

### Vegetables

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Asparagus Production Down 8 Percent from 2014
Strawberry Production Up 4 Percent from 2014
Onion Production Down 5 Percent from 2014
Contracted Processing Production Up 4 Percent from 2014

Production of the 2015 asparagus crop is forecast at 685,000 cwt, down 8 percent from 2014. Area harvested, at 23,500 acres, is down 1 percent from last year.

Strawberry production in the United States is forecast at 31.1 million cwt, up 4 percent from 2014. Area harvested, at 52,800 acres, is down 2 percent from last year. Strawberry yield is forecast at 588 cwt per acre, up 37 cwt from 2014.

Production of the 2015 onion crop is forecast at 69.1 million cwt, down 5 percent from 2014. Onion growers expect to harvest 133,350 acres in 2015, down 4 percent from last year. Spring onion growers intend to harvest 21,900 acres, down 18 percent from last season. Summer, non-storage onion growers expect to harvest 18,800 acres, down 2 percent from a year ago. Summer storage onion growers plan to harvest 92,650 acres in 2015, down 1 percent from last season.

The 2015 contracted processing vegetable production for the four major processing crops (snap beans, sweet corn, green peas, and tomatoes) is forecast at 18.9 million tons, up 4 percent from last year. Production of processing tomatoes, at 14.9 million tons, is up 2 percent from last year. Snap bean production, at 728,360 tons, is up 10 percent from last year's production. Sweet corn production, at 2.86 million tons, is up 15 percent from last year. Green pea production, at 361,230 tons, is up less than 1 percent from the previous year. Contracted area for harvest of the four major processing vegetable crops, at 970,270 acres, is 3 percent above 2014.

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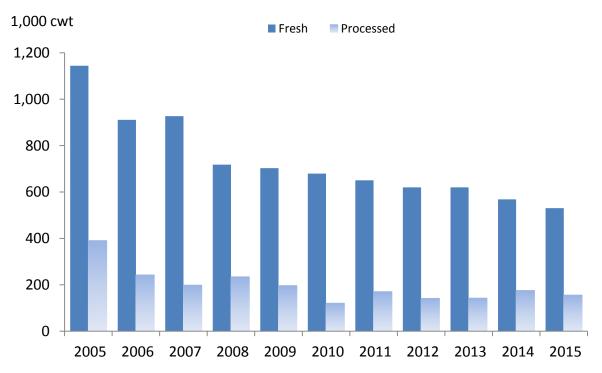
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### **Asparagus Comments**

**Asparagus:** Production from the 2015 asparagus crop is forecast at 685,000 cwt, down 8 percent from last year. Harvested area, at 23,500 acres, is down 1 percent from 2014. Total value of the crop, at 75.7 million dollars, is up 3 percent from 2014. Fresh production of 530,000 cwt is down 7 percent from a year ago. Processed production, at 7,750 tons, is down 11 percent from 2014. Asparagus for canning, at 2,200 tons, is up 10 percent from last year. Frozen asparagus production of 5,550 tons is down 18 percent from 2014.

In California, drought conditions and lack of rain during the winter forced producers to start irrigation in March. The harvest of the asparagus crop began in late February and was complete in most areas of the State by early June. In Washington, asparagus acres continue a decade long trend of declining acres.

### **Asparagus Production - United States: 2005-2015**



# Asparagus Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, Production, Price, and Value – States and United States: 2013, 2014, and Forecasted 2015

State		Area planted		Area harvested			
State	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	
California Michigan Washington	12,000 10,300 4,500	11,500 10,300 4,000	11,300 10,000 4,000	11,500 9,000 4,000	11,000 9,000 3,800	10,800 8,900 3,800	
United States	26,800	25,800	25,300	24,500	23,800	23,500	
State		Yield per acre			Production		
State	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	
	(cwt)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	
California	32 23 47	31 24 48	27 26 44	368 206 188	341 220 182	290 228 167	
United States	31	31	29	762	743	685	
Ctata	-	Price per cwt			Value of production		
State	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	
California Michigan Washington	152.00 90.50 95.10	115.00 93.20 75.40	139.00 87.00 93.30	55,936 18,640 17,872	39,215 20,505 13,721	40,310 19,844 15,584	
United States	121.00	98.80	111.00	92,448	73,441	75,738	

