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ACREAGE AND ESTIMATED PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL COMMERCIAL CROPS December 1, 1970

Artichokes: California's 1971 production of artichokes is estimated at 715,000 cwt., 7 percent above last year.

Broccoli: Winter broccoli production for 1971 is forecast 16 percent above last year.

Cabbage: December 1 cabbage stocks in Upstate New York are 39 percent above a year earlier. The 1971 winter cabbage crop is placed at 43,900 acres for harvest compared with 41,300 acres harvested last year. Intended plantings for 1971 early spring harvest are estimated at 8,700 acres, 200 acres less than last year.

Carrots: The 1971 winter carrot acreage is estimated at 27,200 acres for harvest, compared with 34,600 acres last year. Texas expects 20,000 acres, 6,500 below last year.

Celery: Winter celery production for 1971 is estimated at 6.0 million cwt., 10 percent more than last year. Good supplies are expected during December from Florida and southern California.

Lettuce: Production of 1971 winter lettuce, at 13.1 million cwt., is 7 percent below last year. Florida, Arizona, and California should have a good supply of lettuce during December.

Spinach: The 1971 winter spinach crop is 2 percent larger than last year. Supplies from Texas and California are expected to continue moderate during December.

Strawberries: Florida's 1971 winter strawberry crop is estimated at 1,600 acres for harvest compared with 1,800 acres last year. Harvest is expected to start in late December.

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Summary of acreage and estimated production reported to date, 1971
with comparisons

Seasonal group and crop	Acreage			Production		
	Harvested 1969	1970	For harvest 1971	1969	1970	Ind. 1971
WINTER	Acres			1,000 cwt.		
Artichokes	10,100	11,000	11,000	657	671	715
Broccoli	2,950	3,300	3,100	97	102	118
Cabbage	44,500	41,300	43,900	7,608	7,254	Jan.
Carrots	36,600	34,600	27,200	6,048	5,257	Jan.
Cauliflower	2,100	1,400	1,200	128	93	68
Celery	11,500	10,900	12,100	5,493	5,477	6,036
Escarole	7,300	6,600	6,500	803	792	Jan.
Lettuce	77,700	81,500	76,100	13,221	14,065	13,143
Spinach	7,400	7,200	7,800	371	368	375

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Acreeage and estimated production reported to date, 1971 with comparisons

Crop and State	Acreeage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Harvested		For						
	1969	1970	harvest: 1971	1969	1970	Ind.: 1971	1969	1970	Ind.: 1971
	Acres			Cwt.			1,000 cwt.		
ARTICHOKES 1/									
Winter:									
California	10,100	11,000	11,000	65	61	65	657	671	715
ASPARAGUS 1/ 2/									
All States	123,830	119,980	120,140	24	23		2,918	2,781	
BROCCOLI 1/									
Winter:									
Texas	2,300	2,500	2,100	24	20	25	55	50	53
Arizona	650	800	1,000	65	65	65	42	52	65
Group Total	2,950	3,300	3,100	33	31	38	97	102	118
CABBAGE 1/									
Winter:									
Florida	17,600	16,700	17,500	230	175		4,048	2,923	
Texas	21,000	19,000	20,500	125	160		2,625	3,040	Jan.
Arizona	1,500	1,000	1,300	110	210		165	210	
California	4,400	4,600	4,600	175	235		770	1,081	
Group Total	44,500	41,300	43,900	171	176		7,608	7,254	
Early Spring: 2/									
South Carolina	1,900	800	800	65	160		124	128	
Georgia	2,600	2,500	2,500	120	110		312	275	
Mississippi	500	400	400	80	130		40	52	Apr.
Louisiana	2,200	1,800	1,600	110	105		242	189	
California	2,800	3,400	3,400	240	260		672	884	
Group Total	10,000	8,900	8,700	139	172		1,390	1,528	
CARROTS 1/									
Winter:									
Texas	28,000	26,500	20,000	130	125		3,640	3,313	
California	8,600	8,100	7,200	280	240		2,408	1,944	Jan.
Group Total	36,600	34,600	27,200	165	152		6,048	5,257	
CALIFLOWER 1/									
Winter:									
Texas	1,200	600	500	65	55	50	78	33	25
Arizona	900	800	700	55	75	62	50	60	43
Group Total	2,100	1,400	1,200	61	66	57	128	93	68

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Acreage and estimated production reported to date, 1971 with comparisons

Crop and State	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Harvested	For	harvest	1969	1970	Ind.	1969	1970	Ind.
	1969	1970	1971	1969	1970	1971	1969	1970	1971
	Acres			Cwt.			1,000 cwt.		
CELERY <u>1/</u>									
Winter:									
Florida	6,700	6,700	6,800	415	410	420	2,781	2,747	2,856
California	4,800	4,200	5,300	565	650	600	2,712	2,730	3,180
Group Total	11,500	10,900	12,100	478	502	499	5,493	5,477	6,036
ESCAROLE									
Winter:									
Florida	7,300	6,600	6,500	110	120		803	792	Jan.
LETTUCE									
Winter:									
Florida	4,700	4,400	5,300	88	89	90	414	392	477
Texas	6,000	5,500	7,400	140	125	120	840	688	888
Arizona	16,100	17,400	17,900	190	170	175	3,059	2,958	3,133
California	50,900	54,200	45,500	175	185	190	8,908	10,027	8,645
Group Total	77,700	81,500	76,100	170	173	173	13,221	14,065	13,143
ONIONS <u>1/</u> <u>2/</u>									
Early Spring	21,000	20,000	19,000	145	165		3,045	3,300	March
SPINACH									
Winter:									
Texas	6,000	5,800	6,300	35	32	32	210	186	202
California	1,400	1,400	1,500	115	130	115	161	182	173
Group Total	7,400	7,200	7,800	50	51	48	371	368	375
STRAWBERRIES <u>1/</u>									
Winter:									
Florida	1,600	1,800	1,600	100	80		160	144	Jan.
Spring, All <u>2/</u>	55,480	51,620	48,880	85	93		4,697	4,803	May
All States	57,080	53,420	50,480	85	93		4,857	4,947	May

1/ Fresh market and processing.

