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Fall Season Fresh Vegetable Harvested Area Up 5 Percent Fall Season Melon Harvested Area Down 7 Percent Summer Storage Onion Production Up 5 Percent

The prospective area for harvest of 11 selected fresh market vegetables during the fall quarter is forecast at 154,300 acres, up 5 percent from last year. Acreage increased from last year for snap beans, cabbage, carrots, cauliflower, sweet corn, and bell peppers while acreage declined for broccoli, cucumbers, head lettuce, and tomatoes. Area harvested for celery remains unchanged.

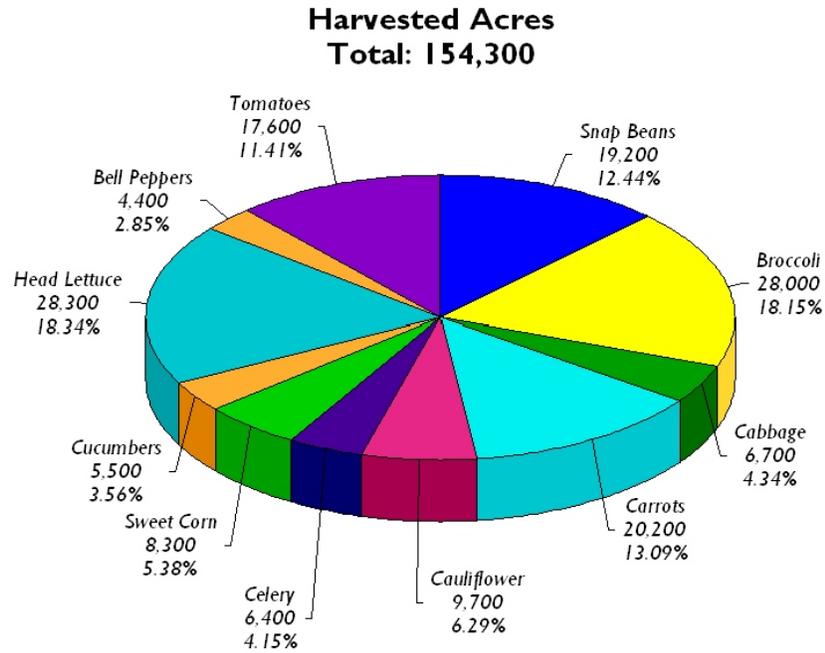
Area forecasted for fall melon harvest is 15,200 acres, down 7 percent from last year. Cantaloup harvested area is forecast at 12,000 acres, down 6 percent from 2006. Honeydew harvested area is forecast at 3,200 acres, down 14 percent from last fall.

Summer storage onion production is forecast at 54.1 million hundredweight, up 5 percent from last year. Storage onion harvested area is forecast at 105,680 acres, down 4 percent from 2006. California production, at 12.8 million hundredweight, is 6 percent below 2006. Harvested area is expected to total 29,700 acres, down 7 percent from last year.

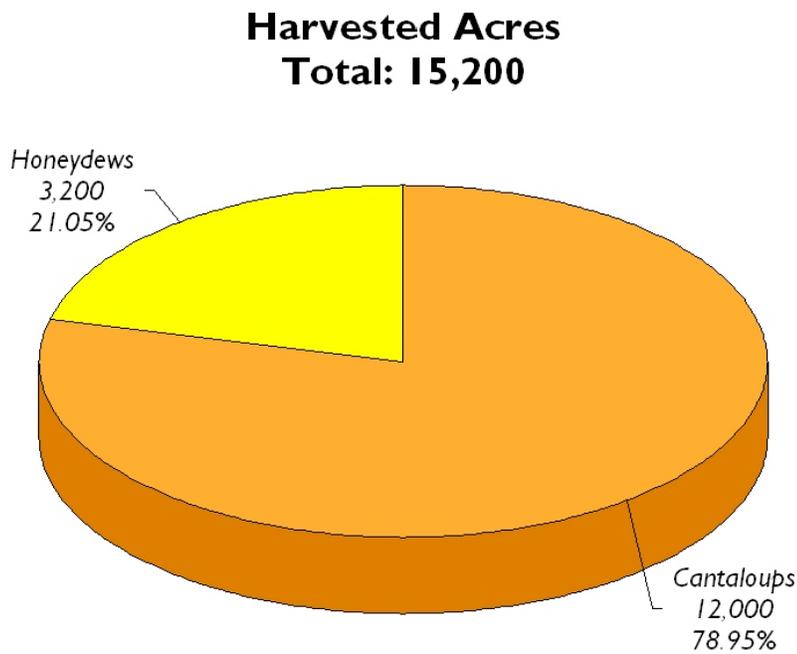
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Fall Season Fresh Market Vegetables: 2007



