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PRINCIPAL PROCESSING VEGETABLES CONTRACTED ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION SEPTEMBER 1, 1975

ALL CROPS: The Nation's output of the seven major vegetable crops contracted for processing reported to date will total an estimated 11.9 million tons, according to the Crop Reporting Board. If current expectations are realized, this would be an 11 percent boost over last year's production of lima beans, snap beans, beets, sweet corn, peas, spinach (winter and spring), and tomatoes. Prospects for a record tomato crop of nearly 8.0 million tons, as well as increases in lima bean and sweet corn tonnages easily offset declines in snap beans, beets, and green peas to result in the aggregate increase.

A total of 1.7 million acres contracted for processing will be harvested in 1975, up 5 percent from a year earlier. Of those crops reported here for the first time, lima bean acreage is up 8 percent, beets are 2 percent higher, sweet corn will rise by 6 percent and tomato acreage is 14 percent above 1974.

GREEN LIMA BEANS: This year's production of green lima beans contracted for processing is estimated at 99,700 tons, 16 percent more than in 1974. Acreage for harvest will be up 8 percent to 78,320 acres, and yields are expected to average 1.27 tons per acre compared with 1.19 tons last year.

In California, the leading producer, harvest is well underway and will be active through September. Idaho's crop is in good condition, but in Washington yields have suffered due to heat damage.

The Wisconsin harvest should peak near mid-September and, barring early frosts, yields will be good. In Delaware, too much rain at planting time and excessive heat during blossoming led to some spotty fields, but later plantings are in good condition. The New Jersey crop has been reduced by rains and hot temperatures.

BEETS: Output of beets contracted for processing in the United States will be off 3 percent to 223,750 tons, based on conditions as of September 1, 1975. Although acreage for harvest is estimated higher, at 18,360 acres, the average yield is forecast at only 12.19 tons per acre compared with 13.0 in 1974.

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PROCESSING VEGETABLES: PRELIMINARY ACREAGE AND INDICATED PRODUCTION,
BY CROPS, UNITED STATES, 1975 WITH COMPARISONS

CROP	ACREAGE HARVESTED			INDICATED 1975 CONTRACT
	1973 TOTAL	1974 TOTAL	1974 CONTRACT	
ACRES				
ALL PROCESSING 1/				
GREEN LIMA BEANS	77,530	72,200	72,200	78,320
SNAP BEANS	292,180	289,380	274,720	264,160
BEETS	16,400	18,510	17,960	18,360
SWEET CORN	453,900	459,150	457,700	486,600
GREEN PEAS	420,590	425,600	425,400	437,710
SPINACH - WINTER 2/	10,700	10,900	10,900	9,100
SPRING	10,320	11,400	11,400	12,000
TOMATOES	295,100	337,700	329,080	
TOTAL REPORTED TO DATE	1,576,720	1,624,840	1,599,360	1,680,280
CABBAGE FOR KRAUT	13,040	13,830	13,830	DEC 19
CUCUMBERS FOR PICKLES				
SPRING & SUMMER	125,930	131,920	114,890	NOV 14
FALL	2,600	22,800	1,000	NOV 14
SPINACH - FALL	5,920	2,560	2,560	NOV 14
TOTAL 9 VEGETABLES	1,724,210	1,775,950	1,731,640	DEC 19
PRODUCTION				
	1973 TOTAL	1974 TOTAL	1974 CONTRACT	INDICATED 1975 CONTRACT
TONS				
ALL PROCESSING 1/				
GREEN LIMA BEANS	98,100	85,950	85,950	99,700
SNAP BEANS	741,650	743,150	707,850	670,100
BEETS	200,850	240,650	231,050	223,750
SWEET CORN	2,179,200	2,054,800	2,047,700	2,203,150
GREEN PEAS	500,850	572,700	571,850	548,750
SPINACH - WINTER	93,400	107,650	107,650	91,000
SPRING	47,050	52,500	52,500	60,200
TOMATOES	5,934,550	7,019,850	6,865,450	7,962,550
TOTAL REPORTED TO DATE	9,795,650	10,877,250	10,670,000	11,859,200
CABBAGE FOR KRAUT	219,150	278,600	278,600	227,150
CUCUMBERS FOR PICKLES				
SPRING & SUMMER	598,800	595,750	524,850	NOV 14
FALL	10,400	10,300	2,300	NOV 14
SPINACH - FALL	30,000	13,550	13,550	NOV 14
TOTAL 9 VEGETABLES	10,654,000	11,775,450	11,489,300	NOV 14

