Artichokes: California's 1972 production of artichokes is estimated at 722,000 cwt., 9 percent above last year.

Broccoli: Winter broccoli production for 1972 is forecast at 128,000 cwt., 6 percent more than last year.

Cabbage: December 1 cabbage stocks in upstate New York of 1,000,000 cwt. are 12 percent below a year earlier. The 1972 winter cabbage crop is placed at 42,600 acres for harvest, compared with 43,800 acres harvested last year. Intended plantings for 1972 early spring harvest are estimated at 9,100 acres, 50 acres less than last year.

Carrots: The 1972 winter carrot acreage is estimated at 28,700 acres for harvest, compared with 27,600 acres last year. Texas expects 20,000 acres, the same as last year.

Celery: Winter celery production for 1972 is estimated at 5.4 million cwt., 7 percent less than last year.

Lettuce: Production of 1972 winter lettuce, at 13.7 million cwt., is 3 percent below last year.

Spinach: The 1972 winter spinach crop is forecast at 381,000 cwt., 4 percent more than last year.

Strawberries: Florida's 1972 winter strawberry crop is estimated at 1,500 acres for harvest, compared with 1,600 acres last year. harvest is expected to start in late December.
Summary of acreage and estimated production reported to date, 1972
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1/ Fresh market and processing.
2/ 1972 acreage for harvest is prospective acreage.
COMMENTS CONCERNING CONDITION AND
MOVEMENT OF VEGETABLES

ARTICHOKES: California's 1972 artichoke crop is forecast at 722,000 cwt., 9 percent more than the 1971 crop. Supplies of winter artichokes continue to move in moderate volume from central coast counties. However, supplies will decrease during the winter months and then peak during the spring.

BROCCOLI: Production of winter broccoli in Texas and Arizona is forecast at 128,000 cwt., 6 percent more than last year. In Texas light harvest got underway on a few early fields in late November but volume is expected to remain light until January. Shipments are expected to peak in February with supplies available through March. In Arizona, harvest got underway in central areas on November 25 with volume movement expected in early January.

CABBAGE: The winter cabbage crop for harvest in 1972 is estimated at 42,600 acres, compared with 43,800 acres harvested last year. Harvest in Florida is gradually increasing with better size and quality indicated for December. Some seeding and active transplanting continues in all areas. Growth is generally favorable. Planting got underway in south Texas in July and August but heavy showers in August and September interrupted seeding. Harvest of early fields started in Winter Garden in late October and in the Lower Rio Grande Valley in early November. Supplies are expected to increase in December from south Texas. Harvest got underway in the Salt River Valley of Arizona on November 10. Peak movement is expected in late December. In California, planting is over. Cutting is underway in the Desert and south coast areas and is expected to peak in February.

Intentions for the 1972 early spring cabbage crop are 9,100 acres compared with 9,150 acres last year. In Georgia, transplanting is underway in most areas. In Louisiana, planting is near completion but the bulk of spring acreage will be planted during December. Planting of the early spring crop in California was underway in early November.

CARROTS: The 1972 winter carrot acreage for harvest is estimated at 28,700 acres, compared with 27,600 acres harvested in 1971. In Texas, planting got underway in August. Harvest of early fields began in the Lower Valley, Winter Garden, and San Antonio areas in mid-November. At Laredo, digging of the small acreage is expected to start around mid-December. Volume is expected to increase during December from all areas. In California, limited harvest has started in both Imperial and Coachella Valleys.

CAULIFLOWER: The winter cauliflower crop in Texas and Arizona is forecast at 76,000 cwt., 18 percent less than 1971. The crop is currently making fair progress in all south Texas areas. Light harvest of early fields got underway in the Lower Valley, Winter Garden, and San Antonio areas in late November. Shipments are expected to increase after mid-December. In Arizona, harvest got underway in the Salt River Valley on November 29.
CELERY: Production of winter celery for 1972 is estimated at 5,438,000 cwt., 7 percent below 1971. Transplanting in Florida was active during November. Cutting of early acreage is completed at Zellwood. Harvest in the Everglades is active with crop quality fair to good. Shipment to date are well below a year ago but volume should increase during December. In California, harvest is underway in Ventura, Orange, and Riverside Counties. Light cutting is expected to begin in San Diego County by mid-December.

ESCAROLE: Florida's acreage of escarole for winter harvest is placed at 7,200 acres, compared with 6,800 acres harvested in 1971. Harvest is quite active with heaviest volume moving from the Everglades.

LETTUCE: The first forecast of the 1972 winter lettuce crop places production at 13,679,000 cwt., 3 percent below 1971. Harvest is active in the Everglades area of Florida but declining in Zellwood. Romaine, Boston, Iceberg, Leaf, and Bibb are available. Romaine has made up most of the harvest to date with iceberg just coming into volume. In Texas, harvest of early fields started in the Lower Valley in early December; however, supplies are expected to be light until January. In Winter Garden harvest got underway in late November and should continue throughout December. In California, cutting is underway in the Palo Verde Valley and is expected to begin in the Imperial Valley in January. In Arizona, harvest got underway on November 2 with peak movement from early plantings expected in mid-December.

SPINACH: Production of winter spinach in 1972 is forecast at 381,000 cwt., 4 percent above the 1971 crop. In Texas, volume supplies are expected by mid-December. Harvest of the winter crop in California is currently active. Supplies should continue to increase until the winter peak is reached in January. Most of the volume will be originating from the south coastal counties.

STRAWBERRIES: The 1972 Florida winter strawberry crop is placed at 1,500 acres for harvest compared with 1,600 acres in 1971. Transplanting is essentially completed and earliest harvest is expected in late December.
NEW YORK CABBAGE STOCKS
December 1, 1971

Stocks of cabbage in upstate New York areas are estimated at 1,000,000 cwt., compared with 1,150,000 cwt. on December 1, 1970 and 890,000 cwt. on December 1, 1969.

In upstate New York, production of cabbage in 1971 for all uses was 5 percent less than a year earlier. Cabbage going into kraut was 7 percent below a year earlier but sales of fresh market cabbage to December 1 were up 7 percent.

In addition to upstate New York stocks, limited supplies are available on Long Island and in the late fall producing States.

UPSTATE NEW YORK EARLY FALL CABBAGE
(For fresh market and kraut)

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