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## **Contracted Processing Production Down 1 Percent from Last Year Asparagus Production Up 8 Percent Spring Onion Production Up 29 Percent**

The 2011 contracted processing vegetable production for the four major processing crops (snap beans, sweet corn, green peas, and tomatoes) is forecast at 16.3 million tons, down 1 percent from last year. Production of processing tomatoes, at 12.7 million tons, is up slightly from last year. Snap bean production, at 656,340 tons, is down 12 percent from last year's production. Sweet corn production, at 2.64 million tons, is down 2 percent from last year. Green pea production, at 302,090 tons, is 16 percent below 2010. Contracted area for harvest of the four major processing vegetable crops, at 927,100 acres, is 6 percent below 2010.

Production of the 2011 asparagus crop is forecast at 864,000 cwt, up 8 percent from 2010. Area harvested, at 27,800 acres, is down 1 percent from last year. Fresh production, at 694,000 cwt, is up 2 percent from 2010. Processed production, at 8,500 tons, is up 42 percent from last year.

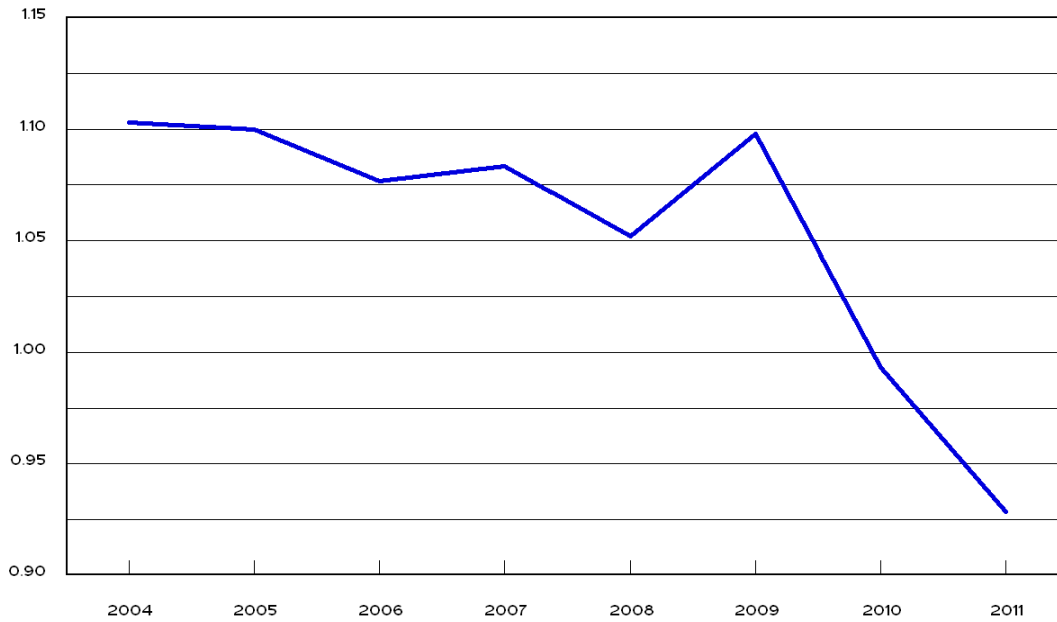
The end-of-season spring onion production estimate, at 9.63 million cwt, is up 29 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 29,600 acres, is up 14 percent from a year ago, and yield, at 325 cwt per acre, is up 36 cwt per acre from 2010. The value of the spring crop is estimated at 182 million dollars, 38 percent below last year.