# Asparagus Production, Price, and Value by Utilization – States and United States: 2013, 2014, and Forecasted 2015

Utilization			Produ	uction			
and State	20	13	20	14	2015		
	(1,000	0 cwt)	(1,000	0 cwt)	(1,000	0 cwt)	
Fresh market California <sup>1</sup>		368		341		290	
Other States <sup>2</sup>		252		227		240	
United States	(to	620 ns)	(to	568 ns)	(to	530 ns)	
Processing Other States <sup>2</sup>		7,100		8,750		7,750	
United States		7,100		8,750		7,750	
Canning		2,200		2,000	2,200		
Freezing		4,900		6,750	5,550		
Utilization and		Price per unit			Value of production		
State	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	
	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(dollars per cwt)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	
Fresh market California 1	152.00	115.00	139.00	55,936	39,215	40,310	
Other States <sup>2</sup>	101.00	92.00	94.00	25,396	20,876	22,560	
United States	131.00	106.00	119.00	81,332	60,091	62,870	
	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)	(dollars per ton)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	
Processing Other States <sup>2</sup>	1,570.00	1,530.00	1,660.00	11,116	13,350	12,868	
United States	1,570.00	1,530.00	1,660.00	11,116	13,350	12,868	
Canning	1,720.00	1,680.00	1,660.00	3,784	3,360	3,652	
Freezing	1,500.00	1,480.00	1,660.00	7,332	9,990	9,216	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes a small amount of processing asparagus. <sup>2</sup> Other States include Michigan and Washington.

### **Strawberry Comments**

**Strawberries:** Strawberry production in the United States is forecast at 31.1 million cwt, up 4 percent from 2014. Area harvested, at 52,800 acres, is down 2 percent from last year. In California, warm weather led to an earlier harvest. While the drought has impacted plant growth, production and quality were reported to be good.

## Strawberry Area Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2013, 2014, and Forecasted 2015

[Includes fresh market and processing]

Season and State		Area Harvested			Yield per acre			Production		
Season and State	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014	2015	
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	
California Florida Oregon	41,500 10,600 1,700	41,500 10,900 1,700	40,500 10,900 1,400	665 220 98	665 190 91	709 200 111	27,573 2,332 167	27,577 2,071 155	28,715 2,180 155	
United States	53,800	54,100	52,800	559	551	588	30,072	29,803	31,050	

#### **Onion Comments**

**Spring onions:** Production of spring onions in 2015 is forecast at 6.50 million cwt, down 18 percent from last year. The crop covered 21,900 harvested acres. The average yield, at 297 cwt per acre, is 2 cwt above 2014. In Texas, the 2015 season was very challenging due to cold temperatures and heavy rainfall experienced in the late spring and early summer.

**Summer, non-storage onions:** Production of non-storage onions is forecast at 10.7 million cwt, up 15 percent from last year. Harvested area covers 18,800 acres, down 2 percent from the previous year. In New Mexico, growing conditions for non-storage onions were reported to be good.

**Summer, storage onions:** Growers expect to harvest 92,650 acres of storage onions this year, down 1 percent from last year. Despite issues with lack of water available for irrigation, California growers reported the crop to be in good condition throughout the season. Washington growers reported a very good growing season.

**2014 Storage onions, revised:** The final tally of 2014 storage onion production is 55.7 million cwt, up 10 percent from 2013. The 2014 storage crop is valued at \$566 million, an increase of 2 percent from 2013. Average price per cwt decreased from \$12.10 in 2013 to \$11.00 in 2014. With spring and non-storage summer onions added in, total value of the 2014 harvested onions is \$934 million, down 4 percent from 2013.

