VEGETABLES — PROCESSING

GREEN PEAS FOR PROCESSING
COMMENTS ON CROP DEVELOPMENT
May 1, 1963

MAINE: Prior to May 1, the soil was too wet for preparation. Planting should start about May 15.

NEW YORK: Planting was in progress with different areas varying from about one-third to three-fourths done by May 1. Weather was too cool for good germination. Some areas were dry while others were too wet.

Pennsylvania: Seeding started late in most areas but dry weather in late April enabled growers to have the usual acreage in by May 1. Planting was about completed in the southern area by May 1 but was held back in the central areas in order to space expected harvest. Cool, dry weather slowed germination.

NEW JERSEY: Planting, while later than usual, was about completed by May 1. Late April rain was beneficial.

Delaware and Maryland: Planting was virtually completed by the first week of May. Good rainfall in late April was beneficial and about offset the cool, dry, windy weather throughout most of the month.

Virginia: Acreage was planted in March. Rains in late April ended a dry period which had lasted for over a month.

North Carolina: The acreage around Asheville has been planted. The crop was in excellent condition.

Indiana: About two-thirds of the acreage was seeded by late April. The weather has been too cool.

Illinois: Acreage was mostly planted, although slightly later than scheduled. Soil moisture was generally adequate but development has been slow because of low temperatures.

Michigan: Seeding was about on schedule, although cool weather has held up plantings. Early fields were up.

Wisconsin: Plantings started the second week of April and were about one-third completed as of May 1. Soil moisture has been below normal and weather has been too cool for germination.
MINNESOTA: Seeding started about a week earlier than a year ago. Soil moisture was fair to good. First plantings were coming up.

TENNESSEE: Prospects were good in the western area but in the central portion dry weather was cutting yields.

ARKANSAS: Peas looked very good. Harvest was expected to start in early May.

COLORADO: Acreage was all planted. Drought conditions and high winds were causing damage to prospects.

UTAH: Some early fields were up. Nearly all the acreage was planted by May 1.

IDAHO: Most of the acreage was seeded by May 1. Weather has been cool. Moisture has generally been ample.

EASTERN OREGON AND EASTERN WASHINGTON: Nearly all acreage was planted by May 1 although some delay occurred in late April because of heavy rains. High altitude plantings will be late because of heavy snow. Growing conditions were generally good to excellent.

WESTERN WASHINGTON: Plantings have been delayed because of heavy rains.

CALIFORNIA: Rains in April caused excessive vine growth. Harvest started in Ventura County during the third week of April and by May 1 was progressing rapidly. Harvest was underway in the westside district of San Joaquin Valley and in the central coast areas.