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Summary

Despite unfavorable weather conditions in many areas, indicated supplies of late truck crops and potatoes are reported by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics to be generally plentiful this fall, and market prices are relatively low. It is probable, therefore, that the stored supplies of potatoes, sweetpotatoes, onions, Danish cabbage, carrots, and celery will be comparatively large this winter. Also, early reports indicate that the plantings of fall and winter vegetables in the Southern States are, in general, larger than a year ago.

Late potato crop smaller

The late potato crop deteriorated further in September. Production in the late States as of October 1 was indicated to total 289 million bushels (excluding the early portion of the California crop), or about 6 percent less than last year and 3 percent less than the 1927-36 average crop. As compared with the 1937 crop, production is smaller in the Eastern and Western late States but slightly larger in the central late area.

Because of the distribution of the late potato crop this season, and the large production of home-grown potatoes, carlot shipments from the late States have been at a slower rate than a year earlier. It is indicated that the movement by motor truck will be very heavy this season. Market prices of most varieties except the Russet Burbank have risen slightly during recent weeks with those at New York City in mid-October averaging slightly above those of a year earlier. Prices of Russet Burbanks declined seasonally.

Sweetpotato crop above average

Because of hot dry weather in some Southern States and too much rain in Maryland, the prospects for sweetpotatoes declined further in September. As of October 1, a crop of 77,179,000 bushels was indicated, only 2 percent more than last year and 10 percent more than the 1927-36 average. Because of the relatively short crop this year in the central Atlantic Coast States which is an important commercial producing area that usually ships by motor truck, carlot shipments recently have been at a higher rate than a year earlier. Market prices have maintained a fairly stable level in recent weeks with those in the East considerably higher than a year earlier.

Weather unfavorable, but late truck crops plentiful

Except for the Pacific Coast States, weather conditions in September were unfavorable for the development of late truck crops for market. Floods and the hurricane in the Northeastern States, heavy rains and floods in other Eastern States and in the Middle West, caused considerable damage to late onions, tomatoes, green peppers, carrots, celery, lettuce, spinach and snap beans. In the Southern States, weather conditions have been favorable for the preparation of seedbeds for fall and winter crops, although rain is needed in some areas.

In spite of the recent unfavorable growing conditions for late truck crops, the combined production of all of those now available for market is indicated to be about 20 percent larger than a year earlier. The late cabbage crop is considerably above that of 1937, and late supplies of lima beans, carrots, celery, cucumbers, onions, peas, and tomatoes are all larger than a year earlier. On the other hand, the production of late wax beans, beets, cauliflower, lettuce, peppers, and spinach, is smaller than last year.

Terminal market prices of truck crops followed a mixed trend during recent weeks with about an equal number reported to be higher and lower than a month and a year earlier. Prices of snap beans, cucumbers, eggplants, lettuce, peas, spinach were decidedly higher than a month earlier while prices of lima beans, broccoli, Danish cabbage, cauliflower, and turnips were substantially lower.

Acreage increase likely in fall, winter vegetables

Early indications of the acreage planted and to be planted to 11 fall and winter truck crops in the Southern States and California for the 1939 season point to an increase of 14 percent over last year and 37 percent over the 1927-36 average acreage. Increases over a year ago were reported for fall snap beans, early cabbage, fall cucumbers, and peppers. These increases were partly offset by decreases in artichokes, fall carrots, fall and winter cauliflower, celery and kale. The acreage of asparagus for the United States as a whole, including that for canning, frozen pack, etc., for cutting in 1939 is expected to be 9 percent larger than that cut in 1938 and 20 percent larger than the 1927-36 average.

The combined tonnage of commercial truck crops for manufacture is indicated as of October 1 to be about 14 percent less than the record large crop produced in 1937 but about 24 percent more than the 1927-36 average. Decreases in asparagus, sweet corn, spinach and tomatoes more than offset increases in the other items.