### Onion Area Planted and Harvested, and Yield by Season - States and United States: 2014 and Forecasted 2015

Season and State	Area pla	anted	Area har	vested	Yield per acre		
Season and State	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015	
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(cwt)	(cwt)	
Spring <sup>1</sup>							
California	7,000	6,900	6,800	6,700	440	45	
Georgia	12,000	12,300	11,000	11,200	235	24	
Texas	11,400	10,000	9,000	4,000	260	20	
United States	30,400	29,200	26,800	21,900	295	29	
Summer non-storage <sup>1</sup>							
California	8,000	7,700	7,800	7,500	480	53	
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	1)	
New Mexico	5,200	5,70Ó	5,10Ó	5,70Ó	60Ó	62	
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)	(1	
Washington <sup>2</sup>	2,000	1,700	2,000	1,700	400	39	
Other States <sup>3</sup>	4,400	4,300	4,250	3,900	382	62	
United States	19,600	19,400	19,150	18,800	482	56	
Summer storage							
California 4	30,500	30,000	29,300	28,900	550	50	
Colorado	4,100	3,700	3,600	3,600	500	4	
Idaho	7,000	8,500	6,900	8,400	820	7:	
Michigan	2,600	2,500	2,500	2,400	370	3.	
New York	8,200	7,100	8,000	6,900	295	3:	
Oregon	19,700	18,500	19,600	18,400	726	6	
Malheur county	9,400	9,000	9,300	9,000	800	7.	
All other counties	10,300	9,500	10,300	9,400	660	5	
Washington	20,000	21,000	20,000	21,000	650	6	
Wisconsin	1,800	1,700	1,700	1,700	465	38	
Other States <sup>3</sup>	1,600	1,400	1,600	1,350	482	4	
United States	95,500	94,400	93,200	92,650	597	5	
otal summer	115,100	113,800	112,350	111,450	578	5	
All spring and summer	145,500	143,000	139,150	133,350	523	5	
Processed <sup>5</sup>	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(X)	(	

<sup>(</sup>D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.
(X) Not applicable.

Primarily fresh market.

Includes Walla Walla and other non-storage onions.

Other States include Nevada and Texas for Summer Non-Storage Onions and Ohio and Utah for Summer Storage Onions.

Primarily dehydrated processing.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> California only.

### Onion Production and Shrinkage and Loss by Season - States and United States: 2013, 2014, and Forecasted 2015

[Blank cells indicate estimation period has not yet begun]

Season and State		Production		Shrinkage a	and loss <sup>6</sup>
Season and State	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014
	(1,000 cwt)				
Spring <sup>1</sup>					
California	2,720	2,992	3,015		
Georgia	2,997	2,585	2,688		
Texas	3,492	2,340	800		
United States	9,209	7,917	6,503		
Summer non-storage <sup>1</sup>					
California	3,822	3,744	4,013		
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)		
New Mexico	2,623	3,060	3,534		
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)		
Washington <sup>2</sup>	900	800	663		
Other States <sup>3</sup>	2,280	1,622	2,442		
United States	9,625	9,226	10,652		
Summer storage					
California <sup>4</sup>	11,700	16,120	14,450	250	250
Colorado	1,700	1,800	1,476	190	198
Idaho	7,380	5,658	6,048	1,110	410
Michigan	810	925	816	113	65
New York	2,015	2,360	2,312	40	151
Oregon	13,948	14,238	11,744	1,874	1,910
Malheur county	7,848	7,440	6,480	1,020	670
All other counties	6,100	6,798	5,264	854	1,240
Washington	11,600	13,000	13,860	1,160	1,040
Wisconsin	810	791	655	49	44
Other States <sup>3</sup>	857	771	603	72	79
United States	50,820	55,663	51,964	4,858	4,147
Total summer	60,445	64,889	62,616	4,858	4,147
All spring and summer	69,654	72,806	69,119	4,858	4,147
Processed <sup>5</sup>	8,800	11,902	(X)	(X)	(X)

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<sup>1</sup> Primarily fresh market.