1/ 1975 ESTIMATES FOR SNAP BEANS, GREEN PEAS, SPINACH AND CABBAGE CARRIED FORWARD FROM EARLIER FORECASTS. 2/ 1975 FLA WINTER CROP INCLUDED WITH SPRING CROP TO AVOID DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

GREEN LIMA BEANS FOR PROCESSING: PRELIMINARY ACREAGE AND INDICATED PRODUCTION,
BY STATES, 1975 WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	ACREAGE HARVESTED				INDICATED 1975 CONTRACT		
	1973 TOTAL	1974 TOTAL	1974 CONTRACT				
ACRES							
CALIF	28,200	25,100	25,100		29,000		
DEL	16,100	15,800	15,800		12,600		
MD	3,800	4,400	4,400		3,600		
WASH	2,700	1,800	1,800		2,100		
WIS	7,400	5,300	5,300		7,800		
OTH STS <u>1/</u>	19,330	19,800	19,800		23,220		
U S	77,530	72,200	72,200		28,320		
	YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION			
	1973 TOTAL	1974 TOTAL	INDICATED 1975 CONTRACT	1973 TOTAL	1974 TOTAL	1974 CONTRACT	INDICATED 1975 CONTRACT
TONS							
CALIF	1.72	1.71	1.80	48,500	42,900	42,900	52,200
DEL	.83	.83	.80	13,350	13,100	13,100	10,100
MD	.84	.75	.80	3,200	3,300	3,300	2,900
WASH	1.50	1.92	1.50	4,050	3,450	3,450	3,150
WIS	.93	.94	1.00	6,900	5,000	5,000	7,800
OTH STS <u>1/</u>	1.14	.92	1.01	22,100	18,200	18,200	23,550
U S	1.27	1.19	1.27	98,100	85,950	85,950	99,700

1/ ALA, ARK, IDAHO, ILL, IND, MICH, MINN, N J, N Y, OHIO, OREG, PA, TENN, UTAH, AND VA. 2/ DERIVED 1974 CONTRACT YIELD MAY DIFFER SLIGHTLY FROM TOTAL YIELD DUE TO EXCLUSION OF OPEN MARKET PURCHASES.

BEETS FOR CANNING: PRELIMINARY ACREAGE AND INDICATED PRODUCTION,
BY STATES, 1975 WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	ACREAGE HARVESTED				INDICATED 1975 CONTRACT		
	1973 TOTAL	1974 TOTAL	1974 CONTRACT				
ACRES							
N Y	4,200	5,100	4,700		4,500		
TEX	2,800	1,900	1,850		2,900		
WIS	6,600	8,100	8,000		8,100		
OTH STS <u>1/</u>	2,800	3,410	3,410		2,860		
U S	16,400	18,510	17,960		18,360		
	YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION			
	1973 TOTAL	1974 TOTAL	INDICATED 1975 CONTRACT	1973 TOTAL	1974 TOTAL	1974 CONTRACT	INDICATED 1975 CONTRACT
TONS							
N Y	15.71	16.90	16.00	66,000	86,200	79,450	72,000
TEX	7.80	7.37	8.00	21,850	14,000	13,500	23,200
WIS	9.18	10.65	10.50	60,600	86,250	83,900	85,050
OTH STS <u>1/</u>	18.71	15.89	15.21	52,400	54,200	54,200	43,500
U S	12.25	13.00	12.19	200,850	240,650	231,050	223,750

1/ CALIF, MICH, N J, OHIO, OREG, AND WASH. 2/ DERIVED 1974 CONTRACT YIELD MAY DIFFER SLIGHTLY FROM TOTAL YIELD DUE TO EXCLUSION OF OPEN MARKET PURCHASES.

