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INTENTIONS FOR MAJOR PROCESSING VEGETABLES NEARLY SAME AS YEAR EARLIER

Prospective planted area contracted or to be contracted in the U.S. for the major processing vegetable crops in 1978 is placed at 1.66 million acres, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is only fractionally below the area contracted in 1977. Increased acreage for green lima beans, snap beans, beets, cucumbers for pickles, green peas and spinach were offset by decreased acreage for sweet corn and tomatoes. Contract tonnage of cabbage for kraut is expected to be about the same as last year. Current planting intentions for frozen vegetables indicate an increase of 4 percent while canned vegetables indicate a 1 percent rise.

The 1978 prospective planted area in this publication is based on reports provided by processors prior to planting. The acreage represents the area contracted or intentions to contract as well as intended area of crops 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: An expected 69,430 acres of green lima beans will be grown under contract in 1978, up 10 percent from last year's contracted acreage. Delaware and Maryland are up 24 and 28 percent respectively, while California, the leading green lima bean State, is expected to be up 10 percent. Area of beans for freezing is showing a 5 percent increase and the intended area for canning is anticipated to increase 20 percent. Of the total for freezing, Baby limas will account for 29,500 acres, virtually the same as a year ago, and Fordhooks are expected to be planted on 11,850 acres, 19 percent above last year.

SNAP BEANS: The prospective planted area of snap beans is estimated at 282,340 acres, 9 percent above 1977. Wisconsin, the leading snap bean producing State, indicates a 6 percent increase in contracted area. New York and Oregon are planning an increase of 15 and 8 percent respectively. Contracted area for freezing is expected to total 70,350 acres, 22 percent above a year ago and canning acreage is anticipated to increase 5 percent.

BEETS FOR CANNING: Current expectations are that beets for canning will be planted on 17,220 acres, 7 percent over last year's contracted area. Wisconsin plans to increase acreage by 9 percent and New York intentions are up 2 percent.

CABBAGE FOR KRAUT: The 1978 intended contract tonnage of cabbage for kraut is 209,600 tons, virtually the same as 1977. New York, the largest kraut producing State, is planning to reduce their production by 6 percent. Wisconsin is planning a 5 percent decrease while Ohio anticipates an increase of 8 percent in production.

SWEET CORN: Prospective area to be contracted for sweet corn in 1978 is placed at 461,550 acres, a decrease of 4 percent from a year ago. Producers in Wisconsin, the largest sweet corn State, intend to decrease their planted acreage by 13 percent while in Minnesota, the second leading State, virtually the same acreage is expected to be contracted as last year. Planting of sweet corn for freezing is expected to be 1 percent below a year ago while acreage for canning is anticipated to decrease 5 percent.

CUCUMBERS FOR PICKLES: Contracted spring and summer crop cucumbers for pickles is expected to total 116,130 acres, an increase of 8 percent from last year. North Carolina is expected to decrease their acreage 4 percent while Michigan is anticipating an increase of 12 percent in contracted acreage.

GREEN PEAS: Prospective contracted plantings of green peas are estimated at 395,330 acres, a 4 percent increase from the previous year. Planted area for freezing is expected to increase 3 percent while canning area is anticipated to be 5 percent more than 1977.

SPINACH: Production of winter spinach is estimated at 103,500 tons for 1978, down 8 percent from last year. Harvested area is placed at 13,500 acres, 4 percent above 1977.

TOMATOES: Intended planted area of tomatoes grown under contract total 304,540 acres for 1978, a decrease of 11 percent from last year. In California, where approximately 79 percent of the crop is grown, current plans are to decrease contracted acreage by 13 percent.

