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On: TEXAS SPRING ONION PRODUCTION
UP 32 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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Austin . . . The 2009 spring onion production in South Texas is expected to total 3.16 million hundredweight (cwt), up 32 percent from last year.

Based on the April 1 survey conducted by the USDA-NASS, Texas Field Office, yield is estimated at 355 cwt per acre, up 85 cwt from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 8,900 acres. Planted acreage is estimated at 10,300 acres, down 6 percent from the previous spring.

Producers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley expect to harvest 7,100 acres, down 5 percent from 2008.

In the San Antonio-Winter Garden and Laredo areas, harvest is forecast at 1,800 acres, up 29 percent from 2008.

United States producers expect to harvest 27,400 acres of spring onions, down 4 percent from last year.

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TEXAS SPRING ONIONS: ACRES PLANTED AND HARVESTED BY AREAS, 2007-2009

Area	Acres planted			Acres harvested		
	2007	2008	2009 ^{1/}	2007	2008	2009 ^{1/}
	<i>Acres</i>			<i>Acres</i>		
Lower Rio Grande Valley/Coastal Bend . . .	9,500	9,200	8,200	8,300	7,500	7,100
Winter Garden/Laredo	3,000	1,800	2,100	2,100	1,400	1,800
TOTAL ALL AREAS	12,500	11,000	10,300	10,400	8,900	8,900

^{1/} Preliminary.