

# VEGETABLES--FRESH MARKET

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## ACREAGE AND ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL COMMERCIAL CROPS August 8, 1968

Total Summer Vegetables: Total production (excluding melons), estimated at 68.9 million hundredweight, is 5 percent more than in 1967. Harvesting of Summer Vegetables except in California has generally been later than normal.

Cantaloups: The mid-summer crop is estimated at 7.3 million cwt., up 10 percent from 1967. Harvest is expected to be completed by mid-August in the westside area of California. Production for the late summer crop is forecast at 799,000 cwt., compared to 801,000 cwt. harvested last year.

Celery: The early summer crop in California is estimated at 1.6 million cwt., 26 percent more than last year. Summer crop supplies are forecast at 1.8 million cwt., up 9 percent from last year. Volume supplies are expected in August.

Sweet Corn: Production for the early summer crop is placed at 2.3 million cwt., up 9 percent from 1967. The late summer crop is estimated at 5.4 million cwt., slightly more than last year.

Lettuce: Estimated at 11.8 million cwt., production of summer lettuce is 4 percent more than 1967. New York, Colorado and California are expected to provide markets with an ample volume during August.

Onions: A late summer onion crop of 19.5 million cwt. is forecast, 2 percent more than in 1967. Most areas will be harvesting by mid-August.

Tomatoes: Production of early summer tomatoes, at 5.9 million cwt., is up 26 percent from last year. Late summer production is forecast at 2.7 million cwt., 2 percent less than last year.

Watermelons: At 15.9 million cwt., the early summer watermelon crop is 1 percent above last year. Late summer watermelon production, at 3.2 million cwt., is 7 percent above 1967. Harvest started later than usual in most States but good volume is expected by mid-August.

Summary of acreage and estimated production reported to date, 1968 with comparisons

Seasonal group and Crop	Acreage			Production		
	Harvested		For	Average		Ind.
	Average	1967	harvest	Average	1967	1968
	1962-66	1967	1968	1962-66	1967	1968
	Acres			1,000 cwt.		
WINTER .....	243,230	251,110	219,100	35,970	38,744	36,453
TOTAL ALL SPRING .....	537,490	515,770	524,770	52,268	53,877	52,248
EARLY SUMMER:						
Cabbage .....	5,980	6,260	6,230	1,257	1,355	1,411
Cantaloups .....	13,600	13,500	13,400	733	751	811
Carrots .....	7,840	7,900	8,800	2,163	2,528	2,640
Celery .....	2,260	2,600	3,000	1,204	1,313	1,650
Sweet Corn .....	35,260	30,600	32,100	2,331	2,110	2,297
Cucumbers .....	5,780	5,850	6,300	592	570	628
Honeydew Melons .....	790	1,300	900	106	117	117
Onions .....	10,750	13,100	15,600	2,425	3,320	3,474
Green Peppers .....	7,580	8,100	8,700	303	346	398
Tomatoes .....	41,710	41,750	48,300	5,142	4,667	5,860
Watermelons .....	191,380	188,700	201,000	15,114	15,712	15,913
Total E. Summer .....	322,930	319,660	344,330	31,370	32,789	35,199
MID-SUMMER:						
Cantaloups .....	56,280	48,450	54,200	6,666	6,655	7,325
LATE SUMMER:						
Cabbage .....	16,650	15,880	15,500	3,378	3,531	3,160
Cantaloups .....	10,760	9,700	9,400	912	801	799
Carrots .....	2,030	1,700	1,850	569	572	547
Sweet Corn .....	90,230	84,300	84,800	5,569	5,404	5,414
Cucumbers .....	5,650	5,450	5,530	469	462	475
Honeydew Melons .....	6,600	7,600	7,000	961	1,102	1,050
Onions .....	57,110	58,500	59,320	18,919	19,027	19,486
Green Peppers .....	17,150	18,620	20,270	1,661	1,844	2,155
Tomatoes .....	24,490	23,380	23,530	2,757	2,792	2,737
Watermelons .....	28,960	23,200	25,250	3,666	2,949	3,164
Total L. Summer .....	259,630	248,330	252,450	38,861	38,484	38,987

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	Average	1967	harvest	Average	1967	Ind.
	1962-66		1968	1962-66		1968
	- - - Acres - - -			- - - 1,000 cwt. - - -		
<b>SUMMER:</b>						
Lima Beans	12,170	10,000	9,400	301	261	220
Snap Beans	27,360	24,370	23,220	1,099	1,015	923
Beets	1,000	950	950	178	168	169
Cauliflower	3,280	2,900	2,800	335	297	302
Celery	5,560	4,950	5,150	1,967	1,668	1,818
Eggplant	1,420	1,500	1,500	175	180	195
Escarole	2,210	2,450	2,600	331	352	402
Garlic	3,860	4,400	6,400	420	506	736
Lettuce	46,080	44,050	46,950	11,004	11,369	11,775
Spinach	1,540	1,200	1,100	91	78	77
Total Summer	104,480	96,770	100,070	15,901	15,894	16,617
<b>TOTAL ALL SUMMER</b>	<b>743,320</b>	<b>713,210</b>	<b>751,050</b>	<b>92,798</b>	<b>93,822</b>	<b>98,128</b>
<b>EARLY FALL:</b>						
Snap Beans	12,030	11,300	Sept. 9	536	452	Sept. 9
Cabbage	31,010	30,510	29,010	8,384	9,713	8,188
Cantaloups	2,230	3,250	Sept. 9	256	460	Oct. 8
Carrots	21,680	22,830	24,700	5,878	6,183	6,761
Cauliflower	5,080	4,150	Sept. 9	499	436	Sept. 9
Cucumbers	7,660	6,600	Sept. 9	685	688	Sept. 9
Lettuce	34,330	41,900	Sept. 9	5,986	7,603	Sept. 9
Green Peas	1,120	600	Sept. 9	39	20	Sept. 9
Spinach	2,800	2,300	Sept. 9	172	145	Sept. 9
Tomatoes	18,100	19,800	14,000	3,349	3,366	Sept. 9
<b>LATE FALL:</b>						
Snap Beans	10,160	11,400	Oct. 8	395	450	Oct. 8
Cabbage	2,480	2,150	2,100	318	301	Oct. 8
Carrots	7,800	6,900	Sept. 9	2,270	2,208	Sept. 9
Cauliflower	8,000	8,500	Oct. 8	862	850	Oct. 8
Celery	5,720	5,900	Sept. 9	3,032	3,127	Sept. 9
Cucumbers	6,680	6,800	Oct. 8	788	884	Oct. 8
Lettuce	18,260	14,100	Oct. 8	2,975	2,326	Oct. 8
Spinach	1,470	1,300	Nov. 8	76	60	Nov. 8
Tomatoes	10,160	11,900	Oct. 8	1,402	1,652	Nov. 8