GREEN LIMA BEANS FOR PROCESSING: PROSPECTIVE PLANTED AREA, BY STATES, 1978, WITH COMPARISONS

STATE AND UTILIZATION	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1978/1977 PERCENT
	1976 TOTAL	1977 TOTAL	1977 CONTRACT	1978 CONTRACT	
	ACRES				
CALIF	20,600	27,300	27,300	29,800	110
DEL	8,700	9,700	9,700	12,000	124
MD	4,200	2,900	2,900	3,700	128
WIS	5,400	6,400	6,400	7,400	116
OTH STS 1/	15,590	16,620	16,620	16,530	99
U S	54,490	62,920	62,920	69,430	110
FOR FREEZING:					
BABY LIMAS	21,870	29,440	29,440	29,500	100
FORDHOOKS 2/	8,800	10,000	10,000	11,850	119
FOR CANNING:					
(PRIMARILY BABY LIMAS)	23,820	23,480	23,480	28,080	120

1/ 1976 - ARK, IDAHO, ILL, MINN, N J, N Y, OHIO, PA, TENN, UTAH AND WASH.
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 1978 - ARK, IDAHO, ILL, MINN, MISS, N J, N Y, OHIO, OREG, PA, TENN, UTAH, VA AND WASH.
 2/ INCLUDES EMERALDS.

BEETS FOR CANNING: PROSPECTIVE PLANTED AREA, BY STATES, 1978, WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1978/1977 PERCENT
	1976 TOTAL	1977 TOTAL	1977 CONTRACT	1978 CONTRACT	
	ACRES				
N Y	4,700	4,600	4,500	4,600	102
TEX	1,800				
WIS	6,600	7,600	7,500	8,200	109
OTH STS 1/	1,920	4,040	4,020	4,420	110
U S	15,020	16,240	16,020	17,220	107

1/ 1976 - CALIF, IND, MICH, OHIO, OREG AND WASH.
 1977-78 - CALIF, IND, MICH, OHIO, OREG, TEX AND WASH.

SNAP BEANS FOR PROCESSING: PROSPECTIVE PLANTED AREA, BY STATES, 1978
WITH COMPARISONS

STATE AND UTILIZATION	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1978/1977
	1976 TOTAL	1977		1978 CONTRACT	
	ACRES				PERCENT
ALA		3,400	3,400	4,000	118
ARK	3,700	5,800	5,800	4,000	69
CALIF	5,800	6,100	6,100	7,400	121
COLO	1,600	1,800	1,800	1,500	83
ILL	7,800	8,600	8,600	8,800	102
MD	4,800	7,200	7,200	9,600	133
MICH	14,200	17,500	15,500	16,100	104
N Y	46,600	49,100	44,900	51,700	115
N C	1,400	1,500	1,400	1,400	100
OKLA	2,300	2,300	2,300	1,200	52
OREG	29,900	33,100	32,900	35,400	108
PA	5,300	5,500	5,100	6,800	133
TENN	12,400	14,300	9,000	7,800	87
TEX	3,500				
VA	3,700	3,200	3,200	3,700	116
WASH		2,000	2,000	2,600	130
WIS	73,700	72,000	68,800	72,900	106
OTH STS 1/	34,520	46,780	42,180	47,440	112
U S	251,220	280,180	260,180	282,340	109
FOR FREEZING	49,670	60,650	57,720	70,350	122
FOR CANNING	201,550	219,530	202,460	211,990	105

1/ 1976 - ALA, DEL, FLA, GA, IDAHO, IND, KY, MAINE, MINN, MO, N J, OHIO, S C, UTAH, WASH AND W VA.
1977 - DEL, FLA, GA, IDAHO, IND, KY, MAINE, MINN, MO, N J, OHIO, S C, TEX, UTAH AND W VA. 1978 - DEL,
FLA, GA, IDAHO, IND, KY, MAINE, MINN, MISS, MO, N J, OHIO, S C, TEX, UTAH AND W VA.