2 Includes Walla Walla and other non-storage onions.

3 Other States include Nevada and Texas for Summer Non-Storage Onions and Ohio and Utah for Summer Storage Onions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Primarily dehydrated processing. <sup>5</sup> California only.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Shrinkage and loss for 2015 will be published in the *Vegetables 2015 Summary* released February 2016

### Onion Price and Value by Season - States and United States: 2013 and 2014

0	Price per o	cwt	Total value			
Season and State	2013	2014	2013	2014		
	(dollars)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)		
Spring <sup>1</sup>						
California	13.20	12.30	35,904	36,802		
Georgia	44.10	41.90	132,168	108,312		
Texas	23.80	24.00	83,110	56,160		
United States	27.30	25.40	251,182	201,274		
Summer non-storage <sup>1</sup>						
California	6.40	7.00	24,461	26,208		
Nevada	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)		
New Mexico	15. <u>`</u> 60	18.70	40,9Ì19́	57,222		
Texas	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)		
Washington <sup>2</sup>	27.40	34.60	24,660	27,680		
Other States <sup>3</sup>	32.50	34.10	74,076	55,249		
United States	17.10	18.00	164,116	166,359		
Summer storage						
California 4	9.10	13.40	104,221	212,618		
Colorado	18.90	19.00	28,539	30,438		
Idaho	11.40	8.40	71,478	44,083		
Michigan	15.90	12.90	11,082	11,094		
New York	16.00	15.30	31,600	33.798		
Oregon	11.90	8.70	143,256	106,334		
Malheur county	11.30	8.40	77,156	56,868		
All other counties	12.60	8.90	66,100	49,466		
Washington	13.50	8.90	140,940	106,444		
Wisconsin	16.40	17.50	12,480	13,073		
Other States <sup>3</sup>	12.00	10.50	10,289	8,115		
United States	12.10	11.00	553,885	565,997		
Total summer	12.90	12.10	718,001	732,356		
All spring and summer	15.00	13.60	969,183	933,630		
Processed 5	8.32	13.33	73,216	158,654		

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Primarily dehydrated processing.

California only.

### **Processing Crop Comments**

**Snap beans:** Contracted production of snap beans is forecast at 728,360 tons, up 10 percent from last year. Contracted harvested area is up 8 percent and yield is up 0.16 ton per acre from last year. In Pennsylvania, adequate and timely rainfall throughout the growing season coupled with moderate temperatures led to higher yields than last season.

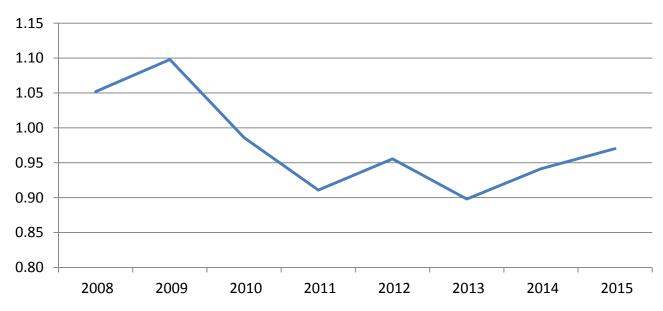
**Sweet corn:** Contracted sweet corn production is forecast at 2.86 million tons, up 15 percent from last year. An increase of 10 percent in contracted harvested area is expected along with an increase in yield of 0.34 ton per acre from 2014. In Washington, weather conditions have been good for vegetable crops. In Minnesota, excellent yields were reported.

**Green peas:** Contracted production is forecast at 361,230 tons, up less than 1 percent from last year. Area for harvest, at 164,900 acres, is down 11 percent from 2014. The expected yield, at 2.19 tons per acre, is up 0.26 ton per acre from a year ago. Area contracted for planting, at 176,300 acres, is down 9 percent from 2014. Area contracted for canning, at 80,600 acres, is up 2 percent from last year. Area contracted for freezing, at 95,700 acres, is down 16 percent from 2014.