Fall Season Fresh Market Melons: 2007



**Selected Fresh Market Vegetables and Melons: Area Harvested by Season
and Crop, Major States, 2005-2006 and Forecasted Area 2007
(Domestic Units)**

Season and Crop	Harvested		Area	For
	2005		2006	Harvest
	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Acres</i>	2007
Winter	183,900		179,200	179,200
Spring	282,900		282,800	274,600
Summer	408,000		416,500	420,400
Fall				
Snap Beans	18,200		13,100	19,200
Broccoli ¹	30,000		30,000	28,000
Cabbage	6,500		6,600	6,700
Carrots	16,200		15,200	20,200
Cauliflower ¹	9,000		9,500	9,700
Celery ¹	6,700		6,400	6,400
Sweet Corn	9,000		6,200	8,300
Cucumbers	6,800		6,300	5,500
Head Lettuce	30,300		30,100	28,300
Bell Peppers ¹	5,400		3,000	4,400
Tomatoes	22,000		21,000	17,600
Total	160,100		147,400	154,300
Cantaloups	12,300		12,700	12,000
Honeydew Melons	3,100		3,700	3,200
Total Melons	15,400		16,400	15,200
Total Fall Crop	175,500		163,800	169,500

¹ Includes fresh market and processing.

**Selected Fresh Market Vegetables and Melons: Area Harvested by Season
and Crop, Major States, 2005-2006 and Forecasted Area 2007
(Metric Units)**

Season and Crop	Harvested		Area 2006 <i>Hectares</i>	For Harvest 2007 <i>Hectares</i>
	2005 <i>Hectares</i>			
Winter	74,420		72,520	72,520
Spring	114,490		114,450	111,130
Summer	165,110		168,550	170,130
Fall				
Snap Beans	7,370		5,300	7,770
Broccoli ¹	12,140		12,140	11,330
Cabbage	2,630		2,670	2,710
Carrots	6,560		6,150	8,170
Cauliflower ¹	3,640		3,840	3,930
Celery ¹	2,710		2,590	2,590
Sweet Corn	3,640		2,510	3,360
Cucumbers	2,750		2,550	2,230
Head Lettuce	12,260		12,180	11,450
Bell Peppers ¹	2,190		1,210	1,780
Tomatoes	8,900		8,500	7,120
Total ²	64,790		59,650	62,440
Cantaloups	4,980		5,140	4,860
Honeydew Melons	1,250		1,500	1,300
Total Melons ²	6,230		6,640	6,150
Total Fall Crop ²	71,020		66,290	68,590

¹ Includes fresh market and processing.

² Totals may not add due to rounding.

**Selected Fresh Market Vegetables and Melons: Area Harvested by Crop,
State, and Total, Fall Season, 2005-2006 and Forecasted Area 2007**

Crop and State	Usual Harvest Period	Area		For Harvest 2007 <i>Acres</i>
		Harvested		
		2005 <i>Acres</i>	2006 <i>Acres</i>	
Snap Beans				
FL	Oct-Dec	10,000	4,500	10,300
GA	Oct-Dec	5,100	5,600	5,600
NJ	Sep-Oct	1,300	1,200	1,500
VA	Sep-Oct	1,800	1,800	1,800
Total		18,200	13,100	19,200
Broccoli ¹				
CA	Oct-Dec	30,000	30,000	28,000
Cabbage				
FL	Oct-Dec	1,000	900	900
GA	Oct-Dec	4,800	5,100	4,900
NJ	Sep-Nov	500	400	700
TX	Sep-Nov	200	200	200
Total		6,500	6,600	6,700
Cantaloups				
AZ	Oct-Dec	9,000	8,400	8,000
CA	Oct-Dec	3,300	4,300	4,000
Total		12,300	12,700	12,000
Carrots				
CA	Oct-Dec	16,000	15,000	20,000
TX	Oct-Dec	200	200	200
Total		16,200	15,200	20,200
Cauliflower ¹				
CA	Oct-Dec	9,000	9,500	9,700
Celery ¹				
CA	Oct-Dec	6,700	6,400	6,400
Sweet Corn				
CA	Oct-Dec	4,200	4,500	4,100
FL	Sep-Dec	4,800	1,700	4,200
Total		9,000	6,200	8,300

See footnote(s) at end of table.