Potatoes: Shipping-point and terminal-market prices per 100-pound sack,
specified weeks, 1937-38

Location and variety	Week ended					
	1937	1938				
	Oct. 16	Sept. 17	Sept. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15
	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
<u>Shipping points:</u>						
F.o.b. usual terms-						
Northern & Central N.J.	---	.92	.95	.90	.96	---
Waupaca, Wis. . . . .	.75	.69	.74	.64	.62	.66
Presque Isle, Me. . . . .	.56	---	.68	.74	.83	.81
Rochester, N. Y. . . . .	.78	---	---	---	---	.88
Benton Harbor, Mich. . . . .	.80	---	---	---	.80	.84
F.o.b. cash track <u>1/-</u>						
Idaho Falls, Idaho <u>2/</u>	.66	---	---	.64	.64	.69
San Luis Valley, Colo. <u>3/</u>	.70	---	---	---	.64	.72
Warehouse cash to grower-						
Waupaca, Wis. . . . .	.50	.45	.48	.43	.41	.45
Presque Isle, Me. . . . .	.35	---	.55	.55	.64	.70
Rochester, N. Y. . . . .	.57	---	---	---	---	.67
Idaho Falls, Idaho <u>2/</u>	.43	---	---	.44	.44	.45
<u>Terminal markets:</u>						
New York City-						
Excluding Russet						
Burbanks . . . . .	.96	.92	1.07	1.05	1.02	1.13
Idaho Russet Burbanks.	1.85	2.51	2.21	2.16	2.06	2.04
Chicago-						
Excluding western						
stock	1.03	.97	.96	.94	.95	1.00
Idaho Russet Burbanks.	1.43	1.58	1.56	1.48	1.42	1.45

- 1/ Bulk per cwt.
2/ Russet Burbanks.
3/ Red McClures.

Potatoes: Acreage, yield per acre, and production, average 1927-36, annual 1937, and indicated 1938

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Group of States and classification	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Average		Prelim.	Average		Indicated	Average		Indicated
	1927-36	1937	1938	1927-36	1937	1938	1927-36	1937	1938
	1,000	1,000	1,000				1,000	1,000	1,000
	acres	acres	acres	Bushels	Bushels	Bushels	bushels	bushels	bushels
Early:									
Total	392.4	455.0	421.0	80.6	84.5	90.0	31,697	38,442	37,900
Commercial	150.6	183.6	165.9	105.7	111.1	116.1	15,915	20,390	19,256
Other	241.8	271.4	255.1	65.3	66.5	73.1	15,782	18,052	18,644
Intermediate:									
Total	330.7	313.0	295.4	107.8	116.6	126.8	35,816	36,509	37,467
Commercial	137.1	130.8	118.5	151.4	153.7	174.1	20,756	20,101	20,629
Other	193.6	182.2	176.9	77.8	90.1	95.2	15,060	16,408	16,838
18 surplus late:									
Total	2,199.3	2,032.2	1,972.0	119.3	138.4	131.1	262,360	281,237	258,575
3 Eastern	617.5	601.0	575.0	158.4	169.9	159.4	97,933	102,093	91,649
5 Central	1,062.0	907.0	861.0	82.4	93.5	98.4	87,905	84,766	84,730
10 Western	519.8	524.2	536.0	147.9	180.0	153.4	76,521	94,378	82,196
12 other late:									
Total	420.6	376.7	367.8	94.8	98.5	106.9	39,820	37,101	39,333
5 Eastern	59.3	64.7	63.8	139.5	149.2	136.0	3,287	9,655	8,678
5 Central	353.6	304.0	295.0	87.7	88.3	101.5	30,951	26,854	29,945
2 Western	7.7	8.0	9.0	75.6	74.0	78.9	581	592	710
30 Late	2,619.95	2,408.9	2,339.8	115.4	132.2	127.3	302,179	318,338	297,908
37 late & inter.:	2,950.65	2,721.9	2,635.2	114.6	130.4	127.3	337,996	354,847	335,375
U.S. total	3,343.05	3,176.9	3,056.2	110.6	123.8	122.1	369,693	393,289	373,275
30 late States:									
8 Eastern	676.8	665.7	638.8	156.9	167.9	157.1	106,220	111,748	100,327
10 Central	1,415.6	1,211.0	1,156.0	84.0	92.2	99.2	118,856	111,620	114,675
12 Western <u>1/</u>	512.3	501.2	511.0	144.8	170.6	144.3	74,172	85,515	73,726
Total <u>1/</u>	2,604.7	2,377.9	2,305.8	114.9	129.9	125.2	299,249	308,833	288,728
Calif. early	15.2	31.0	34.0	191.0	305.0	270.0	2,930	9,455	9,180

1/ Excludes California early.

