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Contracted Processing Production Up 2 Percent from Last Year

The 2006 contracted processing vegetable production for the four major processing crops (snap beans, sweet corn, green peas, and tomatoes) is forecast at 14.7 million tons, up 2 percent from last year's comparable States. Production of processing tomatoes, at 10.5 million tons, is 5 percent above comparable States in 2005. Snap bean production, at 768,070 tons, is down 5 percent from last year's comparable States production. Sweet corn production, at 3.03 million tons, is down 4 percent from last year, and green pea production, at 416,890 tons, is 10 percent above 2005. Contracted acreage for harvest of the four major processing vegetable crops, at 1.09 million acres, is 1 percent below comparable States in 2005.

Asparagus Production Down 20 Percent

Production of the 2006 asparagus crop is forecast at 1.45 million cwt, down 20 percent from the revised 2005 production and 30 percent below 2004. Acres harvested, at 44,200, are down 18 percent from last year and 28 percent below two years earlier. Fresh production of 1.20 million cwt, decreased 15 percent from the revised 2005 production and is 21 percent below 2004. Processed production, at 12,400 tons, is down 36 percent from last year and 54 percent below two years ago.

Spring Onion Production Up 19 Percent

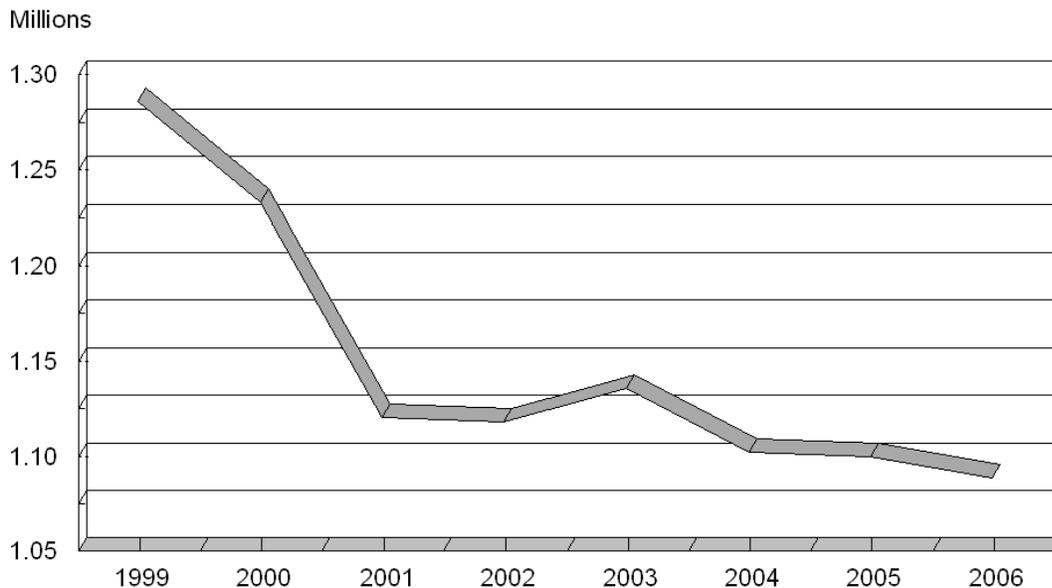
The end-of-season spring onion production estimate, at 13.3 million cwt, is up 19 percent from last year. Acres harvested, at 34,500, are down 2 percent from a year ago, while yield, at 386 cwt per acre, is up 68 cwt per acre from 2005. The value of the spring crop is estimated at 241 million dollars, 6 percent below last year.

