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INTENTIONS FOR MAJOR PROCESSING VEGETABLES VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED FROM LAST YEAR

The 1977 prospective contracted planted acreage of the Nation's major processing vegetable crops is estimated at 1.63 million acres, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is only fractionally below the 1.64 million planted acres contracted last year. Snap beans and green lima beans are showing the largest increases in planned acreage while sweet corn and green pea acreage is offsetting with the largest indicated decreases. Contract tonnage of cabbage for kraut is expected to increase by 4 percent this year. Current planting intentions for frozen vegetables indicate an increase of 8 percent while expectations for canned vegetables indicate a decrease of 3 percent.

The 1977 prospective planted acres in this publication is based on reports provided by processors prior to planting. The acreage figures represent the area contracted or intentions to contract as well as intended area grown by processing firms for their own use. The area actually planted may vary because of weather, labor supply, other economic conditions or the effect of this report.

GREEN LIMA BEANS: Current expectations are that 62,390 acres of green lima beans will be grown under contract this year, an increase of 15 percent over last year's contracted acreage. California, the largest green lima bean producing State is showing the greatest increase in acreage. Acreage for freezing is expected to increase by 25 percent while intended canning acreage is anticipated to increase by 2 percent. Of the total for freezing, Baby Limas will account for 26,490 acres, an increase of 21 percent and Fordhooks will be planted on 11,700 acres, 33 percent above last year.

SNAP BEANS: The prospective planted acreage of snap beans contracted for 1977 is estimated at 253,870 acres, 11 percent above last year. Wisconsin, the leading snap bean producing State, is expected to contract about the same acreage as last year while New York and Oregon are planning to increase their acreage by 7 and 11 percent respectively. Contracted acreage for freezing is expected to total 60,930 acres, an increase of 31 percent and canning acreage is anticipated to increase by 6 percent.

BEETS FOR CANNING: Current expectations are that beets for canning will be planted on 16,990 acres in 1977. This is an increase of 27 percent over last year's contracted acreage. Wisconsin plans a 28 percent increase in acreage and New York intentions are up 18 percent.

CABBAGE FOR KRAUT: The 1977 intended contracted tonnage of cabbage for kraut is 211,400 tons, an increase of 4 percent. New York, the largest kraut producing State, is planning to increase their production by 19 percent this year while Wisconsin, which is second in production, is planning a 12 percent decrease in production.

SWEET CORN: Expectations are that 456,350 acres of sweet corn will be contracted this year. This would be a decrease of 5 percent from last year. Producers in Wisconsin, the largest producing State, intend to decrease their planted acreage by 3 percent. Plantings of corn for freezing is expected to be the same as last year while acreage for canning corn is anticipated to drop off by 7 percent.

CUCUMBERS FOR PICKLES: Contracted spring and summer crop cucumbers for pickles is scheduled to be planted on 111,780 acres in 1977, 5 percent less than last year. North Carolina and Michigan, the two leading producing States, are intending to decrease their acreage by 7 and 14 percent respectively.

GREEN PEAS: Prospective contracted plantings of green peas are estimated at 380,360 acres--a 4 percent decline from the acreage contracted in 1976. Planted acreage of peas for freezing are expected to increase by 3 percent while canning acreage prospects are expected to decrease by 7 percent.

SPINACH: Production of winter spinach is estimated at 112,050 tons for 1977. (This estimate includes Florida and Texas which were formerly included in the Spring quarter.) Harvested area is placed at 13,000 acres this year.

TOMATOES: Intended plantings of tomatoes grown under contract total 333,720 acres for 1977, a decrease of 2 percent from last year. In California, where approximately 79 percent of the crop is grown, current plans are to decrease contracted acreage by about 1 percent.

GREEN LIMA BEANS FOR PROCESSING: PROSPECTIVE PLANTED AREA, BY STATES,
1977 WITH COMPARISONS

STATE AND UTILIZATION	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1977/1976
	1975 TOTAL	1976		1977 CONTRACT	
	ACRES				PERCENT
CALIF	28,100	20,600	20,600	26,900	131
DEL	12,300	8,700	8,700	8,700	100
MD	3,600	4,200	4,200	3,900	93
WIS	11,900	5,400	5,400	6,800	126
OTH STS <u>1/</u>	25,390	15,590	15,590	16,090	103
U S	81,290	54,490	54,490	62,390	115
FOR FREEZING					
BABY LIMAS	34,320	21,870	21,870	26,490	121
FORDHOOKS <u>2/</u>	13,900	8,800	8,800	11,700	133
FOR CANNING (PRIMARYLY BABY LIMAS)	33,070	23,820	23,820	24,200	102

1/ ARK, IDAHO, ILL, MICH, MINN, MISS, N J, N Y, OHIO, PA, TENN, UTAH, VA AND WASH.

2/ INCLUDES EMERALDS.