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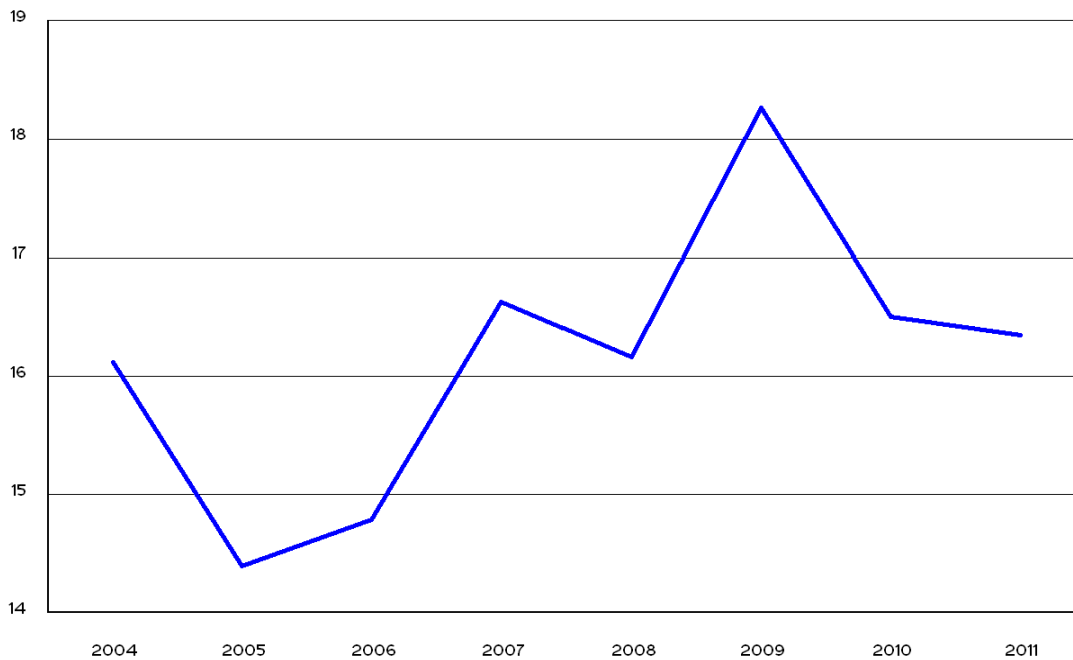
**Contracted Area Harvested for Four Major Processing Vegetables - United States  
Snap beans, Sweet corn, Green peas, and Tomatoes**

Million acres



**Contracted Production for Four Major Processing Vegetables - United States  
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Million tons



## Processing Vegetable Area Harvested and Production by Crop – United States: 2009, 2010, and Forecasted 2011 (Domestic Units)

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Crop	Area harvested			
	2009	2010		2011
	Total	Total	Contract <sup>1</sup>	Contract <sup>1</sup>
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)
Snap beans .....	196,179	194,460	187,790	162,650
Sweet corn .....	379,500	338,300	338,300	329,950
Green peas <sup>2</sup> .....	205,400	175,400	175,400	159,100
Tomatoes .....	327,800	288,900	286,900	275,400
United States .....	1,108,879	997,060	988,390	927,100
Cucumber for pickles <sup>3</sup> .....	97,500	88,200	80,000	
Total 5 vegetables .....	1,206,379	1,085,260	1,068,390	

Crop	Production			
	2009	2010		2011
	Total	Total	Contract <sup>1</sup>	Contract <sup>1</sup>
	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)
Snap beans .....	816,440	768,300	747,880	656,340
Sweet corn .....	3,234,080	2,689,380	2,689,380	2,636,880
Green peas <sup>2</sup> .....	441,680	358,730	358,730	302,090
Tomatoes .....	13,970,560	12,776,280	12,691,280	12,749,750
United States .....	18,462,760	16,592,690	16,487,270	16,345,060
Cucumbers for pickles <sup>3</sup> .....	548,640	549,640	493,704	
Total 5 vegetables .....	19,011,400	17,142,330	16,980,974	

<sup>1</sup> Includes acreage from major brokers.

<sup>2</sup> Carried forward from earlier forecast.

<sup>3</sup> Cucumbers for pickles will be published in the *Vegetables 2011 Summary* released January 2012.