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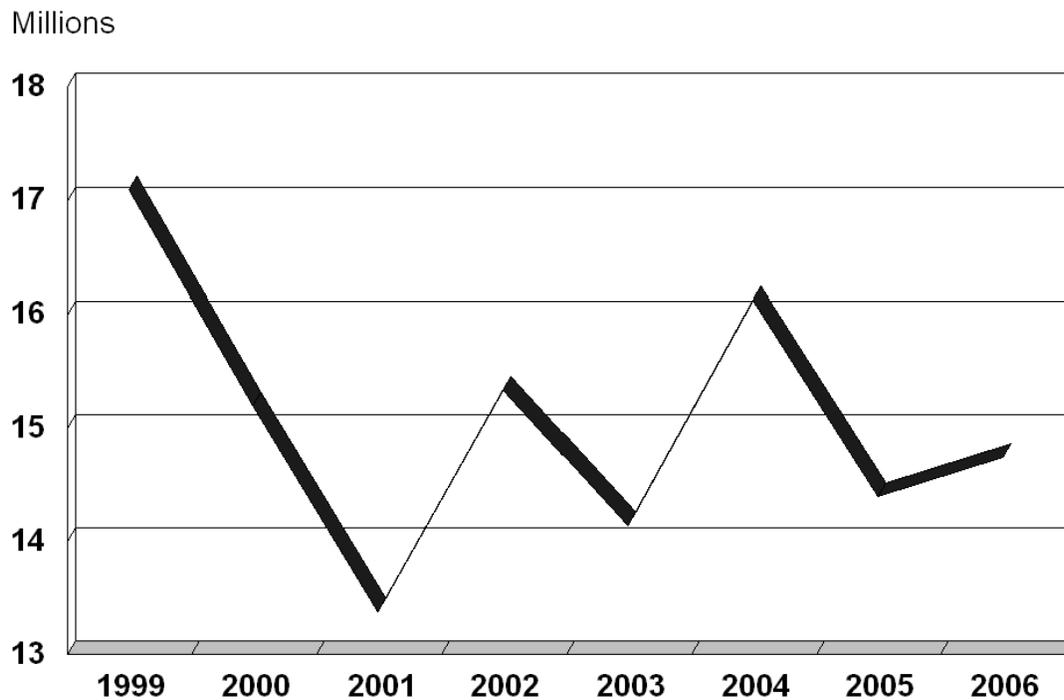
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(Snap Beans, Sweet Corn, Green Peas, and Tomatoes)
 United States, 1999-2006 (Acres)



4 Major Processed Vegetables: Contracted Production
(Snap Beans, Sweet Corn, Green Peas, and Tomatoes)
 United States, 1999-2006 (Tons)



**Processing Vegetables: Area Harvested and Production
by Crop, United States, 2004-2005 and Forecasted 2006
(Domestic Units)**

Crop	Area Harvested			
	2004 Total	2005		2006 Contract ¹
		Total	Contract ¹	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
All Processing				
Snap Beans	200,990	210,620	207,020	188,040
Sweet Corn	405,800	403,910	403,310	391,600
Green Peas ²	206,900	211,600	211,600	212,900
Tomatoes	300,620	282,040	278,040	295,800
Total	1,114,310	1,108,170	1,099,970	1,088,340
Cucumbers for Pickles ³	113,000	113,700	88,700	
Total 5 Vegetables	1,227,310	1,221,870	1,188,670	
	Production			
	2004 Total	2005		2006 Contract ¹
		Total	Contract ¹	
	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>
All Processing				
Snap Beans	835,880	821,770	810,495	768,070
Sweet Corn	2,968,180	3,174,120	3,169,510	3,027,960
Green Peas ²	397,570	379,020	379,020	416,890
Tomatoes	12,266,410	10,200,120	10,040,120	10,527,080
Total	16,468,040	14,575,030	14,399,145	14,740,000
Cucumbers for Pickles ³	591,380	570,720	426,180	
Total 5 Vegetables	17,059,420	15,145,750	14,825,325	

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

² Carried forward from earlier forecast.

³ Cucumbers for pickles will be published in the *Vegetables 2006 Summary*, released January 2007.

**Processing Vegetables: Area Harvested and Production
by Crop, United States, 2004-2005 and Forecasted 2006
(Metric Units)**

Crop	Area Harvested			
	2004 Total	2005		2006 Contract ¹
		Total	Contract ¹	
	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>
All Processing				
Snap Beans	81,340	85,240	83,780	76,100
Sweet Corn	164,220	163,460	163,220	158,480
Green Peas ²	83,730	85,630	85,630	86,160
Tomatoes	121,660	114,140	112,520	119,710
Total ³	450,950	448,470	445,150	440,440
Cucumbers for Pickles ⁴	45,730	46,010	35,900	
Total 5 Vegetables ³	496,680	494,480	481,040	
	Production			
	2004 Total	2005		2006 Contract ¹
		Total	Contract ¹	
	<i>Metric Tons</i>	<i>Metric Tons</i>	<i>Metric Tons</i>	<i>Metric Tons</i>
All Processing				
Snap Beans	758,290	745,490	735,260	696,780
Sweet Corn	2,692,670	2,879,500	2,875,320	2,746,900
Green Peas ²	360,670	343,840	343,840	378,190
Tomatoes	11,127,840	9,253,340	9,108,200	9,549,960
Total ³	14,939,480	13,222,180	13,062,620	13,371,830
Cucumbers for Pickles ⁴	536,490	517,750	386,620	
Total 5 Vegetables ³	15,475,960	13,739,920	13,449,240	

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

² Carried forward from earlier forecast.