2/ 1971 acreage for harvest is prospective acreage.

COMMENTS CONCERNING CONDITION AND
MOVEMENT OF VEGETABLES

ARTICHOKES: California's 1971 artichoke crop is forecast at 715,000 cwt., 7 percent above the 1970 crop. Light supplies are expected through December and January with increased volume in February and a peak movement in March and April.

BROCCOLI: Production of winter broccoli in Texas and Arizona is forecast at 118,000 cwt., 16 percent larger than last year. In the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas, light volume is expected during December. Shipments are expected to peak in February. Harvest in central Arizona is underway. Volume movement is expected by January.

CABBAGE: The winter cabbage crop for harvest in 1971 is estimated at 43,900 acres compared with 41,300 acres harvested last year. Florida supplies are expected to increase during December with volume movement in January. Growth was slowed by periods of low temperatures, but the crop generally came through in good condition. In Texas, peak harvest of early fields in the Winter Garden area is expected during December and in the Lower Rio Grande Valley during February and March. The crop made satisfactory progress in November although light frosts slowed growth. In Arizona, peak movement is expected in late December. Cutting in California's desert and south coast areas is underway. Peak volume is expected in February.

Intentions for the 1971 early spring cabbage crop acreage for harvest are placed at 8,700 acres compared with 8,900 acres harvested last year. In Georgia, transplanting was underway by December 1. Some damage was reported from extremely low temperatures in late November. In Louisiana, heavy rains and hard freezes in November damaged some of the early crop in the New Orleans area. However, early fields are being harvested. Plants are making good growth in the important Breaux Bridge area. In California, planting is progressing on schedule, and should continue through February.

CARROTS: The 1971 winter carrot acreage for harvest is estimated at 27,200 acres, compared with 34,600 acres harvested in 1970. In Texas, volume is expected to be relatively light until January. The crop has developed well although freezes in mid-November slowed growth. In California, harvest is starting with volume supplies expected after the first of the year.

CAULIFLOWER: The winter cauliflower crop in Texas and Arizona is forecast at 68,000 cwt., 27 percent below 1970. Light harvest is underway in the Eagle Pass area of Texas with the Winter Garden, San Antonio and Lower Rio Grande Valley expecting to start harvesting in December. Arizona harvest is underway with supplies expected to be available until mid-March.

CELERY: Production of winter celery for 1971 is estimated at 6,036,000 cwt., 10 percent above 1970. Increasing supplies from Florida are expected in December with heaviest volume coming from the Everglades. There was little or no damage from the cold temperatures in late November. In California, harvest is underway in Ventura, Orange and Riverside Counties. Light cutting is expected to begin in San Diego County by mid-month. Increasing volume is expected during the month from the south coast area.

ESCAROLE: Florida's acreage of escarole for winter harvest is placed at 6,500 acres, compared with 6,600 acres harvested in 1970. Supplies are expected to increase through December with the principal source being the Everglades. Below freezing temperatures and cold winds in late November slowed harvest in the Zellwood area.

LETTUCE: The first forecast of the 1971 winter lettuce crop places production at 13,143,000 cwt., 7 percent below 1970. In Florida, volume is expected to increase in December from the Everglades. Harvest was slowed in the Zellwood area by freezing temperatures in late November. Supplies from Texas are expected to increase in December with peak movement from the Lower Valley in January and February. In the Winter Garden area, freezing temperatures in late November restricted growth of the early crop. Harvest started in late November but shipments are expected to be below normal. The acreage in the Laredo area should be in production from early December until March. Peak movement from early plantings in the Yuma, Arizona area is expected by mid-December. Supplies from late plantings should be available until early April. In California, active harvest is underway in the Palo Verde area and with the limited activity in the Imperial Valley, supplies are expected to increase throughout December and January.

SPINACH: Production of winter spinach in 1971 is forecast at 375,000 cwt., 2 percent above the 1970 crop. In the Winter Garden area of Texas good volume is expected by mid-December with peak movement in January and February. Harvest is expected to start about mid-December in the Lower Rio Grande Valley. In California, harvest is moderately active. Supplies are expected to reach peak in January. Heaviest volume is expected from the south coastal counties.

STRAWBERRIES: The 1971 Florida winter strawberry crop is placed at 1,600 acres for harvest compared with 1,800 acres in 1970. Plants are generally in good condition although low temperatures in late November resulted in some bloom drop. Harvest is expected to get underway in late December.

NEW YORK CABBAGE STOCKS
December 1, 1970

Stocks of cabbage in Upstate New York producing areas are estimated at 1,240,000 cwt. Stocks on December 1, 1969 were 890,000 cwt., and on December 1, 1968, 1,020,000 cwt.

In Upstate New York, production of cabbage in 1970 for all uses was 17 percent more than a year earlier. Cabbage going into kraut was 18 percent above a year earlier but sales of fresh market cabbage to December 1 were down 3 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)

Year	Acreage	Yield per Acre	Production	December 1 Stocks	
				Amount on hand	Percent of production harvested
	Acres	Cwt.	1,000 cwt.		Percent
1968	10,200	405	4,131	1,020	25
1969	10,100	340	3,434	890	26
1970	9,600	420	*4,032	1,240	31

*Does not include the following quantities not harvested or not marketed because of economic conditions (1,000 cwt.): 1970, 180.

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