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PROCESSING VEGETABLES UP 3 PERCENT

Processors plan to contract 1.36 million acres (549 thousand hectares) of vegetables in 1988 for the 5 major vegetable crops. This is up 3 percent from last year and 7 percent above 1986.

Snap bean acreage is expected to rise 6 percent, sweet corn 2 percent, cucumbers for pickles 11 percent, and tomatoes 5 percent. Green peas, on the other hand, are expected to decline 3 percent.

Canning acreage under contract is planned for 983 thousand acres (including cucumbers and tomatoes), a gain of 5 percent from last year. Frozen food firms are looking for beans, corn, and peas from 372 thousand acres, a decline of 2 percent. Tonnage of tomatoes under contract should top 8.00 million tons, up 7 percent from last year.

SNAP BEANS are planned for 220 thousand acres (89.2 thousand hectares), up 6 percent from last year. Canning acreage will increase 8 percent, while freezing is expected to gain 1 percent. Wisconsin, Oregon, and Tennessee will plant most of the increased acreage. Notable declines are shown in Indiana, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Washington.

SWEET CORN processors intend to contract 471 thousand acres (190 thousand hectares) for processing in 1988, up 2 percent from last year. Canning acreage should gain 5 percent; while freezing firms will drop 3 percent. Idaho, Minnesota, and New York expect fewer acres for processing, with most other States planning increases.

GREEN PEAS are planned for 292 thousand acres (118 thousand hectares) contracted in 1988, down 3 percent from last year. Canning should be down 3 percent and freezing should drop 4 percent. Declines expected in Delaware, Minnesota, and Oregon more than offset increases planned in New York, Washington, Wisconsin, and other States.

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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS BY CROP AND EXPECTED UTILIZATION,
UNITED STATES
(DOMESTIC UNITS)

CROP AND UTILIZATION	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1988/1987
	1986	1987		1988	
	TOTAL	TOTAL	CONTRACT	INTENTIONS	

	ACRES				PERCENT
ALL PROCESSING:					
SNAP BEANS	206,300	229,810	207,970	220,330	106
SWEET CORN	432,100	463,330	462,830	470,500	102
CUCUMBERS (PICKLES)	112,950	110,190	91,450	101,950	111
GREEN PEAS	289,320	303,700	301,900	292,000	97
TOMATOES	260,590	262,620	258,110	270,910	105
TOTAL	1,301,260	1,369,650	1,322,260	1,355,690	103
CANNING:					
SNAP BEANS	146,540	162,880	143,050	154,540	108
SWEET CORN	266,520	286,700	286,410	299,340	105
GREEN PEAS	157,250	163,150	161,350	156,600	97
FREEZING:					
SNAP BEANS	59,760	66,930	64,920	65,790	101
SWEET CORN	165,580	176,630	176,420	171,160	97
GREEN PEAS	132,070	140,550	140,550	135,400	96

	PRODUCTION				
	1986	1987		1988	CONTRACT CHANGE 1988/1987
	TOTAL	TOTAL	CONTRACT	INTENTIONS	

	TONS				
TOMATOES	7,393,290	7,596,580	7,495,050	8,001,490	107

PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS BY CROP AND EXPECTED UTILIZATION,
UNITED STATES
(METRIC UNITS)

CROP AND UTILIZATION	PLANTED AREA			
	1986 TOTAL	1987		1988
		TOTAL	CONTRACT	CONTRACT INTENTIONS
HECTARES				
ALL PROCESSING:				
SNAP BEANS	83,490	93,000	84,160	89,170
SWEET CORN	174,870	187,510	187,300	190,410
CUCUMBERS (PICKLES)	45,710	44,590	37,010	41,260
GREEN PEAS	117,080	122,900	122,180	118,170
TOMATOES	105,460	106,280	104,450	109,630
TOTAL	526,610	554,280	535,110	548,630
CANNING: 1/				
SNAP BEANS	59,300	65,920	57,890	62,540
SWEET CORN	107,860	116,020	115,910	121,140
GREEN PEAS	63,640	66,030	65,300	63,370
FREEZING: 1/				
SNAP BEANS	24,180	27,090	26,270	26,620
SWEET CORN	67,010	71,480	71,400	69,270
GREEN PEAS	53,450	56,880	56,880	54,800
PRODUCTION				
	1986 TOTAL	1987		1988
		TOTAL	CONTRACT	CONTRACT INTENTIONS
METRIC TONS				
TOMATOES	6,707,040	6,891,470	6,799,360	7,258,790

1/ UTILIZATION MAY NOT ADD TO TOTAL CROP BECAUSE OF ROUNDING.