³ Totals may not add due to rounding.

⁴ Cucumbers for pickles will be published in the *Vegetables 2006 Summary*, released January 2007.

**Snap Beans for Processing: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production
by State and United States, 2004-2005 and Forecasted 2006**

State	Area Harvested						
	2004 Total	2005					2006 Contract ¹
		Total	Contract ¹				
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
FL		2,100	2,100				
IL	11,200	16,700	15,100				14,800
IN	5,700	5,500	5,500				5,500
MI	17,300	22,200	22,200				17,800
NY	20,400	21,200	20,600				20,000
OR	17,800	18,500	18,500				18,600
PA	13,500	9,500	8,500				10,700
WI	73,100	75,500	75,200				72,700
Oth Sts ^{2 3 4}	41,990	39,420	39,320				27,940
US ^{3 4}	200,990	210,620	207,020				188,040
	Yield per Acre			Production			
	2004 Total	2005 Total	2006 Contract ¹	2004 Total	2005		2006 Contract ¹
					Total	Contract ¹	
	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>
FL		4.43			9,300	9,300	
IL	4.67	4.08	3.90	52,320	68,180	61,300	57,720
IN	3.09	3.13	3.55	17,630	17,200	17,200	19,530
MI	3.54	2.81	4.00	61,280	62,460	62,460	71,200
NY	3.25	3.25	3.80	66,310	68,970	68,970	76,000
OR	6.48	6.30	6.30	115,320	116,530	116,530	117,180
PA	3.46	2.88	1.90	46,760	27,380	24,575	20,330
WI	4.41	4.12	4.20	322,640	311,280	310,010	305,340
Oth Sts ^{2 3 4}	3.66	3.56	3.61	153,620	140,470	140,150	100,770
US ^{3 4}	4.16	3.90	4.08	835,880	821,770	810,495	768,070

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

² 2004 - AR, CA, DE, FL, GA, MD, MN, MO, NJ, NC, TX, VA, and WA.

2005 - AR, CA, DE, GA, MD, MN, MO, NJ, NC, TX, and VA.

2006 - CA, DE, FL, GA, MD, MN, NJ, NC, TX, and VA.

³ Seasonal forecasts for AR and MO are not available. Estimates to be published in the *Vegetables 2006 Summary*, released January 2007.

⁴ WA estimates discontinued in 2005.

**Sweet Corn for Processing: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production
by State and United States, 2004-2005 and Forecasted 2006**

State	Area Harvested						
	2004 Total	2005					2006 Contract ¹
		Total	Contract ¹				
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
DE ²	7,300	7,300	7,300				
MD	6,500	6,700	6,700				6,900
MN	135,400	136,400	136,400				131,000
NY	19,000	17,600	17,600				17,200
OR	28,500	23,200	23,200				27,000
PA	1,700	1,300	1,300				1,200
WA	94,800	81,200	81,200				83,800
WI	78,600	92,000	91,400				80,400
Oth Sts ³	34,000	38,210	38,210				44,100
US	405,800	403,910	403,310				391,600
	Yield per Acre			Production			
	2004 Total	2005 Total	2006 Contract ¹	2004 Total	2005		2006 Contract ¹
	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	Total	Contract ¹	<i>Tons</i>
					<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>
DE ²	6.72	6.72		49,020	49,020	49,020	
MD	7.11	6.24	6.60	46,200	41,840	41,840	45,540
MN	6.61	7.16	7.05	894,590	977,090	977,090	923,550
NY	5.80	6.60	6.90	110,200	116,160	116,160	118,680
OR	9.12	10.08	9.20	259,910	233,810	233,810	248,400
PA	4.70	5.10	6.50	7,990	6,630	6,630	7,800
WA	8.71	9.76	9.40	826,140	792,160	792,160	787,720
WI	6.50	7.39	7.10	511,220	680,230	675,620	570,840
Oth Sts ³	7.73	7.25	7.38	262,910	277,180	277,180	325,430
US	7.31	7.86	7.73	2,968,180	3,174,120	3,169,510	3,027,960

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

² 2006 data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ 2004 - ID, IL, IA, NJ, TN and VA.