SWEET CORN FOR PROCESSING: PROSPECTIVE PLANTED AREA, BY STATES, 1978
WITH COMPARISONS

STATE AND UTILIZATION	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1978/1977
	1976 TOTAL	1977		1978 CONTRACT	
	ACRES				PERCENT
DEL	1,800				
IDAHO	25,300	25,700	25,700	26,200	102
ILL	54,700	50,600	49,800	50,200	101
IOWA	10,700	10,300	10,300	6,700	65
MD	13,800	13,000	13,000	11,500	88
MINN	124,600	124,200	124,200	123,600	100
N Y	22,800	23,400	23,200	20,700	89
OREG		42,100	41,700	40,000	96
PA	5,200	5,300	5,200	5,400	104
WASH	36,800	33,700	33,600	39,500	118
WIS	138,000	142,600	142,400	123,700	87
OTH STS 1/	51,480	12,130	12,130	14,050	116
U S	485,180	483,030	481,230	461,550	96
FOR FREEZING	125,540	137,740	137,140	135,130	99
FOR CANNING	359,640	345,290	344,090	326,420	95

1/ 1976 - IND, OREG, TEX, UTAH, VA AND W VA.
1977-78 DEL, IND, TEX, UTAH, VA, AND W VA.

CABBAGE FOR KRAUT: PROSPECTIVE PRODUCTION, BY STATES, 1978
WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	PRODUCTION				CONTRACT CHANGE 1978/1977
	1976 TOTAL	1977		1978 CONTRACT	
	TONS				PERCENT
N Y	81,600	90,950	80,500	75,300	94
OHIO	23,500	24,000	24,000	26,000	108
WIS	76,550	74,450	64,600	61,500	95
OTH STS ^{1/}	50,400	41,100	39,550	46,800	118
U S	232,050	230,500	208,650	209,600	100

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

SPINACH FOR PROCESSING: PRELIMINARY AREA AND PRODUCTION, BY STATES, 1978
WITH COMPARISONS

SEASON, STATE AND UTILIZATION	PLANTED AREA				HARVESTED AREA			
	1976 TOTAL	1977 TOTAL	1978 CONTRACT	1978 CONTRACT	1976 TOTAL	1977 TOTAL	1978 CONTRACT	1978 CONTRACT
	ACRES							
WINTER CALIF	10,200	9,300	9,300	9,400	9,700	9,000	9,000	8,700
OTH STS ^{1/}	7,300	4,500	4,400	5,200	6,300	4,000	3,900	4,800
U S	17,500	13,800	13,700	14,600	16,000	13,000	12,900	13,500
FOR FREEZING	7,500	7,400	7,300	7,550	7,100	7,150	7,050	^{2/}
FOR CANNING	10,000	6,400	6,400	7,050	8,900	5,850	5,850	^{2/}
	YIELD PER ACRE				PRODUCTION			
	1976 TOTAL	1977 TOTAL ^{3/}	1978 CONTRACT	1978 CONTRACT	1976 TOTAL	1977 TOTAL	1978 CONTRACT	1978 CONTRACT
	TONS							
WINTER CALIF	9.86	10.21	9.30	9.30	95,650	91,900	91,900	80,900
OTH STS	5.06	5.11	4.70	4.70	31,900	20,450	20,000	22,600
U S	7.97	8.64	7.70	7.70	127,550	112,350	111,900	103,500
FOR FREEZING	9.70	9.93	9.93	9.93	68,900	71,000	70,550	^{2/}
FOR CANNING	6.59	7.07	7.07	7.07	58,650	41,350	41,350	^{2/}

^{1/} FLA AND TEX.

^{2/} TO BE PUBLISHED DEC 22, 1978.

^{3/} DERIVED 1977 CONTRACT YIELD PER ACRE MAY DIFFER SLIGHTLY FROM TOTAL YIELD DUE TO EXCLUSION OF OPEN MARKET PURCHASES.