**Tomatoes:** Contracted tomato production is forecast at 14.9 million tons, up 2 percent from last year. Contracted harvested area is up 2 percent and yield is up 0.64 ton per acre from last year. In California, growers reported that the crop looks very good overall.

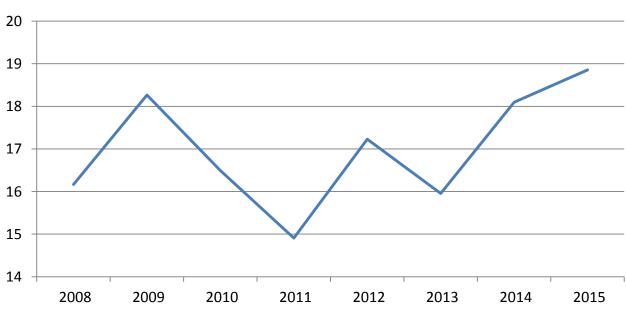
# Contracted Area Harvested for Four Major Processing Vegetables - United States: Snap beans, Sweet corn, Green peas, and Tomatoes





# Contracted Production for Four Major Processing Vegetables - United States: Snap beans, Sweet corn, Green peas, and Tomatoes

### Million tons



Processing Vegetable Area Harvested and Production by Crop – United States: 2013, 2014, and Forecasted 2015 (Domestic Units)

Crop	2013	2014	2014				
	Total	Total	Contract 1	Contract 1			
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)			
Snap beans	149,770 314,950 178,300 277,000	159,070 312,280 187,600 306,100	151,440 302,580 185,200 302,100	163,970 333,700 164,900 307,700			
Total	920,020	965,050	941,320	970,270			
	Production						
Crop	2013	2014	4	2015			
	Total	Total	Contract 1	Contract 1			
	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)			
Snap beans	666,780 2,551,830 356,050 12,631,500	681,240 2,567,820 362,860 14,637,300	662,672 2,481,390 359,800 14,592,300	728,360 2,855,340 361,230 14,910,400			
Total	16,206,160	18,249,220	18,096,162	18,855,330			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes acreage from major brokers.

# Processing Vegetable Area Harvested and Production by Crop – United States: 2013, 2014, and Forecasted 2015 (Metric Units)

	Area harvested						
Crop	2013	20	14	2015			
	Total	Total	Contract 1	Contract 1			
	(hectares)	(hectares)	(hectares)	(hectares)			
Snap beans	127,460	64,370 126,380 75,920 123,880	61,290 122,450 74,950 122,260	66,360 135,050 66,730 124,520			
Total <sup>2</sup>	372,320	392,660					
	Production						
Crop	2013	20	2015				
	Total	Total	Contract 1	Contract 1			
	(metric tons)	(metric tons)	(metric tons)	(metric tons)			
Snap beans		618,010 2,329,470 329,180 13,278,670	601,160 2,251,070 326,400 13,237,840	660,750 2,590,310 327,700 13,526,420			
Total <sup>2</sup>	14,701,900	16,555,330	16,416,480	17,105,180			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes acreage from major brokers. <sup>2</sup> Totals may not add due to rounding.

