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Contracted Processing Production Up 13 Percent from Last Year Asparagus Production Down 8 Percent Spring Onion Production Down 2 Percent

The 2007 contracted processing vegetable production for the four major processing crops (snap beans, sweet corn, green peas, and tomatoes) is forecast at 16.7 million tons, up 13 percent from last year. Production of processing tomatoes, at 12.6 million tons, is 19 percent above 2006. Snap bean production, at 841,280 tons, is up 10 percent from last year's production. Sweet corn production, at 2.88 million tons, is down 7 percent from last year, and green pea production, at 409,940 tons, is 1 percent above 2006. Contracted area for harvest of the four major processing vegetable crops, at 1.08 million acres, is 1 percent above 2006.

Production of the 2007 asparagus crop is forecast at 1.13 million cwt, down 8 percent from 2006. Area harvested, at 41,200 acres, is down 8 percent from last year. Fresh production of 936,000 cwt, declined 6 percent from 2006. Processed production, at 9,900 tons, is down 18 percent from last year.

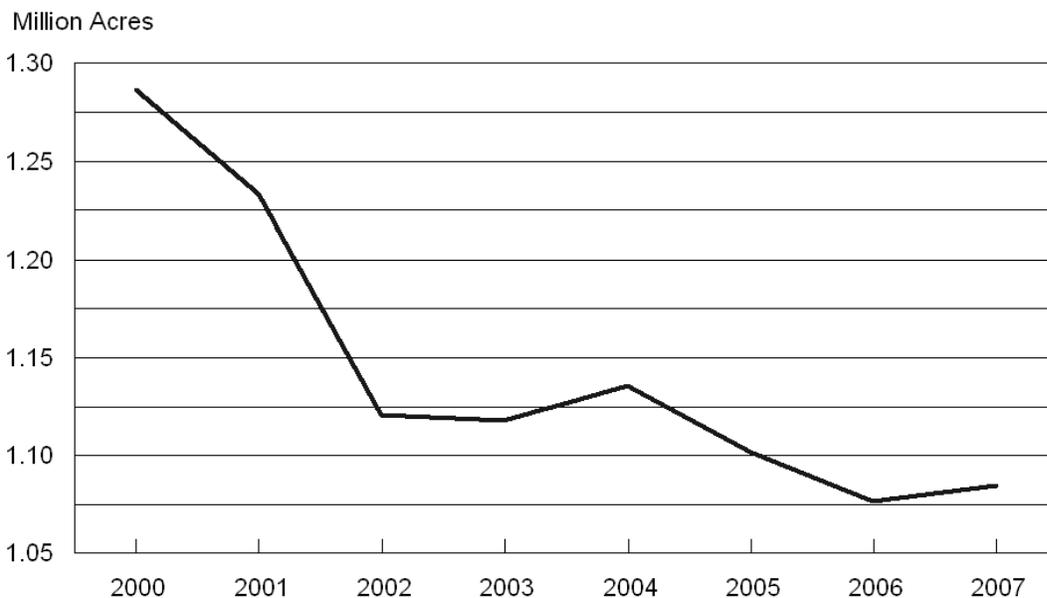
The end-of-season spring onion production estimate, at 10.9 million cwt, is down 2 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 31,300 acres, is down 10 percent from a year ago, while yield, at 348 cwt per acre, is up 26 cwt per acre from 2006. The value of the spring crop is estimated at 376 million dollars, 89 percent above last year.