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Truck crops: Wholesale prices at New York, averages
for specified weeks, 1937-38

Commodity	Unit	Week ended					
		1937		1938			
		Oct. 16	Sept. 17	Sept. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15
		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Beans, lima	bushel	2.35	2.29	2.05	1.54	2.03	1.90
Beans, snap, green	"	1.85	1.36	1.23	1.56	1.80	1.92
Beans, snap, wax	"	1.78	1.44	1.48	1.47	2.12	2.20
Beets, topped	"	.40	.50	.49	.49	.47	.46
Broccoli, eastern	crate	1.45	1.67	1.57	1.59	1.50	1.52
" , western	pony crate	2.71	3.28	3.21	3.40	3.11	2.92
Cabbage, domestic	100 lbs.	1.24	.92	1.02	1.02	.82	.95
" , Danish	" "	1.16	.80	.86	.41	.34	.35
Cantaloupes, Colo.	36 & 45s	---	2.17	2.29	---	---	---
Carrots, western	etc. crate	2.75	4.21	3.80	4.02	4.15	3.92
" , eastern topped	bushel	.60	.65	.55	.62	.62	.66
Cauliflower, eastern ...	crate	2.72	1.85	1.84	1.94	2.08	1.54
" , western ...	pony crate	1/2.12	1.46	1.73	1.88	1.91	1.31
Celery	2/3 crato	2.15	1.43	1.54	1.60	1.34	1.41
Cucumbers, eastern	bushel	2.88	1.62	2.19	2.46	---	---
" , southern	"	3.19	---	---	---	4.46	3.50
Eggplant	"	1.38	.55	.71	.85	.90	---
" , Florida	crate	3.67	---	---	---	3.25	3.10
Honey Ball melons, Calif.:	std. 45s	---	2.17	2.00	2.00	---	---
Honey Dew melons, "	std. 8-12s	---	1.77	1.69	1.62	1.59	1.48
Lettuce, western, Iceberg	4-5 doz. crt:	2.85	3.17	2.81	2.58	3.38	4.00
" , Big Boston	2 doz. crt.:	.50	.67	.62	.71	.88	1.33
Onions, yellow	50 lb. sack	1.06	.72	.84	.95	.90	.91
" , sweet spanish ..	" "	1.27	1.28	1.28	1.30	1.27	1.25
Peas, green, western	bushel	2.99	1.99	1.80	2.09	2.35	2.62
Peppers	"	.42	.52	.62	.48	.47	.42
Spinach	"	.64	.67	.75	1.16	1.72	1.40
Sweetpotatoes	"	.70	1.01	1.10	1.07	1.02	1.02
Tomatoes, Calif.	lug box	1.50	---	1.98	1.91	1.73	1.60
Turnips, topped	bushel	.54	.74	.59	.54	.52	.49

1/ Average for 2 days.

Truck crops: Wholesale prices at Chicago, averages for
specified weeks, 1937-38

Commodity	Unit	Week ended					
		1937			1938		
		Oct. 16	Sept. 17	Sept. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15
		Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.	Dol.
Asparagus, Calif. med.	:Pyramid crate	9.17	---	---	---	4.88	4.17
Beans, lima	:12 qt. bskt.	1.47	.76	.60	.71	.62	.60
Beans, snap							
Green	: Bu.	1.92	1.25	1.28	1.16	1.26	1.60
Wax	: "	1.42	<u>1/</u> .84	1.50	1.32	<u>1/</u> 1.08	1.53
Beets, topped	: "	.26	.35	.33	.35	.29	.30
Broccoli, western	:Pony crate	2.28	2.36	2.45	2.91	2.80	2.54
Cabbage, domestic, Wis.	:100 lbs.	1.09	.78	.72	.69	.73	.71
Carrots, Calif.	:Western crate	2.38	<u>2/</u> 3.54	<u>2/</u> 3.18	<u>2/</u> 3.33	4.20	4.02
" , topped, Ill.	: Bu.	.45	.42	.45	.40	.33	.32
Cauliflower, western	:Pony crate	1.77	1.26	1.30	1.42	1.46	1.31
" , Mich.	:Crate						
" , topped, Ill.	: Bu.	1.90	---	1.40	1.39	1.55	1.22
Calery, Mich.	:Flat Crt.	.42	.39	.34	.40	.40	.37
Corn, green	: Sack	---	.54	.84	.90	.68	---
Cucumbers, La.	: Bu.	2.44	---	---	---	3.08	3.02
Eggplant	: "	1.28	.48	.60	.92	.91	.97
Honeydew melons, Colo.	:Std. 9-12s	---	1.21	1.03	1.02	1.03	1.02
Lettuce, Iceburg	:4-5 Doz. Crt.	2.42	2.68	2.24	2.29	2.68	3.19
Onions, yellow	:50-lb. sack	.75	.59	.62	.66	.68	---
" , Sweet Spanish	:3/ "	.97	.96	.92	.93	.87	.84
Peas, western	: Bu.	2.74	1.90	1.78	1.78	2.32	2.86
Persian melons, Calif.	:Std. Crt.						
" , 6-9s	: Bu.	---	1.50	1.50	1.50	---	2.38
Peppers	: Bu.	.62	.52	.50	.52	.59	.63
Spinach, Calif.	:1 1/2 bu.	1.66	---	---	---	1.98	1.66
Spinach	: Bu.	.58	1.14	1.00	.86	.58	.64
" Wash.	:20-lb. Box	1.18	1.70	1.50	1.19	1.12	1.22
Sweet potatoes	: Bu.	1.13	1.14	1.22	1.13	1.22	1.16
Tomatoes, Calif.	: Lug	1.44	1.40	1.50	1.66	1.72	1.60
Turnips, topped	: Bu.	.68	.96	.79	.64	.47	.38

