



Vegetables

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Contracted Processing Production Down 8 Percent from Last Year

The 2005 contracted processing vegetable production for the four major processing crops (snap beans, sweet corn, green peas, and tomatoes) is forecast at 14.8 million tons, down 8 percent from last year's comparable States. Production of processing tomatoes, at 10.6 million tons, is 11 percent below comparable States in 2004. Snap bean production, at 765,190 tons, is down 2 percent from last year's comparable States production. Sweet corn production, at 3.05 million tons, is up 3 percent from last year, and green pea production, at 394,070 tons, is 3 percent below 2004. Contracted acreage for harvest of the four major processing vegetable crops, at 1.08 million acres, is 1 percent below comparable States in 2004.

Asparagus Production Down 9 Percent

Production of the 2005 asparagus crop is forecast at 1.56 million cwt, down 9 percent from 2004 and 15 percent below 2003. Acres harvested, at 51,000, are down 3 percent from last year and 12 percent below two years earlier. Fresh production of 1.10 million cwt, decreased 4 percent from 2004 and is 8 percent below 2003. Processed production, at 22,900 tons, is down 18 percent from last year and 29 percent below two years ago.

Spring Onion Production Down 12 Percent

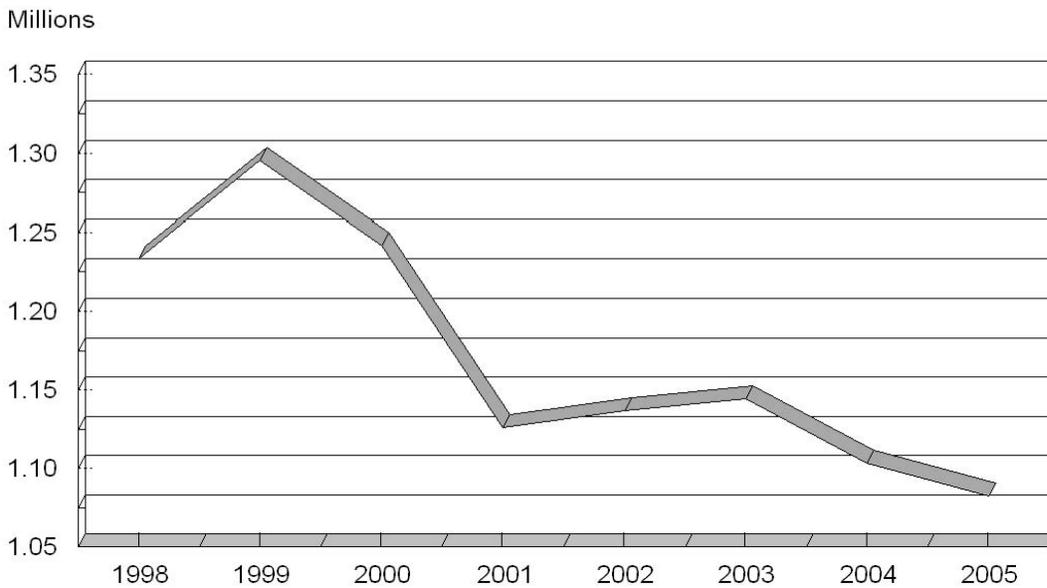
The end-of-season spring onion production estimate, at 10.6 million cwt, is down 12 percent from last year. Acres harvested, at 34,100, are down 4 percent from a year ago, while yield, at 310 cwt per acre, is down 27 cwt per acre from 2004. The value of the spring crop is estimated at 252 million dollars, 6 percent above last year.