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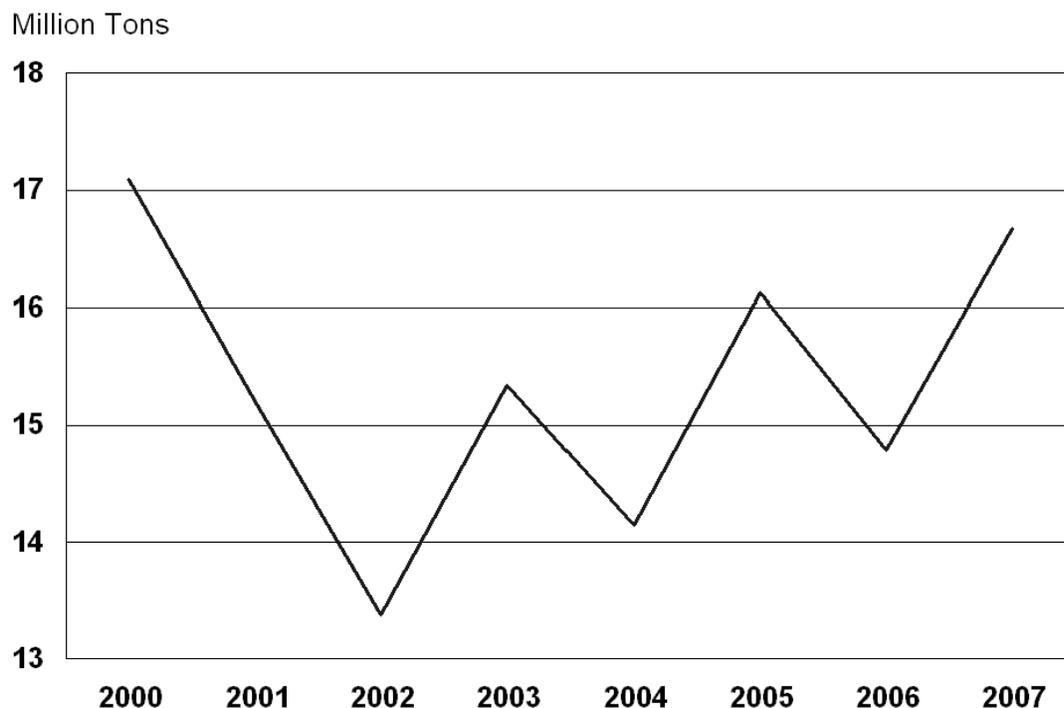
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**Processing Vegetables: Area Harvested and Production
by Crop, United States, 2005-2006 and Forecasted 2007
(Domestic Units)**

| Crop | Area Harvested | | | |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| | 2005 Total | 2006 | | 2007 Contract ¹ |
| | | Total | Contract ¹ | |
| | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> |
| All Processing | | | | |
| Snap Beans | 204,620 | 203,240 | 197,871 | 195,530 |
| Sweet Corn | 403,910 | 384,700 | 384,700 | 366,300 |
| Green Peas ² | 214,800 | 200,000 | 197,700 | 212,000 |
| Tomatoes | 281,940 | 299,400 | 296,390 | 310,800 |
| Total | 1,105,270 | 1,087,340 | 1,076,661 | 1,084,630 |
| Cucumbers for Pickles ³ | 110,500 | 103,000 | 82,300 | |
| Total 5 Vegetables | 1,215,770 | 1,190,340 | 1,158,961 | |
| | Production | | | |
| | 2005 Total | 2006 | | 2007 Contract ¹ |
| | | Total | Contract ¹ | |
| | <i>Tons</i> | <i>Tons</i> | <i>Tons</i> | <i>Tons</i> |
| All Processing | | | | |
| Snap Beans | 819,250 | 785,820 | 767,187 | 841,280 |
| Sweet Corn | 3,174,800 | 3,086,390 | 3,086,390 | 2,876,820 |
| Green Peas ² | 383,120 | 409,850 | 405,270 | 409,940 |
| Tomatoes | 10,193,120 | 10,611,820 | 10,531,665 | 12,550,410 |
| Total | 14,570,290 | 14,893,880 | 14,790,512 | 16,678,450 |
| Cucumbers for Pickles ³ | 540,080 | 505,190 | 400,570 | |
| Total 5 Vegetables | 15,110,370 | 15,399,070 | 15,191,082 | |

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

² Carried forward from earlier forecast.

