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Austin . . . Onion producers in South Texas expect to harvest 10,300 acres of spring onions this year. This forecast is 4,900 acres less than last year.

Planted acreage for the 2007 spring crop is down 32 percent from a year ago, to 12,000 acres, and down 29 percent from the 2005 crop.

Expected acreage for harvest in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and Coastal Bend is estimated at 8,300 acres, down 29 percent from 2006.

In the San Antonio-Winter Garden and Laredo areas, producers expect to harvest 2,000 acres, down 43 percent from last year.

United States onion acreage planted for spring is forecast at 34,600 acres, down 15 percent from both 2006 and 2005.

TEXAS SPRING ONIONS: ACRES PLANTED AND HARVESTED BY AREAS, 2005-2007 ^{1/}

Area	Acres Planted			Acres Harvested		
	2005	2006	2007	2005	2006	2007
	<u>Acres</u>			<u>Acres</u>		
Lower Rio Grande Valley/Coastal Bend . . .	12,500	13,600	9,700	11,400	11,700	8,300
Winter Garden/Laredo	4,500	4,100	2,300	4,100	3,500	2,000
TOTAL ALL AREAS	17,000	17,700	12,000	15,500	15,200	10,300

^{1/} Preliminary 2007 acres.