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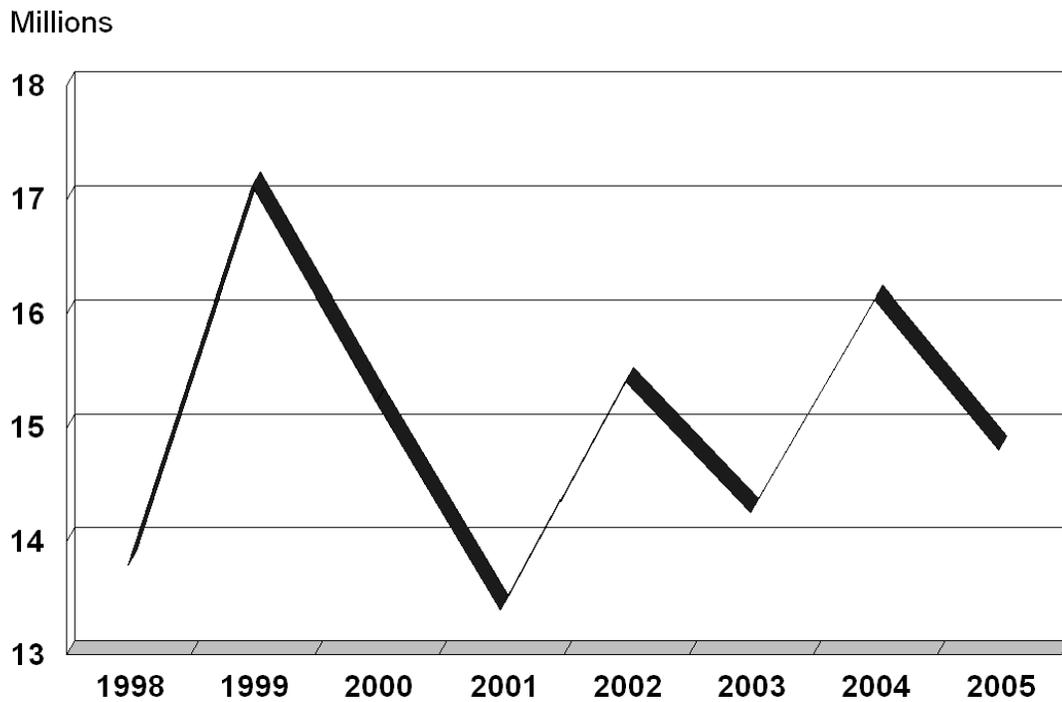
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4 Major Processed Vegetables: Contracted Production
 (Snap Beans, Sweet Corn, Green Peas, and Tomatoes)
 United States, 1998-2005 (Tons)



**Processing Vegetables: Area Harvested and Production
by Crop, United States, 2003-2004 and Forecasted 2005
(Domestic Units)**

Crop	Area Harvested			
	2003 Total	2004		2005 Contract ¹
		Total	Contract ¹	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
All Processing				
Snap Beans	189,600	198,400	194,450	184,600
Sweet Corn	426,600	405,800	405,500	408,500
Green Peas ²	232,100	210,600	210,600	209,900
Tomatoes	293,920	300,620	292,520	279,600
Total	1,142,220	1,115,420	1,103,070	1,082,600
Cucumbers for Pickles ³	118,800	113,500	85,300	
Total 5 Vegetables	1,261,020	1,228,920	1,188,370	
	Production			
	2003 Total	2004		2005 Contract ¹
		Total	Contract ¹	
	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>
All Processing				
Snap Beans	727,640	823,540	808,295	765,190
Sweet Corn	3,266,050	2,968,180	2,965,930	3,046,210
Green Peas ²	467,670	405,750	405,750	394,070
Tomatoes	9,819,710	12,266,410	11,941,550	10,601,820
Total	14,281,070	16,463,880	16,121,525	14,807,290
Cucumbers for Pickles ³	648,430	585,980	411,220	
Total 5 Vegetables	14,929,500	17,049,860	16,532,745	

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

² Carried forward from earlier forecast.

³ Cucumbers for pickles will be published in the *Vegetables 2005 Summary*, released January 2006.