1/ Mostly fair quality.
2/ Fair to generally good.
3/ 3" and larger.

Truck crops and potatoes: Carlot (rail or boat) shipments from originating points in the United States for the week ended October 15, 1938, with comparisons

Commodity	Week ended							
	1937		1938			Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15
	Oct. 16	Sept. 10	Sept. 17	Sept. 24	Oct. 1	Oct. 8	Oct. 15	
	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	Cars	
Asparagus.....	8	0	0	1	1	2	8	
Beans, snap and lima.....	94	3	9	9	4	23	57	
Beets.....	8	0	1	11	196	13	83	
Cabbage.....	632	263	461	653	878	817	683	
Cantaloups.....	7	297	216	148	101	18	10	
Carrots.....	233	119	140	104	141	165	181	
Casaba melons.....	9	0	0	0	2	6	12	
Cauliflower.....	54	189	126	95	87	74	78	
Celery.....	300	203	224	201	258	255	318	
Corn, green.....	0	11	5	4	10	0	0	
Cucumbers.....	22	12	12	4	6	25	53	
Eggplant.....	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Greens, except spinach.....	54	9	11	32	44	57	63	
Honey Ball melons.....	0	20	10	0	0	0	0	
Honey Dew melons.....	127	294	281	291	205	56	19	
Lettuce.....	986	772	930	656	703	746	756	
Mixed melons.....	2	45	32	17	16	16	12	
Mixed vegetables.....	279	306	292	252	301	284	307	
Onions.....	841	555	619	846	1,039	845	615	
Peas, green.....	94	225	162	137	117	116	92	
Peppers.....	21	0	0	0	9	22	26	
Persian melons.....	0	12	6	9	0	0	4	
Spinach.....	19	30	30	31	50	48	46	
Sweetpotatoes.....	578	297	396	306	419	473	607	
Tomatoes.....	422	1,146	877	634	722	617	516	
Turnips and rutabagas.....	24	9	22	103	78	20	25	
Watermelons.....	--	88	47	11	8	--	--	
Total truck crops.....	4,814	4,905	4,909	4,555	5,395	4,698	4,572	
Potatoes:								
Early.....	1	8	9	3	4	1	7	
Intermediate.....	116	490	401	249	329	296	123	
Late.....	5,034	1,921	3,197	3,787	3,423	2,965	3,033	
Grand total.....	9,965	7,324	8,516	8,594	9,151	7,960	7,735	

In the case of many commodities, carlot shipments decrease as the source of supply shifts to those producing areas where the motor truck is the principal means of transportation; available market supplies, therefore, are frequently larger than indicated by this carlot shipment report.

Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average 1927-36, annual 1937, and indicated 1938 as reported up to October 15

Commodity and group	Acreage			Unit	Production		
	Average 1927-36	1937	Prelim. 1938		Average 1927-36	1937	Indicated 1938
	Acres	Acres	Acres				
Asparagus				1,000			
Calif.	23,480	23,510	24,250	crates	2,293	2,233	1,940
S.C. and Ga. 1/	12,640	11,500	10,100	"	431	472	410
Total early ..	36,120	35,010	34,350	"	2,724	2,705	2,350
Late, total 1/	24,840	29,310	31,790	"	2,222	3,189	3,720
Total	60,960	64,320	66,140		4,946	5,894	6,070
Beans, lima				1,000			
Early (Fla.)..	1,600	2,400	4,300	bu.	132	156	322
Second-early..	2,630	2,600	2,200	"	135	116	180
Intermediate(1)	1,050	1,800	1,500	"	57	54	90
Intermediate(2)	4,820	5,100	4,700	"	335	347	276
Late	1,040	800	700	"	54	16	35
Total 2/	9,730	12,700	13,400		610	689	903
Beans, snap							
Fall	13,370	21,300	15,000	"	1,147*	2,006	1,475
Early (1)	15,720	28,900	30,000	"	1,412	1,792	2,550
Early (2)	28,630	23,400	30,600	"	2,427*	2,195	2,753
Second-early..	21,300	26,500	28,400	"	1,328*	1,191	1,538
Intermediate(1)	14,500	24,700	25,200	"	1,053	1,047	1,513
Intermediate(2)	11,930	13,160	13,700	"	1,176	1,251	1,337
Late (1)	5,280	10,560	11,380	"	674	1,332	1,625
Late (2)	16,600	19,550	20,170	"	1,527	1,386	1,817
Total	126,800	168,070	174,450	"	10,677*	12,700	14,608
Beets							
Early	5,180	4,800	6,100	"	772*	744	854
Second-early..	2,240	1,910	1,800	"	261*	302	272
Intermediate..	2,300	2,520	2,850	"	631*	574	682*
Late	320	360	370	"	112*	112	100
Total	9,980	9,590	11,120	"	1,753*	1,732	1,908
Cabbage 3/							
Fall	1,010	2,800	2,100	Tons	6,500	19,500	13,600
Early	40,210	58,200	46,200	"	219,500*	276,500*	231,100
Second-early..	15,760	18,600	19,200	"	84,900*	97,500	118,600
Intermediate..	28,080	34,150	34,350	"	166,300*	225,800	243,700
Late, domestic	37,670	41,090	44,000	"	306,900*	286,100	483,700
Late, Danish...	36,650	37,090	39,080	"	297,600*	262,500	385,300
Total	159,380	191,930	184,930	"	1,082,200*	1,167,900*	1,476,000
For kraut	19,160	25,040	25,000	"	154,700	153,200	241,200
" market	140,220	166,890	159,930	"	927,500	1,014,700	1,234,800
Cantaloups				1,000			
Early	37,850	30,190	28,700	crates	5,511*	5,396	4,252
Second-early..	38,240	41,880	46,200	"	4,898*	4,095	4,358
Intermediate..	20,120	23,700	25,300	"	2,108*	2,346	2,459
Late	19,050	19,090	22,400	"	2,511	2,293	2,893
Total	115,260	114,860	122,600	"	15,028*	14,130	13,962
Carrots 4/				1,000			
Fall	4,200	10,850	8,750	bu.	2,162	4,666	4,375
Early	9,070	9,000	9,800	"	1,669*	1,590	1,564
Second-early..	9,570	11,670	13,600	"	3,949*	4,606	5,175
Intermediate..	1,730	1,520	1,780	"	465*	374	529
Late	5,330	6,570	7,820	"	2,458	2,934	3,210
Total	29,900	39,610	41,750	"	10,703*	14,170	14,859

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Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average 1927-36, annual 1937, and indicated 1938 as reported up to October 15-Continued