2005 - ID, IL, IA, NJ, TN and VA.

2006 - DE, ID, IL, IA, NJ, and TN.

**Tomatoes for Processing: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production
by State and United States, 2004-2005 and Forecasted 2006**

State	Area Harvested						
	2004 Total		2005			2006 Contract ¹	
			Total	Contract ¹			
	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Acres</i>		<i>Acres</i>		<i>Acres</i>
CA	281,000		264,000		260,000		279,000
IN	8,300		7,900		7,900		8,000
MI ²	3,500						3,200
OH	6,200		5,800		5,800		5,600
Oth Sts ^{3 4}	1,620		4,340		4,340		
US ^{3 4}	300,620		282,040		278,040		295,800
	Yield per Acre			Production			
	2004 Total	2005 Total	2006 Contract ¹	2004 Total	2005		2006 Contract ¹
					Total	Contract ¹	
	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>
CA	41.54	36.36	35.84	11,672,000	9,600,000	9,440,000	10,000,000
IN	33.11	33.73	32.25	274,810	266,470	266,470	258,000
MI ²	31.00		35.00	108,500			112,000
OH	28.60	30.22	28.05	177,320	175,280	175,280	157,080
Oth Sts ^{3 4}	20.85	36.49		33,780	158,370	158,370	
US ^{3 4}	40.80	36.17	35.59	12,266,410	10,200,120	10,040,120	10,527,080

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

² 2005 data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ 2004 - MD and NJ.

2005 - MD, MI, and NJ.

⁴ MD and NJ dropped from the national estimating program starting in 2006.

Snap Beans: Contracted production of snap beans is forecast at 768,070 tons, down 2 percent from comparable States last year. Based on comparable States between 2005 and 2006, contracted harvested acreage went down 4 percent, while yield per acre increased 0.12 ton per acre. In Wisconsin, early heat and dry conditions in the northwest part of the State led to lower yields. However, good conditions later in the season helped to improve yields. Oregon's harvest began the second week of July. Harvesting in Washington County was completed by mid-August. In New York, despite the torrential rains received during May and June in the central and eastern sections, yield is reported to be higher than last year's crop. Harvest is progressing well with no major pest or disease problems reported. Michigan's crop looked good going into harvest. However, wet conditions and periods of high temperatures adversely affected harvest progress in some areas of the State. Little disease or insect pressure is reported. The planting season in Illinois was ideal due to excellent moisture conditions. Early heat in the season advanced the crop and helped to maximize yields. In Indiana, despite hail damage and cool, wet conditions at the start of the season, the snap bean crop was in good condition. The State experienced above average temperatures and rainfall during the season.

Sweet Corn: Contracted sweet corn production is forecast at 3.03 million tons, down 4 percent from last year. A decrease of 3 percent in contracted harvested area is accompanied by a decrease in yield of 0.13 ton per acre when comparing the 2006 season to 2005. In Minnesota, cold, wet conditions slowed planting during the first half of May. Warm, drier conditions followed which helped to dry wet spots. Planting moved quickly once soils were workable. As of June 2nd, topsoil moisture supplies across the State were rated 72 percent adequate. As of June 18th, the crop was 92 percent planted. Hot, dry conditions persisted during July with moisture supplies dipping as low as 15 percent adequate with temperatures in the 90's. Precipitation during the first half of August helped to improve moisture supplies. As of August 18th, topsoil moisture supplies were rated 47 percent adequate and harvest was 49 percent complete. In Washington, conditions have been mostly hot and dry throughout the summer. Water supplies are adequate and harvest is progressing. The crop is reported to be mostly average. In Wisconsin, conditions were mostly favorable for sweet corn production. However, early yields were affected by bunching caused by early season heat. Oregon experienced unusually hot weather early in the summer, but it is too soon to know if it adversely affected yields. Despite torrential rains in New York in the central and eastern sections of the State, yields have increased from last year. Despite a higher population of corn flea beetles reported earlier in the season, harvest is progressing well with no major pest or disease problems. In Maryland, dry conditions during the summer have not adversely affected production due to widespread irrigation. The dry conditions resulted in very little disease pressure for the crop. However, extreme hot temperatures in July caused some scalding and burning. As of August 20, the harvest of sweet corn in the State was 81 percent complete.