## Processing Vegetable Area Harvested and Production by Crop – United States: 2009, 2010, and Forecasted 2011 (Metric Units)

[Blank data cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Crop	Area harvested			
	2009	2010		2011
	Total	Total	Contract <sup>1</sup>	Contract <sup>1</sup>
	(hectares)	(hectares)	(hectares)	(hectares)
Snap beans .....	79,390	78,700	76,000	65,820
Sweet corn .....	153,580	136,910	136,910	133,530
Green peas <sup>2</sup> .....	83,120	70,980	70,980	64,390
Tomatoes .....	132,660	116,910	116,110	111,450
United States <sup>3</sup> .....	448,750	403,500	399,990	375,190
Cucumbers for pickles <sup>4</sup> .....	39,460	35,690	32,380	
Total 5 vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	488,210	439,190	432,370	

Crop	Production			
	2009	2010		2011
	Total	Total	Contract <sup>1</sup>	Contract <sup>1</sup>
	(metric tons)	(metric tons)	(metric tons)	(metric tons)
Snap beans .....	740,660	696,990	678,460	595,420
Sweet corn .....	2,933,890	2,439,750	2,439,750	2,392,120
Green peas <sup>2</sup> .....	400,680	325,430	325,430	274,050
Tomatoes .....	12,673,810	11,590,390	11,513,280	11,566,320
United States <sup>3</sup> .....	16,749,050	15,052,560	14,956,920	14,827,910
Cucumbers for pickles <sup>4</sup> .....	497,720	498,620	447,880	
Total 5 vegetables <sup>3</sup> .....	17,246,760	15,551,180	15,404,800	

<sup>1</sup> Includes acreage from major brokers.

<sup>2</sup> Carried forward from earlier forecast.

<sup>3</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

<sup>4</sup> Cucumbers for pickles will be published in the *Vegetables 2011 Summary* released January 2012.

**Snap Beans for Processing Area Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2009, 2010, and Forecasted 2011**

State	Area harvested						
	2009		2010			2011	
	Total		Total	Contract <sup>1</sup>		Contract <sup>1</sup>	
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)
Illinois .....	11,500	11,100	11,100	11,100		5,600	
Indiana .....	4,400	5,500	5,100	5,100		4,300	
Michigan .....	16,500	14,800	14,800	14,800		14,500	
Minnesota .....	7,600	7,700	7,700	7,700		7,300	
New York .....	19,400	22,100	21,580	21,580		19,100	
Oregon .....	18,950	16,800	16,800	16,800		17,600	
Pennsylvania .....	7,000	11,400	11,100	11,100		13,300	
Wisconsin .....	81,700	77,800	77,800	77,800		61,800	
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	29,129	27,260	21,810	21,810		19,150	
United States .....	196,179	194,460	187,790	187,790		162,650	

State	Yield per acre			Production			
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010		2011
	Total	Total	Contract <sup>1</sup>	Total	Total	Contract <sup>1</sup>	Contract <sup>1</sup>
	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)
Illinois .....	3.80	3.73	3.40	43,700	41,410	41,410	19,040
Indiana .....	3.56	3.09	3.25	15,650	17,000	15,760	13,980
Michigan .....	3.95	3.98	3.25	65,180	58,910	58,910	47,130
Minnesota .....	3.11	2.82	3.75	23,640	21,690	21,690	27,380
New York .....	2.87	3.91	2.89	55,670	86,520	84,930	55,200
Oregon .....	5.94	6.45	6.60	112,600	108,350	108,350	116,160
Pennsylvania .....	3.95	2.75	2.60	27,660	31,360	30,560	34,580
Wisconsin .....	4.32	3.97	4.18	353,290	308,750	308,750	258,320
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	4.09	3.46	4.42	119,050	94,310	77,520	84,550
United States .....	4.16	3.95	4.04	816,440	768,300	747,880	656,340

<sup>1</sup> Includes acreage from major brokers.

<sup>2</sup> Other States include California, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Maryland, New Jersey, North Carolina, Texas, and Virginia.

**Sweet Corn for Processing Area Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2009, 2010, and Forecasted 2011**

State	Area harvested						
	2009		2010			2011	
	Total		Total	Contract <sup>1</sup>		Contract <sup>1</sup>	
	(acres)		(acres)	(acres)		(acres)	
Illinois .....	16,500		16,100	16,100			(D)
Minnesota .....	122,400		119,300	119,300			119,500
Oregon .....	24,000		20,000	20,000			(D)
Washington .....	81,700		65,600	65,600			71,100
Wisconsin .....	85,700		78,700	78,700			66,400
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	49,200		38,600	38,600			72,950
United States .....	379,500		338,300	338,300			329,950