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**Selected Fresh Market Vegetables and Melons: Area Harvested by Crop, State,
and Total, Fall Season, 2005-2006 and Forecasted Area 2007 (continued)**

Crop and State	Usual Harvest Period	Area		For Harvest 2007 <i>Acres</i>
		Harvested		
		2005 <i>Acres</i>	2006 <i>Acres</i>	
Cucumbers				
FL	Oct-Dec	4,600	4,000	3,200
SC	Oct-Dec	700	700	700
TX	Sep-Nov	400	700	700
VA	Sep-Oct	1,100	900	900
Total		6,800	6,300	5,500
Honeydews				
AZ	Oct-Dec	700	1,300	1,000
CA	Oct-Dec	2,400	2,400	2,200
Total		3,100	3,700	3,200
Head Lettuce				
CA	Oct-Dec	30,000	30,000	28,000
NJ	Sep-Nov		100	300
Oth Sts ²		300		
Total		30,300	30,100	28,300
Bell Peppers ¹				
FL	Oct-Dec	4,900	2,900	4,400
TX ³		500	100	
Total		5,400	3,000	4,400
Tomatoes				
CA	Oct-Dec	10,000	11,000	10,200
FL	Sep-Dec	12,000	10,000	7,400
Total		22,000	21,000	17,600

¹ Includes fresh market and processing.

² 2005 - AZ and NJ.

³ Estimates discontinued in 2007.

Snap Beans: Fall fresh market area for harvest is forecast at 19,200 acres, up 47 percent from last year. In Florida, dry weather during August and September allowed land preparation to progress on schedule. Planting began in Washington County around mid-August, and in the central and southern areas of the State in September. Some growers delayed planting until high soil temperatures cooled to avoid germination problems. In Georgia, soil moisture supplies are mostly short to very short. Drought conditions that have existed since early spring have been somewhat alleviated by recent rainfall. In New Jersey, topsoil moisture supplies were short in August and irrigation was necessary in the South Jersey area. Rainfall in late August relieved some crop stress. Growing conditions improved in late September with near normal temperatures. In Virginia, dry conditions have had an adverse effect on the quality of the crop.

Broccoli: California's area for fall harvest is forecast at 28,000 acres, down 7 percent from 2006. The broccoli crop was reported to be in good condition with no major pests or disease problems.

Cabbage: Fresh market area for harvest is forecast at 6,700 acres, up 2 percent from last year. Recent rainfall in Georgia has helped to somewhat alleviate drought conditions that have existed since early spring. In Florida, scattered showers during August and September delayed some planting in the central and southern Peninsula, however, crop progress is mostly on schedule. Warm temperatures boosted crop growth and development. In New Jersey, harvest of the cabbage crop started in mid-September. The quality of the crop is reported to be good. In Texas, conditions have been good with few insect problems reported.

Cantaloups: Fall cantaloup area for harvest is forecast at 12,000 acres, down 6 percent from 2006. Arizona's harvest is expected to begin around mid-October. In California, ideal temperatures in the Central Valley area benefitted the melon crop. Growers reported that melons are sweeter this year than in the past few years.

Carrots: Area for fresh market harvest is forecast at 20,200 acres, up 33 percent from last year. In California, baby carrots are still in high demand. The crop is reported to be in good condition with no unusual disease or insect problems. In Texas, planting was delayed due to excessive rainfall.

Cauliflower: Area for fall harvest in California is forecast at 9,700 acres, up 2 percent from last year. The cauliflower crop is in good condition with no disease or insect problems reported.

Celery: California's fall area for harvest is forecast at 6,400 acres, unchanged from 2006. Growing conditions have been favorable for the early fall celery crop. No disease or pest problems have been reported.

Sweet Corn: Fresh market area for harvest is forecast at 8,300 acres, up 34 percent from last year. The California crop is in good condition due to favorable weather. In Florida, planting was on schedule during August and September in the southern Peninsula, with minor delays reported due to rainfall. Warm and moist conditions encouraged good germination in virtually all fields.

Cucumbers: Area for fall harvest is forecast at 5,500 acres, down 13 percent from 2006. In Florida, scattered showers during August and September delayed some planting over the central and southern Peninsula areas. However, warm temperatures after planting boosted plant growth and development. Downy mildew was reported in portions of South Carolina and Texas. Growers in Virginia have experienced an extremely dry growing season.

