

# USDA Urges 2% Drop in Summer, Fall Vegetable Output

Acreage-marketing guides for the 1971-crop summer and fall growers are advised to plant vegetables and summer melons two per cent below last year's have been released by the U.S. level A three per cent decrease Department of Agriculture's was recommended in total 1971 Consumer and Marketing Ser-vice. vice.

(Editor's note. The USDA previously called for a 10 per cent increase in acreage of principal vegetables used for canning and freezing. For details, see page 22 of Lancaster Farming's April 3 issue.)

that if production is in line with these guides for the coming season and if harvests follow a normal time sequence, supplies should be in balance with market requirements

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Acreage recommendations for summer crops grown in the Northeast are:

A five per cent decrease in acreage for late carrots and late onions and a 2 per cent reduction for sweetpotatoes.

No change in acreage for snap beans, cabbage, cauliflower, celery, sweet corn, cucumbers, lettuce, early onions, late green

A 5 per cent increase for early cauliflower.

A 5 per cent decrease for early cabbage

No change for early snap beans, broccoli, early carrots, and early lettuce

These recommendations are designed to help growers plan for a balance between production and market requirements for each commodity. C&MS marketing specialists point out

More detailed reports, "1971 Acreage-Marketing Guides, Summer and Fall Vegetables, Melons, Sweetpotatoes," will soon be available from State and County Agricultural Extension Service offices in the vegetable producing areas.

The guides will also be available from the Information Division, Consumer and Marketing Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 26 Federal Plaza, New York, N.Y. 10007.

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## Farm Bureau Stresses Role of Chemicals

The American Farm Bureau Federation has asked Congress to give "very careful study" to proposed controls on the use of agricultural chemicals before approving new legislation in this area.

In a statement prepared for presentation at a House Agriculture Committee hearing today, Clifford G. McIntire, director of AFBF's natural resources department, defended "the careful handling and effective use of pesticide materials by thousands of farmers, ranchers, and woodland managers on millions of acres of land across America"

McIntire was accompanied at the hearing by Boswell Stevens, president of the Mississippi Farm Bureau Federation and a member of the AFBF Board of Directors, and Richard McGuire, president of the New York Farm Bureau.

McIntire said Congress faces a serious problem of how best to develop constructive pesticide legislation.

"It is extremely important that there be greater understanding of the reasons pesticides are used," he said.

"Pesticides not only determine the essential economic factor of our ability to have certain products, pesticides also are essential to managing the pollution of all types of vermin and disease organisms within our homes, schools, public places, business offices — in fact every element of our daily living."

The Farm Bureau spokesman emphasized that both domestic and foreign consumers are dependent on the capacity of the American farmer to adopt new methods, meet large demands for capital, adjust to less help on the farm, and meet higher demands for quality in both fresh and processed foods.

"The capacity to do this has taken America over the threshold to an abundant supply of food of the highest quality and safety in the history of any nation," he said.

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