Tomatoes: Contracted tomato production is forecast at 10.5 million tons, up 5 percent from last year for comparable States. Based on comparable States between 2005 and 2006, a 7 percent increase in contracted harvested acreage was accompanied by a yield decrease of 0.55 tons per acre. In California, heavy precipitation delayed planting. Growers were hindered from entering their fields due to muddy conditions and flooded fields. The State's heat wave in mid to late July, in which temperatures ranged from 112-115 degrees, increased disease pressure for early season processing tomatoes. Bacterial spot affected many acres. In Indiana, the tomato crop is reported to be in good condition despite hail and cool, wet conditions at the start of the season. The poor weather conditions required some processors to replant, which was not complete until mid-June. In Ohio, planting of the tomato crop was 98 percent complete by June 18. Harvest was 11 percent complete by August 20. Weather conditions have been extremely hot during the season. The Statewide rainfall between April 1 and August 20 was 1.28 inches above normal. Michigan's tomatoes progressed well through the summer. Harvest began on time although sporadic wet conditions and periods of high temperatures were affecting harvest progress.

**Asparagus for Fresh Market and Processing: Area Planted and Harvested,
Yield, Production, and Value by State and United States, 2004-2006**

State	Area Planted			Area Harvested		
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
CA	36,000	30,000	23,000	34,000	29,000	22,500
MI ¹	15,000	12,700	12,200	13,500	12,200	11,700
WA	15,000	14,000	11,000	14,000	13,000	10,000
US ¹	66,000	56,700	46,200	61,500	54,200	44,200
	Yield per Acre			Production		
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>
CA	35	36	34	1,190	1,044	765
MI ¹	20	19	22	270	232	257
WA	43	41	43	602	532	430
US ¹	34	33	33	2,062	1,808	1,452
	Value					
	Per Cwt			Total		
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
CA	141.00	114.00	128.00	167,790	119,016	97,920
MI ¹	64.70	51.80	57.80	17,468	12,006	14,866
WA	52.80	51.80	52.00	31,802	27,580	22,376
US ¹	105.00	87.70	93.10	217,060	158,602	135,162

¹ 2005 revised.

**Asparagus for Fresh Market and Processing: Production and Value
by Utilization, State, and United States, 2004-2006**

Utilization and State	Production					
	2004		2005		2006	
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	
Fresh Market						
CA ¹		1,190		1,044		765
MI ²		26		58		31
WA		308		316		408
US ²		1,524		1,418		1,204
	<i>Tons</i>		<i>Tons</i>		<i>Tons</i>	
Processing						
MI		12,200		8,700		11,300
WA		14,700		10,800		1,100
US		26,900		19,500		12,400
Canning		21,300		16,100		8,300
Freezing		5,600		3,400		4,100
	Value					
	Per Unit			Total		
	2004	2005	2006	2004	2005	2006
	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>			<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		
Fresh Market						
CA ¹	141.00	114.00	128.00	167,790	119,016	97,920
MI ²	90.00	63.00	64.00	2,340	3,654	1,984
WA	49.80	49.00	51.50	15,338	15,484	21,012
US ²	122.00	97.40	100.00	185,468	138,154	120,916
	<i>Dollars per Ton</i>			<i>1,000 Dollars</i>		
Processing						
MI	1,240.00	960.00	1,140.00	15,128	8,352	12,882
WA	1,120.00	1,120.00	1,240.00	16,464	12,096	1,364
US	1,170.00	1,050.00	1,150.00	31,592	20,448	14,246
Canning	1,160.00	1,070.00	1,150.00	24,648	17,184	9,572
Freezing	1,240.00	960.00	1,140.00	6,944	3,264	4,674