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Crop and State	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Harvested	For		Av.	Ind.		Average	Ind.	
	1962-66	1967	1968	62-66	1967	1968	1962-66	1967	1968
	- Acres -			- Cwt. -			- 1,000 cwt. -		
ARTICHOKEs 1/									
Winter .....	8,560	9,600	9,600	65	76	65	560	730	624
ASPARAGUS 1/									
All States .....	139,920	129,100	126,100	25	24	26	3,565	3,041	3,220
LIMA BEANS									
Spring .....	1,200	900	900	29	30	27	34	27	24
Summer:									
New Jersey .....	1,320	1,000	900	35	33	34	46	33	31
North Carolina .....	1,240	1,000	1,000	32	35	30	40	35	30
South Carolina .....	1,840	1,700	1,500	21	23	20	38	39	30
Georgia .....	3,720	3,000	2,800	23	26	22	85	78	62
Alabama .....	3,600	3,300	3,200	22	23	21	77	76	67
Group Total .....	12,170	10,000	9,400	25	26	23	301	261	220
SNAP BEANS									
Winter .....	17,460	17,000	16,500	34	36	30	591	612	495
Spring, All .....	35,840	34,000	36,300	37	36	36	1,313	1,221	1,290
Summer:									
New Hampshire ...	180	130	130	40	40	40	7	5	5
Massachusetts ...	940	800	750	35	36	40	33	29	30
Rhode Island ...	140	140	140	39	40	40	6	6	6
Connecticut .....	560	650	650	37	40	40	21	26	26
New York .....	8,860	7,200	6,300	38	41	35	336	295	220
Pennsylvania ...	1,040	800	700	42	50	45	44	40	32
Ohio .....	2,020	1,600	1,500	53	60	55	108	96	82
Illinois .....	1,220	1,200	1,200	29	30	30	35	36	36
Michigan .....	2,160	2,100	2,100	32	30	32	70	63	67
Virginia .....	450	500	500	39	40	35	18	20	18
North Carolina ..	5,720	5,600	5,500	46	46	45	265	258	248
Georgia .....	1,280	1,300	1,400	37	38	40	47	49	56
Tennessee .....	1,150	900	850	45	47	46	51	42	39
Alabama .....	970	800	750	27	30	26	26	24	20
Colorado .....	660	650	750	52	40	50	34	26	38
Group Total .....	27,360	24,370	23,220	40	42	40	1,099	1,015	923
BEETS									
Winter .....	1,780	1,800	900	90	70	90	160	126	81
Summer:									
New Jersey .....	670	700	700	173	165	170	116	116	119
Pennsylvania ...	330	250	250	190	210	200	63	52	50
Group Total .....	1,000	950	950	178	177	178	178	168	169
BROCCOLI 1/									
Winter .....	3,000	3,560	1,950	38	28	47	113	98	92
Early Spring .....	12,540	15,600	17,300	81	85	85	1,014	1,326	1,470

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	Harvested	For		Av.	Ind.	Average	Ind.		
	1962-66	1967	1968	62-66	1967	1968	1962-66	1967	1968
	- Acres -			- Cwt. -			- 1,000 cwt. -		
<b>CABBAGE 1/</b>									
Winter .....	40,760	41,100	37,900	160	173	198	6,524	7,124	7,504
Spring, All ....	19,270	19,100	18,100	139	152	136	2,672	2,896	2,464
<b>Early Summer:</b>									
Massachusetts ..	650	600	600	198	220	210	129	132	126
Rhode Island ..	70	80	80	190	200	200	14	16	16
Connecticut ...	430	430	400	181	190	200	77	82	80
New Jersey ....	2,680	3,000	3,100	231	210	240	617	630	744
Ohio .....	1,460	1,400	1,300	193	225	215	281	315	280
Virginia .....	690	750	750	202	240	220	139	180	165
Group Total ..	5,980	6,260	6,230	210	216	226	1,257	1,355	1,411
<b>Late Summer:</b>									
Pennsylvania ..	2,680	2,200	2,000	200	220	180	539	484	360
Indiana .....	1,180	1,200	1,300	234	235	250	276	282	325
Illinois .....	2,220	2,400	2,400	190	200	200	421	480	480
Iowa .....	440	280	300	151	135	140	67	38	42
North Carolina :	3,420	3,300	3,000	168	240	170	575	792	510
Georgia .....	510	500	500	111	110	115	57	55	58
Colorado .....	2,080	2,000	2,100	250	230	245	523	460	514
Washington ....	1,300	1,300	1,300	237	235	230	308	306	299
California ....	2,820	2,700	2,600	217	235	220	612	634	572
Group Total ..	16,650	15,880	15,500	203	222	204	3,378	3,531	3,160
<b>Early Fall:</b>									
New Hampshire ..	250	270	230	186	190	190	47	51	44
Massachusetts ..	720	700	650	200	195	200	144	136	130
Rhode Island ..	80	80	80	192	200	200	15	16	16
Connecticut ...	540	550	550	182	200	200	98	110	110
New York, L.I. :	1,580	1,300	1,200	208	210	220	329	273	264
Upst. ....	10,440	10,300	9,200	336	425	360	3,513	4,378	3,312
New Jersey ....	1,840	2,000	2,200	216	200	220	396	400	484
Pennsylvania ..	940	1,000	1,000	202	240	210	190	240	210
Ohio .....	1,800	2,200	2,000	297	375	330	537	825	660
Michigan .....	4,060	3,300	3,500	187	210	210	758	693	735
Wisconsin ....	5,980	6,400	6,000	291	305	270	1,741	1,952	1,620
Minnesota ....	1,340	1,000	900	178	210	190	238	210	171
Oregon and									
Idaho .....	1,330	1,410	1,500	264	304	288	351	429	432
Group Total ..	31,010	30,510	29,010	270	318	282	8,384	9,713	8,188
Late Fall 2/....	2,480	2,150	2,100	128	140		318	301	Oct. 8

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	1962-66	1967	1968	62-66	1967	1968	1962-66	1967	1968
	- Acres -			- Cwt. -			- 1,000 cwt. -		
<b>CANTALOUPS</b>									
Spring .....	34,700	33,800	38,200	107	115	105	3,710	3,885	4,025
Early Summer:									
South Carolina	3,680	3,500	3,500	38	42	45	140	147	158
Georgia .....	5,900	5,500	5,700	56	60	60	332	330	342
Alabama .....	1,600	1,500	1,300	48	52	44	77	78	57
Oklahoma .....	1,620	1,900	1,900	58	60	60	94	114	114
Arizona, Other	800	1,100	1,000	124	75	140	90	82	140
Group Total	13,600	13,500	13,400	54	56	61	733	751	811
Mid-Summer:									
Indiana .....	2,420	2,200	2,200	109	125	130	260	275	286
Illinois .....	1,260	1,300	1,300	70	60	55	88	78	72
Delaware .....	620	350	500	68	60	70	42	21	35
Maryland .....	1,540	1,000	1,300	68	60	80	105	60	104
North Carolina	1,380	1,100	1,100	49	65	55	68	72	60
Texas .....	6,880	7,000	8,000	43	46	50	291	322	400
California:									
Cantaloups ..	39,280	34,900	39,800	143	165	160	5,567	5,758	6,368
Persians ....	1,140	600	3/	113	115	3/	130	69	3/
Group Total	56,280	48,450	54,200	119	137	135	6,666	6,655	7,325
Late Summer:									
New York .....	960	900	900	89	95	100	85	86	90
New Jersey ...	1,440	1,400	1,300	67	55	60	97	77	78
Ohio .....	1,640	1,500	1,400	70	94	85	114	141	119
Michigan .....	2,480	2,200	2,100	84	85	85	208	187	178
Kansas .....	950	900	800	99	90	85	94	81	68
Colorado .....	2,420	2,300	2,400	94	80	90	228	184	216
Washington ...	560	500	500	96	90	100	54	45	50
Group Total	10,760	9,700	9,400	85	83	85	912	801	799
<b>CARROTS 1/</b>									
Winter .....	41,520	38,100	25,900	141	146	198	5,856	5,544	5,134
Spring .....	2,600	3,800	3,800	181	180	200	462	684	760
Early Summer:									
California ...	7,840	7,900	8,800	276	320	300	2,163	2,528	2,640
Late Summer:									
New Jersey ...	910	800	850	300	435	350	276	348	298
Ohio .....	520	500	600	281	255	255	146	128	153
Illinois .....	600	400	400	244	240	240	147	96	96
Group Total	2,030	1,700	1,850	280	336	296	569	572	547