SNAP BEANS FOR PROCESSING

STATE AND UTILIZATION	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1988/1987
	1986 TOTAL	1987 TOTAL	1987 CONTRACT	1988 CONTRACT INTENTIONS	
	ACRES				PERCENT
ARK	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,100	103
ILL				9,600	
IND	1,900	5,900	5,900	4,800	81
MICH	18,000	20,000	16,000	16,000	100
MINN		5,900	5,900	5,300	90
N Y	26,500	29,400	28,600	29,000	101
OREG	22,500	20,400	20,400	21,300	104
PA	4,600	6,700	6,300	5,200	83
TENN	5,700	5,700	5,400	6,000	111
WASH	1,200	1,100	1,100	800	73
WIS	88,400	94,300	79,000	88,200	112
OTH STS 1/	34,500	37,410	36,370	31,030	85
U S	206,300	229,810	207,970	220,330	106
CANNING	146,540	162,880	143,050	154,540	108
FREEZING	59,760	66,930	64,920	65,790	101
1/ 1986 -	ALA, CALIF, DEL, FLA, GA, IDAHO, ILL, MD, MINN, MO, N J, N C, OHIO, OKLA, S C, TEX, UTAH, AND VA.				
1987 -	ALA, CALIF, DEL, FLA, GA, IDAHO, ILL, MD, MO, N J, N C, OHIO, OKLA, S C, TEX, UTAH, AND VA.				
1988 -	ALA, CALIF, DEL, FLA, GA, IDAHO, MD, MO, N J, N C, OHIO, OKLA, TEX, UTAH, AND VA.				

SWEET CORN FOR PROCESSING

STATE AND UTILIZATION	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1988/1987
	1986 TOTAL	1987 TOTAL	1987 CONTRACT	1988 CONTRACT INTENTIONS	
	ACRES				PERCENT
DEL	5,200	5,400	5,400	5,400	100
IDAHO	17,100	17,800	17,800	17,000	96
ILL	32,700	30,700	30,700	32,900	107
MD	7,900	6,500	6,500	6,700	103
MINN	125,400	130,600	130,600	127,200	97
N Y	27,700	29,700	29,500	25,900	88
OREG	35,900	39,300	39,300	39,800	101
PA	3,700	3,800	3,600	4,200	117
WASH	37,300	44,600	44,500	45,300	102
WIS	133,000	147,000	147,000	157,400	107
OTH STS 1/	6,200	7,930	7,930	8,700	110
U S	432,100	463,330	462,830	470,500	102
CANNING	266,520	286,700	286,410	299,340	105
FREEZING	165,580	176,630	176,420	171,160	97
1/ 1986-87 -	IND, IOWA, MICH, AND N J.				
1988 -	IND, IOWA, AND MICH.				

CUCUMBERS FOR PICKLES

STATE	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1988/1987
	1986 TOTAL	1987 TOTAL	1988 CONTRACT	1988 INTENTIONS	
	ACRES				PERCENT
CALIF	4,000	4,100	3,400	3,600	106
COLO	1,700	1,300	1,300	1,100	85
DEL				1,500	
FLA	4,700	4,000	380		
IND	1,200	1,100	1,100	1,200	109
MD	3,300	2,200	2,200	2,800	127
MICH	25,000	24,000	19,000	21,000	111
N J	770	560	420		
N C	25,700	24,000	17,800	18,900	106
OHIO	4,600	4,800	4,800	4,700	98
OREG	1,900	1,900	1,900	2,200	116
S C	13,400	13,300	13,200	13,500	102
TEX	8,200	9,800	7,600	10,000	132
WASH	1,700	1,700	1,700	1,400	82
WIS	7,300	6,300	5,800	7,400	128
OTH STS 1/	9,480	11,130	10,850	12,650	117
U S	112,950	110,190	91,450	101,950	111

1/ 1986 - ALA, ARIZ, ARK, DEL, GA, IDAHO, KY, MASS, MINN, MISS, MO, NEBR, AND S DAK.
 1987 - ALA, ARIZ, ARK, DEL, GA, IDAHO, ILL, KY, MASS, MINN, MISS, MO, NEBR, AND S DAK.
 1988 - ALA, ARIZ, ARK, FLA, GA, IDAHO, ILL, KY, LA, MASS, MINN, MISS, MO, N J, N Y, AND TENN.