³ Cucumbers for pickles will be published in the *Vegetables 2007 Summary*, released January 2008.

**Processing Vegetables: Area Harvested and Production
by Crop, United States, 2005-2006 and Forecasted 2007
(Metric Units)**

| Crop | Area Harvested | | | |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| | 2005 Total | 2006 | | 2007 Contract ¹ |
| | | Total | Contract ¹ | |
| | <i>Hectares</i> | <i>Hectares</i> | <i>Hectares</i> | <i>Hectares</i> |
| All Processing | | | | |
| Snap Beans | 82,810 | 82,250 | 80,080 | 79,130 |
| Sweet Corn | 163,460 | 155,680 | 155,680 | 148,240 |
| Green Peas ² | 86,930 | 80,940 | 80,010 | 85,790 |
| Tomatoes | 114,100 | 121,160 | 119,950 | 125,780 |
| Total ³ | 447,290 | 440,040 | 435,710 | 438,940 |
| Cucumbers for Pickles ⁴ | 44,720 | 41,680 | 33,310 | |
| Total 5 Vegetables ³ | 492,010 | 481,720 | 469,020 | |
| | Production | | | |
| | 2005 Total | 2006 | | 2007 Contract ¹ |
| | | Total | Contract ¹ | |
| | <i>Metric Tons</i> | <i>Metric Tons</i> | <i>Metric Tons</i> | <i>Metric Tons</i> |
| All Processing | | | | |
| Snap Beans | 743,210 | 712,880 | 695,980 | 763,190 |
| Sweet Corn | 2,880,120 | 2,799,910 | 2,799,910 | 2,609,790 |
| Green Peas ² | 347,560 | 371,810 | 367,650 | 371,890 |
| Tomatoes | 9,246,990 | 9,626,830 | 9,554,120 | 11,385,480 |
| Total ³ | 13,217,880 | 13,511,430 | 13,417,660 | 15,130,360 |
| Cucumbers for Pickles ⁴ | 489,950 | 458,300 | 363,390 | |
| Total 5 Vegetables ³ | 13,707,830 | 13,969,730 | 13,781,050 | |

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

² Carried forward from earlier forecast.

³ Totals may not add due to rounding.

⁴ Cucumbers for pickles will be published in the *Vegetables 2007 Summary*, released January 2008.

**Snap Beans for Processing: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production
by State and United States, 2005-2006 and Forecasted 2007**

| State | Area Harvested | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | 2005 Total | 2006 | | | | 2007 Contract ¹ | |
| | | Total | Contract ¹ | | | | |
| | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> | | |
| FL | 2,100 | 3,300 | 2,800 | 2,400 | | | |
| IL | 16,700 | 14,800 | 13,200 | 13,900 | | | |
| IN | 5,500 | 5,300 | 5,300 | 5,100 | | | |
| MI | 16,200 | 18,100 | 18,100 | 21,700 | | | |
| NY ² | 21,200 | 19,900 | 18,300 | | | | |
| OR | 18,500 | 18,800 | 18,800 | 18,000 | | | |
| PA | 9,500 | 10,800 | 9,700 | 9,200 | | | |
| WI | 75,500 | 70,900 | 70,900 | 70,500 | | | |
| Oth Sts ^{3 4} | 39,420 | 41,340 | 40,771 | 54,730 | | | |
| US | 204,620 | 203,240 | 197,871 | 195,530 | | | |
| | Yield per Acre | | | Production | | | |
| | 2005 Total | 2006 Total | 2007 Contract ¹ | 2005 Total | 2006 | | 2007 Contract ¹ |
| | | | | | Total | Contract ¹ | |
| | <i>Tons</i> | <i>Tons</i> | <i>Tons</i> | <i>Tons</i> | <i>Tons</i> | <i>Tons</i> | <i>Tons</i> |
| FL | 4.43 | 3.47 | 6.00 | 9,300 | 11,460 | 9,770 | 14,400 |
| IL | 4.08 | 3.82 | 4.20 | 68,180 | 56,580 | 50,340 | 58,380 |
| IN | 3.13 | 3.18 | 3.75 | 17,200 | 16,860 | 16,860 | 19,130 |
| MI | 3.70 | 3.65 | 3.75 | 59,940 | 66,030 | 66,030 | 81,380 |
| NY ² | 3.25 | 3.71 | | 68,970 | 73,730 | 68,010 | |
| OR | 6.30 | 4.95 | 6.60 | 116,530 | 92,970 | 92,970 | 118,800 |
| PA | 2.88 | 3.01 | 3.10 | 27,380 | 32,480 | 29,170 | 28,520 |
| WI | 4.12 | 4.19 | 4.40 | 311,280 | 297,030 | 297,030 | 310,200 |
| Oth Sts ^{3 4} | 3.56 | 3.35 | 3.85 | 140,470 | 138,680 | 137,007 | 210,470 |
| US | 4.00 | 3.87 | 4.30 | 819,250 | 785,820 | 767,187 | 841,280 |

