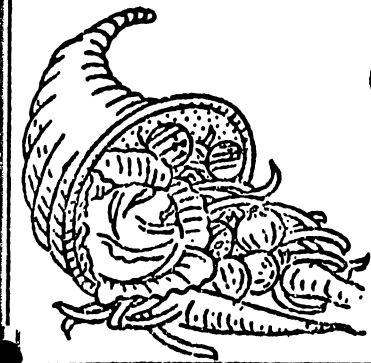
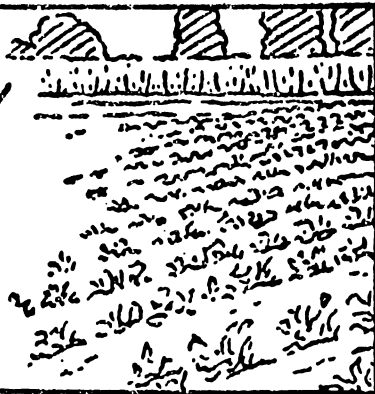


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VEGETABLES FOR COMMERCIAL PROCESSING

BEETS FOR CANNING PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS 1953, with Comparisons

An increase of about 9 percent from 1952 plantings of canning beets is indicated for 1953, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. This increase from last year's plantings is indicated by reports received in late March and early April from beet canners giving information on the acreage they intend to contract and plant in 1953. The indicated State acreages for 1953 are interpretations of these reports from canners based on past relationships between such reports and the acreage actually planted.

If these acreage prospects materialize, the 1953 plantings of canning beets will total 17,390 acres. Last year, 15,970 acres were planted and for the 1942-51 period, plantings averaged 17,750 acres.

The purpose of this report is to assist growers and canners generally in making such further changes in their 1953 acreage plans as may appear desirable. The acreage actually planted in 1953 may turn out to be larger or smaller than indicated by reason of weather conditions, price changes, labor supplies, financial conditions and the effect of this report itself upon processors' actions. The following table shows the acreage in prospect at the present time.

STATE	PLANTED ACREAGES					
	10-year average		1952		1953	
	1942-51	Acres	1952	1953	As percent of planted 10-year average	1952
New York.....	4,520	Acres	4,000	4,800	106	120
Michigan.....	1,280		700	800	62	114
Wisconsin.....	6,410		7,400	7,600	119	103
Oregon.....	1,910		1,000	1,000	52	100
Other States 1/.....	3,630		2,870	3,190	88	111
U. S. TOTAL.....	17,750		15,970	17,390	97.9	108.8

1/ California, Colorado, Illinois, Indiana, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Mississippi, New Jersey, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Utah and Washington.

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(Vegetables for Commercial Processing)

CUCUMBERS FOR PICKLES
PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS
1953, with Comparisons

An increase of about 2 percent over 1952 in the planted acreage of cucumbers for pickles is indicated for 1953, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. This indicated increase over last year's plantings is based on reports received in late March and early April from pickle packers giving information on the acreage that they intend to contract and plant in 1953. The indicated State acreages for 1953 are interpretations of these reports from pickle packers, based on past relationships between such reports and the acreage actually planted.

If these early season acreage prospects materialize, the 1953 plantings of pickling cucumbers will total 163,180 acres. This compares with 160,370 acres planted in 1952 and a 1942-51 average planting of 130,050 acres.

Abandonment of planted acreage has averaged around 10 percent annually during the past 10 years. If 163,180 acres are planted, and 10 percent is lost or abandoned, there would be about 147,000 acres for harvest. This compares with 149,590 acres harvested in 1952 and the 1942-51 average of 116,610 acres.

The purpose of this report is to assist growers and pickle packers generally in making such further changes in their 1953 acreage plans as may appear desirable. The acreage actually planted in 1953 may turn out to be larger or smaller than now indicated, because of weather conditions, price changes, labor supply, financial conditions, and the effect of this report itself upon pickle packers' actions. The following table shows the acreages in prospect at the present time.

PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS, 1953, with Comparisons

STATE	PLANTED ACREAGES			As percent of planted	
	10-year average 1942-51	1952 revised	1953 indicated	10-year average 1942-51	1952
	Acres	Acres	Acres	Percent	
Maine	590	670	800	136	119
Massachusetts	760	820	1,320	174	161
New York	1,210	2,100	2,300	190	110
Ohio	2,570	2,600	2,800	109	108
Indiana	5,130	3,600	3,400	66	94
Illinois	1,120	300	300	27	100
Michigan	39,870	48,800	46,000	115	94
Wisconsin	19,850	23,800	25,000	126	105
Minnesota	2,150	2,500	2,900	135	116
Iowa	1,050	300	400	38	133
Missouri	1,250	1,200	1,300	104	108
Delaware	1,460	1,600	1,600	110	100
Maryland	4,550	3,700	4,000	88	108
Virginia	5,250	7,100	6,500	124	92
North Carolina	8,650	13,600	14,700	170	108
South Carolina	2,180	4,500	3,200	147	71
Georgia	5,780	9,300	8,100	140	87
Texas	4,480	5,900	7,600	170	129
Colorado	2,570	3,800	4,000	156	105
Washington	920	800	1,200	130	150
Oregon	1,490	1,500	1,800	121	120
California	3,040	3,850	4,000	132	104
Other States 1/ ..	14,130	18,030	19,960	141	111
U. S. TOTAL	130,050	160,370	163,180	125.5	101.8

1/ Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, Connecticut, Florida, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Hampshire, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Tennessee, and Utah.

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TOMATOES FOR PROCESSING
PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS
1953, With Comparisons

(Vegetables for Commercial Processing)

Intentions to plant reports on tomatoes for processing indicate an acreage reduction this year of nearly 15 percent from 1952, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics. This indicated decrease from last year's acreage is based on reports received from processors late in March and early in April giving information on the acreage that they intend to contract and plant in 1953. The State acreages for 1953 are interpretations of reports from processors and are based on past relationships between such intentions reports and the acreage actually planted.

If these early-season acreage prospects materialize, the 1953 plantings of processing tomatoes will total 327,100 acres. This compares with the revised estimate of 382,800 acres planted in 1952 and a 1942-51 average planting of 488,200 acres.

Abandonment of planted acreage averaged about 4 percent annually during the most recent 10-year period. If such a loss occurs on the indicated 327,100 acres, about 314,000 acres will be harvested in 1953. This compares with 376,800 acres harvested in 1952 and a 1942-51 average of 469,200 acres.

The harvest of 314,000 acres, with a yield in line with the 10-year average of 6.58 tons per acre would result in a production of around 2,066,000 tons. The 1952 revised production estimate is 3,511,300 tons, while the 1942-51 average production is 2,993,000 tons.

The purpose of this report is to assist growers and processors generally in making such further changes in their acreage plans as may appear desirable. The acreage actually planted in 1953 may turn out to be larger or smaller than indicated by reason of weather conditions, and the effect of this report itself upon processors' actions. The following table shows the acreage in prospect at the present time.

PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS, 1953 with Comparisons

STATE	PLANTED ACREAGES			As percent of planted	
	10-year average 1942-51	1952 revised	1953 indicated	10-year average 1942-51	1952
	Acres		Acres	Percent	
New York	24,200	19,800	18,000	74	91
New Jersey	34,500	34,000	28,000	81	82
Pennsylvania	29,000	26,000	24,000	83	92
Ohio	27,400	23,000	19,000	69	83
Indiana	67,600	48,000	41,000	61	85
Illinois	11,700	12,600	11,000	94	87
Michigan	7,900	8,900	7,600	96	85
Wisconsin	1,700	1,200	1,000	59	83
Iowa	2,900	1,400	1,900	66	136
Missouri	11,700	5,000	4,500	38	90
Delaware	8,500	6,100	5,300	62	87
Maryland	43,400	24,600	23,400	54	95
Virginia	27,100	16,000	13,600	50	85
South Carolina	2,400	300	400	17	133
Florida	4,100	7,600	7,500	183	99
Kentucky	4,400	1,700	1,800	41	106
Tennessee	5,800	2,500	2,600	45	104
Arkansas	16,200	5,500	5,300	33	96
Oklahoma	2,200	800	700	32	88
Texas	22,900	12,000	16,700	73	139
Colorado	4,500	2,800	3,300	73	118
Utah	7,700	7,300	7,700	100	105
California	115,500	112,900	80,000	69	71
Other States <u>1/</u> ...	4,900	2,800	2,800	57	100
U. S. TOTAL	488,200	382,800	327,100	67.0	85.4

1/ Alabama, Arizona, Connecticut, Georgia, Idaho, Kansas, Louisiana, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oregon, Washington, and West Virginia.