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	: 1962-66	: 1967	: 1968	: 62-66	: 1967	: 1968	: 1962-66	: 1967	: 1968
	- Acres -			- Cwt. -			- 1,000 cwt. -		
<b>CARROTS, Cont.:</b>									
<b>Early Fall:</b>									
Massachusetts ..	770	550	550	215	220	210	165	121	116
Connecticut .....	550	430	400	204	220	200	111	95	80
New York .....	2,120	1,900	2,000	330	330	330	700	627	660
Michigan .....	4,460	4,800	5,500	232	230	230	1,031	1,104	1,265
Wisconsin .....	2,380	2,900	2,800	394	390	380	938	1,131	1,064
Minnesota .....	720	750	750	404	470	450	290	352	338
Texas .....	5,440	6,000	7,000	174	170	180	932	1,020	1,260
Colorado .....	1,460	1,200	1,200	192	180	190	280	216	228
Washington .....	1,640	2,600	2,500	378	325	300	618	845	750
Oregon .....	1,760	1,700	2,000	423	395	500	740	672	1,000
Group Total .....	21,680	22,830	24,700	271	271	274	5,878	6,183	6,761
<b>CAULIFLOWER 1/</b>									
<b>Winter</b> .....	2,150	2,050	1,450	61	43	61	131	89	89
<b>Early Spring</b> .....	7,840	8,400	8,600	90	90	90	704	756	774
<b>Summer:</b>									
New York .....	1,840	1,800	1,800	95	95	100	175	171	180
New Jersey .....	340	200	200	93	90	90	32	18	18
Washington .....	820	900	800	125	120	130	103	108	104
Group Total .....	3,280	2,900	2,800	102	102	108	335	297	302
<b>CELERY 1/</b>									
<b>Winter</b> .....	10,030	12,100	10,800	464	471	475	4,640	5,698	5,130
<b>Spring</b> .....	7,400	8,200	7,500	462	428	427	3,418	3,507	3,202
<b>Early Summer:</b>									
California .....	2,260	2,600	3,000	532	505	550	1,204	1,313	1,650
<b>Summer:</b>									
Massachusetts .....	110	80	80	183	180	180	20	14	14
New York .....	1,980	1,800	2,000	355	310	330	704	558	660
New Jersey .....	310	250	250	261	260	265	81	65	66
Pennsylvania .....	190	180	180	207	210	210	39	38	38
Ohio .....	480	450	450	428	400	415	206	180	187
Michigan .....	2,080	1,900	1,900	377	380	400	789	722	760
Washington .....	290	290	290	317	315	320	93	91	93
Group Total .....	5,560	4,950	5,150	352	337	353	1,967	1,668	1,818

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	- Acres -			- Cwt. -			- 1,000 cwt. -		
<b>SWEET CORN</b>									
Winter .....	8,120	11,100	9,000	58	70	70	473	777	630
Spring, All .....	54,780	48,300	45,600	70	81	75	3,824	3,922	3,415
Early Summer:									
New Jersey .....	13,760	11,400	12,000	71	75	80	979	855	960
Missouri .....	1,940	2,200	2,300	65	75	75	127	165	172
Kansas .....	1,160	1,000	1,100	62	60	65	72	60	72
Virginia .....	2,660	2,700	2,500	66	75	75	175	202	188
North Carolina ..	3,860	4,100	4,100	62	75	70	238	308	287
Oklahoma .....	2,140	1,600	1,100	45	40	30	98	64	33
California .....	8,540	7,600	9,000	69	60	65	589	456	585
Group Total ...	35,260	38,600	32,100	66	69	72	2,331	2,110	2,297
Late Summer:									
New Hampshire ...	1,680	1,400	1,400	77	75	75	129	105	105
Massachusetts ...	8,500	8,300	8,000	67	70	65	570	581	520
Rhode Island ...	990	1,000	1,000	70	70	65	69	70	65
Connecticut .....	5,060	5,200	5,000	63	65	65	319	338	325
New York .....	18,800	18,400	19,200	53	55	55	997	1,012	1,056
Pennsylvania ...	14,900	12,500	12,000	45	55	45	675	688	540
Ohio .....	13,440	12,500	12,000	76	72	80	1,023	900	960
Illinois .....	6,720	6,400	6,700	70	70	75	471	448	502
Michigan .....	11,800	9,800	9,800	67	75	70	786	735	686
Maryland .....	1,860	1,500	1,700	35	49	45	66	74	76
Colorado .....	2,720	3,200	3,500	68	60	70	184	192	245
Washington .....	2,240	2,500	2,800	80	65	80	179	162	224
Oregon .....	1,520	1,600	1,700	67	62	65	102	99	110
Group Total ...	90,230	84,300	84,800	62	64	64	5,569	5,404	5,414
<b>CUCUMBERS</b>									
Spring, All .....	24,700	24,700	26,600	88	87	78	2,176	2,153	2,074
Early Summer:									
New Jersey .....	1,680	1,700	1,700	145	130	140	239	221	238
Illinois .....	610	650	650	72	90	65	44	58	42
Delaware .....	450	400	450	92	95	90	42	38	40
Maryland .....	1,740	1,700	1,800	101	95	100	176	162	180
Virginia .....	1,300	1,400	1,700	70	65	75	91	91	128
Group Total ...	5,780	5,850	6,300	102	97	100	592	570	628



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	- Acres -			- Cwt. -			- 1,000 cwt. -		
<b>CUCUMBERS, Cont.:</b>									
Late Summer:									
Massachusetts ..	380	400	400	151	165	150	58	66	60
New York .....	2,960	3,000	2,900	84	85	85	249	255	246
Pennsylvania ...	710	450	430	87	100	80	62	45	34
Michigan .....	1,600	1,600	1,800	63	60	75	101	96	135
Group Total ....	5,650	5,450	5,530	83	85	86	469	462	475
<b>EGGPLANT</b>									
Winter .....	630	600	500	194	215	185	121	129	92
Spring .....	930	850	700	155	170	155	144	144	108
Summer:									
New Jersey .....	1,420	1,500	1,500	125	120	130	175	180	195
<b>ESCAROLE</b>									
Winter .....	7,060	7,000	6,700	105	110	110	736	770	737
Summer:									
New Jersey .....	1,300	1,500	1,600	174	165	170	225	248	272
Ohio .....	910	950	1,000	117	110	130	106	104	130
Group Total ....	2,210	2,450	2,600	150	144	155	331	352	402
<b>GARLIC 1/</b>									
Summer:									
California .....	3,860	4,400	6,400	108	115	115	420	506	736
<b>HONEYDEW MELONS</b>									
Spring .....	1,980	2,400	2,700	122	149	112	246	358	303
Early Summer:									
Arizona .....	790	1,300	900	138	90	130	106	117	117
Late Summer:									
California .....	6,600	7,600	7,000	146	145	150	961	1,102	1,050
<b>KALE</b>									
Winter .....	1,440	1,100	1,000	61	65	70	87	72	70

