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TOTAL COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION OF ALL VEGETABLES AND MELONS
FOR FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING -- 1964-1967

This report by the Crop Reporting Board gives estimates of the total commercial production of all vegetables and melons for the United States and supplements the publications: "Vegetables - Fresh Market, 1967 Annual Summary, (VG 2-2(67)), " and "Vegetables - Processing, 1967 Annual Summary, (VG 3-2(67)), " dated December 19, 1967. Revised estimates of total U.S. vegetable and melon production for fresh market and processing for the years 1959-65 were published in "Statistical Bulletin No. 412, Vegetables For Fresh Market," issued August 1967.

Table 1 of this report shows estimated commercial production of all vegetables for fresh market and processing for the years 1964-67. The term "fresh market" as used by the Crop Reporting Board has two connotations. It refers to production solely for fresh market of those crops for which estimates of production for processing are also regularly prepared. It also refers to total production for artichokes, broccoli, brussels sprouts, carrots, cauliflower, celery, garlic, kale, onions, green peppers and melons. The fresh market estimates in Table 1 include, in addition to estimates of the principal crops in major producing States published in the regular program of monthly reports, allowances for: production of principal crops in minor States, production of miscellaneous vegetables in all States, and greenhouse vegetable production.

The breakdown of estimated total production of vegetables and melons for fresh market by crops is shown in Table 2. Fresh market estimates by seasons, published in regular monthly reports, cover those States which are of substantial commercial importance in the production of the principal crops. It is not practical to include, in the monthly reports, estimates in States where production is small. Production estimates of vegetables, melons, and strawberries other than principal crops in major States have been prepared on a national basis and are published in this report. State and seasonal group production for these crops are not available; neither are figures available on acreage or value. In 1966 and 1967, production of principal crops in the major producing States covered in the regular program accounted for over four-fifths of the total commercial tonnage of all vegetables and melons for fresh market.

Table 1.--Total Commercial Production ^{1/} of Vegetables and Melons,
United States ^{2/}, 1964-67

YEAR	FRESH MARKET CROPS ^{3/}	10 PROCESSING CROPS ^{4/}	TOTAL
	- Tons -	- Tons -	- Tons -
1964	12,475,950	8,134,840	20,610,790
1965	12,816,350	8,457,160	21,273,510
1966	12,532,950	8,940,230	21,473,180
1967 (Prel.)	12,905,850	9,910,390	22,816,240

^{1/} Does not include production from farm or nonfarm gardens.

^{2/} Includes Alaska and Hawaii.

^{3/} Total commercial production in tons of vegetables and melons for fresh market and processing shown in Table 2. Excludes strawberries.

^{4/} Production of vegetables grown for commercial processing which are in the regular estimating program; asparagus, green lima beans, snap beans, beets, cabbage for sauerkraut, sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, green peas, spinach, and tomatoes.

Table 2.--Total Commercial Production of Vegetables and Melons for Fresh Market, and Strawberries, by Crops, United States, 1966 and 1967 ^{1/}

CROP	1966 Revised			1967 Preliminary		
	Production: estimated: by States: 2/	Other commercial production:	Total production:	Production: estimated: by States: 2/	Other commercial production:	Total production
	- 1,000 cwt. -			- 1,000 cwt. -		
VEGETABLES						
Artichokes ^{3/}	668	---	668	730	---	730
Asparagus	842	34	876	822	32	854
Lima Beans	279	230	509	288	200	488
Snap Beans	3,633	175	3,808	3,792	170	3,962
Beets	326	460	786	297	500	797
Broccoli ^{3/}	2,677	55	2,732	2,785	50	2,835
Br. Sprouts ^{3/}	734	12	746	660	6	666
Cabbage	18,123	340	18,463	19,334	410	19,744
Carrots ^{3/}	17,386	770	18,156	17,321	1,020	18,341
Cauliflower ^{3/}	2,511	135	2,646	2,524	150	2,674
Celery ^{3/}	14,827	220	15,047	15,336	175	15,511
Sweet Corn	12,158	2,250	14,408	12,957	2,500	15,457
Cucumbers	4,713	290	5,003	4,773	300	5,073
Eggplant	553	200	753	567	210	777
Escarole	1,143	260	1,403	1,122	250	1,372
Garlic ^{3/}	350	14	364	506	10	516
Kale ^{3/}	78	145	223	72	140	212
Lettuce	42,130	1,750	43,880	42,608	1,800	44,408
Onions ^{3/}	24,751	140	24,891	28,397	100	28,497
Green Peas	70	210	280	80	175	255
Green Peppers ^{3/}	4,101	550	4,651	4,196	600	4,796
Shallots	25	---	25	32	---	32
Spinach	876	255	1,131	901	260	1,161
Tomatoes	20,740	1,400	22,140	20,485	1,350	21,835
Misc. Vege. ^{3/ 4/}	---	24,600	24,600	---	24,700	24,700
Total Vegetables	173,694	34,495	208,189	180,585	35,108	215,693
MELONS						
Cantaloups ^{3/}	10,753	800	11,553	11,802	800	12,602
Honeydews ^{3/}	1,216	10	1,226	1,527	10	1,537
Watermelons ^{3/}	28,941	750	29,691	27,665	620	28,285
Total Melons	40,910	1,560	42,470	40,994	1,430	42,424
TOTAL ALL CROPS	214,604	36,055	250,659	221,579	36,538	258,117
	- 1,000 lbs. -			- 1,000 lbs. -		
STRAWBERRIES ^{3/}	464,542	3,700	468,242	478,026	4,000	482,026

^{1/} Does not include production from farm or nonfarm gardens. ^{2/} Fresh market production of principal crops in major producing States. See "Vegetables-Fresh Market, 1967 Annual Summary." ^{3/} Includes production for processing. ^{4/} Chinese cabbage, swiss chard, collards, daikon, dandelion greens, mustard greens, turnip greens, horseradish, Kohlrabi, okra, green onions, parsley, parsnips, field peas, pimientos, pumpkins, radishes, rhubarb, rutabagas, squash, turnips, watercress and 20 other miscellaneous vegetables. Includes production of these crops for processing.

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