

VEGETABLES PROCESSING



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PRINCIPAL PROCESSING VEGETABLES CONTRACTED AREA AND PRODUCTION NOVEMBER 1, 1976

ALL CROPS: The preliminary combined production estimate for the Nation's nine major vegetable crops contracted for processing this year falls below the 1975 level by 11 percent, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Declines in output of lima beans, snap beans, beets, corn, cucumbers, peas, tomatoes, and cabbage more than offset a slightly larger tonnage of spinach to lower the aggregate to 11.4 million tons. Contracted production last year was 13.2 million tons.

CUCUMBERS FOR PICKLES: The 1976 crop of all cucumbers contracted for pickles is estimated at 597,000 tons, 4 percent below a year earlier. Area for harvest fell to 119,990 acres, down 5 percent, and yields are expected to average 4.98 tons per acre, up from 4.87 tons per acre in 1975.

In Michigan, hot, dry weather during August and early September reduced yield prospects. Harvesting weather was very good and very little acreage was abandoned. Quality of the crop was only fair. North Carolina's expected yield increase should more than offset the reduced harvested acreage.

PICKLE STOCKS: October 1, 1976 stocks of pickles (including sale stocks, fresh pack, and refrigerated types on an equivalent fresh weight basis) were reported at 471,500 tons, 5 percent below the same date in 1975. Of the total, 383,750 tons were from the 1976 crop. Carryover stocks from the previous crop made up 19 percent of total stocks compared with 14 percent in 1975 and 12 percent in 1974.

FALL SPINACH: This year's fall spinach crop contracted for processing is estimated at 8,350 tons, 33 percent below the 1975 level. Acreage for harvest fell 30 percent to 1,740 acres, while average yield slipped to 4.80 tons per acre.

The output from all seasonal groups of spinach is now expected to total 158,750 tons, virtually the same as last year.

PROCESSING VEGETABLES: UNITED STATES PRELIMINARY AREA AND INDICATED PRODUCTION 1/

CROP AND UTILIZATION	AREA HARVESTED			
	1974 TOTAL	1975 TOTAL	1975 CONTRACT	INDICATED 1976 CONTRACT
	ACRES			
GREEN LIMA BEANS	73,700	76,900	76,900	48,210
SNAP BEANS	291,080	271,980	252,080	209,090
BEETS	18,510	18,080	17,880	14,110
SWEET CORN	459,550	506,300	505,300	441,880
CUCUMBERS FOR PICKLES-ALL	132,010	138,370	126,900	119,990
SPRING & SUMMER	129,210	133,970	123,700	116,290
FALL 2/	2,800	4,400	3,200	3,700
GREEN PEAS	417,700	433,450	433,050	370,080
SPINACH-ALL	25,050	23,340	23,070	21,030
WINTER 3/	9,800	8,400	8,400	9,600
SPRING 3/	12,500	12,470	12,200	9,690
FALL	2,750	2,470	2,470	1,740
TOMATOES	337,700	384,250	376,460	313,680
TOTAL REPORTED TO DATE	1,755,300	1,852,670	1,811,640	1,538,070
CABBAGE FOR KRAUT 4/	13,910	11,700	10,300	
TOTAL 9 VEGETABLES 4/	1,769,210	1,864,370	1,821,940	
	PRODUCTION			
	1974 TOTAL	1975 TOTAL	1975 CONTRACT	INDICATED 1976 CONTRACT
	TONS			
GREEN LIMA BEANS	89,400	96,100	96,100	60,500
SNAP BEANS	748,350	662,750	618,700	517,250
BEETS	241,100	231,100	228,550	169,150
SWEET CORN	2,058,000	2,365,850	2,360,850	2,039,550
CUCUMBERS FOR PICKLES-ALL	597,000	674,250	619,900	597,000
SPRING & SUMMER	586,700	654,600	605,850	580,900
FALL 2/	10,300	19,650	14,050	16,100
GREEN PEAS	564,400	561,400	560,950	452,350
SPINACH-ALL	174,300	159,250	158,200	158,750
WINTER 3/	102,500	85,100	85,100	96,000
SPRING 3/	57,650	61,700	60,650	54,400
FALL	14,150	12,450	12,450	8,350
TOMATOES	7,019,850	8,503,400	8,386,000	7,184,000
TOTAL REPORTED TO DATE	11,492,400	13,254,100	13,029,250	11,178,550
CABBAGE FOR KRAUT 4/	281,450	239,300	211,100	211,200
TOTAL 9 VEGETABLES 4/	11,773,850	13,493,400	13,240,350	11,389,750

1/ 1976 ESTIMATES FOR ALL CROPS EXCEPT CUCUMBERS AND SPINACH (FALL) CARRIED FORWARD FROM EARLIER FORECASTS.
 2/ FLA, S C AND TEX.
 3/ 1976 FLA WINTER CROP INCLUDED WITH SPRING CROP TO AVOID DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.
 4/ CABBAGE FOR KRAUT PUBLISHED DEC 19, 1976 ALONG WITH TOTAL 9 VEGETABLES.