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Crop and State	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Harvested	For	Av.	Ind.	Average	Ind.			
	1962-66	1967	1968	62-66	1967	1968	1962-66	1967	1968
	- Acres -			- Cwt. -			- 1,000 cwt. -		
<b>LETTUCE</b>									
Winter .....	69,000	75,800	70,300	170	172	174	11,682	13,005	12,212
Spring, All .....	43,430	44,820	48,650	186	187	188	8,092	8,372	9,167
Summer:									
Maine .....	430	350	300	137	125	135	59	44	40
New York .....	4,380	5,100	4,200	189	180	140	825	918	588
Ohio .....	990	1,000	1,000	122	135	135	121	135	135
Michigan .....	1,600	1,600	1,500	184	240	190	294	384	285
Wisconsin .....	2,780	1,900	1,900	147	200	180	409	380	342
Colorado .....	6,180	4,900	5,200	221	190	225	1,365	931	1,170
Washington .....	1,900	2,000	2,000	175	175	170	332	350	340
Oregon .....	500	600	650	205	190	180	105	114	117
California .....	27,320	26,600	30,200	275	305	290	7,495	8,113	8,758
Group Total .....	46,080	44,050	46,950	239	258	251	11,004	11,369	11,775
<b>ONIONS 1/</b>									
Spring, All .....	28,610	31,900	30,500	165	203	184	4,717	6,462	5,602
Early Summer:									
New Jersey .....	2,520	2,300	2,400	150	180	160	376	414	384
Illinois .....	680	500	550	138	160	170	94	80	94
Texas .....	4,460	5,000	8,000	225	230	200	999	1,150	1,600
New Mexico .....	2,560	4,700	4,100	292	310	280	731	1,457	1,148
Washington .....	530	600	550	427	365	450	226	219	248
Group Total .....	10,750	13,100	15,600	225	253	223	2,425	3,320	3,474
Late Summer:									
New York .....	15,500	14,000	13,400	300	300	270	4,655	4,200	3,618
Ohio .....	540	600	600	424	435	450	230	261	270
Indiana .....	840	800	900	322	350	370	271	280	333
Michigan .....	8,200	7,000	6,800	313	320	330	2,562	2,240	2,244
Wisconsin .....	2,040	1,900	1,800	236	270	210	480	513	378
Minnesota .....	1,360	1,100	1,000	216	260	240	292	286	240
Iowa .....	390	300	270	212	240	240	82	72	65
Colorado .....	6,820	6,000	6,200	276	275	275	1,894	1,650	1,705
Utah .....	670	600	750	298	350	310	201	210	232
Washington .....	960	1,000	1,200	435	370	440	418	370	528
Western Oregon :	2,160	2,100	2,100	381	320	400	825	672	840
Idaho And East. :									
Oregon Total ..	5,960	7,100	8,800	486	410	410	2,910	2,913	3,608
California .....	11,080	16,000	15,500	356	335	350	3,938	5,360	5,425
Group Total .....	57,110	58,500	59,320	331	325	328	18,919	19,027	19,486
<b>GREEN PEAS</b>									
Early Spring .....	2,020	1,200	1,700	44	40	35	91	48	60

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Crop and State	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Harvested	For		Av.	Ind.	Average	Ind.		
	: 1962-66	: 1967	: 1968	: 62-66	: 1967	: 1968	: 1962-66	: 1967	: 1968
	- Acres -			- Cwt. -			- 1,000 cwt. -		
<b>GREEN PEPPERS 1/</b>									
Winter .....	5,880	7,100	7,000	111	105	120	640	746	840
Spring .....	7,640	8,300	8,400	96	102	107	739	850	900
Early Summer .....	7,580	8,100	8,700	40	43	46	303	346	398
Late Summer:									
Massachusetts ..	520	500	500	88	80	85	46	40	42
Rhode Island ...	140	120	120	83	75	75	12	9	9
Connecticut ....	570	500	550	70	50	75	40	25	41
New York .....	940	800	800	55	70	60	52	56	48
New Jersey .....	7,180	7,700	8,000	65	60	65	464	462	520
Ohio .....	1,320	1,400	1,500	87	80	80	115	112	120
Michigan .....	1,380	1,200	1,100	68	70	60	94	84	66
California .....	5,100	6,400	7,700	165	165	170	839	1,056	1,309
Group Total ....	17,150	18,620	20,270	97	99	106	1,661	1,844	2,155
<b>SHALLOTS</b>									
Total .....	900	950	920	29	34	35	26	32	32
<b>SPINACH</b>									
Winter .....	8,200	7,600	6,000	53	49	60	435	372	361
Spring .....	4,310	3,800	4,000	60	61	65	258	230	261
Summer:									
Colorado .....	1,540	1,200	1,100	59	65	70	91	78	77
<b>TOMATOES</b>									
Winter .....	17,220	14,900	13,000	187	190	180	3,209	2,831	2,340
Spring, All .....	43,020	35,550	36,000	107	138	120	4,624	4,923	4,322
Early Summer:									
New Jersey .....	7,400	7,400	7,700	107	90	100	791	666	770
Ohio .....	1,020	850	800	128	120	130	131	102	104
Illinois .....	470	400	400	58	60	60	27	24	24
Missouri .....	980	900	900	97	100	105	95	90	94
Delaware .....	230	200	200	125	130	120	28	26	24
Maryland .....	2,020	2,100	2,200	131	130	130	265	273	286
Virginia .....	4,580	4,600	4,300	109	100	110	500	460	473
North Carolina :	1,660	1,600	1,700	59	65	70	98	104	119
Kentucky .....	690	800	900	80	85	85	55	68	76
Tennessee .....	2,640	2,200	2,300	101	110	110	267	242	253
Alabama .....	4,420	6,000	9,000	59	55	54	261	330	486
Arkansas .....	3,020	3,200	3,400	104	120	95	315	384	323
California .....	12,580	11,500	14,500	183	165	195	2,309	1,898	2,828
Group Total ....	41,710	41,750	48,300	123	112	121	5,142	4,667	5,860