SWEET CORN FOR PROCESSING: PRELIMINARY ACREAGE AND INDICATED
PRODUCTION, BY STATES, 1975 WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	ACREAGE HARVESTED				INDICATED 1975 CONTRACT		
	1973 TOTAL	1974 TOTAL	1974 CONTRACT				
	ACRES						
DEL	2,200	1,700	1,700		1,300		
IDAHO	26,600	27,200	27,200		26,600		
ILL	54,000	56,700	56,700		56,000		
IOWA	8,400	12,100	12,100		14,900		
MD	14,500	13,900	13,900		14,400		
MINN	102,000	111,100	111,100		117,000		
N Y	15,200	17,900	17,400		20,200		
OREG	40,600	41,400	41,000		41,600		
PA	6,600	6,900	6,600		5,900		
WASH	38,200	38,600	38,600		40,700		
WIS	132,600	118,100	117,850		133,000		
OTHER STATES <u>1/</u>	13,000	13,550	13,550		15,000		
U S	453,900	459,150	457,700		486,600		
	YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION			
	1973 TOTAL	1974 TOTAL <u>2/</u>	INDICATED: 1975 CONTRACT	1973 TOTAL	1974 TOTAL	1974 CONTRACT	INDICATED 1975 CONTRACT
	TONS						
DEL	3.64	3.60	3.80	8,000	6,100	6,100	4,950
IDAHO	5.32	5.62	5.90	141,500	152,850	152,850	156,950
ILL	4.22	3.58	4.80	227,900	203,000	203,000	268,800
IOWA	5.14	4.33	4.30	43,200	52,400	52,400	64,050
MD	3.45	3.37	3.70	50,050	46,850	46,850	53,300
MINN	5.44	4.19	3.90	554,900	465,500	465,500	456,300
N Y	3.00	4.15	3.50	45,600	74,300	72,200	70,700
OREG	7.36	7.23	7.70	298,800	299,300	296,400	320,300
PA	3.08	3.57	3.80	20,300	24,650	23,550	22,400
WASH	6.02	5.97	5.50	229,950	230,450	230,400	223,850
WIS	3.85	3.83	3.80	510,500	452,300	451,350	505,400
OTHER STATES <u>1/</u>	3.73	3.48	3.74	48,500	47,100	47,100	56,150
U S	4.80	4.48	4.53	2,179,200	2,054,800	2,047,700	2,203,150

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

2/ DERIVED 1974 CONTRACT YIELD MAY DIFFER SLIGHTLY FROM TOTAL YIELD DUE TO EXCLUSION OF OPEN MARKET PURCHASES.

TOMATOES FOR PROCESSING: PRELIMINARY ACREAGE AND INDICATED PRODUCTION,
BY STATES, 1975 WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	ACREAGE HARVESTED				INDICATED 1975 CONTRACT		
	1973 TOTAL	1974 TOTAL	1974 CONTRACT				
	ACRES						
CALIF	218,000	249,900	246,200		295,000		
COLO	640	630	630		650		
IND	13,900	15,100	14,820		15,300		
MD	4,100	3,700	3,200		3,900		
MICH	3,600	5,300	4,200		4,400		
N J	11,600	13,300	11,400		9,500		
N MEX	600	600	600		860		
N Y	3,000	2,900	2,400		2,100		
OHIO	18,000	25,100	25,100		23,300		
PA	6,300	6,600	6,300		6,900		
TEX	2,900	2,600	2,580		3,900		
VA	4,300	4,100	4,000		3,600		
OTHER STATES <u>1/</u>	8,160	7,870	7,650		4,620		
U S	295,100	337,700	329,080		374,030		
	YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION			
	1973 TOTAL	1974 TOTAL <u>2/</u>	INDICATED: 1975 CONTRACT	1973 TOTAL	1974 TOTAL	1974 CONTRACT	INDICATED: 1975 CONTRACT
	TONS						
CALIF	22.30	23.40	22.70	4,861,400	5,847,650	5,761,450	6,696,500
COLO	12.34	12.22	13.60	7,900	7,700	7,700	8,850
IND	14.40	11.42	16.00	200,200	172,450	169,300	244,800
MD	11.21	12.93	11.40	45,950	47,850	42,200	44,450
MICH	14.83	11.40	16.00	53,400	60,400	48,500	70,400
N J	14.65	17.41	14.50	169,950	231,550	197,550	137,750
N MEX	10.00	12.00	12.00	6,000	7,200	7,200	10,300
N Y	14.60	13.76	18.40	43,800	39,900	33,350	38,650
OHIO	16.49	14.67	19.50	296,800	368,200	368,200	454,350
PA	13.47	14.08	15.50	84,850	92,950	88,700	106,950
TEX	8.62	8.38	8.00	25,000	21,800	21,600	31,200
VA	8.72	9.01	11.40	37,500	36,950	35,750	41,050
OTHER STATES <u>1/</u>	12.48	10.83	16.73	101,800	85,250	83,950	77,300
U S	20.11	20.79	21.29	5,934,550	7,019,850	6,865,450	7,962,550

