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GREEN PEAS FOR PROCESSING
COMMENTS ON CROP DEVELOPMENT
May 1, 1968

GREEN PEAS FOR PROCESSING: Weather conditions were generally favorable for planting and development of the processing pea crop during April. The Appalachia growing areas were ahead of schedule on planting on May 1, and early fields have good stands. Planting made good progress during April in the Great Lakes States, and was ahead of last year when rain delayed fieldwork. Improved weather in late April was helping some western areas to overcome their late start in planting. There was some frost damage to early plantings in eastern Washington and eastern Oregon, but apparently there is very little damage in other areas of the Nation. Moisture supplies are adequate except in Virginia, Iowa, and some western areas. Harvest is nearing completion in California's south coast area and underway in the San Joaquin Valley.

COMMENTS BY STATES

NEW YORK: The season is early and planting is about three-fourths completed. Soil moisture supplies are favorable except in a few scattered areas.

NEW JERSEY: Early plantings are up. Prospects are for a good crop.

PENNSYLVANIA: Planting is ahead of schedule. First plantings are up and making good growth. Recent rains were beneficial.

MARYLAND AND DELAWARE: Seeding is essentially complete in all areas. Early planted fields are up and stands are good.

VIRGINIA: Irrigated acreage is growing well but growth on unirrigated land has been slowed by lack of rainfall.

NORTH CAROLINA: Planting was completed in late April. The early planted acreage has a good stand and is growing well. Harvest is expected to start about June 1.

OHIO: More than half of the acreage was planted by May 1. Stands and development are good.

INDIANA: Planting was nearly completed by May 1. There has been some damage from windblown sand.

ILLINOIS: Planting has advanced rapidly. Stands and growth are good.

MICHIGAN: Planting started about April 10. Damage by frost on April 25 and 26 was minor. Moisture conditions are good.

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WISCONSIN: Planting is making normal progress in the southern part of the State but is about a week late in other areas.

MINNESOTA: About one-third of the crop is planted. Earliest plantings are emerging and stands are good. Moisture supplies are generally good.

IOWA: Planting is on schedule. Subsoil moisture is short.

TENNESSEE: Planting is well advanced. Stands and crop development are about normal.

MONTANA: First plantings are coming up. Topsoil moisture is all little short.

WYOMING: The first planting was on April 19, about 20 days later than normal because of cool weather. Warmer weather in late April was favorable.

COLORADO: Planting is nearing completion. Early varieties have emerged with good stands. The moisture supply is sufficient but cool temperatures are retarding growth.

Utah: Planting is slightly behind normal as the result of below normal temperatures and wet weather.

Idaho: Planting was delayed because of early cool weather but warmer weather in late April accelerated activities. Soil moisture is short in northern areas. Irrigation water supplies are short in some southern areas.

Washington: Crop prospects are good in western areas although unusually cold, wet weather delayed planting. In eastern Washington, planting is nearly completed. Some frost and wind damage has occurred.

Oregon: Planting is nearing completion. Frost damaged early stands in several areas in eastern Oregon. Soil moisture is lacking in the eastern counties. In western Oregon, cold wet weather slowed planting during April.

California: Harvest in the south coast area is nearly complete. In the San Joaquin Valley harvest should peak in early May and be completed by June 1. Some early fields in the central coast counties may be harvested before mid-month but heavy activity is not expected until late May and early June.