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ONION PRODUCTION

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AUSTIN . . . **Spring onion** production in South Texas is estimated at 3.9 million hundredweight (cwt), down 5 percent from last year, according to figures released by the USDA-NASS, Texas Field Office. Planted acreage totaled 12,500, down 29 percent from 2006. Texas' harvested acreage is estimated at 10,800 acres, down 29 percent from the 15,200 acres harvested a year ago. Yield is estimated at 360 cwt per acre, up 90 cwt from last year. United States' producers harvested 31,500 acres, down 9 percent from a year ago. U.S. production is estimated at 11.2 million cwt, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Texas **summer non-storage onion** production is forecasted at 400,000 hundredweight (cwt), up from last year's 216,000 hundredweight.

Yield is estimated at 400 cwt per acre, up from last year's 240 cwt per acre. Harvested acreage is estimated at 1,000 acres compared with 900 acres a year ago.

United States' production of non-storage summer onions is estimated at 10.9 million cwt, up 3 percent from last year.

Harvested acreage is expected to total 19,900 acres, unchanged from a year ago. Yield is forecast at 546 cwt per acre compared with 531 cwt last year.

TEXAS SPRING ONIONS: ACRES PLANTED AND HARVESTED BY AREAS, 2005-2007

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	9,500	11,400	11,700	8,200
Winter Garden/ Laredo	4,500	4,100	3,000	4,100	3,500	2,600
TOTAL ALL AREAS	17,000	17,700	12,500	15,500	15,200	10,800