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

² 2007 data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ 2005 - AR, CA, DE, GA, MD, MN, MO, NJ, NC, TX, and VA.

2006 - AR, CA, DE, GA, MD, MN, MO, NJ, NC, TX, and VA.

2007 - CA, DE, GA, MD, MN, NJ, NY, NC, TX, and VA.

⁴ Seasonal forecasts for AR and MO are not available. Estimates to be published in the *Vegetables 2007 Summary*, released January 2008.

**Sweet Corn for Processing: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production
by State and United States, 2005-2006 and Forecasted 2007**

| State | Area Harvested | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|
| | 2005 Total | 2006 | | | | | 2007 Contract ¹ |
| | | Total | Contract ¹ | | | | |
| | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> |
| DE ² | 7,300 | 4,600 | 4,600 | | | | |
| MD | 6,700 | 6,300 | 6,300 | | | | 6,300 |
| MN | 136,400 | 131,600 | 131,600 | | | | 115,500 |
| NY ² | 17,600 | 17,200 | 17,200 | | | | |
| OR | 23,200 | 26,000 | 26,000 | | | | 20,200 |
| PA ² | 1,300 | 1,200 | 1,200 | | | | |
| WA | 81,200 | 79,200 | 79,200 | | | | 85,300 |
| WI | 92,000 | 82,800 | 82,800 | | | | 85,600 |
| Oth Sts ³ | 38,210 | 35,800 | 35,800 | | | | 53,400 |
| US | 403,910 | 384,700 | 384,700 | | | | 366,300 |
| | Yield per Acre | | | Production | | | |
| | 2005 Total | 2006 Total | 2007 Contract ¹ | 2005 Total | 2006 | | 2007 Contract ¹ |
| | <i>Tons</i> | <i>Tons</i> | <i>Tons</i> | <i>Tons</i> | Total | Contract ¹ | <i>Tons</i> |
| DE ² | 6.72 | 5.30 | | 49,020 | 24,380 | 24,380 | |
| MD | 6.24 | 5.60 | 7.30 | 41,840 | 35,280 | 35,280 | 45,990 |
| MN | 7.17 | 7.34 | 6.68 | 977,770 | 965,550 | 965,550 | 771,540 |
| NY ² | 6.60 | 6.70 | | 116,160 | 115,240 | 115,240 | |
| OR | 10.08 | 9.58 | 9.60 | 233,810 | 249,160 | 249,160 | 193,920 |
| PA ² | 5.10 | 6.66 | | 6,630 | 7,990 | 7,990 | |
| WA | 9.76 | 10.18 | 9.60 | 792,160 | 806,140 | 806,140 | 818,880 |
| WI | 7.39 | 7.38 | 7.35 | 680,230 | 611,260 | 611,260 | 629,160 |
| Oth Sts ³ | 7.25 | 7.58 | 7.82 | 277,180 | 271,390 | 271,390 | 417,330 |
| US | 7.86 | 8.02 | 7.85 | 3,174,800 | 3,086,390 | 3,086,390 | 2,876,820 |

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

² 2007 data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ 2005 - ID, IL, IA, NJ, TN and VA.