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Crop and State	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Harvested	For	Av.	Ind.	Average	Ind.			
	:1962-66	:1967	:1968	:62-66	:1967	:1968	:1962-66	:1967	:1968
	- Acres -			- Cwt. -			- 1,000 cwt. -		
<b>TOMATOES, Cont.:</b>									
<b>Late Summer:</b>									
Massachusetts	1,000	900	850	191	190	190	191	171	162
Rhode Island	270	280	280	164	160	150	45	45	42
Connecticut	1,220	1,200	1,200	141	140	135	172	168	162
New York	4,240	4,200	3,900	117	105	100	497	441	390
Pennsylvania	3,520	3,100	3,000	97	105	95	341	326	285
Ohio	2,260	2,200	2,600	105	125	115	237	275	299
Indiana	3,020	2,500	2,400	79	90	85	237	225	204
Illinois	1,080	1,100	1,100	61	60	60	66	66	66
Michigan	4,840	5,200	5,500	96	100	110	465	520	605
North Carolina	960	1,400	1,300	201	270	230	193	378	299
Colorado	710	500	550	142	140	150	102	70	82
Washington	630	450	400	183	130	190	113	58	76
Oregon	380	350	450	130	140	145	49	49	65
Group Total	24,490	23,380	23,530	112	119	116	2,757	2,792	2,737
<b>Early Fall:</b>									
California	18,100	19,800	14,000	185	170		3,349	3,366	Sept. 9
<b>WATERMELONS</b>									
Late Spring	64,280	60,700	62,800	163	149	140	10,452	9,061	8,797
<b>Early Summer:</b>									
North Carolina	8,140	6,500	6,700	62	70	65	503	455	436
South Carolina	23,200	24,000	24,000	74	90	70	1,713	2,160	1,680
Georgia	33,100	36,000	40,000	86	95	90	2,844	3,420	3,600
Alabama	13,540	13,000	13,000	93	100	85	1,259	1,300	1,105
Mississippi	6,900	8,300	9,500	74	80	80	510	664	760
Arkansas	6,100	5,700	5,600	89	85	85	541	484	476
Louisiana	2,940	3,100	3,300	87	80	80	254	248	264
Oklahoma	8,640	9,500	11,000	70	80	70	607	760	770
Texas	75,400	70,000	74,000	63	60	60	4,719	4,200	4,440
Arizona	4,280	3,400	3,900	157	175	175	669	595	682
California	9,140	9,200	10,000	164	155	170	1,496	1,426	1,700
Group Total	191,380	188,700	201,000	79	83	79	15,114	15,712	15,913
<b>Late Summer:</b>									
Indiana	5,600	5,200	5,100	148	155	145	823	806	740
Illinois	1,700	1,700	1,700	102	105	105	173	178	178
Missouri	8,960	7,100	7,500	99	80	80	891	568	600
Delaware	1,500	1,000	1,300	158	165	165	237	165	214
Maryland	4,520	3,000	3,800	158	180	165	714	540	627
Virginia	4,340	3,200	3,600	112	105	110	486	336	396
Washington	810	800	950	162	190	170	131	152	162
Oregon	910	1,200	1,300	174	170	190	159	204	247
Group Total	28,960	23,200	25,250	127	127	125	3,666	2,949	3,164

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Crop and State	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Harvested	For	harvest:	Av.	Ind.	Average:	Ind.		
	1962-66	1967	1968	62-66	1967	1968	1962-66	1967	1968
	- Acres -			- lbs. -			- 1,000 lbs. -		
<b>STRAWBERRIES 1/</b>									
Winter .....	2,380	2,000	1,800	8,660	8,800	8,000	20,906	17,600	14,400
Spring .....	9,080	8,000	8,500	23,520	26,100	32,000	212,978	208,800	272,000
Early Spring ....	5,660	4,400	3,800	2,906	3,018	2,947	16,460	13,280	11,200
Mid-Spring:									
Illinois .....	1,700	1,500	1,500	2,450	2,700	2,200	4,136	4,050	3,300
Missouri .....	1,040	800	750	2,530	2,600	2,500	2,567	2,080	1,875
Maryland .....	870	800	700	3,270	2,900	4,000	2,856	2,320	2,800
Virginia .....	2,000	1,400	1,300	2,700	3,000	3,400	5,408	4,200	4,420
North Carolina ..	2,040	2,000	1,900	2,780	2,100	3,500	5,736	4,200	6,650
Kentucky .....	1,380	1,000	900	2,860	3,000	2,900	3,888	3,000	2,610
Tennessee .....	4,040	2,400	1,700	2,610	2,800	3,050	10,087	6,720	5,185
Alabama .....	730	650	600	2,290	2,000	1,900	1,662	1,300	1,140
Arkansas .....	3,880	2,600	2,300	2,510	3,000	2,500	9,057	7,800	5,750
Oklahoma .....	1,160	900	900	2,740	4,000	4,000	2,886	3,600	3,600
Group Total ....	19,120	14,050	12,550	2,619	2,795	2,975	48,880	39,270	37,330
Late Spring:									
Maine .....	360	350	320	3,060	3,300	2,800	1,109	1,155	896
Massachusetts ...	370	370	350	3,740	4,300	2,900	1,385	1,591	1,015
Connecticut ....	360	350	300	3,060	3,000	2,700	1,079	1,050	810
New York .....	2,780	2,400	2,100	3,460	2,700	3,400	9,660	6,480	7,140
New Jersey .....	2,520	2,400	2,500	4,700	3,800	4,500	11,840	9,120	11,250
Pennsylvania ...	1,540	1,800	1,800	3,220	2,800	2,800	4,934	5,040	5,040
Ohio .....	1,760	1,500	1,600	2,780	3,200	2,500	4,894	4,800	4,000
Indiana .....	1,200	1,100	1,300	3,180	4,200	4,500	3,756	4,620	5,850
Michigan .....	7,560	6,800	6,400	4,380	4,300	4,100	33,098	29,240	26,240
Wisconsin .....	1,920	1,900	1,900	2,600	2,600	2,400	5,000	4,940	4,560
Washington .....	6,180	5,600	5,300	6,800	6,400	6,800	42,004	35,840	36,040
Oregon .....	13,400	14,000	12,300	6,230	6,800	6,100	83,740	95,200	75,030
Group Total ....	40,060	38,570	36,170	5,062	5,161	4,918	202,914	199,076	177,871
<b>ALL STATES .....</b>	<b>76,300</b>	<b>67,020</b>	<b>62,820</b>	<b>6,610</b>	<b>7,133</b>	<b>8,163</b>	<b>502,138</b>	<b>478,026</b>	<b>512,801</b>

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Crop and State	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Harvested	For	Ind.	Av.	Ind.	Average	Ind.	Ind.	
	:1962-66	: 1967	: 1968	: 62-66	: 1967	: 1968	:1962-66	: 1967	: 1968
	- Acres -			- Lbs. -			- 1,000 lbs. -		
<b>MINT FOR OIL</b>									
<b>Peppermint:</b>									
Indiana .....	5,620	6,500	7,500	37	36	36	206	234	270
Michigan .....	1,860	1,900	2,000	30	31	30	56	59	60
Wisconsin .....	3,560	5,300	5,100	37	45	41	141	238	209
Idaho <sup>4/</sup> .....	1,480	3,500	4,900	57	59	52	84	206	255
Washington .....	16,300	22,500	23,400	72	92	75	1,178	2,070	1,755
Oregon .....	17,720	24,500	31,000	56	72	64	989	1,764	1,984
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>46,540</b>	<b>64,200</b>	<b>73,900</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>71</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>2,654</b>	<b>4,571</b>	<b>4,533</b>
<b>Spearmint:</b>									
Indiana .....	3,420	3,200	3,800	32	36	36	112	115	137
Michigan .....	2,560	2,500	3,100	27	34	30	71	85	93
Washington .....	8,020	15,400	15,400	75	93	65	605	1,432	1,001
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>14,000</b>	<b>21,100</b>	<b>22,300</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>77</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>788</b>	<b>1,632</b>	<b>1,231</b>

- 1/ Includes processing.
- 2/ 1968 acreage for harvest is prospective acreage.
- 3/ Estimates discontinued.
- 4/ Short-time average.

