

PASS Announces Pa. 2002 Vegetable Production Numbers

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania's vegetable farmers harvested 15,700 acres of sweet corn for fresh market in 2002 with production totaling 628,000 CWT, according to the Pennsylvania Agricultural Statistics Service.

This is 10 percent less than the 2001 production for fresh market. Average value of fresh market sweet corn was \$31.80 per CWT, \$5.30 per CWT more than the price received in 2001.

Production for processed sweet corn amounted to 6,660 tons, a increase of 36 percent from 2001's production. The average value for processed sweet corn decreased from \$105.00 per ton in 2001 to \$77.30 per ton in 2002.

Nationally, 248,800 acres of sweet corn was harvested for fresh market in 2002 and 419,900 acres were harvested for processing. Fresh market production totaled 26.4 million CWT and was valued at \$20.10 per CWT. Processing production totaled 3.0 million tons in 2002 with an average

value of \$68.20 per ton. Forty-six percent of the processing production was utilized for canning and 54 percent was for freezing.

Pennsylvania's 2002 fresh market tomato production was estimated at 701,000 CWT, up 31 percent from 2001. Area harvested was 4,100 acres. The average value was \$23.80 per CWT.

United States' production of fresh market tomatoes was 37.3 million CWT in 2002, a 5 percent increase from 2001. Area harvested was 124,900 acres. Average value of tomatoes for fresh market was \$31.40 per CWT.

In Pennsylvania, 7,500 acres of snap beans were harvested for processing in 2002. Total production was 20,340 tons with an average value of \$215.00 per ton. Strawberry production for fresh market and processing was 73,000 CWT, harvested from 1,300 acres. Average value per CWT was \$137.

At the U.S. level, 210,100 acres of snap beans were har-

vested for processing in 2002. Total production increased from 695,190 to 831,260 tons. Canning utilized 575,690 tons of the production. Average value decreased from \$161 per ton in 2001 to \$152 in 2002. U.S. strawberry production in 2002 was 19.7 million CWT, a 19 percent increase from 2001. Acreage harvested was 47,600; the average value per CWT was \$61.90.

Pennsylvania's 2002 fresh market cabbage production was estimated at 342,000 CWT. Area harvested was 1,800 acres. The average value

was \$13.30 per CWT. Pennsylvania's cantaloupe production for fresh market was 130,000 CWT. Total acreage harvested was 1,300. The average value per CWT was \$22 in 2002.

Nationally, 77,080 acres of cabbage were harvested for fresh market in 2002. Fresh market production totaled 24.4 million CWT and was valued at \$12.60 per CWT. U.S. fresh market cantaloupe production totaled 23 million CWT in 2002 with an average value of

\$17.60 per CWT. There were 93,900 acres harvested.

Pennsylvania's 2002 fresh market and processed pumpkin production was estimated at 1,170,000 CWT. Area harvested was 7,500 acres. The average value was \$14.10 per CWT.

Nationally, 37,600 acres of pumpkins were harvested for fresh market and processing in 2002. Total production was 7.9 million CWT and was valued at \$10.50 per CWT.

New Howard Farms Directory Available

COLUMBIA, Md. — The Agricultural Marketing Program has published the 2002 edition of the Howard County Farms and Services Directory.

This directory was created to assist consumers who desire to purchase agricultural commodities directly from the farm or the Farmers' Market and to help farmers locate farm agencies and services.

Directory listings include: Howard County farmers, Howard County Grown Program Partners, agencies, farm supplies and services, hay and straw suppliers, Christmas tree growers, direct farm markets, pick-your-own farms, a Maryland Harvest Calendar, riding and boarding stables, sod producers, and more.

Howard County is horse country. Many of the county's horse

boarding facilities are listed in the directory. While horse boarding is their primary business, most can also provide riding lessons and many have trail riding available.

Farm Agencies and Farm Supplies and Services are also listed alphabetically under two separate sections. To provide farmers with the best information on farm supply and implement dealers, this section includes listings for dealers throughout the north-central region of the state.

To request a copy, contact Ginger S. Myers, Agriculture Economic Development Specialist, Howard County Economic Development Authority, 6751 Columbia Gateway Drive, Suite 500, Columbia, MD 21046, (410) 313-6500 or gmyers@hceda.org.

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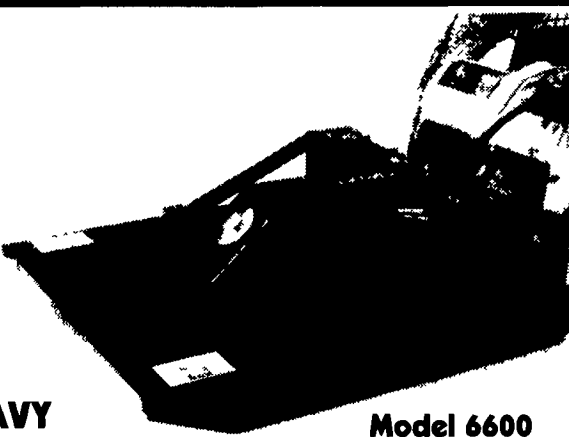
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