Honeydews: Fresh market area for fall harvest is forecast at 3,200 acres, down 14 percent from last year. California's fall melon crop is progressing well due to ideal temperatures.

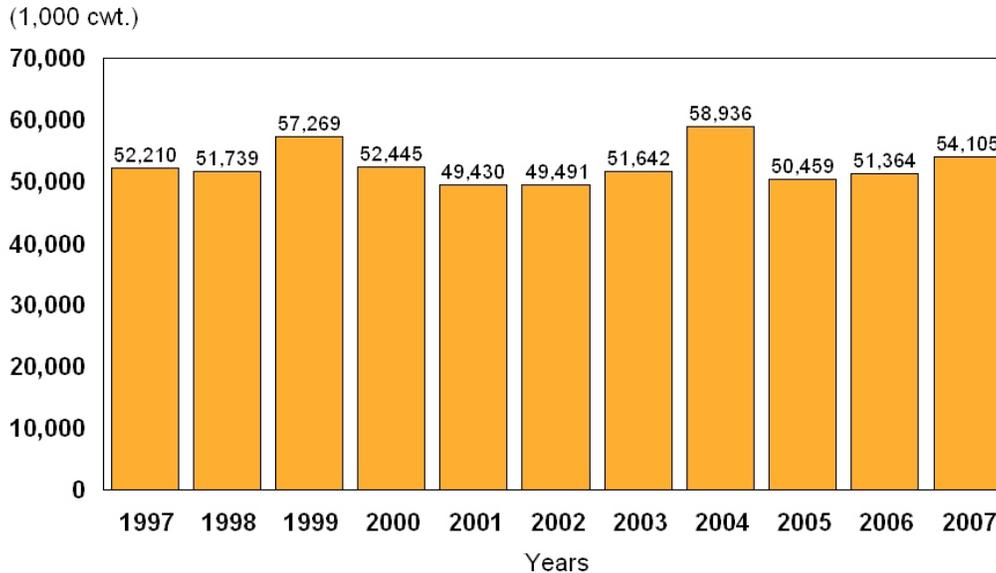
Head Lettuce: Area for fall harvest is forecast at 28,300 acres, down 6 percent from last year. In California, early planted lettuce fields have begun to emerge. Water shortages in the San Joaquin Valley resulted in a reduction of planted acreage. Fall harvest is expected to begin around mid-October. In New Jersey, prospects for the lettuce crop are good despite dry conditions.

Bell Peppers: Fall area for harvest is forecast at 4,400 acres, up 47 percent from 2006. In Florida, fieldwork was delayed by scattered rains during late August and mid-September. However, dry conditions still prevail in Palm Beach and Collier Counties.

Tomatoes: Fresh market area for fall harvest is forecast at 17,600 acres, down 16 percent from 2006. In California, ideal early season weather produced plentiful supplies of fall season tomatoes. However, cooler than average daytime temperatures in August slowed ripening in some fields, followed by heat issues in late August. In Florida, scattered showers in the southern Peninsula areas during August and September delayed some fall planting. Picking in the Quincy area began the last week of September.

Storage Onion Production

United States, 1997-2007



Summer Storage Onion Production Up 5 Percent

Summer storage onion production is forecast at 54.1 million hundredweight (cwt), up 5 percent from last year. Harvested area is forecast at 105,680 acres, down 4 percent from 2006. The yield, at 512 cwt per acre, is up 46 cwt from last year. Planting of California's storage onion crop was on schedule despite some delays due to rainfall. After planting, early mild temperatures and timely rainfall helped the crop to progress well initially. However, cool temperatures in the San Joaquin region slowed crop development, delaying harvest up to several weeks. No major disease problems were reported. In Colorado, restrictions on irrigation water and labor shortages led to lower acreage this year. Hail damage and disease outbreaks during the season further reduced acreage and negatively impacted yield. In Idaho, growing conditions have been favorable. In Michigan, the onion crop has been in excellent condition this season. Harvest began on schedule in August. Late season plantings benefitted from timely rainfall during August. However, early planted onions were smaller in size due to drought conditions in June and July. No major problems have been reported. New York received sufficient rainfall in the eastern and central areas of the State. However, the western region received very little rainfall which resulted in some loss of acreage due to abandonment. Malheur and Other Oregon producers expect higher yields this season due to less damage from thrip and the yellow spot virus. In Washington, harvest is underway and quality of the storage onion crop is reported to be very good. Wisconsin experienced hot and dry conditions during the early part of the year, then too much moisture later in the season.

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