

# Pa. and U.S. Vegetable Planting Intentions Up

The expected acreage to be contracted in 1975 of the three principal vegetables for processing (snap beans, sweet corn, and tomatoes) is estimated to total 20,800 acres, 6 percent more than the contract acreage of the same crops last year. The increases in snap bean and tomato acreages more than offset the decline in sweet corn acreage.

### Snap Beans

Plantings of snap beans under contract for processing are expected to total 7,800 acres this year, an increase of 18 percent from the 6,600 acres contracted last year.

### Sweet Corn

Sweet corn for processing is expected to be planted under contract on 5,600 acres this year, a decrease of 15 percent from last year's contract acreage.

### Tomatoes

Plantings of tomatoes for processing under contract are expected to total 7,400 acres in 1975, a 16 percent increase from last year.

Nationally, the 1975 prospective planted acreage of 8 principal vegetables grown under contract for processing in the U.S. in 1975 is estimated at 1,900,400 acres, 3 percent above the 1,842,270 contracted acres planted in 1974. (This estimate includes preliminary planted acreage for winter spinach in California but excludes

Florida's 1975 winter crop). More acres are in prospect for green lima beans, beets for canning, spring and summer cucumbers for pickles, green peas, and tomatoes. A slightly smaller acreage than last year is estimated for snap beans. The prospective tonnage of cabbage contracted or intended to be contracted for kraut is also estimated below the previous year.

Estimates of prospective 1975 acreage are based on reports made by processors prior to planting and represent acreages actually contracted or intentions to contract as well as intended acres grown by processing firms for their own use. Acreage actually planted

may vary significantly because of weather, labor supply, other economic conditions and the effects of this report itself.

### Green Lima Beans

The prospective acreage of lima beans contracted or intended to be contracted, at 80,250 acres, is one percent above 1974. Prospective acreage by utilization shows a one percent increase for canning. Total acres for freezing are nearly unchanged from 1974. For-dhooks are up 21 percent while baby limas for freezing are indicated 6 percent lower.

### Snap Beans

Prospective contract plantings of snap beans, at 302,530 acres, are 1 percent

less than last year. All the decrease is in acreage for freezing.

### Beets for Canning

An estimated 19,860 acres of beets are intended for 1975, 1 percent above last year's sizeable, contract acreage.

### Cabbage for Kraut

The 1975 prospective tonnage of cabbage to be contracted for kraut is 232,550 tons, 6 percent below last year's record high crop but 18 percent above the 1973 contracted tonnage.

### Sweet Corn

Prospective contract plantings of sweet corn for processing total 510,000 acres which is virtually unchanged from a year earlier. By utilization, the acreage expected for freezing is 3 percent below 1974 while the 1975 acreage intended for canning is 1 percent higher.

### Cucumbers for Pickles

Spring and summer crop contract acreage of cucumbers for pickles is estimated 12 percent above 1974 at 135,470 acres.

### Green Peas

Prospective contract plantings of green peas are estimated at 474,810 acres - 3 percent above 1974. Prospective acreage for freezing is down 2 percent

but acreage for canning is 5 percent higher than 1974.

### Spinach

Production of winter spinach under contract in California is estimated at 91,000 tons. Harvested acreage is estimated at 9,100 acres. Florida's winter spinach crop will be included with other States in the spring group to be published June 27.

### Tomatoes

The prospective contract

acreage for tomatoes is set at 368,180 acres, up 11 percent from 1974. California intentions total 285,000 acres for an indicated increase of 15 percent over the 248,700 planted acres contracted in that State last year. California's share of the estimated U.S. acreage in 1975 is 77 percent.

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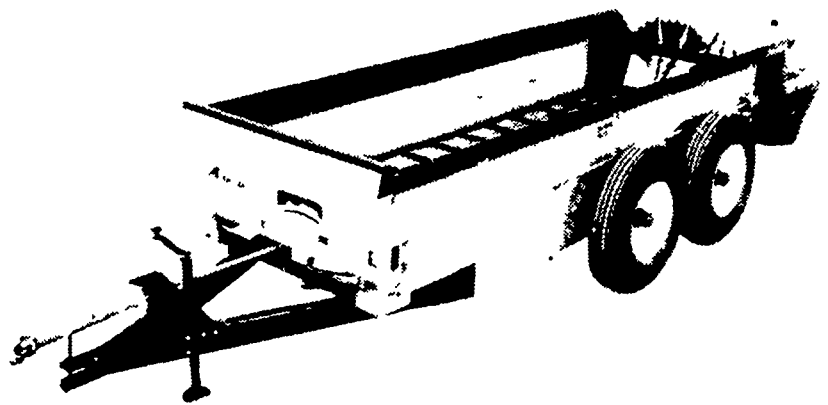
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