1/ ALA, ARK, DEL, FLA, ILL, IOWA, KANS, KY, LA, N C, OKLA, UTAH, WASH AND W VA.

2/ DERIVED 1974 CONTRACT YIELD MAY DIFFER SLIGHTLY FROM TOTAL YIELD DUE TO EXCLUSION OF OPEN MARKET PURCHASES.

Wisconsin's crop, the Nation's largest, was delayed by earlier dry weather, but late August rains should boost yields. Harvest in Michigan is expected to begin in early September, and in New York, yields will be normal despite extremely dry weather. The Texas spring crop was harvested in the Rio Grande area in March and planting of fall beets is now underway in the Winter Garden.

California's harvest was over by the end of August. Cool, wet Oregon weather has reduced yields there, but in Washington, average yields are expected as pulling gets in full swing later this month.

SWEET CORN: Tonnage of sweet corn contracted for processing is expected to total 2.2 million tons this year, an 8 percent increase from the 1974 crop. Estimated acreage for harvest will hit 486,600 acres, 6 percent above a year ago and the average yield forecast is up slightly to 4.53 tons per acre.

In Wisconsin and Minnesota, mid-summer drought cut yields in most areas, however, later crop prospects appear brighter as a result of recent rains. The Illinois crop is yielding very well in spite of water damage early in the season and hot, dry weather later. In New York, yields were reduced by extreme temperatures and lack of moisture, but Pennsylvania's crop has enjoyed favorable conditions.

Idaho harvest is underway with the early crop yielding poorly, though later plantings are much better. Oregon's cool, wet summer has delayed harvest, but rains have improved quality and size. Washington's crop is also late and warmer conditions are needed. Generally ideal weather East of the Cascades has allowed harvest to move along smoothly.

TOMATOES: This year's production of tomatoes contracted for processing is forecast at a record 8.0 million tons, 16 percent greater than the 1974 level. Acreage for harvest, at 374,030 acres, is 14 percent above last year and higher than expectations earlier this season. In California, acreage finally contracted by processors is now estimated at 295,000 acres for harvest. The U. S. average yield is estimated at 21.29 tons per acre, up from last year's 20.79 tons.

California, the Nation's leader, reports harvest is underway in all districts, although later than last year. Cold, wet spring weather and some cool summer periods reduced deliveries to date, but good volumes are expected through September. Ohio's harvest has reached its peak. Recent rains there have caused some deterioration in quality and yields may suffer. Indiana's crop was hurt by dry weather in July and a wet August, but yields are expected to be much above last year.

In Michigan, heavy late August rains damaged tomatoes in the southwest area. New York weather has favored tomato development, while in New Jersey, excessive rainfall and heat reduced crop prospects. The Pennsylvania crop is progressing normally, although excessive moisture in some areas has hampered harvest activities and lowered yields. Harvest of the Texas spring crop in the Lower Rio Grande Valley was completed in June. Harvest of the High Plains crop and in the Trans-Pecos area is underway. Planting of the fall crop in the Lower Rio Grande will get started as soon as fields dry from the "Caroline" rains.