BEETS FOR CANNING: PROSPECTIVE PLANTED AREA, BY STATES,
1977 WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1977/1976
	1975 TOTAL	1976		1977 CONTRACT	
	ACRES				PERCENT
N Y	4,900	4,700	4,000	4,700	118
WIS	8,200	6,600	6,400	8,200	128
OTH STS <u>1/</u>	6,310	3,730	3,030	4,090	135
U S	19,410	15,030	13,430	16,990	127

1/ CALIF, MICH, OHIO, OREG, TEX AND WASH.

SNAP BEANS FOR PROCESSING: PROSPECTIVE PLANTED AREA, BY STATES, 1977
WITH COMPARISONS

STATE AND UTILIZATION	PLANTED AREA			CONTRACT CHANGE 1977/1976
	1975 TOTAL	1976 TOTAL	1977 CONTRACT	
	ACRES			PERCENT
ARK	5,700	3,700	3,700	154
CALIF	7,800	5,700	5,700	118
COLO	1,900	1,600	1,600	113
ILL	9,700	7,800	6,800	93
MICH	13,600	14,200	13,300	119
N Y	50,800	46,600	39,600	107
OKLA	2,800	2,300	2,300	113
OREG	33,100	29,900	29,700	111
PA	6,700	5,300	4,900	131
TENN	15,400	12,400	7,600	96
VA	3,100	3,700	3,700	89
WIS	70,800	73,700	67,900	100
OTH STS 1/	75,000	44,220	41,660	131
U S	296,400	251,120	228,460	111
FOR FREEZING	54,230	49,570	46,370	131
FOR CANNING	242,170	201,550	182,090	106

1/ ALA, DEL, FLA, GA, IDAHO, IND, KY, MD, MAINE, MINN, MISS, MO, N J, N C, OHIO, S C, TEX, UTAH, WASH AND W VA.

SWEET CORN FOR PROCESSING: PROSPECTIVE PLANTED AREA, BY STATES, 1977
WITH COMPARISONS

STATE AND UTILIZATION	PLANTED AREA			CONTRACT CHANGE 1977/1976
	1975 TOTAL	1976 TOTAL	1977 CONTRACT	
	ACRES			PERCENT
DEL	1,800	1,800	1,800	94
IDAHO	27,400	25,300	24,400	96
ILL	60,200	54,700	51,200	94
IOWA	15,100	10,700	10,300	96
MD	15,300	13,800	13,800	103
MINN	122,800	124,600	124,100	93
N Y	22,700	22,800	21,800	96
OREG	43,100	40,700	40,100	102
PA	6,300	5,200	4,900	94
WASH	43,000	33,000	33,000	82
WIS	146,900	138,000	137,600	97
OTH STS 1/	14,500	10,780	10,780	103
U S	519,100	481,380	479,680	95
FOR FREEZING	129,480	121,740	121,040	100
FOR CANNING	389,620	359,640	358,640	93

1/ IND, OHIO, TEX, UTAH, VA AND W VA.

CABBAGE FOR KRAUT: PROSPECTIVE PRODUCTION, BY STATES, 1977
WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	PRODUCTION				CONTRACT CHANGE 1977/1976 PERCENT
	1975 TOTAL	1976		1977 CONTRACT	
		TOTAL	CONTRACT	CONTRACT	
		TONS			
N Y	90,250	81,600	68,500	81,700	119
OHIO	16,700	22,300	21,300	28,000	131
WIS	71,150	76,550	64,600	56,900	88
OTH STS 1/	61,650	51,900	48,050	44,800	93
U S	239,750	232,350	202,450	211,400	104

1/ COLO, FLA, IDAHO, ILL, IND, MICH, N C, OREG, PA, TENN, VA AND WASH.

SPINACH FOR PROCESSING: PRELIMINARY AREA AND PRODUCTION,
BY STATES, 1977 WITH COMPARISONS

SEASON, STATE AND UTILIZATION	PLANTED AREA				HARVESTED AREA			
	1975 TOTAL	1976		1977 CONTRACT	1975 TOTAL	1976		1977 CONTRACT
		TOTAL	CONTRACT	CONTRACT	TOTAL	TOTAL	CONTRACT	CONTRACT
	ACRES							
WINTER 1/ CALIF	8,900	10,200	10,200	9,500	8,400	9,700	9,700	9,300
OTH STS 3/				4,200				3,700
U S				13,700				13,000
FOR FREEZING	5,950	7,400	7,400	7,200	5,500	7,000	7,000	4/
FOR CANNING	2,950	2,800	2,800	6,500	2,900	2,700	2,700	4/
	YIELD PER ACRE				PRODUCTION			
	1975 TOTAL	1976		1977 CONTRACT	1975 TOTAL	1976		1977 CONTRACT
		TOTAL	2/	CONTRACT	TOTAL	TOTAL	CONTRACT	CONTRACT
	TONS							
WINTER 1/ CALIF	10.13	9.86		10.00	85,100	95,650	95,650	93,000
OTH STS 3/				5.15				19,050
U S				8.62				112,050
FOR FREEZING	9.58	9.77			52,700	68,400	68,400	4/
FOR CANNING	11.17	10.09			32,400	27,250	27,250	4/

