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PROSPECTIVE PLANTED ACREAGE
OF PRINCIPAL CROPS
March 1, 1965

SUMMARY: Prospective planted acreage of green peas, tomatoes, and winter spinach for processing in 1965 totals 712,620 acres according to the Crop Reporting Board. This year's intended acreage of tomatoes and the acreage of winter spinach for processing are down moderately from 1964. Partially offsetting this decrease is a moderate increase in expected acreage of green peas.

Estimates of prospective 1965 acreage are based on reports made by processors and growers prior to planting and represent intentions only. Acreage actually planted may vary significantly because of weather conditions, price changes, labor supply, available financing, and effects of this report itself.

GREEN PEAS: The 1965 prospective planted acreage of green peas for processing in the United States is 459,400 acres. This acreage compares with 433,820 acres planted in 1964 and the 5-year average of 404,030 acres. Principal producing States expecting a 5 percent or larger increase from 1964 are Indiana, California, Minnesota, Idaho, Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, Washington, and Maryland. Major States showing smaller acreages are Delaware, Michigan, and Oregon.

Processors indicated on March 1 that 167,920 acres of green peas are intended for freezing, up 6 percent from last year, and 13 percent above average. If these intentions are realized, this year's acreage in the central States would be up 34 percent and in the western States up 5 percent from 1964. Acreage in the eastern States is expected to be down 7 percent from last year. Based on normal abandonment and an average yield per acre with an allowance for trend, the 1965 production of green peas for freezing from the intended acreage would be 208,000 tons—9 percent more than last year.

Intentions for canning on March 1 were 291,480 acres, 6 percent more than last year and 14 percent more than average. Compared with 1964, acreage prospects are up 7 percent in the central States, up 6 percent in the eastern States, and up 2 percent in the western States. Based on normal abandonment of planted acreage and on the average yield per acre with an allowance for trend, production of peas for canning from the intended acreage would be 336,000 tons. This tonnage, if obtained, would be 15 percent more than in 1964.
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TOMATOES: The 1965 acreage of tomatoes for processing is expected to total 243,620 acres, 10 percent less than last year and 17 percent below average. California intends to plant 110,000 acres, down 23 percent from 1964. Other major producing States expecting a decrease in acreage from 1964 are Texas and Florida. States expecting a 5 percent or larger increase in tomato acreage this year over 1964 are Delaware, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Ohio, New Jersey, Indiana, and Illinois. Based on normal abandonment and an average yield per acre with an allowance for trend, production in 1965 of processing tomatoes from intended acreage would be 4,097,000 tons. If realized, a crop this size would be 10 percent less than 1964 and 24 percent less than the record large crop processed in 1962.

SPINACH: The 1965 production of winter spinach in California and Florida is estimated at 67,900 tons. This tonnage is 18 percent less than in 1964, with Florida down 42 percent and California down 14 percent. Both acreage for harvest and yield prospects are down from last year in both States. The California winter spinach crop is in good condition. Cutting in central and southern coastal counties was expected to begin the first and second weeks of March. Harvest in Interior Valley fields should begin about mid-March and continue through mid-April. In Florida, cutting was nearing completion by March 1. Yields varied considerably. Heavy frost in mid-January caused extensive damage to the early plantings. Some acreage was lost. Light harvest of late planted acreage should continue into mid-March.

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| For freezing     | 149,180 Acres   | 158,370       | 167,920 | 113   | 106         |
| East 2/          | 23,470 Acres    | 26,170        | 24,270  | 103   | 93          |
| Central 2/       | 15,600 Acres    | 17,850        | 24,000  | 154   | 134         |
| West 2/          | 110,110 Acres   | 114,350       | 119,650 | 109   | 105         |

| For canning      | 254,850 Acres   | 275,450       | 291,480 | 114   | 106         |
| East 2/          | 18,590 Acres    | 18,900        | 19,980  | 107   | 106         |
| Central 2/       | 174,250 Acres   | 197,450       | 211,200 | 121   | 107         |
| West 2/          | 61,920 Acres    | 59,100        | 60,300  | 97    | 102         |


Central: Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa, Tennessee, Alabama, and Arkansas.

Tomatoes for processing: Prospective planted acreage by States, 1965 with comparisons

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1/ Alabama, Arkansas, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Washington, West Virginia, and Wisconsin.
2/ Revised.