State	Yield per acre			Production			
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010		2011
	Total	Total	Contract <sup>1</sup>	Total	Total	Contract <sup>1</sup>	Contract <sup>1</sup>
	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)
Illinois .....	7.85	6.10	(D)	129,500	98,210	98,210	(D)
Minnesota .....	8.00	6.93	6.55	979,250	826,410	826,410	782,730
Oregon .....	10.00	10.11	(D)	240,000	202,280	202,280	(D)
Washington .....	10.37	10.00	10.30	847,010	656,280	656,280	732,330
Wisconsin .....	7.78	7.56	7.87	666,630	595,140	595,140	522,570
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	7.55	8.06	8.21	371,690	311,060	311,060	599,250
United States .....	8.52	7.95	7.99	3,234,080	2,689,380	2,689,380	2,636,880

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> Includes acreage from major brokers.

<sup>2</sup> For 2009 and 2010, Other States include, Delaware, Idaho, Iowa, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, and Pennsylvania. Beginning in 2011, Other States include Illinois and Oregon.

**Tomatoes for Processing Area Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2009, 2010, and Forecasted 2011**

State	Area harvested						
	2009		2010			2011	
	Total		Total	Contract <sup>1</sup>		Contract <sup>1</sup>	
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)		(acres)	
California .....	308,000		270,000	268,000		257,000	
Indiana .....	9,800		9,600	9,600		9,300	
Michigan .....	3,400		3,500	3,500		3,300	
Ohio .....	6,600		5,800	5,800		5,800	
United States .....	327,800		288,900	286,900		275,400	

State	Yield per acre			Production			
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010		2011
	Total	Total	Contract <sup>1</sup>	Total	Total	Contract <sup>1</sup>	Contract <sup>1</sup>
	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)
California .....	43.23	45.54	47.47	13,314,000	12,297,000	12,212,000	12,200,000
Indiana .....	32.79	21.40	30.65	321,340	205,440	205,440	285,050
Michigan .....	39.00	33.00	31.00	132,600	115,500	115,500	102,300
Ohio .....	30.70	27.30	28.00	202,620	158,340	158,340	162,400
United States .....	42.62	44.22	46.30	13,970,560	12,776,280	12,691,280	12,749,750

<sup>1</sup> Includes acreage from major brokers.



## Processing Crop Comments

**Snap beans:** Contracted production of snap beans is forecast at 656,340 tons, down 12 percent from last year. Contracted harvested area is down 13 percent but yield is up 0.09 tons per acre from last year. In Indiana, heavy rainfall followed by excessive heat slowed crop progress. In Minnesota, planting was delayed due to cold and wet conditions during the spring season. In Michigan, low yields have been reported due to hot and dry weather throughout July. Pennsylvania growers reported very hot and dry conditions during the growing season. Wisconsin growers reported very hot temperatures during July.

**Sweet corn:** Contracted sweet corn production is forecast at 2.64 million tons, down 2 percent from last year. A decline of 2 percent in contracted harvested area is expected to more than offset an increase in yield of 0.04 ton per acre from 2010. In Minnesota, planting was delayed due to cool and wet spring conditions.

**Tomatoes:** Contracted tomato production is forecast at 12.7 million tons, up slightly from last year. A decline of 4 percent in contracted harvested area is expected to be more than offset by a yield increase of 2.08 tons per acre. In California, the season got off to a slow start due to cool temperatures and wet conditions. Harvest was underway by August. Indiana's processing tomatoes were reported to be in fair condition despite heavy rainfall during the planting season.

**Asparagus Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, Production, Price, and Value – States and United States: 2009-2011**

State	Area planted			Area harvested		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)
California .....	13,000	12,000	12,500	12,500	11,500	12,000
Michigan .....	11,200	10,700	10,400	10,700	10,500	9,800
Washington .....	6,500	6,500	6,500	6,000	6,000	6,000
United States .....	30,700	29,200	29,400	29,200	28,000	27,800
State	Yield per acre			Production		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
	(cwt)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
California .....	32	35	34	400	403	408
Michigan .....	22	16	22	235	168	216
Washington .....	44	38	40	264	228	240
United States .....	31	29	31	899	799	864
State	Price per cwt			Value of production		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
California .....	130.00	147.00	149.00	52,000	59,241	60,792
Michigan .....	70.40	83.00	80.20	16,553	13,948	17,322
Washington .....	76.90	77.10	78.00	20,302	17,588	18,720
United States .....	98.80	114.00	112.00	88,855	90,777	96,834