2006 - ID, IL, IA, NJ, and TN.

2007 - DE, ID, IL, IA, NJ, NY, PA, TN and VA.

**Tomatoes for Processing: Area Harvested, Yield, and Production
by State and United States, 2005-2006 and Forecasted 2007**

| State | Area Harvested | | | | | | |
|---------------------------|----------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|--------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | 2005 Total | 2006 | | | | 2007 Contract ¹ | |
| | | Total | Contract ¹ | | | | |
| | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> | | |
| CA | 264,000 | 282,000 | 279,000 | 293,000 | | | |
| IN | 7,900 | 7,800 | 7,800 | 8,400 | | | |
| MI ² | | 3,300 | 3,300 | 3,300 | | | |
| OH | 5,800 | 6,300 | 6,290 | 6,100 | | | |
| Oth Sts ^{3 4} | 4,240 | | | | | | |
| US | 281,940 | 299,400 | 296,390 | 310,800 | | | |
| | Yield per Acre | | | Production | | | |
| | 2005 Total | 2006 Total | 2007 Contract ¹ | 2005 Total | 2006 | | 2007 Contract ¹ |
| | <i>Tons</i> | <i>Tons</i> | <i>Tons</i> | <i>Tons</i> | Total | Contract ¹ | <i>Tons</i> |
| CA | 36.36 | 35.83 | 40.96 | 9,600,000 | 10,104,000 | 10,024,000 | 12,000,000 |
| IN | 33.73 | 28.91 | 33.68 | 266,470 | 225,500 | 225,500 | 282,910 |
| MI ² | | 35.00 | 33.00 | | 115,500 | 115,500 | 108,900 |
| OH | 30.22 | 26.48 | 26.00 | 175,280 | 166,820 | 166,665 | 158,600 |
| Oth Sts ^{3 4} | 35.70 | | | 151,370 | | | |
| US | 36.15 | 35.44 | 40.38 | 10,193,120 | 10,611,820 | 10,531,665 | 12,550,410 |

¹ Includes acreage from major brokers.

² 2005 data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ 2005 - MD, MI, and NJ.

⁴ MD and NJ dropped from the national estimating program in 2006.

Snap Beans: Contracted production of snap beans is forecast at 841,280 tons, up 10 percent from last year. Contracted harvested area is down 1 percent, while yield is up 0.43 tons per acre. In Wisconsin, white mold and pod rot were spotted in central portions of the State. However, favorable conditions during the season helped to improve yields. Oregon's harvest began the second week of July. Harvesting in Washington County was completed by mid-August. Michigan's early planted crop was budding by the beginning of June. Late season planting was delayed due to rain. Drought conditions across much of the State in July and August minimally affected the crop. Florida's spring harvest was complete by early June. Growers are preparing land for the fall crop planting. In Illinois, the growing season has been ideal due to ample moisture. In Indiana, the snap bean crop is in good condition despite hot and dry weather.

Sweet Corn: Contracted sweet corn production is forecast at 2.88 million tons, down 7 percent from last year. A decline of 5 percent in contracted harvested area is accompanied by a decline in yield of 0.17 tons per acre from 2006. In Minnesota, cold and wet conditions slowed planting in early April. Above normal temperatures in late April and early May allowed planting to progress rapidly. As of June 3rd, planting was 78 percent complete, compared with 64 percent for the five-year average. In Washington, conditions have been mostly hot and dry throughout the summer. Water supplies are adequate and harvest is progressing well. The crop is reported to be mostly average to above average. Wisconsin's season began with hot and dry weather. By August, heavy rainfall hampered harvest. Oregon experienced unseasonably hot weather in the middle of July, followed by unusually cool weather through the middle of August. Despite torrential rains in the central and eastern sections of New York, yields are better than last year. Weather conditions in Maryland have been very dry during the summer growing season.