GREEN PEAS FOR PROCESSING

STATE AND UTILIZATION	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1988/1987
	1986 TOTAL	1987 TOTAL	1988 CONTRACT	1988 INTENTIONS	
	ACRES				PERCENT
DEL	10,200	11,200	11,200	9,200	82
MINN	77,300	82,000	80,200	71,900	90
N Y	9,100	10,200	10,200	11,100	109
OREG	29,500	34,500	34,500	29,700	86
WASH	47,700	41,800	41,800	44,800	107
WIS	78,000	85,500	85,500	86,200	101
OTH STS 1/	37,520	38,500	38,500	39,100	102
U S	289,320	303,700	301,900	292,000	97
CANNING	157,250	163,150	161,350	156,600	97
FREEZING	132,070	140,550	140,550	135,400	96

1/ 1986 - CALIF, IDAHO, ILL, IOWA, MAINE, MD, MICH, N J, AND PA.
 1987-88 - CALIF, IDAHO, ILL, MAINE, MD, MICH, N J, AND PA.

TOMATOES FOR PROCESSING

STATE	PLANTED AREA				CONTRACT CHANGE 1988/1987
	1986	1987		1988	
	TOTAL	TOTAL	CONTRACT	INTENTIONS	
	ACRES				PERCENT
CALIF	216,600	217,000	214,800	227,000	106
COLO	730	710	710	850	120
DEL				900	
IND	6,800	7,000	6,700	7,000	104
MD	1,900	1,300	900	2,300	256
MICH	5,900	5,300	5,200	5,100	98
N J	3,100	3,100	2,900	2,600	90
N Y				2,100	
OHIO	15,400	16,500	16,500	16,300	99
PA	3,100	2,500	2,400	2,100	88
OTH STS 1/	7,060	9,210	8,000	4,660	
U S	260,590	262,620	258,110	270,910	105
	PRODUCTION				CONTRACT CHANGE 1988/1987
	1986	1987		1988	
	TOTAL	TOTAL	CONTRACT	INTENTIONS	
	TONS				PERCENT
CALIF	6,480,320	6,702,480	6,632,770	6,990,000	105
COLO	10,840	7,590	7,590	15,200	200
DEL				15,620	
IND	138,110	156,850	151,660	158,000	104
MD	24,800	17,000	11,990	43,040	359
MICH	133,380	118,500	116,130	144,000	124
N J	52,260	56,260	52,380	50,000	95
N Y				35,800	
OHIO	384,800	368,000	368,000	417,000	113
PA	51,100	29,690	28,550	38,700	136
OTH STS 1/	117,680	140,210	125,980	94,130	
U S	7,393,290	7,596,580	7,495,050	8,001,490	107

1/ 1986-87 - DEL, FLA, ILL, IOWA, N MEX, N Y, N C, S C, TEX, UTAH, AND VA.
 1988 - ILL, IOWA, S C, TEX, AND VA.

CUCUMBERS FOR PICKLES are slated for 102 thousand acres (41.3 thousand hectares) in 1988, a gain of 11 percent from last year. Michigan intentions are up 11 percent and North Carolina should gain 6 percent. Increases are also being planned for Maryland, up 27 percent; Texas, up 32 percent; and Wisconsin, up 28 percent. Three major States expecting to lose acreage are Colorado, Ohio, and Washington.

TOMATO processing acreage intentions of 271 thousand acres (110 thousand hectares) are up 5 percent from last year; while contract production of 8.00 million tons is expected to increase 7 percent. California processors intend to contract 227 thousand acres, up 6 percent from last year, dominating the Nation's tomato processing. Michigan and Ohio are off slightly; but Maryland should more than double 1987 acreage planted. New Jersey and Pennsylvania expect to have 10 and 12 percent declines, respectively.

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