COMMENTS CONCERNING CONDITION AND  
MOVEMENT OF VEGETABLES

**LIMA BEANS:** Summer lima bean production, estimated at 220,000 cwt., is down 16 percent from the 1967 crop of 261,000 cwt. In New Jersey, harvest is underway with moderate volume expected to continue through August. Peak harvest in the northeastern part of North Carolina has passed. A small volume should be available from the southwestern area during August. In South Carolina, harvest should be completed by the latter part of August. Heavy rainfall the first part of July and continuous hot weather the latter part, reduced yield prospects. Continued hot and dry weather in central areas of Georgia reduced production. Light supplies expected to continue from northern areas through August. Hot, dry weather in Alabama reduced yields in southern half of the State but in most northern counties moisture has been more favorable and yields are good.

**SNAP BEANS:** Production of summer snap beans is estimated at 923,000 cwt., 9 percent less than in 1967. Harvest in the New England States is at the peak and good volume is expected through August. In New York, early supplies were reduced by poor stands and light set. Heavier volume is expected in late August. In Pennsylvania, the crop is turning out good. In Ohio, comparatively cool temperatures the first two weeks of July and wet, humid conditions the last two weeks have continued to hinder crop growth. In Illinois, harvest of early plantings is virtually completed. Harvest of later plantings should begin in August. The crop has had favorable growing weather and adequate moisture. Warmer weather in Michigan earlier in July helped to bring the crop along normally. Harvest started in early July in southwest Virginia where peak movement is expected in early August. In North Carolina, harvest is near the peak volume for the season. Weather has been favorable for normal crop development. In Georgia, dry, hot weather is delaying harvest of late plantings. Light supplies are expected to continue from the mountain areas until early September. Harvest in west Tennessee is about completed. In east Tennessee snap bean harvest continues. Yields are reduced in southern and central counties of Alabama because of hot, dry weather. In most northern counties yields are good as adequate moisture has been received. In Colorado, showers in July were very beneficial to late planting development. Supplies are expected to be available through September.

**BEETS:** Estimated at 169,000 cwt., the summer beet crop is slightly more than the 168,000 harvested last year. In New Jersey, harvest is underway. Supplies are expected to continue moderate through October. In Pennsylvania, harvest was well underway by August 1. Supplies should be available through September.

**CABBAGE (For fresh market and kraut):** Production of early summer cabbage, placed at 1,411,000 cwt., is 4 percent more than in 1967. In New England, peak movement is past, but volume should continue moderately heavy through August. In New Jersey, moderate to heavy volume is being harvested. Good supplies are expected through August. Volume movement is expected through August from Southwest Virginia.

The late summer cabbage crop is estimated at 3,160,000 cwt., 11 percent less than last year. In Pennsylvania, cutting is in progress. Harvest is making good progress in Indiana. Moisture supply has been adequate. In Illinois, harvest started on schedule. In the southwest area of North Carolina, harvest of the early planted acreage is completed. Harvest started in late July in the northwest area. In Georgia, harvest of the early acreage is nearing completion. Light supplies from a small late deal is expected to continue through September. The crop in Colorado is in good condition but is about a week late. Late rains have been beneficial. The crop in Washington is developing well. Supplies are normal for the season. In California, moderate supplies are available from the Salinas Valley and south coastal districts. Supplies should continue steady through the late summer and early fall.

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**CABBAGE, Cont.:** The first estimate of early fall cabbage production is forecast at 8,188,000 cwt., down 16 percent from 1967. The New England crop has made good development. On Long Island, New York, steady supplies are expected through August. Prospects in Upstate New York are variable, because of delayed planting caused by late June rains and hot, dry conditions in late July. Moderate supplies should be available for fresh market in August. Kraut plants expect to start processing after mid-August. In New Jersey, growers are irrigating. Harvest is expected to start about mid-September. In Pennsylvania, the crop has been adversely affected by wet conditions at planting followed by dry weather. Crop development in Michigan was slowed by excess moisture in late June. Early summer rains in Wisconsin have caused some drowning and reduced yields. Much of the early cabbage in the Hollandale area of Minnesota was frozen out. Harvesting has not begun on the later plantings. Prospects are good in the Anoka and Sibley areas but only fair to good in the Red River Valley. In Oregon, harvesting is in progress.

**CANTALOUPS:** Production of early summer cantaloups is forecast at 811,000 cwt., up 8 percent from last year. In South Carolina, light movement is expected to continue through most of August. In Georgia, harvest is completed in southern and central areas. Light supplies are expected from northern areas until September. Hot, dry weather in Alabama reduced yields in central and southern counties. In northern counties yields are good. In Oklahoma, harvest in the Terral-Ryan area is past the peak. Northern areas were just coming into production on August 1, later than normal. In Arizona, harvest was completed in all areas except Casa Grande by August 1. Harvest is expected to be completed about mid-August.

The mid-summer cantaloup crop is estimated at 7,325,000 cwt., 10 percent more than in 1967. In Indiana, harvest is in full swing in southern localities--later than last year. The crop in Illinois is approximately two to three weeks late. Harvest was well underway by August 1 in Maryland and Delaware. In North Carolina, harvest is expected to peak about mid-August. Supplies should be available until mid-September. In Texas, harvest started in early July in the Trans-Pecos with volume shipments in late July. Harvest in central and east Texas is past peak. In north Texas, harvest got underway in mid-July with the High Plains beginning to furnish supplies in early August. In California, harvest is completed in the Kern district. Peak shipments are available from Fresno County and harvest is underway in Merced County.

The production of late summer cantaloups, forecast at 799,000 cwt., is slightly below the 801,000 harvested in 1967. Harvest is expected to get underway in New York about mid-August. In New Jersey, harvest is underway with moderate supplies available. Supplies are expected to continue until mid-September. In Ohio, harvest will get underway in early August with peak movement during late August. In Michigan, harvest was underway in all areas in early August. In Kansas, excessive rains and hail storms have caused some damage. In Colorado, harvest will be underway before mid-August. In Washington's Yakima Valley, peak supplies are expected in August.

**CARROTS:** Production of early summer carrots in California is estimated at 2,640,000 cwt., up 4 percent from last year. Pulling should continue heavy during August in the Salinas Valley. Additional supplies should also be available from the Santa Maria-Guadalupe and south coastal areas. Only light supplies remain available in San Joaquin Valley districts.

The late summer carrot crop, at 547,000 cwt., is down 4 percent from 1967. In New Jersey growers are irrigating. Harvest is light and limited to local outlets. Light volume is expected to continue until October. Wet soil in Ohio the last two weeks in July limited crop development. The crop is one to two weeks later than normal. In Illinois the crop is developing slowly.



**CARROTS, Cont.:** Early fall carrot production is placed at 6,761,000 cwt., the first seasonal estimate for the crop. This level is 9 percent above last year. In New England prospects are good. Volume movement of bulked and packaged supplies should be underway after mid-August. Supplies are expected to build gradually through September and peak in October. New York's crop is making good development although some fields were hurt by excessive moisture. Harvest should start about mid-August. Volume movement is expected from Michigan by mid-August. In Wisconsin, the crop is generally in good condition although some fields show water damage. Growers in the Hollandale area of Minnesota have had to replant much of the acreage at least once, resulting in a crop two to three weeks late. Conditions in the Anoka area are generally good with adequate moisture. In the Red River Valley conditions are fair to poor. On the High Plains of Texas harvest of early fields got underway about mid-July but supplies remain light. The Colorado crop is late but in good condition. Late July rains have been beneficial. Harvest on northern fields should be underway before mid-August. Supplies should be available into late October. The Washington crop is developing well in all areas except for the Walla Walla area where water has been short. Harvest is underway. In Oregon, harvest began in mid-July. Weather conditions have been favorable to date.