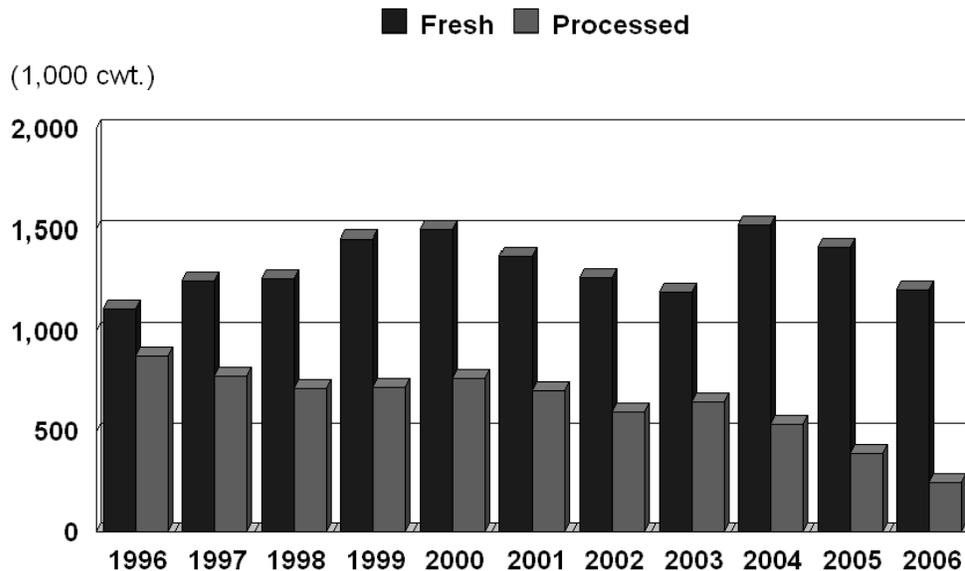
¹ Includes a small amount of processing asparagus.

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Asparagus: Production

United States, 1996-2006 (1,000 cwt.)



**Onions: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, Production,
and Value, Selected States, 2005-2006**

Crop and State	Area				Yield per Acre	
	Planted		Harvested		2005	2006
	2005	2006	2005	2006		
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>Cwt</i>
Spring ¹						
AZ	2,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	460	490
CA	7,500	8,000	7,300	7,700	475	450
GA	13,500	14,000	10,500	10,500	210	310
TX	17,000	17,700	15,500	15,300	300	400
Total	40,000	40,700	35,300	34,500	318	386
	Production		Value			
	2005	2006	Per Cwt		Total	
			2005	2006	2005	2006
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
Spring ¹						
AZ	920	490	10.20	9.00	9,384	4,410
CA	3,468	3,465	12.40	9.30	43,003	32,225
GA	2,205	3,255	29.70	25.20	65,489	82,026
TX	4,650	6,120	29.70	20.00	138,105	122,400
Total	11,243	13,330	22.80	18.10	255,981	241,061

¹ Primarily fresh market.

Spring Onions: The end-of-season spring onion production estimate, at 13.3 million cwt, is up 19 percent from last year. Acres harvested, at 34,500, are down 2 percent from a year ago, while yield, at 386 cwt per acre, is up 68 cwt per acre from 2005. The value of the spring crop is estimated at 241 million dollars, 6 percent less than last year. In Texas, irrigated onions had high yields and good quality with low incidence of disease this season. In Georgia, rainfall during the winter months had been normal to slightly below normal, while rainfall during spring was well below normal. Temperatures were near normal during the winter and early spring. Starting around mid-May, temperatures were well above normal with little or no rain. Due to these weather conditions, harvest got under way about a week earlier than normal. Yields are a record high for the State. Disease problems have been at a minimum and the crop was rated good to mostly excellent throughout the growing season. However, many growers did not harvest all of their crop due to depressed prices. Planting of spring onions in California began in most areas by early November under good conditions. Above normal temperatures stimulated crop development in some areas. Wet weather later in the spring adversely affected yields. There were some reports of mildew problems and reductions in harvested acreage.

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USDA Data Users' Meeting

October 16, 2006

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For registration details or additional information for the Data Users' Meeting, see the NASS homepage at www.nass.usda.gov/forum/ or contact Amy Jenkins (NASS) at (202) 690-8141 or at amy_jenkins@nass.usda.gov.

This Data Users' Meeting precedes an Industry Outlook meeting that will be held at the same location on October 17, 2006. The Outlook meeting brings together analysts from various commodity sectors to discuss the outlook situation. For more information about the outlook meeting and to register contact Jim Robb (Livestock and Marketing Information Center) at (720) 544-2941 or at robb@lmic.info.