VEGETABLES-- PROCESSING

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ACREAGE AND INDICATED PRODUCTION
OF PRINCIPAL COMMERCIAL CROPS
November 1, 1966

SUMMARY: Total 1966 production in the United States for 9 of the principal commercial vegetable processing crops is estimated at 8,752,720 tons, according to the Crop Reporting Board. This is 6 percent more than last year and 9 percent more than the 1960-64 average for these crops.

Processing crops with larger production than last year include: green lima beans, up 11 percent; beets, 11 percent; sweet corn, 16 percent; cucumbers for pickles, 19 percent; spinach, 29 percent; and tomatoes, up 5 percent.

Crops with smaller production than last year are: contracted cabbage for kraut, down 7 percent; green peas, down 16 percent; and snap beans, down slightly.

CUCUMBERS FOR PICKLES: The 1966 crop of cucumbers for pickles in the United States is estimated at 526,510 tons, 19 percent more than last year and 26 percent above average. The acreage for harvest in 1966 is 20 percent more than last year, with the major increases occurring in Michigan, Wisconsin, North Carolina, and Texas.

The average yield for 1966, at 4.04 tons per acre, compares with 4.07 tons in 1965 and the average of 3.95 tons. Production is up 29 percent from last year in the northern States, 20 percent higher in the western States, and 8 percent larger in the southern States.

PICKLE STOCKS: October 1, 1966 stocks of pickles in tanks and barrels plus equivalent weight of cucumbers in fresh pack pickles in the hands of processors are estimated at 474,910 tons, which compares with 454,760 tons a year earlier. Of total stocks on hand October 1, stocks from 1966 production comprised 92 percent of the total compared with 84 percent for October 1, 1965 from the 1965 crop.

Stocks of salt and dill pickles in tanks and barrels October 1, 1966 totaled 362,270 tons, compared with 334,960 tons a year earlier and the average of 321,421 tons for October 1.

Fresh pack stocks totaled 112,640 tons, compared with 119,800 tons for October 1, 1965.

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SPINACH: The 1966 crop of fall spinach for processing is estimated at 28,710 tons, 11 percent more than last year, and 25 percent above average. The 5,830 acres for harvest this fall compares with 5,220 acres harvested last year.

The estimated 1966 tonnage from all three seasonal groups (winter, spring, and fall) is 157,520 tons, compared with 122,320 tons in 1965.

Harvesting of fall crop spinach was active in eastern producing States on November 1. The Arkansas harvest peaked during the first week of November. The Oklahoma harvest got underway during the first week of November. Washington harvest was complete by November 1.

Preliminary acreage and indicated production, by crops
United States, 1966 with comparisons

CROP	Acreage			Production		
	Harvested		For harvest 1966	Average 1960-64	1965	Ind. 1966
	Average 1960-64	1965				
	- Acres -			- Tons -		
Green lima beans	86,310	83,970	96,650	98,190	96,450	106,610
Snap beans	191,120	230,260	242,500	455,650	540,250	538,890
Beets	16,900	14,480	16,920	186,230	177,960	197,930
Cabbage for kraut (contract)	8,160	8,820	9,610	136,280	166,760	154,400
Sweet corn	409,510	376,690	441,100	1,612,280	1,613,600	1,878,200
Cucumbers for pickles 1/.	105,290	108,560	130,390	416,290	442,110	526,510
Green peas	398,830	441,630	442,890	496,870	601,910	507,100
Spinach:						
Winter	9,180	7,800	9,700	72,280	60,300	78,900
Spring	13,020	8,060	9,490	47,410	36,140	49,910
Fall 1/	5,830	5,220	5,830	22,940	25,880	28,710
Tomatoes	285,630	255,190	289,420	4,459,900	4,482,660	4,685,560
Total to date	1,529,780	1,540,680	1,694,500	8,004,320	8,244,020	8,752,720
Asparagus for processing.	109,240	97,890	Dec. 20	130,230	119,150	Dec. 20
Cabbage for kraut (open market)	4,110	3,980	Dec. 20	65,230	72,150	Dec. 20
Total - 10 Vegetables ...	1,643,120	1,642,550	Dec. 20	8,199,800	8,435,320	Dec. 20

1/ Revised estimates for 1965 and preliminary estimates for 1966. Revised estimates of planted acreage by States will be published December 20.