**CAULIFLOWER:** Production of summer cauliflower is estimated at 302,000 cwt., up 2 percent from 1967. In New York's Catskill section, volume is expected to be heavy from August 10 through September. Most production in this section is being cello-wrapped and vacuum cooled. Harvest of the early crop in western New York is completed and later crops should start in late August. In New Jersey, harvest is expected to start in September. The crop in Washington has developed well and early supplies are about normal.

**CELERY:** California's production of early summer celery is estimated at 1,650,000 cwt., 26 percent above last year's crop. Heavy cutting should continue during August in the Salinas Valley. Normal seasonal supplies should also be available from the Guadalupe-Oceano area during the month.

Celery production in the summer States is forecast at 1,818,000 cwt., 9 percent above last year. The crop in New England is irrigated. Harvest for local markets will continue through October. In New York, volume in Orange County is expected to reach peak in about mid-August. Harvest in Wayne County should reach volume in late August. Supplies from both areas should be heavy through September. In New Jersey, growers are irrigating. Supplies are expected to continue light to moderate through October. In Pennsylvania, the early **crop is only fair**, but later plantings look more promising. In Ohio, the development of the crop remains behind normal. The crop in Michigan looks very good. Movement has been ahead of last year. Harvest in Washington was expected to begin in early August.

**SWEET CORN:** Production of early summer sweet corn crop is estimated at 2,297,000 cwt., up 9 percent from 1967. In New Jersey, harvest is past peak. Light supplies are expected in late August and September. Harvest peaked in Missouri about mid-July. In Kansas, maturity is a little later than normal. In some localities, earlier dry weather cut potential production and recent rains have hindered harvest operations, particularly in the Kaw Valley area. Virginia harvest peaked shortly after mid-July but light harvest should continue through August. Harvest of most of the acreage in North Carolina ended in late July. A **small** volume from the Mountain counties should be moving to market in August and early September. Harvest in Oklahoma is nearing completion in most areas. In California, heavy picking is occurring in the south coastal area, with **additional** supplies from the San Francisco Bay and San Joaquin Valley areas. Supplies should continue from all districts through September.

SWEET CORN, Cont.: The late summer sweet corn production is estimated at 5,414,000 cwt., about the same as the 5,404,000 harvested last year. Hot, sunny July weather in New England was very beneficial following a wet, cloudy June. Movement is expected to peak about mid-August. In New York, harvest of mid-season and late varieties was in volume by August 10 with heavy supplies expected until mid or late September. Harvest in Pennsylvania is well underway. Much of the early corn was of poor quality, but later plantings look good. The crop in Ohio generally is in good condition, although some local areas in southern part of the State have been in need of rain. The crop is in excellent condition in Illinois although some hail damage occurred in scattered areas. In Michigan, the cool, wet weather late in June has caused staggered plantings to mature at about the same time. Harvest is underway in Maryland. Crop prospects were reduced by high temperatures and limited rainfall during July. In Colorado, the crop looks generally good. Late rains have been beneficial. Supplies are now moving and should be available until October 1. In the Yakima Valley of Washington, harvest is in full swing. Western Washington harvest should get underway in early August. In Oregon, recent warm weather aided growth.

CUCUMBERS: The early summer cucumber crop is estimated at 628,000 cwt., 10 percent above last year. In New Jersey, harvest is past peak although good volume is expected through mid-August. Light volume is expected through September. Prospects for late acreage in Illinois are about normal. Harvest in Maryland and Delaware has peaked, but light supplies are expected for the rest of the season. Late acreage needs rain. The Eastern Shore of Virginia is past peak and harvest should end about mid-August.

Production for the late summer cucumber crop is estimated at 475,000 cwt., up 3 percent from 1967. In Massachusetts, movement should be heavy during August with the peak expected about mid-month. In New York, early growth was slowed by cool weather and wet conditions damaged stands in many fields. Dry weather since early July has been detrimental except where irrigation was available. Long Island supplies should continue in volume through August. Upstate areas were expected to start shipping in early August. In Pennsylvania, harvest should continue through September. In Michigan the crop looks generally good. Heavy rains hurt some plantings in the Detroit area. The set is excellent in the southwest.

EGGPLANT: New Jersey's crop of summer eggplant is estimated at 195,000 cwt., 8 percent above last year. Heavy marketings are expected from mid-August through September.

ESCAROLE: For New Jersey and Ohio, the summer escarole crop is estimated at 402,000 cwt., 14 percent more than the 1967 crop. In New Jersey, harvest from northern areas is light but steady. Supplies are expected to increase to moderate volume through September. In Ohio, the condition of the crop is good with production about normal.

GARLIC: Production of summer garlic in California, at 736,000 cwt., is 45 percent above last year. Harvest is completed in the Imperial Valley and Kern County. Digging is active in the Gilroy-Hollister and Monterey areas where peak harvest should occur this month. Digging will continue into early September in both areas.

HONEYDEW MELONS: Arizona's crop of early summer honeydew melons is estimated at 117,000 cwt., the same as 1967. Harvest was nearly complete in most areas on August 1.

The late summer crop of honeydew melons in California is estimated at 1,050,000 cwt., 5 percent below 1967. Harvest is nearing completion in the southern San Joaquin Valley. In northern San Joaquin and Sacramento Valleys, peak supplies should be available after mid-month.

LETTUCE: Production of summer lettuce, at 11,775,000 cwt., is up 4 percent from last year. In Maine, volume supplies are expected to move to local markets and to Boston until after Labor Day. In New York, Oswego County will be the main source of supplies during August. Peak movement has passed in other sections, but light to moderate volume should continue in August from Elba, Potter, Cherry Creek and other areas. In Ohio, supplies have been ample. In Michigan, excessive moisture in late July damaged the crop and slowed movement. In Wisconsin, cooler weather has improved yields. In the San Luis Valley of Colorado, excessive rain in the last part of July limited field activity. Supplies should be available until late September. In the Arkansas Valley, the crop is generally good. In Washington very good growing weather has prevailed. In Oregon, some acreage did not head well. Leaf and romaine types are generally good. In California, cutting continues active in all producing areas. In the Salinas Valley and the Santa Maria-Guadalupe district supplies are expected to maintain a normal seasonal volume during August. In the San Francisco Bay area, harvest should reach peak activity during August.

ONIONS: Early summer onion production is estimated at 3,474,000 cwt., 5 percent more than last year. In New Jersey, peak supplies are expected to continue until late August. In Illinois, harvest is underway. In Texas, harvest on the High Plains peaked in late July. Most of the remaining acreage should be harvested during August, but seeded acreage should furnish supplies into September and October. In the Trans-Pecos and Winter Garden areas, harvest is past peak with light supplies available in August. In New Mexico, rains hampered harvesting in July and reduced yield prospects. In Washington, harvest is nearly completed.