**Processing Vegetables: Area Harvested and Production
by Crop, United States, 2003-2004 and Forecasted 2005
(Metric Units)**

Crop	Area Harvested			
	2003 Total	2004		2005 Contract ¹
		Total	Contract ¹	
	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>	<i>Hectares</i>
All Processing				
Snap Beans	76,730	80,290	78,690	74,710
Sweet Corn	172,640	164,220	164,100	165,320
Green Peas ²	93,930	85,230	85,230	84,940
Tomatoes	118,950	121,660	118,380	113,150
Total ³	462,250	451,400	446,400	438,120
Cucumbers for Pickles ⁴	48,080	45,930	34,520	
Total 5 Vegetables ³	510,320	497,330	480,920	
	Production			
	2003 Total	2004		2005 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	660,100	747,100	733,270	694,170
Sweet Corn	2,962,900	2,692,670	2,690,630	2,763,460
Green Peas ²	424,260	368,090	368,090	357,490
Tomatoes	8,908,240	11,127,840	10,833,140	9,617,760
Total ³	12,955,500	14,935,700	14,625,130	13,432,880
Cucumbers for Pickles ⁴	588,240	531,590	373,050	
Total 5 Vegetables ³	13,543,740	15,467,290	14,998,180	

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 2005 Summary*, released January 2006.

**Snap Beans for Processing: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production
by State and United States, 2003-2004 and Forecasted 2005**

State	Area Harvested						
	2003 Total	2004				2005 Contract ¹	
		Total	Contract ¹				
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>		
DE	2,900						
IL	16,600	11,200	11,100		14,700		
IN	6,200	5,700	5,700		4,000		
MD	2,700						
MI	14,300	17,300	17,300		21,000		
NY	21,900	20,400	20,400		20,700		
OR	16,000	17,800	17,800		18,700		
PA	7,800	13,500	12,600		9,200		
VA	1,000						
WI	66,200	73,100	71,500		67,200		
Oth Sts ^{2 3 4}	34,000	39,400	38,050		29,100		
US ^{3 4}	189,600	198,400	194,450		184,600		
	Yield per Acre			Production			
	2003 Total	2004 Total	2005 Contract ¹	2003 Total	2004		2005 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>	
DE	3.19			9,250			
IL	3.38	4.67	4.00	56,040	52,320	51,850	58,800
IN	2.80	3.09	3.20	17,340	17,630	17,630	12,800
MD	2.35			6,350			
MI	3.15	3.54	3.30	45,010	61,280	61,280	69,300
NY	3.53	3.25	3.20	77,380	66,310	66,310	66,240
OR	6.26	6.48	6.80	100,200	115,320	115,320	127,160
PA	2.97	3.46	3.30	23,190	46,760	43,730	30,360
VA	2.85			2,850			
WI	4.09	4.41	4.40	270,840	322,640	315,230	295,680
Oth Sts ^{2 3 4}	3.51	3.59	3.60	119,190	141,280	136,945	104,850
US ^{3 4}	3.84	4.15	4.15	727,640	823,540	808,295	765,190

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

² 2003 - AR, CA, FL, GA, MN, MO, NJ, NC, and TX.

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

2005 - 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 2005 Summary*, released January 2006.

⁴ WA estimates discontinued in 2005.

**Sweet Corn for Processing: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production
by State and United States, 2003-2004 and Forecasted 2005**

State	Area Harvested						
	2003 Total	2004				2005 Contract ¹	
		Total	Contract ¹				
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>		<i>Acres</i>		
DE	9,400	7,300	7,300				
MD	5,500	6,500	6,500		6,700		
MN	139,400	135,400	135,400		143,500		
NY	14,400	19,000	19,000		18,300		
OR	30,100	28,500	28,500		23,300		
PA	770	1,700	1,700		1,300		
WA	98,300	94,800	94,800		82,700		
WI	92,100	78,600	78,600		87,000		
Oth Sts ²	36,630	34,000	33,700		45,700		
US	426,600	405,800	405,500		408,500		
	Yield per Acre			Production			
	2003 Total	2004 Total	2005 Contract ¹	2003 Total	2004		2005 Contract ¹
	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	Total	Contract ¹	<i>Tons</i>
DE	6.00	6.72		56,400	49,020	49,020	
MD	5.64	7.11	6.50	31,000	46,200	46,200	43,550
MN	6.73	6.61	6.60	938,800	894,590	894,590	947,100
NY	7.55	5.80	6.30	108,780	110,200	110,200	115,290
OR	9.03	9.12	9.10	271,680	259,910	259,910	212,030
PA	5.16	4.70	5.00	3,970	7,990	7,990	6,500
WA	9.16	8.71	9.50	900,540	826,140	826,140	785,650
WI	7.40	6.50	7.05	681,420	511,220	511,220	613,350
Oth Sts ²	7.47	7.73	7.06	273,460	262,910	260,660	322,740
US	7.66	7.31	7.46	3,266,050	2,968,180	2,965,930	3,046,210