Cucumbers for pickles: Preliminary acreage and production by States, 1966 with comparisons

Region and State	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Harvested		For harvest						
	Average 1960-64	1965	1966	Av. 60-64	1965	Ind. 1966	Average 1960-64	1965	Ind. 1966
	- Acres -			- Tons -			- Tons -		
Northern:									
Ohio	1,580	2,400	2,800	5.19	5.30	4.13	8,220	12,720	11,560
Indiana	910	1,200	1,500	5.60	5.50	4.63	5,460	6,600	6,940
Michigan	23,420	16,000	19,600	5.20	5.75	6.26	122,050	92,000	122,700
Wisconsin	14,860	13,800	15,000	2.87	3.15	3.28	42,720	43,470	49,200
Other States 1/	6,040	7,380	9,230	4.80	5.16	6.28	28,940	38,060	57,960
Total Northern	46,810	40,780	48,130	4.43	4.73	5.16	207,390	192,850	248,360
Southern:									
Delaware and Maryland	3,530	4,100	4,300	5.48	6.46	6.45	19,420	26,470	27,740
Virginia	2,500	2,900	4,100	2.52	3.50	2.67	6,310	10,150	10,950
North Carolina	17,300	21,300	25,300	2.39	2.81	2.22	41,750	59,850	56,170
Texas	4,760	5,600	11,800	5.05	3.08	2.85	24,020	17,250	33,630
Other States 2/	22,450	25,500	26,900	2.10	2.28	2.11	46,920	58,120	*56,730
Total Southern	50,540	59,400	72,400	2.73	2.89	2.56	138,410	171,840	185,220
Western:									
Colorado	1,680	800	1,500	7.12	7.00	8.63	11,990	5,600	12,940
Washington	1,400	1,600	1,500	6.16	8.70	7.53	8,710	13,920	11,300
California	3,820	3,700	4,500	11.33	11.60	11.30	43,340	42,920	50,850
Other States 3/	1,040	2,280	2,360	6.16	6.57	7.56	6,440	14,980	17,840
Total Western	7,940	8,380	9,860	8.87	9.24	9.42	70,480	77,420	92,930
United States	105,290	108,560	130,390	3.95	4.07	4.04	416,290	442,110	526,510

1/ Includes Connecticut, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and South Dakota.
2/ Includes Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, South Carolina.
3/ Includes Arizona, Idaho, New Mexico, Oregon, and Utah.
* Includes 300 tons not marketed.

Cucumbers for pickles: Stocks in tanks and barrels, October 1, 1966 with comparisons

YEAR	From crop of current year			From previous crop			Total	
	Salt	Dill	Fresh pack	Salt	Dill	Fresh pack	Salt and dill only	Salt, dill and frh. pack
	- Tons -			- Tons -			- Tons -	
Average, 1960-64	244,653	15,178	1/ 1,217	61,591	2/	1/ 2,597	321,421	1/ 431,103
1965, revised ..	250,990	15,620	116,610	68,350	2/	3,190	334,960	454,760
1966 preliminary	310,460	14,740	111,250	37,070	2/	1,390	362,270	474,910

1/ 3-year average, 1962-64.
2/ Included in salt stocks. Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations.

Spinach for processing: Preliminary acreage and indicated production, by States, 1966 with comparisons

Seasonal group and State	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Harvested		For harvest 1966						
	Average 1960-64	1965		Av. 60-64	1965	Ind. 1966	Average 1960-64	1965	Ind. 1966
	- Acres -			- Tons -			- Tons -		
Winter 1/									
Florida	1,440	1,700	2,400	5.8	4.6	5.5	8,280	7,800	13,200
California	7,740	6,100	7,300	8.3	8.6	9.0	64,000	52,500	65,700
Group Total	9,180	7,800	9,700	7.9	7.7	8.1	72,280	60,300	78,900
Spring 1/									
Arkansas	2,360	700	900	2.5	3.1	4.1	5,620	2,200	3,700
Oklahoma	2,880	900	1,700	2.9	2.8	4.0	8,260	2,500	6,800
Other States 2/ .	7,780	6,460	6,890	4.4	4.9	5.7	33,530	31,440	39,410
Group Total ...	13,020	8,060	9,490	3.7	4.5	5.3	47,410	36,140	49,910
Fall									
Arkansas	1,170	850	1,200	3.3	4.9	5.6	3,380	4,200	6,700
Oklahoma	1,340	1,200	1,900	2.9	4.6	4.7	3,640	5,500	8,900
Washington	660	550	650	8.3	9.1	8.9	5,420	5,000	5,800
Other States 3/ .	2,660	2,620	2,080	3.9	4.3	3.5	10,500	11,180	7,310
Group Total	5,830	5,220	5,830	4.0	5.0	4.9	22,940	25,880	28,710
United States	28,030	21,080	25,020	5.1	5.8	6.3	142,630	122,320	157,520

1/ Revised.
2/ Delaware, Maryland, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, and Idaho.
3/ California, Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, and Virginia.

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