VEGETABLES — PROCESSING

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PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS
MAY 1, 1955

The prospective 1955 planted acreage of 9 vegetables for commercial processing is about 3 percent less than last year, according to the Crop Reporting Board. The 9 vegetables for processing for which 1955 intended acreage reports are now available are lima beans, snap beans, beets, cabbage for kraut (contract acreage only) sweet corn, cucumbers for pickles, green peas, winter and early spring spinach, and tomatoes. These crops usually account for about 93 percent of the planted acreage of the 11 vegetables for processing covered in the regular program of reports.

Prospective Planted Acreage by Crops, United States, May 1, 1955, With Comparisons

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>CROP</th>
<th>10-year average</th>
<th>1944-53</th>
<th>1954 Revised</th>
<th>1955 Prospective</th>
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<tr>
<td>Beans, Green Lima</td>
<td>94,020</td>
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<td>116,850</td>
<td>106,000</td>
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<td>Beans, Snap 1/</td>
<td>131,260</td>
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<td>158,470</td>
<td>144,250</td>
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<td>Beets for Canning 1/</td>
<td>17,380</td>
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<td>16,500</td>
<td>16,930</td>
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<td>Cabbage for Kraut (Contract) 1/</td>
<td>10,060</td>
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<td>9,770</td>
<td>7,840</td>
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<td>Corn, Sweet 1/</td>
<td>500,240</td>
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<td>484,010</td>
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<td>Cucumbers for Pickles 1/</td>
<td>140,100</td>
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<td>149,480</td>
<td>136,850</td>
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<td>Peas, Green 1/</td>
<td>460,920</td>
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<td>452,600</td>
<td>462,880</td>
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<td>Spinach (Winter and Early Spring) 2/</td>
<td>15,800</td>
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<td>12,500</td>
<td>12,600</td>
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<td>Tomatoes 1/</td>
<td>439,400</td>
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<td>273,850</td>
<td>295,300</td>
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TOTALS - Crops for which prospective:

1955 planted acreage has been estimated: 1,809,180: 1,674,030: 1,619,130

Asparagus for Processing: 81,760: 100,650: Dec. 28
Cabbage for Kraut (Open Market): 8,500: 6,460: Dec. 28
Pimientos: 17,830: 32,900: July 11
Spinach (Late Spring and Fall): 28,150: 19,890: June 10 & Nov. 10

TOTALS -

11 CROPS FOR PAST SEASONS: 1,944,240: 1,834,130: Dec. 28

1/From previous releases.
2/Planted acreage comparable with harvested acreages shown in Report TC-55: 303.

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Agriculture - Washington
GREEN LIMA BEANS FOR PROCESSING
PROSPECTIVE PLANTINGS

1955 with Comparisons

A decrease of about 9 percent from 1954 in the acreage to be planted for 1955 to green lima beans for processing is indicated by reports received by the Crop Reporting Board from processors in late April and early May giving information on the acreage they intend to contract and plant this season. The indicated acreage for 1955 is an interpretation of these reports from processors, based on past relationships between such reports and the acreage actually planted.

If these early season prospects materialize, the 1955 plantings for canning, freezing and other processing will total 106,000 acres. This compares with 116,850 acres planted in 1954 and the 1944-53 average of 94,020 acres.

Assuming a loss of plantings of about 6 percent in line with recent years, a planting of 106,000 acres of processing lima beans would result in about 100,000 acres for harvest. This compares with 111,770 acres harvested in 1954 and the average of 88,080 acres.

Of the 106,000 acres in prospect for processing in 1955, intentions reports indicate 67,400 acres will be planted for freezing and 38,600 acres will be planted for canning, including succotash. Last year 72,490 acres were planted for freezing and 44,360 acres were planted for canning.

The purpose of this report is to assist growers and processors generally in making such further changes in their 1955 acreage plans as may appear desirable. The acreage finally planted in 1955 may turn out to be larger or smaller than now indicated, by reason of weather conditions, price changes, labor supply, financial conditions and the effect of this report itself on processors' actions. The following table shows, by States, the acreage in prospect at the present time.
GREEN LIMA BEANS FOR PROCESSING: Prospective Plantings, 1955, with Comparisons

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<tr>
<th>STATE</th>
<th>10-year average</th>
<th>1954 Revised</th>
<th>Prospective: 1955</th>
<th>As Percent of 10-year average: 1944-53</th>
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<td>New York</td>
<td>2,660</td>
<td>4,600</td>
<td>4,500</td>
<td>169: 98</td>
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<td>Pennsylvania</td>
<td>4,370</td>
<td>5,500</td>
<td>4,600</td>
<td>105: 84</td>
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<td>Ohio</td>
<td>1,010</td>
<td>850</td>
<td>800</td>
<td>79: 94</td>
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<td>Michigan</td>
<td>3,090</td>
<td>2,400</td>
<td>1,200</td>
<td>39: 50</td>
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<td>Wisconsin</td>
<td>5,920</td>
<td>8,100</td>
<td>6,700</td>
<td>113: 83</td>
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<td>Delaware</td>
<td>18,190</td>
<td>24,000</td>
<td>22,900</td>
<td>126: 95</td>
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<td>Maryland</td>
<td>4,540</td>
<td>5,900</td>
<td>4,400</td>
<td>97: 75</td>
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<td>Virginia</td>
<td>4,290</td>
<td>4,300</td>
<td>3,200</td>
<td>75: 74</td>
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<td>Washington</td>
<td>1,330</td>
<td>2,500</td>
<td>1,700</td>
<td>128: 68</td>
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<td>California</td>
<td>17,390</td>
<td>27,400</td>
<td>25,600</td>
<td>147: 93</td>
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<td>Other States 1/</td>
<td>32,240</td>
<td>31,300</td>
<td>30,400</td>
<td>27: 97</td>
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<td>U. S. TOTAL</td>
<td>94,020</td>
<td>116,850</td>
<td>106,000</td>
<td>112.7: 90.7</td>
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For Freezing 2/  

- 65,740: 72,490: 67,400: ---: 93.0

For Canning and Other Processing 2/  

- 41,060: 44,360: 38,600: ---: 87.0


2/ Not shown by States to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

GREEN PEAS FOR PROCESSING
PROGRESS OF PLANTING AND CONDITION
MAY 1, 1955

Maine: Planting is expected to get under way early in May.

New Jersey, Pennsylvania, and Western Maryland: Planting was generally finished by May 1. Soil was well supplied with moisture. In the early fields vines are 1 to 3 inches high and growing rapidly.

Delaware, Eastern Shore of Maryland, and Virginia: Growing conditions to date have been excellent except in parts of Virginia, where the late March freeze inflicted some damage. Limited harvesting is expected to be in progress by May 10, more general about May 20.

New York: In general, growers are making better headway this year than last in planting green peas. Conditions are favorable for germinating the seed.

Ohio, Indiana, and Michigan: Growers will finish planting green peas by early May. Growing conditions are generally excellent.

Illinois, and Wisconsin: Moisture is sufficient for developing the crop. Most of the seed was planted on schedule but in a few local areas where there were heavy showers growers had to delay planting late varieties.

Iowa, and Minnesota: Crop generally looks good. Moisture is ample.

Colorado and Utah: In Colorado, dry windy weather has delayed the crop. In Utah, planting was nearly completed by May 1 and the early varieties germinated well.

Idaho, Oregon and Washington: Planting was progressing slowly on account of cool weather and frosts in the high altitudes east of the Cascades. Growers are a week to ten days behind schedule.