



# VEGETABLE REPORT

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### NEW YORK ONION PRODUCTION DOWN 11 PERCENT

New York's onion crop for 2009 is forecast at 3.69 million hundredweight (cwt.), down 11 percent from last year's crop of 4.14 million cwt., according to Steve Ropel, Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Office. Harvested acreage is estimated at 9,700 acres, down 4 percent from last year's acreage of 10,100. Excessive moisture resulted in some loss of acreage due to abandonment.

### U.S. SUMMER STORAGE ONION PRODUCTION UP 3 PERCENT

Summer storage onion production is forecast at 57.2 million hundredweight, up 3 percent from last year. Storage onion harvested area is forecast at 104,410 acres, down 1 percent from 2008. California production, 13.9 million hundredweight, is 5 percent above 2008. Harvested area is expected to total 32,000 acres, up 2 percent from last year.

**ONIONS:** Area Harvested, Yield, and Production by Season, State, and United States, 2007-2008 and Forecasted 2009

Season and State	Area			Yield per acre			Production		
	Harvested		For Harv. 2009	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
	2007	2008							
	<i>Acres</i>			<i>Cwt.</i>			<i>1,000 cwt.</i>		
Spring	30,200	28,400	27,000	327	338	349	9,870	9,603	9,428
Summer									
Non-Storage	20,200	19,400	17,700	545	533	599	10,999	10,344	10,608
Storage									
CA <sup>1</sup>	29,000	31,300	32,000	425	425	435	12,325	13,303	13,920
CO	7,700	7,500	5,500	410	380	470	3,157	2,850	2,585
ID	9,100	8,600	8,800	750	720	740	6,825	6,192	6,512
MI	3,800	3,600	3,900	260	280	330	988	1,008	1,287
NY	10,500	10,100	9,700	360	410	380	3,780	4,141	3,686
OR									
Malheur	12,600	12,200	12,000	780	710	720	9,828	8,662	8,640
Other	10,300	9,600	9,600	620	620	700	6,386	5,952	6,720
WA	22,500	20,000	19,000	610	600	630	13,725	12,000	11,970
WI	2,100	1,100	2,000	370	300	500	777	330	1,000
Other States <sup>2</sup>	2,080	1,690	1,910	470	497	445	978	840	849
Total	109,680	105,690	104,410	536	523	548	58,769	55,278	57,169
Summer	129,880	125,090	122,110	537	525	555	69,768	65,622	67,777
US	160,080	153,490	149,110	497	490	518	79,638	75,225	77,205

<sup>1</sup> Primarily for dehydrated and other processing.

<sup>2</sup> OH and UT.