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ONIONS: Spring onion production is forecast at 7.67 million cwt, up 4 percent from last year, and 10 percent above two years ago. Area harvested is set at 27.6 thousand acres, down 3 percent from last year. The average yield is forecast at 278 cwt per acre up 18 cwt from last year.

Harvest is mostly finished in Georgia and the Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Georgia growers had an excellent crop with harvest about 2 weeks earlier than normal. Texas fields were weather damaged early in the season, cutting yields somewhat. Rain delayed progress in the San Antonio-Winter Garden area. Laredo harvest is beginning to wind down. California and Arizona are harvesting very good crops with yields coming in better than last year. By the end of May, Arizona was past the 50 percent mark. California began harvest in late April with the crop turning out very well.

STRAWBERRIES: Harvest of New Jersey strawberries started the last week of May, about a week later than normal. An April frost and excessive rainfall reduced the harvested acreage.

Michigan's cool spring weather slowed crop maturity but has not hurt production prospects. Steady rains have been beneficial for good yields.

Picking has started in Oregon and should peak in mid-June. The crop has had above average yields but sunny weather is needed to aid ripening. Cool, cloudy weather and intermittent showers have caused some problems with fruit rot. The labor supply continues to be a concern especially if the crop is larger than currently expected.

The season has been mild but wet in Washington. Some areas west of the Cascade Mountains have received well above normal precipitation. Harvest has just started on early varieties while late varieties are in the bloom stage. Growers in the western part of the State are hoping for sunshine as mold could be a problem if the wet conditions continue. There was some frost damage in Spokane county. Root weevils are a problem but no more so than usual. Labor continues to be a problem.

VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET

CROP AND STATE	AREA			YIELD PER ACRE			PRODUCTION		
	HARVESTED		FOR	1988	1989	1990	1988	1989	1990
	1988	1989	HARVEST						
	ACRES			CWT		1,000 CWT			
ONIONS:									
SPRING									
ARIZ	1,200	1,000	770	375	440	500	450	440	385
CALIF	8,500	7,700	8,500	390	400	420	3,315	3,080	3,570
GA 1/		4,700	5,700		135	210		635	1,197
TEX	14,000	15,000	12,600	230	215	200	3,220	3,225	2,520
GROUP TOT	23,700	28,400	27,570	295	260	278	6,985	7,380	7,672
STRAW-									
BERRIES: 2/									
WINTER									
FLA	5,000	5,300	5,400	250	260	230	1,250	1,378	1,242
SPRING									
CALIF	19,200	19,900	19,500	450	420	460	8,640	8,358	8,970
LA	700	650	750	75	62	78	53	40	59
MICH	2,300	2,200	2,200	55	53	65	127	117	143
N J	700	600	500	46	30	50	32	18	25
OREG	7,800	6,200	5,500	130	105	120	1,014	651	660
WASH	2,400	1,900	1,700	92	60	65	221	114	111
GROUP TOT	33,100	31,450	30,150	305	296	331	10,087	9,298	9,968
MAJOR STS									
TOTAL	38,100	36,750	35,550	298	291	315	11,337	10,676	11,210

- 1/ ESTIMATES BEGUN IN 1989.
 2/ INCLUDES FRESH MARKET AND PROCESSING.

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