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

² 2003 - ID, IL, IA, NJ, and TN.

2004 - ID, IL, IA, NJ, TN and VA.

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

**Tomatoes for Processing: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production
by State and United States, 2003-2004 and Forecasted 2005**

State	Area Harvested						
	2003 Total	2004				2005 Contract ¹	
		Total	Contract ¹				
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>		
CA	274,000	281,000	273,000	260,000			
IN	8,200	8,300	8,300	8,300			
MI	3,300	3,500	3,500				
OH	5,700	6,200	6,100	6,700			
Oth Sts ^{2 3 4}	2,720	1,620	1,620	4,600			
US ^{3 4}	293,920	300,620	292,520	279,600			
	Yield per Acre			Production			
	2003 Total	2004 Total	2005 Contract ¹	2003 Total	2004		2005 Contract ¹
	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	Total	Contract ¹	<i>Tons</i>
CA	33.77	41.54	38.46	9,252,000	11,672,000	11,350,000	10,000,000
IN	24.67	33.11	33.05	202,290	274,810	274,810	274,320
MI	38.00	31.00		125,400	108,500	108,500	
OH	30.40	28.60	26.00	173,280	177,320	174,460	174,200
Oth Sts ^{2 3 4}	24.54	20.85	33.33	66,740	33,780	33,780	153,300
US ^{3 4}	33.41	40.80	37.92	9,819,710	12,266,410	11,941,550	10,601,820

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

² 2003 - MD, NJ, and PA.

2004 - MD and NJ.

2005 - MI and NJ.

³ Seasonal forecasts for MD are not available. Estimates to be published in the *Vegetables 2005 Summary*, released January 2006.

⁴ PA estimates discontinued in 2004.

Snap Beans: Contracted production of snap beans is forecast at 765,190 tons, down 2 percent from comparable States last year. Based on comparable States between 2004 and 2005, contracted harvested acreage went down less than 1 percent, while yield per acre declined 0.06 ton per acre. Wisconsin growers indicated a good year for processing snap beans despite above average temperatures and below average rainfall in most areas of the State. There were reports of cucumber mosaic virus in some areas. The Michigan harvest began at the end of July for early snap beans. Harvest picked up through August. Warm and dry temperatures allowed good growth and development. In mid-August, standing water damaged some acreage but harvest continued in the unaffected areas. New York had a very hot summer but reports indicate that snap beans did well with good yields expected. Harvest began in August. In Indiana, summer weather was hot and dry with many afternoons above 90 degrees. Processors irrigated the crop as necessary. Very good quality has been reported with no signs of insect or disease damage. Harvest in Oregon began the second week of July. Early yields were low due to white and gray mold on the early planted beans. As harvest continued through July and early August, yields improved. Harvest is expected to continue until mid-September. In Pennsylvania, early yields were good but declined later in the season due to excessive heat which dried the plants out. Processors expect yields will improve if significant rainfall is received.