## Asparagus Production, Price, and Value by Utilization – States and United States: 2009-2011

Utilization and State	Production					
	2009		2010		2011	
	(1,000 cwt)		(1,000 cwt)		(1,000 cwt)	
<b>Fresh market</b>						
California <sup>1</sup> .....	400		403			408
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	303		276			286
United States .....	703		679			694
	(tons)		(tons)		(tons)	
<b>Processing</b>						
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	9,800		6,000			8,500
United States .....	9,800		6,000			8,500
<b>Canning</b> .....	5,100		3,100			4,600
<b>Freezing</b> .....	4,700		2,900			3,900
Utilization and State	Price per unit			Value of production		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
<b>Fresh market</b>						
California <sup>1</sup> .....	130.00	147.00	149.00	52,000	59,241	60,792
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	78.60	84.60	81.20	23,827	23,356	23,220
United States .....	108.00	122.00	121.00	75,827	82,597	84,012
	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
<b>Processing</b>						
Other States <sup>2</sup> .....	1,330.00	1,360.00	1,510.00	13,028	8,180	12,822
United States .....	1,330.00	1,360.00	1,510.00	13,028	8,180	12,822
<b>Canning</b> .....	1,360.00	1,440.00	1,600.00	6,918	4,468	7,362
<b>Freezing</b> .....	1,300.00	1,280.00	1,400.00	6,110	3,712	5,460

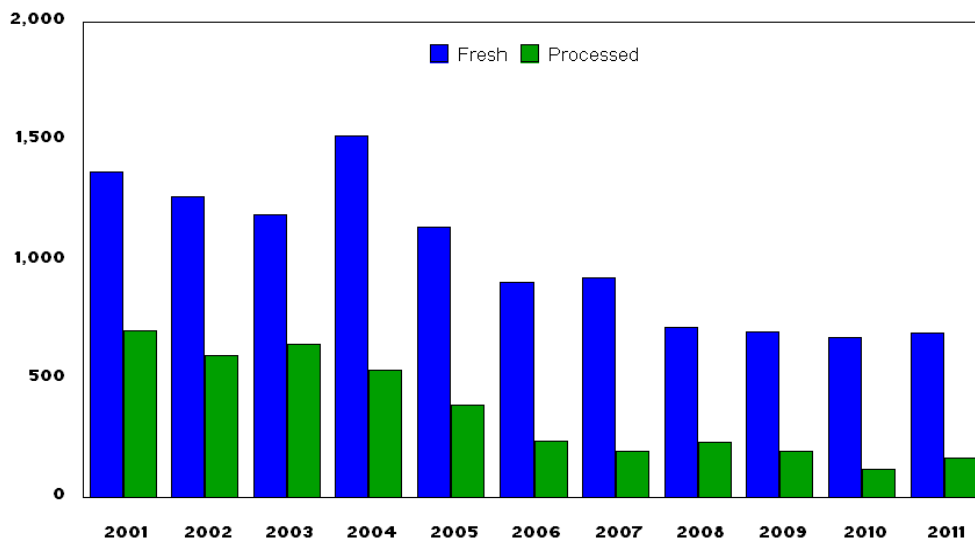
<sup>1</sup> Includes a small amount of processing asparagus.

<sup>2</sup> Other States include Michigan and Washington.

**Asparagus:** Production from the 2011 asparagus crop is forecast at 864,000 cwt, up 8 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 27,800 acres, is down 1 percent from 2010. Total value of the crop, at 96.8 million dollars, is up 7 percent from 2010. Fresh production of 694,000 cwt is up 2 percent from a year ago. Processed production, at 8,500 tons, is up 42 percent from 2010. Asparagus for canning, at 4,600 tons, is up 48 percent from last year. Frozen asparagus production of 3,900 tons, is up 34 percent from 2010. In Michigan, the growing season was reported to be good for the asparagus crop. Adequate moisture and ideal temperatures benefited crop development. Harvest began in May and was complete by late-June. In California, adequate rainfall and mild temperatures in the Salinas Valley and San Joaquin Valley provided favorable growing conditions. Harvest of the asparagus crop was complete in most areas of the State by mid-July.

