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On: TEXAS SPRING ONION PRODUCTION  
DOWN 13 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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Austin . . . The 2010 spring onion production in South Texas is expected to total 2.62 million hundredweight (cwt), down 13 percent from last year.

Based on the April 1 survey conducted by the USDA-NASS, Texas Field Office, yield is estimated at 305 cwt per acre, down 25 cwt from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 8,600 acres. Planted acreage is estimated at 10,000 acres, down 3 percent from the previous spring.

Producers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley expect to harvest 7,100 acres, down 3 percent from 2009.

In the San Antonio-Winter Garden and Laredo areas, harvest is forecast at 1,500 acres, down 17 percent from 2009.

United States producers expect to harvest 25,900 acres of spring onions, down 5 percent from last year.

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## TEXAS SPRING ONIONS: ACRES PLANTED AND HARVESTED BY AREAS, 2008-2010

Area	Acres planted			Acres harvested		
	2008	2009	2010 <sup>1/</sup>	2008	2009	2010 <sup>1/</sup>
		<i>Acres</i>			<i>Acres</i>	
Lower Rio Grande Valley/Coastal Bend . . .	9,200	8,200	8,200	7,500	7,300	7,100
Winter Garden/Laredo. . . . .	1,800	2,100	1,800	1,400	1,800	1,500
<b>TOTAL ALL AREAS. . . . .</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>10,300</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>8,900</b>	<b>9,100</b>	<b>8,600</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary.