VEGETABLES--FRESH MARKET

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ACREAGE AND ESTIMATED PRODUCTION
OF PRINCIPAL COMMERCIAL CROPS
May 1, 1966

Spring Vegetables: Spring vegetable output of 39.6 million cwt. (hundredweight) is 4 percent more than both last year and average.

Spring Melons: Production of spring cantaloups, honeydews, and watermelons, at 14.1 million cwt., is about the same as last year but 3 percent above average.

Cabbage: Spring cabbage production, at 2.8 million cwt., is 6 percent more than 1965. Acreage intentions for early fall harvest are 5 percent below 1965.

Celery: The spring celery crop of 3.9 million cwt., is 13 percent above 1965.

Sweet Corn: Spring production of sweet corn, at 4.2 million cwt., is 12 percent more than last year and 14 percent above average.

Lettuce: Spring lettuce production of 8.8 million cwt., is 9 percent more than last year and 7 percent above average. In California's Salinas-Watsonville area, harvest is becoming active and cutting in Arizona continues in full swing.

Onions: Spring onion production of 3.8 million cwt., is 25 percent less than last year. Texas early spring onion movement was reduced by wet weather.

Tomatoes: Spring tomato output of 5.2 million cwt. is 12 percent above 1965 and 15 percent above average. Florida harvest continues in full swing with movement from Texas expected in late May.

Cantaloupes: Spring cantaloup supplies of 3.9 million cwt. are 6 percent above last year. Harvest is active in Florida, and is expected to begin in Texas, Arizona and California after mid-May.

Watermelons: Late spring watermelon production of 9.9 million cwt., is 2 percent less than 1965. Heavy movement from Florida is expected by mid-May.

Strawberries: Total strawberry production, at 486.0 million pounds is 5 percent above the 1965 crop but 5 percent below average. Good volume is expected from California's Salinas-Watsonville and Santa Clara Valley districts in early May.

SPECIAL NOTE
Heavy rains in the Lower Valley of Texas during the first week of May damaged some vegetable crops. The estimated losses in this publication are based on conditions existing on May 1, and do not include an allowance for this damage. Pertinent comments relative to the storm damage to individual crops are included in the narrative comments for these crops.

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### VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET

- May 9, 1966

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1/ Short-time average.
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4/ 1966 acreage for harvest is prospective acreage.
ASPARAGUS: Production of asparagus (fresh market and processing) for 1966 is expected to total 3,294,000 cwt., down 3 percent from last year and down 11 percent from the 5-year average.

In California, the early spring crop is estimated at 1,557,000 cwt., 5 percent below 1965 and 20 percent below average. Fresh market movement out of the State was virtually completed by May 1 but light shipments to nearby markets should continue into July. Movement to freezers during the shipping season was one of the heaviest of record. Deliveries to processors are expected to continue very active during May and into June.

Production of mid-spring asparagus is forecast at 535,000 cwt., up 2 percent from 1965. Movement from Washington has been lagging behind last year as a result of the mid-April freeze. Favorable weather during the last week of April was conducive to good development. Harvest in Oregon began about mid-April but has been a little slow in reaching volume because of cool temperatures. Harvest should be in good volume during May.

The first forecast for 1966 late spring asparagus is 1,202,000 cwt., 2 percent below last year. Beds wintered well in Massachusetts but cold weather about May 1 delayed harvest. Harvest started in New Jersey, Delaware and Eastern Shore of Maryland and Virginia in late April. Rains the last 10 days of the month favored development. Cutting in New Jersey is expected to be heavy through May and be completed in late June. Recent cool, wet weather in Pennsylvania has retarded growth with only light volume being harvested to May 1. In Ohio, cool, wet weather has delayed growth; however, some asparagus was marketed from central Ohio during late April. In Illinois, harvest began in late April but has been slowed by rain. In Michigan, cold weather has slowed emergence of spears. Volume harvest was expected by May 10.

LIMA BEANS: The first production forecast of spring lima beans is 67,000 cwt., unchanged from 1965 but 13 percent below average. South Florida continues to be the current source of supply with most of the April volume coming from the Pompano area. Harvest in that area is declining and is expected to be complete by late May. Harvest is expected to begin in the Plant City area and North and West Florida about mid-May with peak production in June. In South Carolina, harvest is expected to be somewhat later than normal.

SNAP BEANS: Production of early spring snap beans is forecast at 485,000 cwt., up 8 percent from 1965. In Florida, the volume is past the peak but supplies should be available through most of May. Movement from the Everglades area was light during April. In Texas, supplies are expected to be available from the San Antonio area by mid-month.

The first forecast of 1966 mid-spring snap bean production is 359,000 cwt., 9 percent above last year. In South Carolina and Georgia, the crop is in good condition. In Alabama, harvest is expected to start in the extreme southern counties about mid-May and should peak before June 1. In Mississippi, cool nights and dry weather during the planting season have delayed the crop. Harvest is expected to start in late May. The Louisiana crop is in good condition. Picking should be general by mid-May.
SNAP BEANS, Cont.: The late spring snap bean crop is estimated at 643,000 cwt., 9 percent above 1965. The wet April weather delayed planting of the Maryland crop. On the Eastern Shore of Virginia and in North Carolina, germination of some acreage was slowed by very dry conditions; however, late April rains were beneficial. Some acreage has been plowed under and reseeded in North Carolina because of poor stands. In California, picking should get underway in San Diego County by mid-May. Heavy volume is not expected until June when additional supplies should be available from Orange County and central coast areas.

BEETS: Production of spring beets is forecast at 40,000 cwt., up 11 percent from last year but 9 percent below average. In North Carolina, harvest is expected to begin about mid-May. Harvesting in South Carolina is much later than normal because of considerable replanting. Peak harvest is expected before mid-May.

CABBAGE: Estimated production of early spring cabbage is 1,689,000 cwt., down 1 percent from the 1965 crop but about average. Harvesting of spring cabbage in South Carolina was active on May 1. Georgia supplies should be available through May. In Alabama, light movement from southern counties continued during April with early supplies coming mostly from the Dothan area. Harvest of the replanted acreage in the Baldwin-Mobile area began in mid-April and will continue until mid-May. In Mississippi, recent rains have been beneficial. In Louisiana, rains about mid-April curtailed harvest. Harvest was expected to reach a peak in the Breaux Bridge area during the first week of May and will continue until about mid-May. Cutting of the California crop was active in most central and south coastal counties the latter part of April. Heavy volume is expected throughout May into early June. Harvest should continue through June.

Late spring cabbage production is forecast at 1,110,000 cwt., 17 percent more than last year and 13 percent above average. In Ohio, the crop is growing well even though some freeze damage was evident during the last of April. The Missouri crop is in good condition. In Maryland and Virginia, rainfall during the last half of April improved prospects. Harvest in Virginia is expected to start May 20. The North Carolina crop is now making good progress after a slow start. Development is about two weeks later than normal. Tennessee's crop condition has greatly improved with recent rains and good weather. The crop is about two weeks late as a result of the earlier dry weather.

Growers of early fall cabbage expect to harvest 30,910 acres in 1966. If carried out, this acreage would be 5 percent less than in 1965 and 3 percent below average. The following States show declines in acreage: New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Connecticut, New York (Upstate), Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Minnesota, and Oregon. Increases in acreage from last year are indicated for New York (Long Island), New Jersey, Michigan, Utah, and Idaho. The remaining States show no change.

CANTALOUPS: Production of spring cantaloupes is forecast at 3,925,000 cwt., 6 percent above both 1965 and average. In Florida, cantaloupes made good growth in all areas during April. Harvest is expected to begin in the Immokalee area in early May and in Martin County in mid-May. Most fields in north and west Florida are in the pre-fruit stage and are expected to come into production in June. Texas cantaloupes made good growth during April with many fields in bloom. The crop is late in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and harvest is not expected to start before the latter half of May with heaviest movement expected during late May and early June. Rains in the Rio Grande Valley since May 1 have been excessive. Loss of some acreage is expected and yields probably will be affected. The Laredo harvest is expected to start around
CANTALOUPS, Cont.: June 1 with peak movement about 10 days later. Picking in the Winter Garden should begin in early June and in the Presidio area during the latter part of June. The Arizona crop is making good progress with most plants developing runners and setting. In California, harvest in the Imperial Valley should begin during the last half of May and peak in June. In Blythe, harvest is expected to begin in early June with peak production late in the month.

The acreage of early summer cantaloups for harvest in 1966 is set at 10,150 acres, down 4 percent from last year and 15 percent below average. In South Carolina, planting was nearly completed by May 1. Generally, the crop is up to good stands, but shortage of moisture during April retarded growth. In Georgia, growth of early plantings has been slow. Some replanting was necessary because of dry soils and cool temperatures. The cantaloup crop in central Arizona is in good condition. Harvest is expected to begin in late June with shipments continuing until late July.

CARROTS: Production of 1966 winter carrots (April 1 estimate) is 4,268,000 cwt., 29 percent below a year earlier. In Texas, carrot movement will be past the peak by May 1 with most shipments originating in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. Declining movement will continue into June from that area. Since harvest was nearly completed, the heavy rains in the Lower Valley since May 1 did not materially affect the overall production level but may reduce shipments for the remainder of the season. Movement from the Imperial Valley of California will continue in good volume through May. The Coachella Valley harvest is in the wind-up stage.

Spring carrot production in Arizona is estimated at 600,000 cwt., compared with 426,000 cwt. in 1965 and the 5-year average of 462,000 cwt. Shipments should remain at moderate volume through May with a slight increase during June. Supplies should be available until late July.

The 1966 early summer carrot acreage for harvest in California, at 7,500 acres, compares with 7,300 acres harvested last year and 7,460 acres for the average. Warm weather brought rapid growth during the past month. Harvest is expected to start in some fields by mid-May but volume is expected to be light until June.

CAULIFLOWER: Production of early spring cauliflower in California is forecast at 704,000 cwt., up 6 percent from 1965. Good supplies are moving from the Santa Maria-Guadalupe area. Harvest is also active in the south coast counties. Supplies will be available through the summer months. Movement from the Salinas-Watsonville area has been comparatively light and on May 1 was nearing completion in the Irvington-Alvarado-Centerville district.

CELERY: Spring celery is estimated at 3,930,000 cwt., up 13 percent from last year. Harvest was active in Florida's Everglades, Sarasota, and Oviedo areas during April, with the Everglades area continuing to supply most of the volume. Harvest got underway in the Island Grove area in mid-April, and in the Zellwood area in late April. Supplies should be available from all areas during May. Transplanting was completed in all areas by late April. Harvest in California was active during April in Orange, Ventura and Los Angeles Counties. Ventura County will continue to provide most of the supplies. Harvest should reach its peak in May but still continue active through June.
SWEET CORN: Production of 1966 early spring sweet corn in Florida and Texas is placed at 3,619,000 cwt., 16 percent more than last year and 24 percent above average. In Florida, crop condition on May 1 was good. Principal source of supplies in early April was the Pompano-Dade County area. Harvest in the Everglades area increased slowly during April and was heavy by the end of the month. Harvest began in late April in the Ft. Myers-Immokalee area. Ample supplies should be available the first half of May from all areas except Zellwood which is expected to start harvest in late May. In Texas, harvest of sweet corn got underway the last few days of April in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas. Volume was expected to increase during the first week in May, reaching peak movement by mid-month, with supplies available into June. Harvest will get underway from the San Antonio area during the latter half of May with good volume available during June. Heavy rains since May 1 in the Lower Valley are not expected to have caused much damage.

The first forecast of sweet corn production in the late spring States of South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, and California is 553,000 cwt., down 11 percent from 1965. Stands in South Carolina are generally good. The Alabama crop is making good progress. In California, warm weather during April improved growing conditions. Moderate supplies are expected to be available the last half of May, beginning in the Coachella Valley. Peak movements should occur in June in both the Coachella and San Joaquin Valleys.

CUCUMBERS: Production of early spring cucumbers in Florida and Texas is placed at 1,152,000 cwt., 5 percent above 1965 and 11 percent above average. In Florida, harvest was underway on May 1 in all areas except in the northern districts where the crop is late and picking is not expected in volume until mid-May. In Texas, light harvest got underway in the Lower Rio Grande Valley during the last week of April. Harvest was underway in the Falfurrias area of the Coastal Bend area and in the Winter Garden area during the first week of May. Rains since May 1 in the Lower Valley have caused considerable damage to prospects. The overall damage cannot be evaluated at this time.

The late spring cucumber crop is forecast at 1,154,000 cwt., up 5 percent from last year and 11 percent above average. In North Carolina, cool temperatures and dry soils delayed germination. South Carolina's plantings were delayed and harvest is expected to begin ten days to two weeks later than normal. Some wind and sand damage has been reported in the important Charleston-Beaufort area. In Georgia, good stands are reported in most areas. In the Baldwin-Mobile area of Alabama, recent rain provided needed moisture and growth of early plantings improved during the last week of April. Cucumber plants in the Hammond area of Louisiana are in generally good condition. Harvest is expected to start during the last week of May. Harvest of California's late spring cucumbers began in San Diego County during the first half of April. Moderate supplies are expected during May with harvest in the San Joaquin Valley starting later in the month. Picking in the San Francisco Bay and Ventura County areas should begin about June 1.

EGGPLANT: Production of spring eggplant in Florida is estimated at 135,000 cwt.--10 percent less than in 1965 and 4 percent below average. Peak production in the Pompano area occurred in April although movement is expected to continue from this area into June. Harvest at Plant City should start the first week of May, becoming more general by mid-month. In North Florida, cool nights have slowed plant development with harvesting expected to start in June.
ESCAROLE: Marketing of Florida's winter escarole crop (March 1 estimate of 780,000 cwt.) continued active. Cool nights during much of April were beneficial to the crop. Supplies during April were heaviest from the Everglades area but were declining late in the month. Harvest in the Zellwood area was active on May 1 and good supplies are expected most of May. The Lake Placid-Sarasota area expected to be in final harvest the first week of May.

HONEYDEW MELONS: The first forecast of spring honeydew melon production in Texas and California is placed at 302,000 cwt., 17 percent below 1965 but 32 percent above average. Harvest in California is expected to begin during June in the Palo Verde Valley. In Texas, harvest is expected to begin in the Lower Rio Grande Valley during late May and start in Laredo and other south Texas points during early June. Peak movement should occur in south Texas about mid-June with supplies available into July. Heavy rains in southern Texas since May 1 are expected to cause considerable damage. The extent of such damage cannot be evaluated at this time.

LETTUCE: Early spring lettuce production, estimated at 7,756,000 cwt., is 10 percent above 1965 and 7 percent above average. Light harvest in North Carolina started late April and should be active during the first half of May. Harvest of the Iceberg type will begin about mid-May. In New Mexico, the lettuce crop is generally in good condition although some isolated fields have rather poor stands because of freeze damage. Harvest was expected to get underway in early May in the lower Mesilla Valley but harvest in the Hatch area is not expected to get underway until mid-May. Arizona's harvest is past the peak in the Salt River Valley, Marquahala Valley, and Red Rock-Picaacho areas. Harvest started in the Aguila area in late April and should peak about mid-May with supplies available until the first of June. Harvest in the Wilcox area is expected to begin about mid-May. Peak movement from this area is expected about June 1 with supplies available until late June. California lettuce supplies are increasing with most of the volume coming from the Salinas-Watsonville district. Additional supplies are also coming from south coast areas. Good supplies should be available during May.

The first forecast of late spring lettuce production is 1,010,000 cwt., 1 percent below 1965 but 11 percent above average. In Massachusetts and Connecticut, harvest is expected to get underway in late May. In New Jersey, crop prospects are very good. Harvest is expected to start about mid-May. In Pennsylvania, early planted lettuce has good stand but cold, wet weather has slowed growth. In Washington, weather has been generally favorable. Harvest is expected to begin about mid-May. Cool weather in Oregon during most of April retarded early growth. Harvest is not expected to begin before mid-June.

ONIONS: Production of 1966 early spring onions in Texas is set at 1,683,000 cwt., down 44 percent from last year and 43 percent below average. In Texas, heavy rains in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and the Coastal Bend areas in late April caused a loss of considerable acreage and reduced yields. The wet fields have caused quite a bit of rot in mature fields and have resulted in heavy cullout at the packing sheds because of staining. Heavy rains since May 1 in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and in the Coastal Bend area caused considerable damage to onions still in the fields. The overall loss cannot be evaluated at this time. In the Winter Garden district, several hundred acres of onions were heavily damaged by hail and prospective yields were reduced in a few additional fields.
ONIONS, Cont.: The first forecast of the late spring onion crop places the 1966 production at 2,076,000 cwt., up 2 percent from a year earlier and 9 percent above average. Cool temperatures with only small amounts of rain have retarded growth in North Carolina. Showers the last few days of April were helpful. The crop in the Farmersville-McKinney area of Texas has made good growth. Harvest is expected to get underway about June 1 with supplies available throughout the month. First shipments from Arizona are expected about May 10 from the Salt River Valley and by mid-May from the Harquahala Valley. Peak shipments are expected by mid-June. Supplies should be available until about mid-July. In the Imperial Valley of California, harvest of onions was underway during the last week of April. Peak volume from the desert areas of Imperial and Blythe is expected during the latter part of May and continuing in June. No appreciable volume from the San Joaquin Valley is expected until the end of May. Peak harvest in this district should be reached by late June.

Early summer onion acreage for harvest in 1966 is estimated at 13,340 acres, up 37 percent from last year and up 41 percent from the average. In New Jersey, the crop is making good growth. Recent rainfall was beneficial for the crop. In Iowa, planting has been delayed because of cold weather. Onions in Texas are generally making satisfactory progress. Harvest was scheduled to begin at Presidio in the Trans-Pecos area the first week of May. In New Mexico, onions in the Mesilla and Hatch Valley are in good condition. Harvest is expected to start in late May and should continue active during the summer. In Washington, the freeze of mid-April caused some damage to the onion crop in the Walla Walla Valley. The seriousness of the freeze is not yet know; however, the crop is expected to be later than normal.

GREEN PEAS: Production of early spring green peas in California is set at 75,000 cwt., 11 percent below 1965 and 39 percent below average. Picking was generally completed in the Arvin, Edison and Wheeler Ridge districts by late April. Harvest in the Gilroy-Rollister area and in the Sacramento Valley is expected to start by mid-May.

GREEN PEPPERS: Estimated output of spring green peppers in Florida and Texas, at 772,000 cwt., is 12 percent larger than in 1965 and 8 percent larger than the average. Harvest in the Ft. Myers-Immokalee area peaked the last two weeks of April. Supplies are expected to continue relatively steady during May from this area as well as from Martin County and the north-portion of the Pompano area. Movement from the Plant City area is expected to start in mid-May. Growth in north Florida has been slow but plants have good color. In Texas, harvest is expected to get underway in mid-May with supplies available well into June. The heavy rains in late April in the Lower Rio Grande Valley caused some loss of acreage and reduced yield prospects. Rains during the first week of May have caused further decline in prospects.

Early summer acreage of green peppers for harvest is forecast at 9,200 acres, 7 percent more than last year and 23 percent more than average. Transplanting in North Carolina was about completed on May 1. Excessive rains in Mississippi in late April flooded some fields and some acreage will be reset. In Louisiana, the crop is in generally good condition. Harvest is expected to become general in the southern-most areas the first week of June.
SPINACH: The spring spinach crop is estimated at 338,000 cvt., up 5 percent from 1965 and the same as the average. In New England, harvest of spring seeded acreage is expected to start in late May. April cold, dry weather retarded growth. In western New York, harvest of the wintered over crop was expected to start May 7. On Long Island, harvest of the wintered over crop started the last week in April and should continue into May. Harvest of the spring planted crop should start in late May. In New Jersey, good volume was being shipped by the end of April. Movement is expected to be heavy from the spring planted acreage through May. Harvest in Pennsylvania began about mid-April. In Ohio, the spinach crop has made good growth from abundant moisture supplies. In Missouri, development has been aided by mild weather and adequate rainfall. In Maryland, dry weather until mid-April was unfavorable for spinach but rainfall during the last half of the month was beneficial. On May 1, harvest was about 70 percent complete on the northern half of the Eastern Shore. In Virginia, harvest is expected to be completed in early May.

TOMATOES: Production of early spring tomatoes is placed at 4,117,000 cvt., 21 percent above 1965 and 17 percent more than the 5-year average. Volume from Florida increased steadily during April as additional acreage came into production. Vine-ripe volume from the Pompano area declined during the month but increased in the Immokalee area. Mature green harvest is nearing completion in Dade County but is increasing in all other areas except north central Florida where harvest is expected to begin in late May. A heavy volume is expected during May. Tomatoes in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas apparently escaped damage from heavy rains in late April. Heavy rains since May 1 are not expected to cause severe damage but some reduction in yield might have occurred. Harvest is expected to start during the first week of May and volume movement should get underway during the latter part of the month. Supplies should be available throughout June. Movement from California has been light this year, resulting mostly from a reduction in acreage from last year. Most of this year's movement has been of the cherry type, but supplies of rounds should increase rapidly in May.

The late spring tomato crop, forecast at 1,095,000 cvt., is 12 percent below last year but 10 percent above average. In South Carolina, movement should begin in late May and peak in June. In Georgia, plants were beginning to bloom in southern areas by May 1. Harvest is expected to start about June 1. The Mississippi crop was helped by recent rains in the Copiah County area but development is about a week late. Louisiana tomatoes are in excellent condition. Harvest is expected to get underway in late May in the New Orleans area and in early June in the Oak Grove area. In central and east Texas, early fields are blooming and setting fruit with first harvest expected in late May. Volume supplies should be available through June and into July.

WATERMELONS: The estimated production of late spring watermelons is 9,919,000 cvt., 2 percent less than in 1965 but 1 percent more than average. In Florida, cool, dry weather during April slowed maturity of the crop. Harvest began in the Naples-Immokalee area about mid-April. Volume production is expected in early May. Fruit is setting and sizing well in other South Florida areas as some harvest was expected by May 10. In the Central Florida area, development varies considerably. Plants in the Gainesville area are beginning to run. Acreage in the North and West Florida areas have generally poor stands. In both the Imperial Valley and in the Elythe area of California, plants have made good progress. Harvest is expected to begin during the latter part of May in the Imperial Valley and in June in the Elythe area.
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WATERMELONS, Cont.: Growers of early summer watermelons expect to have 201,900 acres for harvest in 1966. This acreage is 3 percent less than both last year and average. Most of the North Carolina crop was planted during the last two weeks of April and was emerging by May 1. Planting of watermelons in South Carolina was nearly complete by May 1. Condition of the crop is generally good but harvest is expected to be later than normal. Georgia planting is complete in all areas. Dry soils and cool temperatures caused poor stands in some early planted fields with replanting necessary. Plants are beginning to run in southern areas. In Alabama, planting is complete in southern counties with some plants emerging and some early plantings nearing lay-by stage. In central and northern areas, planting is still active and land preparation is underway for the late crop. In Mississippi, planting is complete and stands in most fields are good. In Arkansas, planting was delayed by April rains but by May 1 were about three-fourths complete. Some of the early planted Oklahoma acreage was slow in coming up but recent rains have improved crop conditions in most areas. Planting in Louisiana is complete in the saline area, but in the Farmersville area most acreage remained to be planted on May 1. In south Texas, plants were in good condition although a limited acreage was lost because of heavy rains in late April. Excessive rains since May 1 may have caused additional damage. Light shipments are expected from the Palmetto area about May 20 with fair volume from all south Texas areas by June 1. In central and east Texas, planting was nearly complete by May 1. Early plantings were setting fruit. Harvest from these areas is expected during the latter half of June with peak movement during July. In north Texas, planting was active on the first of the month. Most Arizona plantings were up to good stands on May 1 and are in good condition. Harvest is expected to begin during the last half of June with supplies available through July. In California, planting has been completed in most of the south coast areas but is expected to continue until late May in the San Joaquin Valley. Early fields have made excellent progress.

STRAWBERRIES: The total 1966 production of strawberries (all seasonal groups) is estimated at 466,050,000 pounds, 5 percent above last year but 5 percent below average.

Production of early spring strawberries, at 16,830,000 pounds, is 6 percent less than in 1965, and 10 percent less than average. Light movement from southern Alabama counties began in mid-April and should peak in early May. In northern counties, the set has been good. In Louisiana, continued heavy showers during the last half of April reduced crop prospects. Pickings were slowed by wet fields. Harvest is expected to continue until mid-May. Texas strawberry harvest was past the peak in all areas by May 1 but supplies will be available from eastern areas throughout the month.

The mid-spring strawberry crop is set at 251,830,000 pounds, up 2 percent from 1965 but 7 percent below average. In Illinois, full bloom is expected during the first week of May. In Missouri, active picking should start about May 17 with some local areas following 5 to 10 days later. The plants are generally in good condition. In Kansas, freezing temperatures in late April reduced prospects. Cool, wet weather in Maryland has delayed growth and bloom of strawberries. Light movement is expected by May 20. The Virginia strawberry harvest is expected to start about mid-May, a week later than usual. Rains the last week of April improved soil moisture conditions. Ripening of the North Carolina strawberry crop has been delayed by below normal April temperatures. Harvest started April 21 on a small volume in the southeast commercial area. Peak harvest is expected in mid-May. Harvest of Kentucky's strawberry crop is expected to begin around May 20 in the southern and western areas and end around June 15.
STRAWBERRIES, Cont.: In the north and east. Cold weather in March followed by cool rainy weather during most of April slowed development of the crop. Cool, dry weather in Tennessee during the first part of April kept the crop dormant later than usual and very little frost damage occurred. Recent rains were beneficial. In Arkansas, heavy rains the last half of April resulted in an abundance of soil moisture. Cool weather has slowed the ripening of berries. Volume movement was expected by May 5 in the central areas. In Oklahoma, picking was expected to start in the Stillwell area about May 1 and should become general before mid-May. In California, April weather conditions were extremely favorable throughout the major producing districts. Heavy volume was available from southern districts during April. Harvest in the Salinas-Watsonville and Santa Clara Valley districts increased gradually during April with good volume expected in early May. Deliveries to processors began in a light way during the last week of April.

The first forecast of late spring strawberry production is set at 197,840,000 pounds, 17 percent more than in 1965 but 6 percent less than average. In New England, plant development has been a little backward. Harvest is expected to start the first week in June and should peak by mid-month. Moisture supply is good in the important Erie-Chautauqua area of New York and the crop is in good condition. On Long Island, it has been moderately dry but the crop is making favorable growth. In New Jersey, strawberries were blooming on May 1. Harvest is expected to begin the last week of May. In Pennsylvania, recent cool weather retarded development. In southeastern Ohio, a few plants were blooming by May 1. Plants in northern Ohio have made slow growth because of cool weather. Indiana strawberry beds came through the winter in good condition but the crop is expected to be about a week late because of cool weather. Harvest is expected to start in late May. In Michigan, strawberries were damaged by frosts in late April. Volume harvest is expected to start about June 1 in the southwest. In Wisconsin, picking in the southern part of the State should start about mid-June. Cold weather in April has reduced Utah crop prospects. In Washington, plants started to bloom in the early areas about mid-April and began about a week or two later in the northern counties. Frost the third week of April killed some blossoms but the loss was not significant. In Oregon, growth in Willamette Valley was ahead of normal. Some early blooms were damaged by late April frosts. Harvest is expected to get underway in late May.
### VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET

**May 9, 1966**

Revised estimates of acreage, yield, production, season average price, and value, 1965

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1/ Includes processing.

* Includes some quantities not marketed and excluded in computing value. Snap beans, Early Fall, New Jersey, 2,000 cwt.; Cabbage, Early Fall, New York Upstate, 158,000 cwt.; Michigan, 34,000 cwt.; Lettuce, Early Fall, New Mexico, 35,000 cwt.