1/ FLA AND TEX WINTER CROP 1975 & 1976 COMBINED WITH SPRING "OTHER STATES" (PUBLISHED JUNE 24, 1977) TO AVOID DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS. 2/ DERIVED 1976 CONTRACT YIELD PER ACRE MAY DIFFER SLIGHTLY FROM TOTAL YIELD DUE TO EXCLUSION OF OPEN MARKET PURCHASES. 3/ FLA AND TEX 1977 WINTER CROPS COMBINED TO AVOID DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS. 4/ TO BE PUBLISHED DEC 23, 1977.

CUCUMBERS FOR PICKLES: PROSPECTIVE PLANTED AREA,
BY STATES, 1977, WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1977/1976 PERCENT
	1975 TOTAL	1976 TOTAL	CONTRACT	1977 CONTRACT	
ACRES					
SPRING & SUMMER					
CALIF	5,500	4,900	4,600	4,200	91
COLO	2,500	2,700	2,700	2,500	93
IND	2,900	1,500	1,500	1,000	67
MD	3,700	3,700	3,600	2,800	78
MICH	30,400	27,000	23,900	20,500	86
MISS	6,300	5,100	5,100	3,300	65
N C	30,500	28,100	25,500	23,600	93
N J	3,000	1,900	1,300	1,000	77
OHIO	7,100	6,300	6,100	6,800	111
S C	8,400	6,700	6,500	7,000	108
TEX 1/	6,400	5,800	5,700	5,200	91
VA	4,000	2,700	1,500	1,500	100
WASH	1,800	1,900	1,300	1,600	123
WIS	10,600	10,500	9,400	11,800	126
OTH STS 2/	20,310	20,985	19,095	18,980	99
U S	143,410	129,785	117,795	111,780	95

1/ BEGINNING 1975, SEPARATE ESTIMATES PROVIDED FOR SPRING & SUMMER AND FALL CROPS -- PRIOR YEAR'S FALL PLANTINGS INCLUDED IN SPRING & SUMMER GROUP. 2/ ALA, ARIZ, ARK, CONN, DEL, FLA, GA, IDAHO, ILL, KY, LA, MASS, MINN, MO, NEBR, N Y, OKLA, OREG, PA, RI, S DAK, & TENN.

GREEN PEAS FOR PROCESSING: PROSPECTIVE PLANTED AREA
BY STATES, 1977, WITH COMPARISONS

STATE AND UTILIZATION	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1977/1976 PERCENT
	1975 TOTAL	1976 TOTAL	CONTRACT	1977 CONTRACT	
ACRES					
CALIF	14,000	8,800	8,800	8,300	94
COLO	390	430	430	530	123
DEL	11,300	9,100	8,800	8,600	98
IDAHO	14,600	16,600	16,600	13,200	80
MD	5,900	6,700	6,700	6,100	91
MINN	75,900	74,100	74,100	67,800	91
N Y	6,700	4,200	4,200	4,600	110
OREG	52,200	37,100	37,100	31,400	85
WASH	83,600	67,100	67,100	73,900	110
WIS	148,000	121,300	121,200	118,700	98
OTH STS 1/	54,180	50,060	50,060	47,230	94
U S	466,770	395,490	395,090	380,360	96
FOR FREEZING	159,480	125,920	125,920	130,250	103
FOR CANNING	307,290	269,570	269,170	250,110	93

1/ ILL, IOWA, MAINE, MICH, MONT, N J, OHIO, PA, UTAH, VA, AND WYO.

TOMATOES FOR PROCESSING: PROSPECTIVE PLANTED AREA, BY STATES,
1977 WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1977/1976
	1975 TOTAL	1976		1977 CONTRACT	
	ACRES				PERCENT
CALIF	305,600	267,700	266,800	265,000	99
COLO	840	780	780	820	105
IND	16,100	14,300	14,000	12,000	86
MD	4,800	4,400	3,500	3,300	94
MICH	4,700	4,100	3,700	2,900	78
N J	11,000	9,400	8,500	7,200	85
N MEX	860	900	900	1,000	111
OHIO	24,500	22,600	22,100	22,000	100
PA	7,200	6,500	5,800	5,800	100
TEX	5,100	4,900	4,800	4,100	85
VA	3,900	3,500	3,500	4,000	114
OTHER STS <u>1/</u>	9,330	7,740	5,000	5,600	112
U S	393,930	346,820	339,380	333,720	98

1/ ARK, DEL, FLA, ILL, IOWA, KY, LA, N Y, N C, OKLA, UTAH, AND W VA.