CUCUMBERS FOR PICKLES: PRELIMINARY AREA AND INDICATED PRODUCTION BY STATES

STATE	AREA HARVESTED			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION				
	1974	1975	INDICATED	1974	1975	INDICATED	1974	1975	INDICATED		
	TOTAL	TOTAL	CONTRACT	TOTAL	TOTAL	CONTRACT	TOTAL	TOTAL	CONTRACT		
	ACRES						TONS				
CALIF	3,900	5,500	5,400	4,500	15.42	12.52	14.80	60,150	68,850	67,950	66,600
COLO	2,500	2,400	2,400	2,400	9.40	7.40	9.20	23,500	17,750	17,750	22,100
IND	2,000	2,800	2,700	1,400	4.90	5.10	8.20	9,800	14,300	13,800	11,500
MD	2,600	3,500	3,400	3,500	6.08	7.90	5.50	15,800	27,650	27,150	19,250
MICH	27,400	27,600	25,600	22,800	4.23	4.68	4.10	115,900	129,200	120,300	93,500
MISS	6,900	4,800	4,800	5,000	2.47	2.85	2.40	16,800	13,700	13,700	12,000
N C	28,800	29,500	27,700	27,600	2.40	2.71	2.80	69,100	79,800	75,100	77,300
OHIO	6,800	6,900	6,700	6,200	7.69	9.03	10.80	52,300	62,300	60,650	66,950
S C	8,300	9,200	8,400	7,400	2.50	2.98	2.50	20,750	27,450	25,200	18,550
TEX	5,700	7,100	7,000	5,900	5.14	4.54	6.40	29,300	32,200	31,700	37,750
VA	4,600	3,900	2,900	2,300	3.76	5.28	5.30	17,300	20,600	15,300	12,200
WASH	1,600	1,800	1,800	1,900	9.93	10.28	13.70	16,150	18,500	18,500	26,050
WIS	11,400	10,200	9,400	9,100	3.91	4.25	4.40	44,550	43,350	39,950	40,050
OTH STS 2/	19,510	23,170	18,700	19,990	5.41	5.12	4.66	105,600	118,600	92,850	93,200
U S	132,010	138,370	126,900	119,990	4.52	4.87	4.98	597,000	674,250	619,900	597,000

CUCUMBERS FOR PICKLES: STOCKS IN TANKS, BARRELS AND FRESH PACK, OCTOBER 1, 1976

YEAR	FROM CURRENT YEAR CROP			FROM PREVIOUS YEAR CROP		
	SALT STOCK	FRESH PACK	REFRIGERATED	SALT STOCK	FRESH PACK	
	INCLUDING DILL			INCLUDING DILL		
	TONS					
U S						
1974	327,440	101,760	9,450	55,500	1,850	
1975	333,120	92,190	9,080	62,870	5,540	
1976 PRELIMINARY	312,070	66,070	5,610	88,310	4,440	

YEAR	COMBINED STOCKS	COMBINED STOCKS	TOTAL STOCKS
	FROM CURRENT YEAR	FROM PREVIOUS YEAR	
	CROP	CROP	
	TONS		
U S			
1974	438,650	57,350	496,000
1975	434,390	68,410	502,800
1976 PRELIMINARY	383,750	92,750	476,500

1/ DERIVED 1975 CONTRACT YIELD MAY DIFFER SLIGHTLY FROM TOTAL DUE TO EXCLUSION OF OPEN MARKET PURCHASES.
 2/ ALA, ARIZ, ARK, DEL, FLA, GA, IDAHO, ILL, KY, LA, MASS, MINN, MO, NEBR, N J, N Y, OKLA, OREG, PA, S DAK AND TENN.

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

SEASON, STATE AND UTILIZATION	AREA HARVESTED						
	1974 TOTAL	1975 TOTAL	1975 CONTRACT	INDICATED 1976 CONTRACT			
	ACRES						
TOTAL WINTER <u>1/</u>	9,800	8,400	8,400	9,600			
TOTAL SPRING <u>1/</u>	12,500	12,470	12,200	9,690			
FALL:							
ARK	140	550	550	360			
OKLA	310	280	280	160			
OTH STS <u>2/</u>	2,300	1,640	1,640	1,220			
TOTAL FALL	2,750	2,470	2,470	1,740			
U S	25,050	23,340	23,070	21,030			
	YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION			
	1974 TOTAL	1975 TOTAL <u>3/</u>	INDICATED 1976 CONTRACT	1974 TOTAL	1975 TOTAL	1975 CONTRACT	INDICATED 1976 CONTRACT
	TONS						
TOTAL WINTER <u>1/</u>	10.46	10.13	10.00	102,500	85,100	85,100	96,000
TOTAL SPRING <u>1/</u>	4.61	4.95	5.61	57,650	61,700	60,650	54,400
FALL:							
ARK	4.29	4.36	4.60	600	2,400	2,400	1,650
OKLA	4.03	5.00	5.00	1,250	1,400	1,400	800
OTH STS <u>2/</u>	5.35	5.27	4.84	12,300	8,650	8,650	5,900
TOTAL FALL	5.15	5.04	4.80	14,150	12,450	12,450	8,350
U S	6.96	6.82	7.55	174,300	159,250	158,200	158,750

1/ 1976 FLA WINTER CROP INCLUDED WITH SPRING CROP TO AVOID DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

2/ CALIF, MD, MISS, N J, TENN, VA AND WASH.

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