# Snap Beans for Processing Area Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2013, 2014, and Forecasted 2015

				Area harve	ested			
State	20	13		2014	4		2015	
	Total Total				Contract	1	Contract 1	
	(acı	res)	(acres)		(acres)		(acres)	
Illinois Indiana Michigan Minnesota New York Oregon Pennsylvania Wisconsin Other States 2		(D) 5,000 17,800 (D) 18,900 10,550 7,900 59,800		(D) 4,700 (D) (D) 20,420 8,500 11,400 64,100		(D) (D) (D) (D) 20,420 8,500 10,600 (D)	(D) 4,000 16,000 (D) (D) 11,900 11,100 68,200	
United States		149,770		159,070	151,440		163,970	
		Yield per acı	re		Production			
State	2013	2014	2015	2013		2014	2015	
	Total	Total	Contract 1	Total	Total	Contract 1	Contract 1	
	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	
Illinois Indiana Michigan Minnesota New York Oregon Pennsylvania Wisconsin Other States <sup>2</sup>	(D) 2.90 4.33 (D) 3.29 6.34 2.74 4.99	(D) 3.00 (D) (D) 4.00 4.10 3.01 4.87	(D) 3.70 4.00 (D) (D) 6.40 3.55 4.70	(E 14,52 77,10 (E 62,27 66,85 21,63 298,57	14,100 (D) (D) (D) (D) (O) 81,680 (O) 34,850 (O) 34,310 (O) 312,280	(D) (D) (D) (D) 81,680 34,850 32,480 (D) 513,662	(D) 14,800 64,000 (D) (D) 76,160 39,410 320,540 213,450	
United States	4.45	4.28	4.44	666,78	681,240	662,672	728,360	

<sup>(</sup>D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Includes acreage from major brokers.

Includes data withheld above and/or data for States not listed in this table.

# Sweet Corn for Processing Area Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2013, 2014, and Forecasted 2015

				Area har	veste	d			
State	201	3	2014					2015	
	Tot	al	Total			Contract 1		C	Contract 1
	(acre	es)	(acres)			(acres)			(acres)
Illinois		(D) 118,700 (D) 64,400 66,500		(D) 109,400 23,200 69,400 65,800		6	(D) (D) (3,200 (9,400 (5,800		(D) 114,300 25,400 82,100 68,400
Other States <sup>2</sup>	65,350			44,480	144,180		4,180	43,50	
United States	314,950		312,28			302,580			333,700
		Yield per acr	е	Productio					
State	2013	2014	2015	2013		2	014		2015
	Total	Total	Contract 1	Total		Total	Conti	ract 1	Contract 1
	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	)	(tons)	(toı	ns)	(tons)
Illinois	(D) 6.74 (D) 9.96 8.78	(D) 6.85 9.50 9.98 8.24	(D) 7.25 10.10 10.32 8.35	799, 641, 583,		(D) 749,440 220,480 692,600 542,160		(D) (D) 220,480 692,600 542,160	(D) 828,680 256,540 847,270 571,140
Other States <sup>2</sup>	8.06	8.16	8.09	526,	,830	363,140	1,	026,150	351,710
United States	8.10	8.22	8.56	2,551,	,830	2,567,820	2,	481,390	2,855,340

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## Green Peas for Processing Area Planted, Contracted, and Utilization – States and United States: 2013, 2014, and Forecasted 2015

	Planted					
State and utilization	2013	20	2015			
	Total	Total	Contract 1	Contract 1		
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)		
Delaware Minnesota Oregon Washington Wisconsin	5,100 67,700 21,100 45,000 37,800	5,000 68,600 19,600 40,800 37,700	5,000 (D) 19,600 (D) (D)	(D) 60,200 12,600 40,600 36,200		
Other States <sup>2</sup>	11,180	24,000	168,600	26,700		
United States	187,880	195,700	193,200	176,300		
Canning	74,200	79,900	78,800	80,600		
Freezing	113,680	115,800	114,400	95,700		

<sup>(</sup>D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

## Green Peas for Processing Area Harvested and Contracted – States and United States: 2013, 2014, and Forecasted 2015

	Harvested					
State and utilization	2013	20	2015			
	Total	Total	Contract 1	Contract 1		
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)		
Delaware	5,000	5,000	5,000	(D)		
Minnesota	60,800	64,000	(D)	52,300		
Oregon	21,100	19,600	19,600	12,600		
Washington	44,500	40,500	(D)	40,300		
Wisconsin	36,000	36,600	(D)	35,300		
Other States <sup>2</sup>	10,900	21,900	160,600	24,400		
United States	178,300	187,600	185,200	164,900		

<sup>(</sup>D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

## Green Peas for Processing Yield, Production, and Contracted – States and United States: 2013, 2014, and Forecasted 2015