Sweet Corn: Contracted sweet corn production is forecast at 3.05 million tons, up 3 percent from last year. An increase of 1 percent in contracted harvested acreage is accompanied by a yield increase of 0.15 ton per acre when comparing the 2005 season to 2004. Harvest of the Minnesota crop has progressed at a good pace with 58 percent complete by August 28. However, harvest was slowed during the end of August by heavy, localized rainfall. In Washington, earlier concerns about water supplies have abated, though the conditions have been hot and dry throughout the summer. Harvest is underway with small ear size reported. Wisconsin's crop is good overall and yields are expected to be above last year. Lack of moisture and high temperatures caused problems for non-irrigated sweet corn acreage. Oregon's sweet corn is about two weeks late due to heavy rainfall which delayed spring planting. The crop is reported in good condition and was showing silk and filling ears as of August 22.

Tomatoes: Contracted tomato production is forecast at 10.6 million tons, 11 percent less than last year for comparable States. Based on comparable States between 2004 and 2005, a 4 percent decrease in contracted acreage was accompanied by a yield decrease of 2.94 tons per acre. In California, production and yields went down. Wet and hot conditions increased disease pressure for early-season processing tomatoes. Bacterial spot has been reported for some acreage. Indiana growers report very good quality and high yields and production. Rainfall has been spotty during the summer months but growers were able to irrigate. Most of the tomato crop in Ohio had been planted by June 10, nearly 2 weeks ahead of schedule. The weather has been hot and dry and rainfall has been below normal for the State since April 1, 2005.

**Asparagus for Fresh Market and Processing: Area Planted and Harvested,
Yield, Production, and Value by State and United States, 2003-2005**

State	Area Planted			Area Harvested		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>
CA	29,000	26,000	26,000	27,000	24,000	24,000
MI	16,000	15,500	15,000	15,000	14,500	14,000
WA	17,000	15,000	14,000	16,000	14,000	13,000
US	62,000	56,500	55,000	58,000	52,500	51,000
	Yield per Acre			Production		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
	<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	34	34	31	918	816	744
MI	21	20	21	317	290	294
WA	38	43	40	608	602	520
US	32	33	31	1,843	1,708	1,558
	Value					
	Per Cwt			Total		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
	<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	122.00	141.00	163.00	111,996	115,056	121,272
MI	60.80	64.50	50.70	19,278	18,708	14,892
WA	71.20	82.10	91.10	43,277	49,420	47,360
US	94.70	107.00	118.00	174,551	183,184	183,524