Tomatoes: Contracted tomato production is forecast at 12.6 million tons, up 19 percent from last year. An increase of 5 percent in contracted harvested area is accompanied by a yield increase of 4.94 tons per acre. This has been an outstanding year for processing tomato growers in California. Weather patterns have been conducive for successful fruit setting. Warm weather accelerated crop progress in early spring and harvest began earlier than usual in many areas. Crop conditions have generally been excellent. Vigorous plant growth was noted during the first weeks of summer and exceptionally high yields have been reported in most growing regions. In Ohio, harvest was 10 percent complete by August 19. Michigan's tomatoes progressed well through the summer. Indiana's processing tomatoes were in good condition despite hot and dry weather throughout the State. Many processors had to irrigate to make up for the lack of rainfall.

**Asparagus for Fresh Market and Processing: Area Planted and Harvested,
Yield, Production, and Value by State and United States, 2005-2007**

| State | Area Planted | | | Area Harvested | | |
|-------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
| | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> |
| CA | 25,000 | 25,000 | 24,000 | 24,100 | 24,000 | 23,000 |
| MI | 12,700 | 12,200 | 11,700 | 12,200 | 11,700 | 11,200 |
| WA | 14,000 | 9,000 | 8,000 | 13,000 | 9,000 | 7,000 |
| US | 51,700 | 46,200 | 43,700 | 49,300 | 44,700 | 41,200 |
| | Yield per Acre | | | Production | | |
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
| | <i>Cwt</i> | <i>Cwt</i> | <i>Cwt</i> | <i>1,000 Cwt</i> | <i>1,000 Cwt</i> | <i>1,000 Cwt</i> |
| CA | 32 | 25 | 26 | 770 | 600 | 598 |
| MI | 19 | 22 | 21 | 232 | 257 | 235 |
| WA | 41 | 42 | 43 | 532 | 378 | 301 |
| US | 31 | 28 | 28 | 1,534 | 1,235 | 1,134 |
| | Value | | | | | |
| | Per Cwt | | | Total | | |
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
| | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>1,000 Dollars</i> | <i>1,000 Dollars</i> | <i>1,000 Dollars</i> |
| CA | 105.00 | 118.00 | 134.00 | 80,850 | 70,800 | 80,132 |
| MI | 51.80 | 57.80 | 65.60 | 12,006 | 14,866 | 15,417 |
| WA | 51.80 | 50.00 | 57.20 | 27,580 | 18,911 | 17,228 |
| US | 78.50 | 84.70 | 99.50 | 120,436 | 104,577 | 112,777 |

**Asparagus for Fresh Market and Processing: Production and Value
by Utilization, State, and United States, 2005-2007**

| Utilization and State | Production | | | | | |
|-----------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | 2005 | | 2006 | | 2007 | |
| | <i>1,000 Cwt</i> | | <i>1,000 Cwt</i> | | <i>1,000 Cwt</i> | |
| Fresh Market | | | | | | |
| CA ¹ | | 770 | | 600 | | 598 |
| MI ² | | 58 | | 31 | | |
| WA ² | | 316 | | 362 | | |
| Oth Sts ³ | | | | | | 338 |
| US | | 1,144 | | 993 | | 936 |
| | <i>Tons</i> | | <i>Tons</i> | | <i>Tons</i> | |
| Processing | | | | | | |
| MI ² | | 8,700 | | 11,300 | | |
| WA ² | | 10,800 | | 800 | | |
| Oth Sts ³ | | | | | | 9,900 |
| US | | 19,500 | | 12,100 | | 9,900 |
| Canning | | 16,100 | | 8,000 | | 5,900 |
| Freezing | | 3,400 | | 4,100 | | 4,000 |
| | Value | | | | | |
| | Per Unit | | | Total | | |
| | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 | 2005 | 2006 | 2007 |
| | <i>Dollars per Cwt</i> | <i>Dollars per Cwt</i> | <i>Dollars per Cwt</i> | <i>1,000 Dollars</i> | <i>1,000 Dollars</i> | <i>1,000 Dollars</i> |
| Fresh Market | | | | | | |
| CA ¹ | 105.00 | 118.00 | 134.00 | 80,850 | 70,800 | 80,132 |
| MI ² | 63.00 | 64.00 | | 3,654 | 1,984 | |
| WA ² | 49.00 | 49.50 | | 15,484 | 17,919 | |
| Oth Sts ³ | | | 59.80 | | | 20,213 |
| US | 87.40 | 91.30 | 107.00 | 99,988 | 90,703 | 100,345 |
| | <i>Dollars per Ton</i> | <i>Dollars per Ton</i> | <i>Dollars per Ton</i> | <i>1,000 Dollars</i> | <i>1,000 Dollars</i> | <i>1,000 Dollars</i> |
| Processing | | | | | | |
| MI ² | 960.00 | 1,140.00 | | 8,352 | 12,882 | |
| WA ² | 1,120.00 | 1,240.00 | | 12,096 | 992 | |
| Oth Sts ³ | | | 1,260.00 | | | 12,432 |
| US | 1,050.00 | 1,150.00 | 1,260.00 | 20,448 | 13,874 | 12,432 |
| Canning | 1,070.00 | 1,150.00 | 1,250.00 | 17,184 | 9,200 | 7,392 |
| Freezing | 960.00 | 1,140.00 | 1,260.00 | 3,264 | 4,674 | 5,040 |

¹ Includes a small amount of processing asparagus.

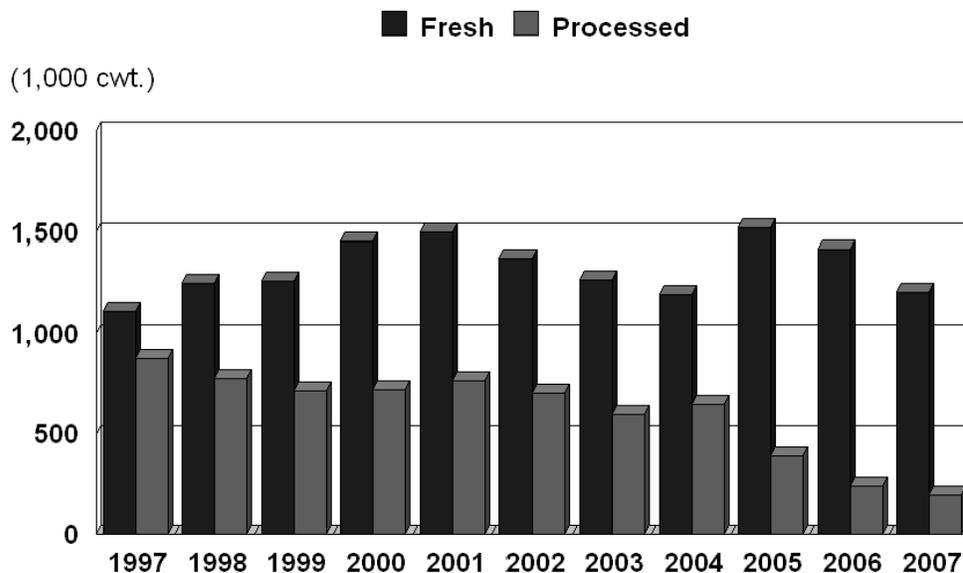
² 2007 data not published to avoid disclosure.

³ 2007 - MI and WA.