		Yield per acre		Production			
State and utilization	2013	2014	2015	2013	2014		2015
	Total	Total	Contract 1	Total	Total	Contract 1	Contract 1
	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)
Delaware	2.16 1.44 1.91 2.75 2.10	2.26 1.22 2.11 2.92 1.93	(D) 2.00 2.20 2.55 2.20	10,800 87,630 40,300 122,380 75,550	11,300 78,150 41,430 118,440 70,640	11,300 (D) 41,430 (D) (D)	(D) 104,600 27,720 102,765 77,660
Other States <sup>2</sup>	1.78	1.96	1.99	19,390	42,900	307,070	48,485
United States	2.00	1.93	2.19	356,050	362,860	359,800	361,230

<sup>(</sup>D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes acreage from major brokers.

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# Tomatoes for Processing Area Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2013, 2014, and Forecasted 2015

	Area harvested							
State		2013		2014		2015		
		Total		Total			Contract 1	
	(acres)		(ac	(acres)			(acres)	
California	260,000		000	289,000		285,000	293,000	
Indiana		8,	700	9,300		9,300	7,200	
Michigan	3,200		200	3,400	3,400		3,300	
Ohio		5,	100	4,400		4,400	4,200	
United States		277,	000	306,100		302,100	307,700	
		Yield per acre Production						
State	2013	2014	2015	2013	20	2014		
	Total	Total	Contract 1	Total	Total	Contract 1	Contract 1	
	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	
California	46.54	48.48	49.49	12,100,000	14,010,000	13,965,000	14,500,000	
Indiana	31.00	37.00	29.00	269,700	344,100	344,100	208,800	
Michigan	34.00	38.00	28.00	108,800	129,200	129,200	92,400	
Ohio	30.00	35.00	26.00	153,000	154,000	154,000	109,200	
United States	45.60	47.82	48.46	12,631,500	14,637,300	14,592,300	14,910,400	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Includes acreage from major brokers.

### Statistical Methodology

**Survey procedures:** Grower and processor surveys are conducted in preparation for this report. Telephone follow-up of mail survey non-respondents is used to ensure adequate coverage. Other data are obtained via fax or personal interview.

**Estimating procedures:** Information obtained from the vegetable surveys along with administrative data is used to establish forecasts of area and production. These forecasts are reviewed for errors, reasonableness, and consistency with historical estimates.

**Revision policy:** Vegetable forecasts will not be revised. End-of-season estimates are made following harvest and are subject to revision the following year based on a thorough review of all available data.

**Reliability:** Survey indications are subject to sampling variability because all operations growing vegetables are not included in the sample. Survey results are also subject to non-sampling errors such as omission, duplication, imputation for missing data, and mistakes in reporting, recording, and processing the data. These errors cannot be measured directly, but are minimized through rigid quality controls in the data collection process and a careful review of all reported data for consistency and reasonableness.

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### **USDA NASS Data Users' Meeting**

Wednesday, October 28, 2015

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The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service will be organizing an open forum for data users. The purpose will be to provide updates on pending changes in the various statistical and information programs and seek comments and input from data users. Other USDA agencies to be represented will include the Agricultural Marketing Service, the Economic Research Service, the Foreign Agricultural Service, and the World Agricultural Outlook Board. The Foreign Trade Division from the Census Bureau will also be included in the meeting.

For registration details or additional information for the Data Users' Meeting, see the NASS homepage at <a href="http://www.nass.usda.gov/meeting/">http://www.nass.usda.gov/meeting/</a> or contact Tina Hall (NASS) at 202-720-3896 or at <a href="main.hall@nass.usda.gov">tina.hall@nass.usda.gov</a>.

This Data Users' Meeting precedes the Industry Outlook Conference that will be held at the same location on Thursday, October 29, 2015. The outlook meeting brings together analysts from various commodity sectors to discuss the outlook situation. For registration details or additional information for the Industry Outlook Conference, see the conference webpage on the LMIC website: <a href="http://lmic.info/page/meetings">http://lmic.info/page/meetings</a>. For more information, contact James Robb at (303) 716-9933.