**Asparagus for Fresh Market and Processing: Production and Value
by Utilization, State, and United States, 2003-2005**

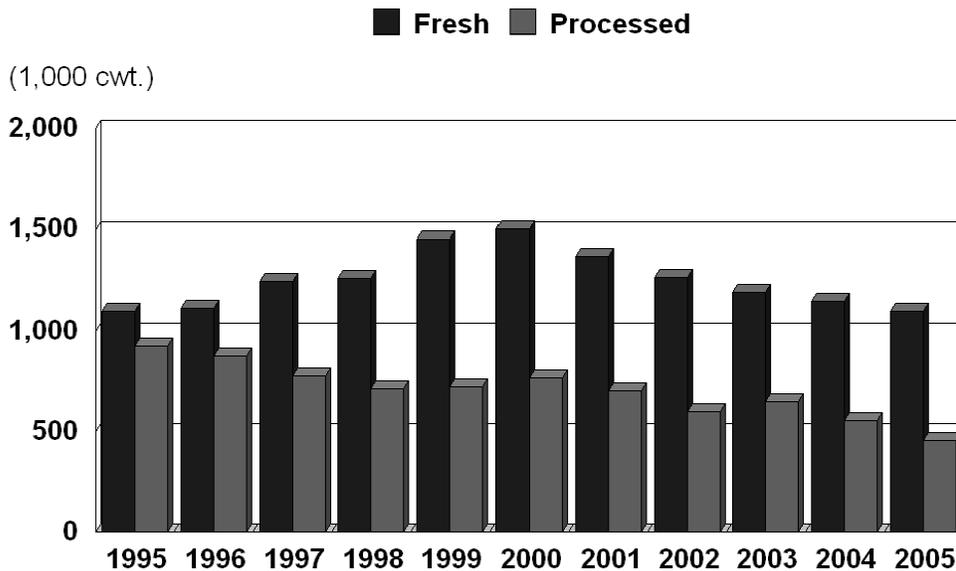
Utilization and State	Production					
	2003		2004		2005	
	<i>1,000 Cwt</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>		<i>1,000 Cwt</i>	
Fresh Market						
CA ¹	918		816		744	
MI	43		26		52	
WA	233		308		304	
US	1,194		1,150		1,100	
	<i>Tons</i>		<i>Tons</i>		<i>Tons</i>	
Processing						
MI	13,700		13,200		12,100	
WA	18,750		14,700		10,800	
US	32,450		27,900		22,900	
Canning	28,650		21,300		18,200	
Freezing	3,800		6,600		4,700	
	Value					
	Per Unit			Total		
	2003	2004	2005	2003	2004	2005
	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>Dollars per Cwt</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
Fresh Market						
CA ¹	122.00	141.00	163.00	111,996	115,056	121,272
MI	66.00	90.00	63.00	2,838	2,340	3,276
WA	94.00	107.00	116.00	21,902	32,956	35,264
US	115.00	131.00	145.00	136,736	150,352	159,812
	<i>Dollars per Ton</i>	<i>Dollars per Ton</i>	<i>Dollars per Ton</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
Processing						
MI	1,200.00	1,240.00	960.00	16,440	16,368	11,616
WA	1,140.00	1,120.00	1,120.00	21,375	16,464	12,096
US	1,170.00	1,180.00	1,040.00	37,815	32,832	23,712
Canning	1,160.00	1,160.00	1,050.00	33,255	24,648	19,200
Freezing	1,200.00	1,240.00	960.00	4,560	8,184	4,512

¹ Includes a small amount of processing asparagus.

Asparagus: Production of the 2005 asparagus crop is forecast at 1.56 million cwt, down 9 percent from 2004 and 15 percent below 2003. Harvested acreage, at 51,000, is down 3 percent from last year and 12 percent below two years ago. Fresh production of 1.10 million cwt, decreased 4 percent from last year and 8 percent from two years earlier. Processed production, at 22,900 tons, is down 18 percent from 2004 and 29 percent below 2003. Asparagus for canning, at 18,200 tons, is down 15 percent from last year. Frozen asparagus production of 4,700 tons, is down 29 percent from 2004. Total value of the crop, at 184 million dollars, is up less than 1 percent from 2004 and 5 percent more than 2003. In California, unusually hot and humid weather during the last two weeks of July, when harvest was at its peak, slowed development of the current asparagus crop. Cooler weather followed in the beginning of August as harvest was winding down in the San Joaquin and Salinas Valley. The asparagus crop in Michigan progressed slowly early in the season due to cool temperatures. Production was light in the beginning of June and high heat and lack of moisture during the middle of June resulted in poor quality in some areas. Harvest was complete by the fourth week of June. In Washington, water supplies were not as much of a concern as expected at the beginning of the season. Prices have been low this season which may lead growers to remove acreage from asparagus production immediately following this year's harvest.

Asparagus: Production

United States, 1995-2005 (1,000 cwt.)



