

Del. studying vegetable crop insurance

NEWARK, Del. — In the past, Delaware's vegetable industry has seen wide fluctuations in the resources committed to it. Cucumber and tomato acreages dropped in the 1960s and 70s because of increased labor costs and West Coast competition. Lima beans, which are grown without irrigation, have lost ground to corn and soybeans over time. Green peas, on the other hand, have gained acreage recently due to the increase in center pivot irrigation and the ability to double crop peas in a rotation under irrigation.

Thanks to mechanical harvesting, there's also been a turnaround in the production of some vegetables, says University of Delaware extension farm management specialist Don Tilmon. Cucumber acreage has rebounded from not enough to report in 1973 to 1,700 acres in 1981—higher than it was 30 years ago when production was thriving. Not many processing tomatoes were planted in 1981, but there appears to be a significant rise in the acreage of that crop as well—more than 1,000 acres in 1982.

Mechanical harvesting, short hauling distances (hence lower transportation costs than from competing production areas) and in the case of tomatoes, chemicals to promote uniform ripening, are all working to improve the competitive position of Delmarva's vegetable industry.

Something else which could significantly strengthen this industry would be the availability of federal crop insurance to reduce production risk for individual growers. "We believe that the reduction of risk through crop insurance could be a key factor in rejuvenating this industry," Tilmon says.

Using a list supplied by extension vegetable specialist Ed

Kee, earlier this summer the Delaware Cooperative Extension Service conducted a telephone survey in the state's two main vegetable growing counties—Kent and Sussex—to determine the crops most commonly grown or likely to be grown. (Vegetables produced in New Castle County are sold mainly through local roadside markets and U-pick operations, rather than wholesaled for fresh market use or processing.) Considerable lima beans (11,000 acres), green peas (8,000 acres) and sweet corn (3,000 acres) are produced in both counties. Cucumbers are grown mainly in Kent County (1,700 acres), while watermelons (2,100 acres) are raised almost exclusively in Sussex County. The most recent expansion in tomato production has been in Sussex County. Potatoes (5,200 acres) are primarily a Kent County crop.

Because of the interest shown by the growers surveyed, Tilmon and other University of Delaware extension personnel have un-

dertaken a 10-month project with the aid of a Federal Crop Insurance Corporation grant for the purpose of collecting data on which to base insurance rates for the state's seven major vegetable crops. Individual producers in Kent and Sussex counties will be surveyed regarding (1) acres planted and harvested; (2) total harvested production (yield); (3) total marketed production; and (4) production practices employed.

The data will be collected by vegetable type for a 10-year period, or for the maximum number of years available. Hazards affecting yields and their frequency will be noted. All yields will be related to soil types, production practices employed and the occurrence of local hazards. This information will then be fed into a computer for instant access and annual update as insurance policies are in use.

Personnel to collect and record this data have been hired and are now working on the survey.

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SAT SEPT 10 - 9:30 AM
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SAURDAY, OCT. 1, 1983

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