VEGETABLES -- PROCESSING

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GREEN PEAS FOR PROCESSING -- COMMENTS ON CROP DEVELOPMENT
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GREEN PEAS FOR PROCESSING: Seeding started on schedule in most eastern and central States but was delayed by rains and wet field conditions during the latter half of April. Early planted peas are generally making favorable progress with good stands and adequate soil moisture. Practically no frost damage has been reported and prospects for the season are good.

In the western States, planting has progressed in a normal pattern except in northern Washington and eastern Oregon where rains caused some delay in field work. Early seedings are in good condition and crop prospects are good. In California, harvest is following a near-normal pattern despite the unfavorable conditions which occurred earlier in the season.

COMMENTS BY STATES

NEW YORK: Excessive moisture has delayed planting. About 40 percent of the acreage was planted by the end of April, compared with about 75 percent a year ago. Earliest plantings are up.

NEW JERSEY: Planting should be completed the first week of May, on schedule. Soil moisture is adequate.

PENNSYLVANIA: Planting is on schedule and nearly completed. Earliest peas are around three inches high. Growers are concerned about the shortage of soil moisture.

MARYLAND AND DELAWARE: Seeding is well along in all areas. Rainfall has been adequate and early stands look good.

VIRGINIA: Sufficient rainfall and cool temperatures during much of April have favored crop growth.

NORTH CAROLINA: Planting was completed in late April. Early planted fields have good stands and are making rapid growth. Harvest is expected to start about June 1.

OHIO: Excessive moisture delayed start of seeding until the week of April 20. Frosts are still occurring in some northern areas.

INDIANA: Planting was just getting underway the last week of April after some delay due to wet fields.

ILLINOIS: Wet field conditions delayed seeding schedules during April.

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MICHIGAN: Planting started at mid-April but cool, rainy weather has delayed some seeding operations and to date the season is five to ten days behind normal.

WISCONSIN: Seeding became active in late April but rains of April 26 and 27 and the subsequent cool weather retarded planting.

MINNESOTA: Planting began the week of April 20 but has been generally confined to the better drained soils, because of wet fields.

IOWA: The crop is running about two weeks late.

TENNESSEE: Planting is completed. Moisture has been adequate and the crop is looking good.

MONTANA: Crop conditions are good to excellent.

IDAHO: Planting at higher elevations is near completion. Moisture is adequate and early plantings are in excellent condition.

COLORADO: Planting is near completion and early peas are up to good stands. Showers in April were beneficial.

UTAH: Seeding is progressing on schedule. Conditions have been ideal but fields are getting dry.

WASHINGTON: Seeding is well underway and early plantings are making good growth. Rain has caused some delay of planting in northern areas.

OREGON: Planting is over three-fourths completed after some delay due to wet soil. Early plantings are making good progress with full stands and adequate soil moisture reported.

CALIFORNIA: Harvest is following a near normal pattern despite earlier setbacks from weather. Harvest is well underway in the south coast, has started in the central valley and should begin in early May along the central coast. Harvest should continue through June.

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