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Austin . . . Onion producers in South Texas expect to harvest 9,000 acres of spring onions this year. This forecast is 1,400 acres less than last year.

Planted acreage for the 2008 spring crop is down 16 percent from a year ago, to 10,500 acres, and down 41 percent from the 2006 crop.

Expected acreage for harvest in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and Coastal Bend is estimated at 7,500 acres, down 10 percent from 2007.

In the San Antonio-Winter Garden and Laredo areas, producers expect to harvest 1,500 acres, down 29 percent from last year.

United States onion acreage planted for spring is forecast at 32,000 acres, down 5 percent from 2007.

**TEXAS SPRING ONIONS:  
ACRES PLANTED AND HARVESTED BY AREAS, 2006-2008 <sup>1/</sup>**

Area	Acres planted			Acres harvested		
	2006	2007	2008	2006	2007	2008
	<i>Acres</i>			<i>Acres</i>		
Lower Rio Grande Valley/Coastal Bend. . .	13,600	9,500	8,700	11,700	8,300	7,500
Winter Garden/Laredo. . . . .	4,100	3,000	1,800	3,500	2,100	1,500
<b>TOTAL ALL AREAS. . . . .</b>	<b>17,700</b>	<b>12,500</b>	<b>10,500</b>	<b>15,200</b>	<b>10,400</b>	<b>9,000</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary 2008 acres.