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ONION PRODUCTION

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AUSTIN . . . **Spring onion** production in South Texas is estimated at 3.8 million hundredweight (cwt), up 22 percent from last year, according to figures released by the USDA-NASS, Texas Field Office. Planted acreage totaled 11,000, down 12 percent from 2007. Texas' harvested acreage is estimated at 9,500 acres, down 9 percent from the 10,400 acres harvested a year ago. Yield is estimated at 400 cwt per acre, up 100 cwt from last year.

United States' producers harvested 29,000 acres, down 6 percent from a year ago. U.S. production is estimated at 11.0 million cwt, up 7 percent from a year ago.

Texas **summer non-storage onion** production is forecasted at 280 hundredweight (cwt), down from last year's 400 hundredweight.

Yield is estimated at 400 cwt per acre, the same as last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 700 acres compared with 1,000 acres a year ago.

United States' production of non-storage summer onions is estimated at 10.4 million cwt, down 9 percent from last year.

Harvested acreage is expected to total 19,600 acres, down from a year ago. Yield is forecast at 529 cwt per acre compared with 548 cwt last year.

**TEXAS SPRING ONIONS: ACRES PLANTED AND HARVESTED BY AREAS, 2006-2008**

| 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         | 9,200         | 11,700          | 8,300         | 7,900        |
| Winter Garden/ Laredo                  | 4,100         | 3,000         | 1,800         | 3,500           | 2,100         | 1,600        |
| <b>TOTAL ALL AREAS</b>                 | <b>17,700</b> | <b>12,500</b> | <b>11,000</b> | <b>15,200</b>   | <b>10,400</b> | <b>9,500</b> |