Asparagus: Production from the 2007 asparagus crop is forecast at 1.13 million cwt, down 8 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 41,200 acres, is down 8 percent from 2006. Fresh production of 936,000 cwt, is down 6 percent from a year ago. Processed production, at 9,900 tons, is down 18 percent from 2006. Asparagus for canning, at 5,900 tons, is down 26 percent from last year. Frozen asparagus production of 4,000 tons, is down 2 percent from 2006. Total value of the crop, at 113 million dollars, is up 8 percent from 2006. In California, a freeze in mid-January had minimal impact on the asparagus crop. Acreage continues to decline due to competition from imports. In Michigan, the asparagus crop emerged in the west central area in late April. The crop did not exhibit severe damage from the winter weather conditions. Harvest began on a limited basis at the beginning of May and continued on schedule for the remainder of the month. Despite some reports of purple spots, new plantings proceeded on schedule. Yields were average, but the quality of the crop was excellent. Harvest was near completion in older stands towards the end of May. In June, an extended period of warm weather matured the crop quickly. Common asparagus beetles affected some fields in west central Michigan.

Asparagus: Production

United States, 1997-2007



**Onions: Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, Production,
and Value, Selected States, 2006-2007**

| Crop and State | Area | | | | Yield per Acre | |
|---------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| | Planted | | Harvested | | 2006 | 2007 |
| | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 | | |
| | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Acres</i> | <i>Cwt</i> | <i>Cwt</i> |
| Spring ¹ | | | | | | |
| AZ | 1,000 | 1,200 | 1,000 | 1,200 | 490 | 450 |
| CA | 8,100 | 7,500 | 7,900 | 7,300 | 415 | 440 |
| GA | 14,000 | 12,500 | 10,500 | 12,000 | 310 | 270 |
| TX | 17,700 | 12,500 | 15,200 | 10,800 | 270 | 360 |
| Total | 40,800 | 33,700 | 34,600 | 31,300 | 322 | 348 |
| | Production | | Value | | | |
| | 2006 | 2007 | Per Cwt | | Total | |
| | | | 2006 | 2007 | 2006 | 2007 |
| | <i>1,000 Cwt</i> | <i>1,000 Cwt</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>Dollars</i> | <i>1,000 Dollars</i> | <i>1,000 Dollars</i> |
| Spring ¹ | | | | | | |
| AZ | 490 | 540 | 9.00 | 12.00 | 4,410 | 6,480 |
| CA | 3,279 | 3,212 | 9.30 | 11.00 | 30,495 | 35,332 |
| GA | 3,255 | 3,240 | 25.20 | 35.90 | 82,026 | 116,316 |
| TX | 4,104 | 3,888 | 20.00 | 56.00 | 82,080 | 217,728 |
| Total | 11,128 | 10,880 | 17.90 | 34.50 | 199,011 | 375,856 |

¹ Primarily fresh market.

Spring Onions: The end-of-season spring onion production estimate, at 10.9 million cwt, is down 2 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 31,300 acres, is down 10 percent from a year ago, while yield, at 348 cwt per acre, is up 26 cwt per acre from 2006. The value of the spring crop is estimated at 376 million dollars, 89 percent more than last year. In Texas, planting and harvesting of the spring onion crop was delayed due to excessive soil moisture. In Georgia, rainfall during the winter months was normal to slightly below normal, while rainfall during spring was well below normal. Temperatures were above normal during both winter and spring. The crop was rated good to excellent condition throughout the growing season. Harvest got underway about a week earlier than normal. Yields are reported to be the second highest on record. Despite heat and labor shortages, growers were actively irrigating the spring onion crop. Planting of spring onions in California began in most areas by early November. Above normal temperatures stimulated crop development in some areas. Freezing temperatures in late January adversely affected yields in some areas. Arizona's spring onion crop was on schedule with favorable weather during the growing season.

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USDA Data Users' Meeting

October 29, 2007

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Rosemont, Illinois

(847) 671-6350

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