12,470	12,200	9,690	4.61	4.95	5.61
FOR FREEZING							
WINTER	6,500	5,500	5,500	4/	10.01	9.58	4/
SPRING	5,370	1,800	1,530		4.55	5.06	
FOR CANNING							
WINTER	3,300	2,900	2,900	4/	11.35	11.17	4/
SPRING	7,130	10,670	10,670		4.66	4.93	
	PRODUCTION				1976 CONTRACT		
	1974 TOTAL	1975		1976 CONTRACT			
		TOTAL	CONTRACT	CONTRACT	TONS		
WINTER 2/ CALIF	102,500	85,100		85,100	96,000		
SPRING 2/ ARK	7,600	6,600		5,700	6,700		
OKLA	5,500	5,500		5,500	6,900		
OTH STS 3/	44,550	49,600		49,450	40,800		
TOTAL SPRING	57,650	61,700		60,650	54,400		
FOR FREEZING							
WINTER	65,050	52,700		52,700	4/		
SPRING	24,450	9,100		8,050			
FOR CANNING							
WINTER	37,450	32,400		32,400	4/		
SPRING	33,200	52,600		52,600			

1/ DERIVED 1975 CONTRACT YIELD PER ACRE MAY DIFFER SLIGHTLY FROM TOTAL YIELD DUE TO EXCLUSION OF OPEN MARKET PURCHASES. 2/ FLA WINTER CROP COMBINED WITH SPRING "OTHER STATES" TO AVOID DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS. 3/ FLA, IDAHO, LA, MD, N J, N Y, OREG, PA, TENN, TEX, VA, WASH AND WIS. 4/ TO BE RELEASED DEC 16, 1976.

CUCUMBER FOR PICKLES: PRELIMINARY PLANTED AREA,
BY STATES, 1976, WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1976/1975 PERCENT
	1974 TOTAL	1975		1976 CONTRACT	
		TOTAL	CONTRACT	CONTRACT	
	ACRES				
SPRING & SUMMER					
CALIF	4,000	5,500	5,400	4,700	87
COLO	2,900	2,500	2,500	2,900	116
FLA	1,800	2,200	900	1,200	133
IND	2,200	2,900	2,800	1,400	50
MD	2,600	3,700	3,600	3,400	94
MICH	29,400	30,400	28,300	23,500	83
MISS	7,900	6,300	6,300	5,100	81
N C	29,500	30,500	28,700	24,400	85
N J	2,500	3,000	1,400	1,200	86
OHIO	7,200	7,100	6,900	6,300	91
S C	7,500	8,400	7,600	7,700	101
TEX 1/	7,100	6,400	6,300	5,800	92
VA	4,700	4,000	3,000	2,300	77
WIS	12,000	10,600	9,700	10,900	112
OTH STS 2/	16,200	19,910	19,410	21,110	109
U S	137,500	143,410	132,810	121,910	92

1/ BEGINNING 1975, SEPARATE ESTIMATES PROVIDED FOR SPRING & SUMMER AND FALL CROPS--PRIOR YEARS' FALL PLANTINGS INCLUDED IN SPRING & SUMMER GROUP. 2/ ALA, ARIZ, ARK, CONN, DEL, GA, IDAHO, ILL, KY, LA, MASS, MINN, MO, NEBR, N Y, OKLA, OREG, PA, R I, S DAK, TENN AND WASH.

GREEN PEAS FOR PROCESSING: PRELIMINARY PLANTED AREA,
BY STATES, 1976, WITH COMPARISONS

STATE AND UTILIZATION	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1976/1975 PERCENT
	1974 TOTAL	1975		1976 CONTRACT	
		TOTAL	CONTRACT	CONTRACT	
	ACRES				
CALIF	12,900	14,000	14,000	8,800	63
COLO	560	390	390	430	110
DEL	12,100	11,300	11,300	9,600	85
IDAHO	12,800	14,600	14,600	18,500	127
MD	6,300	5,900	5,900	7,800	132
MINN	78,600	75,900	75,900	72,900	96
N Y	6,900	6,700	6,700	4,600	69
OREG	45,500	52,200	52,200	37,500	72
WASH	77,600	83,000	83,000	73,100	88
WIS	146,900	148,000	147,600	119,700	81
OTH STS 1/	53,680	54,180	54,180	49,810	92
U S	453,840	466,170	465,770	402,740	86
FOR FREEZING	156,500	158,880	158,880	126,260	79
FOR CANNING	297,340	307,290	306,890	276,480	90

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

TOMATOES FOR PROCESSING: PRELIMINARY PLANTED AREA,
BY STATES, 1976, WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1976/1975 PERCENT
	1974 TOTAL	1975 TOTAL	1975 CONTRACT	1976 CONTRACT	
	ACRES				
CALIF	252,400	305,600	304,200	265,000	87
COLO	750	840	840	720	86
IND	15,300	16,100	15,400	14,000	91
MD	3,800	4,800	4,100	3,900	95
MICH	5,700	4,700	4,400	3,800	86
N J	13,400	11,000	9,900	8,300	84
N MEX	600	860	860	800	93
OHIO	25,600	24,500	23,900	22,300	93
PA	6,700	7,200	7,000	5,700	81
TEX	4,100	5,100	4,900	4,500	92
VA	4,200	3,900	3,700	3,400	92
OTH STS ^{1/}	11,140	9,330	6,640	5,090	77
U S	343,690	393,930	385,840	337,510	87

^{1/} ALA, ARK, DEL, FLA, ILL, IOWA, KY, LA, N Y, N C, OKLA, UTAH, AND W VA.