Commodity and group	Acreage			Unit	Production		
	Average 1927-36	1937	Prelim. 1938		Average 1927-36	1937	Indicate 1938
	Acres	Acres	Acres				
<u>Cauliflower</u>				1,000			
Fall and winter,,,	8,690	8,250	8,200	crates	2,259*	2,479	2,587
Early	7,860	9,000	8,240	"	2,043	2,745	2,614
Late	10,810	11,900	11,840	"	2,307	3,094	2,575
Total	27,360	29,150	28,280	"	6,609*	8,318	7,776
<u>Celery</u>							
Fall and winter...	6,940	10,300	9,750	"	1,282	1,700	2,048
Early	7,690	10,200	11,400	"	2,442*	3,153	3,237
Second-early	1,130	1,700	1,750	"	558*	850	1,032
Intermediate	3,880	4,430	5,370	"	1,004	1,115	1,407
Late (1)	11,370	11,500	12,210	"	3,146*	2,920	3,631
Late (2)	1,470	2,010	2,170	"	429	558	615
Total	32,480	40,140	42,650	"	8,861*	10,296	12,020
<u>Corn, sweet</u>				1,000			
New Jersey	23,400	24,000	26,000	ears	113,630	120,000	119,600
<u>Cucumbers</u>				1,000			
Fall	1,420	1,600	1,300	bu.	112	64	98
Early (1)	12,470	11,300	10,600	"	957*	592	1,041
Early (2)	12,190	11,350	11,250	"	1,183*	1,139	1,077
Second-early	6,680	5,300	6,900	"	619*	301	460
Intermediate	7,910	9,150	8,900	"	1,041	1,238	1,185
Late (1)	2,130	2,790	3,510	"	226	363	664
Late (2)	1,250	950	1,000	"	94	52	78
Total	44,200	42,940	43,460	"	4,224	3,749	4,603
<u>Eggplant</u>							
Fall	1,140	1,350	1,450	"	162	245	245
Early	870	600	750	"	261	240	300
Second-early (La),	370	970	970	"	54	134	146
Late (N.J.)	1,040	1,200	1,100	"	277	330	275
Total	3,420	4,120	4,270	"	774	949	966
<u>Garlic</u>				1,000			
La. and Texas	1,740	1,800	2,150	sacks	36	45	47
Calif.	1,890	2,450	2,240	"	104	159	146
Total	3,630	4,250	4,390	"	140	204	193
<u>Kale</u>				1,000			
Fall and winter...	1,860	1,050	1,050	bu.	640	430	514
<u>Lettuce</u>				1,000			
Early	45,040	35,200	37,000	crates	5,428*	5,109	4,776
Second-early.....	45,740	50,000	53,400	"	5,173*	6,527	5,804
Intermediate	4,680	4,900	3,700	"	919*	937*	786
Late (1)	25,260	30,400	24,400	"	3,529*	3,967	2,881
Late (2)	30,420	33,600	30,000	"	4,134	4,849	4,072
Total	151,140	154,100	148,570	"	19,183*	21,389	18,319
<u>Onions</u>				1,000			
Early	23,970	24,550	27,450	sacks	2,170*	2,129*	2,159
Intermediate.....	10,830	14,700	11,510	"	1,574*	2,158	1,533
Late	52,630	52,260	54,430	"	9,894*	10,383	11,015
Total	87,430	91,510	93,390	"	13,638*	14,670*	14,705

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Truck crops: Commercial acreage and production for market, average 1927-36, annual 1937, and indicated 1938 as reported up to October 15, Continued

Commodity and group	Acreage			Unit	Production		
	Average 1927-36	1937	Prelim. 1938		Average: 1927-36	1937	Indic. 1938
	Acres	Acres	Acres				
<u>Peas, green</u>				:1,000			
Early	8,110	16,200	15,700	bushel	570	1,000	1,330
Second-early	37,640	46,470	34,950	"	2,569	2,938	2,181
Intermediate (1)	6,150	6,500	6,000	"	424	455	390
Intermediate (2)	3,790	5,120	3,640	"	255	266	292
Late (1)	19,710	26,440	24,440	"	1,925	2,709	2,565
Late (2)	8,560	10,450	14,000	"	834	1,418	1,700
6 groups	83,960	111,180	98,730	"	6,577	8,786	8,458
<u>Peppers</u>							
Fall	2,110	3,600	3,800	"	398	640	473
Early, Florida	5,160	5,200	5,400	"	1,289	1,190	1,740
Second-early	1,780	1,570	1,620	"	291	299	338
Intermediate	6,620	7,500	8,300	"	1,530	2,025	1,785
Late	1,050	2,400	2,000	"	288	672	560
Total	16,720	20,270	21,120	"	3,796	4,826	4,636
<u>Shallots (La.)</u>	---	6,000	5,700	"	---	600	712
<u>Spinach</u>							
Fall	2,680	3,000	2,700	"	746	945	972
Early	35,410	54,300	45,040	"	7,300*	8,592	7,017
Second-early	8,720	9,160	8,050	"	2,507	2,650	2,461
Intermediate (Colo.)	660	1,320	1,450	"	87*	158	191
Late	5,840	9,340	8,610	"	1,590	2,666	1,907
Total	53,240	77,120	65,350	"	12,221*	15,011	12,548
<u>Tomatoes</u>							
Fall	4,700	10,700	9,000	"	300	522	350
Early (1)	12,280	17,200	15,500	"	1,486	1,617	2,945
Early (2)	27,640	27,300	41,000	"	2,024	2,146	3,562
Second-early	37,430	49,800	60,400	"	3,557	3,133	3,978
Intermediate	40,350	51,300	51,170	"	5,433*	7,037	7,021
Late (1)	31,190	36,400	36,200	"	4,488	5,983	6,273
Late (2), S. Calif. ..	9,020	7,000	10,000	"	835	1,155	1,400
Total	162,610	200,200	223,270	"	13,173*	21,593	25,529
<u>Watermelons</u>				:1,000			
Early	35,210	27,500	30,500	melons	12,614*	10,460	11,100
Second-early	153,770	170,100	162,600	"	36,319*	35,049*	30,564
Late	50,080	66,240	68,150	"	17,458*	26,115*	24,713
Total	241,060	263,840	261,250	"	66,391*	71,624*	66,377
Total to date	1,444,520	1,670,950	1,682,370				
<u>Peppermint for oil</u>				:1,000			
5 leading States	39,420	32,100	28,080	lb. oil	871	685	738