### Asparagus Production - United States

1,000 cwt



**Spring Onion Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, Production, Price, and Value – States and United States: 2010 and 2011**

State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(cwt)	(cwt)
California .....	6,400	6,500	6,200	6,300	410	400
Georgia .....	12,000	13,600	11,100	12,100	205	245
Texas .....	10,000	13,000	8,600	11,200	310	370
United States .....	28,400	33,100	25,900	29,600	289	325

State	Production		Price per cwt		Value of Production	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
California .....	2,542	2,520	18.00	11.60	45,756	29,232
Georgia .....	2,276	2,965	49.70	31.00	113,117	91,915
Texas .....	2,666	4,144	50.20	14.70	133,833	60,917
United States .....	7,484	9,629	39.10	18.90	292,706	182,064

**Spring onions:** The end-of-season spring onion production estimate, at 9.63 million cwt, is up 29 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 29,600 acres, is up 14 percent from a year ago, and yield, at 325 cwt per acre, is up 36 cwt per acre from 2010. The value of the spring crop is estimated at 182 million dollars, 38 percent less than last year. In Georgia, harvest of spring onions began around mid-April and was 95 percent complete by the end of May. Planting of spring onions in California began in most areas by December. Cool and wet weather was reported during the growing season.

## Statistical Methodology

**Survey Procedures:** Acreage and production information included in this report is collected six times during the year. Acreage forecasts are obtained on a quarterly basis for fresh market and processing vegetables. For fresh market vegetables, growers are surveyed seasonally for estimates of crops such as onions and strawberries. Producers growing multiple fresh market crops are surveyed at seasonal intervals in major producing States for the remaining vegetable crops in the program. Data are collected by telephone interviews, mail out, faxed questionnaires, and personal interviews. Data accuracy and reducing respondent burden are taken into account in conducting the surveys. The most desirable survey method is to do a complete enumeration of growers. When this is not possible, a mail inquiry, sent to a sample of growers, is conducted. Due to the variable nature of the vegetable industry, mail lists are frequently updated to ensure complete coverage.

**Summary and Estimation Procedures:** The vegetable surveys collect data in the major producing States for each respective commodity. States with a small number of growers survey all known commercial producers of vegetable commodities. States with a large number of producers contact a sample of growers to get data. Sampling may still result in a census for some vegetables.

**Revision Policy:** Quarterly vegetables reports are released by season (winter in January, spring in April, summer in July, and fall in September and October) and they are not subject to revisions, except for summer storage onion estimates in July.

**Reliability:** Survey indications are subject to sampling variability because all operations growing vegetables are not included in the sample. Survey results are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omission, duplication, imputation for missing data, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. These errors cannot be measured directly, but are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service will be organizing an open forum for data users. The purpose will be to provide updates on pending changes in the various statistical and information programs and seek comments and input from data users. Other USDA agencies to be represented will include the Agricultural Marketing Service, the Economic Research Service, the Foreign Agricultural Service, and the World Agricultural Outlook Board. The Foreign Trade Division from the Census Bureau will also be included in the meeting.

For registration details or additional information for the Data Users' Meeting, see the NASS homepage at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/meeting/> or contact Marie Jordan (NASS) at 202-690-8141 or at [marie\\_jordan@nass.usda.gov](mailto:marie_jordan@nass.usda.gov).

This Data Users' Meeting precedes an Industry Outlook Meeting that will be held at the same location on Tuesday October 18, 2011. The Outlook meeting brings together analysts from various commodity sectors to discuss the outlook situation. For registration details or additional information for the Industry Outlook Meeting, see the Livestock and Marketing Information Center (LMIC) homepage at <http://www.lmic.info/> or contact Erica Rosa 303-236-0461 at [rosa@lmic.info](mailto:rosa@lmic.info) or Laura Lahr 303-236-0464 at [lahr@lmic.info](mailto:lahr@lmic.info).