The first forecast for the late summer onion crop is placed at 19,486,000 cwt., 2 percent above 1967. In New York, harvest of the small set crop is about completed in Orange County and is underway at Canastota. The small acreage of transplants is being harvested on Long Island and Orange County. Harvest of early seed fields is starting in Orange County, but volume will be light until about mid-August. In the other Upstate areas, general harvest is expected to start after Labor Day. In Ohio, harvest got underway in early August. In Indiana, harvest got underway in late July with peak movement expected during late August. In Michigan, harvest got underway in early August. In Wisconsin, plants are starting to bulb. In Minnesota, cool, wet weather has delayed progress of the crop. Harvest got underway in Colorado during late July. In Utah, the crop is slightly later than normal. In Washington, harvest is expected to start about mid-August. In western Oregon, development of the crop is slightly behind last year. Harvest is expected to get underway in Idaho and eastern Oregon during the second half of August. In California, volume supplies will be moving in August from all districts, except the Tulelake-Butte Valley where harvest will get underway in September.

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**GREEN PEPPERS:** Production of late summer green peppers is estimated at 2,155,000 cwt., up 17 percent from 1967. In New England, heavy production is indicated after mid-August with the peak occurring in early September. In New York, light picking started in late July with volume for roadside stands expected about mid-August. In New Jersey, supplies are expected to be heavy by mid-August and continue to be heavy through mid-September. In Ohio, prospects vary with the area of production. In Michigan, maturity has been delayed by excess rains late in June. Picking is active in California's San Joaquin Valley. Volume is decreasing in the south coast area after reaching a peak in July. Supplies should increase from both the westside and Santa Clara Valley during August but peak supplies are not expected until October.

**SPINACH:** The summer spinach crop in Colorado, estimated at 77,000 cwt., is slightly below the 78,000 cwt. harvested in 1967. Harvest in the San Luis Valley reached a peak on August 1 but supplies should be available through September.

**TOMATOES:** The early summer tomato crop is estimated at 5,860,000 cwt., up 26 percent from last year. In New Jersey, heavy volume is expected from early August to early September, then declining to mid-October. The Ohio crop is in good condition. In Illinois, the crop is in good condition although development has been slow. In Missouri, the crop was at peak production by the end of July. Harvest is underway in Maryland and Delaware. Hot, dry weather is reducing yields. In Virginia, volume is past peak on the Eastern Shore. Harvest in North Carolina was about completed on August 1. In Kentucky, peak harvest has been reached in the western areas, while in the central and northeastern areas volume was approaching the peak on August 1. Harvest from late set acreage is expected to continue into fall. Harvest was nearing completion in west Tennessee by the end of July. In east Tennessee, harvest was underway. Harvest was about completed in the southern half of Alabama on August 1. Harvest is completed in southeast Arkansas. In other areas, light marketings will continue through August. In California, harvest is nearing completion in the Merced district of the San Joaquin Valley and in the south coastal areas. Picking activity is increasing in the King City area of the Salinas Valley where peak volume is expected during August. Light supplies are also available from the Stockton district.

Production of late summer tomatoes is forecast at 2,737,000 cwt., 2 percent below 1967. In New England, volume should increase steadily through August and peak about September 1. In New York, volume should increase about mid-August with green wrap packers having volume supplies in late August and September. Light harvest is underway in Pennsylvania although the crop is late. In Ohio, harvest got underway in late July -- several weeks later than normal. In Indiana harvest was underway in July. In Illinois, the crop is late, but plants have good bloom. In Michigan, harvest got underway in late July. In North Carolina, volume movement is expected from mid-August until late September. In Colorado, harvest started in early August with peak supplies expected about September 1. In Washington, harvest started in late July. In Oregon, the crop is making good progress with harvest underway.

The early fall crop of tomatoes in California is estimated at 14,000 acres for harvest this year, which compares with 19,800 acres harvested in 1967. Picking should be active in all producing areas in September.

**WATERMELONS:** Estimated production of early summer watermelons is placed at 15,913,000 cwt., 1 percent above 1967. In North Carolina, peak movement should be the first three weeks in August. Harvest in South Carolina is in the final stages in the Allendale-Barnwell-Hampton area and is at the mid-point in the Pageland-Chesterfield area. Lack of adequate moisture has reduced size. Shipments are expected to continue through most of August. In Georgia, only a few late planted fields remained for harvest in central areas on August 1. Light supplies are expected from northern areas through August. Hot, dry weather in Alabama reduced yields in southern and central counties. The small acreage in most northern counties is producing good yields. In Mississippi, harvest is about over in central and south, but supplies are plentiful in northeastern areas. In Arkansas, the crop is doing well where soil moisture is adequate. Volume movement is underway. In Louisiana, harvest was past peak on August 1. Some supplies are expected to be available until mid-month. In southern Oklahoma, harvest was in full swing on August 1. The crop in other areas of the State was just maturing -- 2 or 3 weeks later than normal. Harvest in Texas was past the peak in east and central Texas by August 1. Harvest got underway in north Texas about mid-July and will continue into October. The crop has adequate moisture in most areas. In Arizona, the crop is nearly all harvested. In California, supplies are declining from Kern and Riverside Counties with only light supplies available during August. Harvest is underway in the northern and central San Joaquin Valley and should reach peak activity during August.

The production of late summer watermelons is forecast at 3,164,000 cwt., 7 percent more than in 1967. In Indiana, harvest was beginning in some southern areas on August 1. The Illinois crop is approximately two weeks behind normal but is making good development. The crop in Missouri is late due to cool weather. Early set was fair to poor. Harvest in Delaware and Maryland is underway with large melons moving in volume on the Delmar Peninsula. In Virginia, peak movement is expected about mid-August. Harvest in Washington started in late July. In Oregon, the harvest was general in early August. High winds around mid-July damaged the set on unprotected acreage in the Hermiston area.

**STRAWBERRIES:** For all seasonal groups, the estimated 1968 production of strawberries is placed at 512,801,000 pounds, up 7 percent from 1967. In California, freezer deliveries continue to decline rapidly in southern areas where the season is just about over and most shippers have discontinued operations. Moderate supplies will continue to originate from central coast areas until the first terminating frost in the fall. In other States, harvest was virtually completed by late July.

**MINT FOR OIL:** Forecast at 4,533,000 pounds, production of peppermint for oil is estimated to be 1 percent less than last year. In Indiana, favorable weather with an adequate supply of moisture during June and July resulted in good development. Harvest began about the middle of July. The crop in Michigan generally looks good. Harvest started late in the month. A hard winter and heavy rains in Wisconsin have reduced yields. Stilling is expected to be about two weeks late. Harvest in Idaho is underway. Yields are showing a wide variation. Harvest in Washington started in mid-July. Good growing weather in June and July has not made up for the damage caused by dry winter soils and wind during the spring. In Oregon, weather has been cool in the Willamette Valley. In central Oregon, extremely dry conditions, irrigation water shortages and alternating hot and cool days during July are expected to reduce yields below last year.

Production of spearmint for oil is forecast at 1,231,000 pounds, down 25 percent from last year. In Indiana, favorable weather and adequate moisture during July resulted in good development after a slow start in May. Harvest began around the middle of July. The Michigan crop was damaged by excess water in some areas. Harvest is just getting underway. Harvest in Washington started about mid-July. Weak early season plant growth has cut potential production.





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