1/ Includes undetermined quantities of production used for manufacture, frozen-pack, etc. 2/ Includes some figures on Fall acreage and production which are not reported now. 3/ For kraut and market. 4/ Includes acreage and production for market and manufacture. */ Include some quantities not harvested on account of market conditions.

Commercial acreage of specified truck crops indicated for 1939 season, with comparisons 1/

Crop and group	: 10-year aver-:	1937	1938	: Indicated
	: age 1927-36 :	:	:	: 1939
	: Acres	Acres	Acres	Acres
Artichokes (Calif.) ..:	8,160	10,100	9,700	9,650
Snap beans				
Fall	13,370	21,300	15,000	18,000
Cabbage <u>2/</u>				
Fall	1,010	2,800	2,600	2,400
Early	40,210	58,200	46,200	60,000
Carrots				
Fall	4,200	10,850	8,750	8,200
Cauliflower				
Fall and Winter	8,690	8,250	8,200	6,600
Celery				
Fall and Winter	6,940	10,300	9,750	9,300
Cucumbers				
Fall	1,420	1,600	1,300	2,100
Kale (Va.)	1,860	1,050	1,050	700
Green peppers				
Fall	2,110	3,600	3,800	4,600
Spinach				
Fall	2,680	3,000	2,700	2,700
Total	90,650	131,050	109,050	124,250
Asparagus, United States <u>3/</u>	103,060	108,070	113,400	123,280

- 1/ Fall and Winter crops begin moving to market in Fall preceding year shown.
- 2/ Includes acreage from which kraut packers secure their requirements.
- 3/ Includes acreage from which production is taken for manufacture; frozen pack, etc.

Truck crops for manufacture: Acreage and production, average 1927-36, annual 1937-38

Commodity	Acreage			Production			1938 compared with	
	: Average : : 1927-36 :	: Har-vested : : 1937 :	: Planted : : 1938 :	: Average : : 1927-36 :	: Har-vested : : 1937 :	: In-dicated : : 1938 :	: 1927-36 :	: 1937 :
	: Acres	Acres	Acres	Tons	Tons	Tons	Pct.:	Pct.
Asparagus, Calif.	42,100	43,750	47,260	54,380	52,070	44,200	81	85
Beans, lima ..: <u>1/</u>	25,420	42,900	50,800	14,080	22,840	27,330	194	120
Beans, snap ..:	49,410	63,120	71,040	70,400	105,300	123,100	175	117
Beets	<u>1/</u> 6,600	12,150	13,520	137,900	62,560	80,830	213	129
Cabbage for kraut	19,160	25,040	25,000	154,700	153,200	258,600	167	169
Corn, sweet ..:	305,440	438,960	340,960	591,600	978,500	809,600	137	83
Peas	236,040	334,820	325,710	182,710	268,110	281,670	154	105
Pimentos	8,950	12,190	18,740	14,860	19,030	24,950	168	131
Spinach, Calif.:	10,470	16,720	9,470	44,800	43,500	20,800	46	48
Tomatoes	338,700	450,500	391,050	1,385,600	1,973,800	1,499,400	108	76
Total	1,042,290	1,440,150	1,293,500	2,551,030	3,678,910	3,170,480	124	86

1/ 8-year average.