CUCUMBERS FOR PICKLES: PROSPECTIVE PLANTED AREA,
BY STATES, 1978, WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1978/1977
	1976 TOTAL	1977		1978 CONTRACT	
	ACRES				PERCENT
SPRING & SUMMER					
CALIF	4,900	4,400	4,300	4,000	93
COLO	2,700	1,700	1,700	2,200	129
IND	1,500	1,500	1,400	2,000	143
MD	3,700	2,900	2,800	2,800	100
MICH	27,000	25,200	19,600	22,000	112
MISS	5,100	4,100	4,100		
N J	1,900	1,400	1,000	1,100	110
N C	28,100	28,100	24,800	23,800	96
OHIO	6,300	6,500	6,300	8,100	129
S C	6,700	7,200	6,500	7,000	108
TEX	5,800	3,900	3,700	6,100	165
VA	2,700	2,800	1,700	1,700	100
WASH	1,800				
WIS	10,500	9,800	8,600	11,900	138
OTH STS 1/	20,990	23,120	20,690	23,430	113
U S	129,690	122,620	107,190	116,130	108

1/ 1976 - ALA, ARIZ, ARK, DEL, FLA, GA, IDAHO, ILL, KY, LA, MASS, MINN, MO, NEBR, N Y, OREG, PA, S DAK AND TENN. 1977 - ALA, ARIZ, ARK, DEL, FLA, GA, IDAHO, ILL, KY, LA, MASS, MINN, MO, NEBR, N Y, OREG, PA, S DAK, TENN AND WASH. 1978 - ALA, ARIZ, ARK, DEL, FLA, GA, IDAHO, ILL, KY, LA, MASS, MINN, MISS, NEBR, N Y, OREG, PA, S DAK, TENN AND WASH.

GREEN PEAS FOR PROCESSING: PROSPECTIVE PLANTED AREA
BY STATES, 1978, WITH COMPARISONS

STATE AND UTILIZATION	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1978/1977
	1976 TOTAL	1977		1978 CONTRACT	
	ACRES				PERCENT
CALIF	8,800	7,600	7,600	9,300	122
COLO	430	510	510	600	118
DEL	9,100	8,900	8,900	10,300	116
IDAHO	16,600	11,600	11,600	11,800	102
MD	6,700	5,500	5,500	6,600	120
MINN	74,100	68,500	68,500	77,500	113
N Y	4,200	5,300	5,300	5,300	100
OREG	37,100	32,200	32,200	38,800	120
WASH	75,100	77,600	77,600	78,100	101
WIS	121,300	114,200	114,200	111,800	98
OTH STS 1/	50,060	47,820	47,820	45,230	95
U S	403,490	379,730	379,730	395,330	104
FOR FREEZING	134,020	145,140	145,140	149,720	103
FOR CANNING	269,470	234,590	234,590	245,610	105

1/ 1976-77 - ILL, IOWA, MAINE, MICH, N J, OHIO, PA, UTAH AND VA.
1978 ILL, IOWA, MAINE, MICH, OHIO, PA, UTAH AND VA.

TOMATOES FOR PROCESSING: PROSPECTIVE PLANTED AREA, BY STATES, 1978, WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1978/1977 PERCENT
	1976	1977		1978	
	TOTAL	TOTAL	CONTRACT	CONTRACT	
	ACRES				
CALIF	267,700	278,800	276,900	240,000	87
COLO	780	830	830	900	108
IND	14,300	12,700	12,200	12,000	98
MD	4,400	4,100	2,900	2,700	93
MICH	4,100	4,200	3,700	3,600	97
N J	9,400	8,100	7,400	6,400	86
N MEX	900	1,000	1,000	820	82
OHIO	22,600	21,100	20,500	21,000	102
PA	6,500	6,000	5,900	4,000	68
TEX	4,900	3,000	3,000	3,700	123
VA	3,500	3,700	3,600	4,000	111
OTH STS ^{1/}	7,740	8,480	5,960	5,420	91
U S	346,820	352,010	343,890	304,540	89

^{1/} 1976-77 - ARK, DEL, FLA, ILL, IOWA, KY, LA, N Y, N C, OKLA, UTAH AND W VA.
 1978 - ARK, DEL, FLA, ILL, IOWA, KY, LA, N Y, N C, UTAH AND W VA.