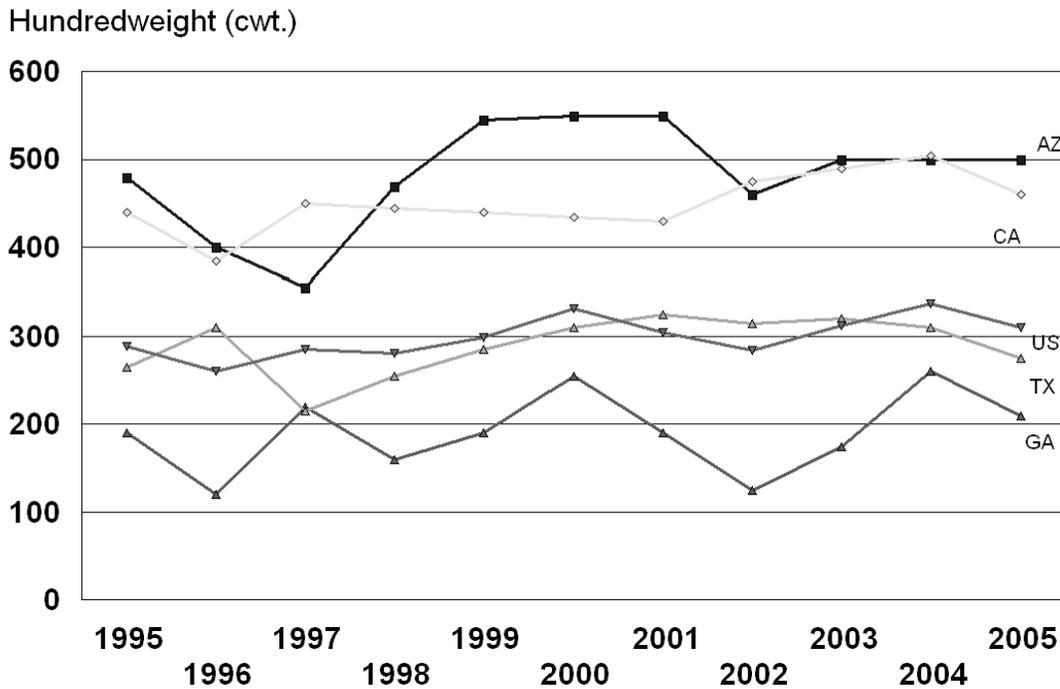
**Onions: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, Production,
and Value, Selected States, 2004-2005**

Crop and State	Area				Yield per Acre	
	Planted		Harvested		2004	2005
	2004	2005	2004	2005		
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Cwt</i>	<i>Cwt</i>
Spring ¹						
AZ	1,600	2,300	1,600	2,300	500	500
CA	7,300	7,500	7,100	7,300	505	460
GA	16,500	13,500	14,500	10,500	260	210
TX	14,500	15,500	12,500	14,000	310	275
Total	39,900	38,800	35,700	34,100	337	310
	Production		Value			
	2004	2005	Per Cwt		Total	
			2004	2005	2004	2005
	<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	800	1,150	8.80	8.40	7,040	9,660
CA	3,586	3,358	15.10	18.50	54,149	62,123
GA	3,770	2,205	23.50	29.70	88,595	65,489
TX	3,875	3,850	22.60	29.70	87,575	114,345
Total	12,031	10,563	19.70	23.80	237,359	251,617

¹ Primarily fresh market.

Spring Onions: Yield

Major States and United States, 1995-2005 (Cwt.)



Spring Onions: The end-of-season spring onion production estimate, at 10.6 million cwt, is down 12 percent from last year. Acres harvested, at 34,100, are down 4 percent from a year ago, while yield, at 310 cwt per acre, is down 27 cwt per acre from 2004. The value of the spring crop is estimated at 252 million dollars, 6 percent more than last year. Harvest of the Arizona spring onion crop is complete. The California spring onion yields are down this year due to variable conditions across the State. Below normal temperatures and rain caused problems early in the season in some areas. Some intended acreage was never planted due to wet field conditions. Also, wet conditions during development caused mildew in some fields. In Georgia, a hail storm in late March combined with wet spring growing conditions reduced harvested acreage. By mid-May, only 35 percent of the crop had been harvested, 25 points below average. However, harvest finally caught up and by mid-June the crop was mostly harvested. The Texas crop got off to a late start when heavy rains delayed planting. The crop progressed well as conditions improved throughout the season. Yields are lower in some of the larger production areas because of blight.

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USDA Data Users' Meeting

October 17, 2005

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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 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 www.usda.gov/nass/ or contact Lynda Ford (NASS) at (202) 720-3896 or at lynda_ford@nass.usda.gov.

This Data Users' Meeting precedes an Industry Outlook meeting that will be held at the same location on October 18, 2005. 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.