

Wisconsin Processing Vegetables

The 2008 production of sweet corn and snap beans for processing are both expected to increase in Wisconsin. Sweet corn production is anticipated to total 648,230 tons, up 12 percent from last year. The sharp increase in production is due to a higher predicted yield, as well as an additional 8,300 acres harvested. Snap bean production is forecast at 293,200 tons, 13 percent more than in 2007. Again, a higher yield, coupled with an increase in acres harvested, led to the rise in production.

Nationally, the 2008 contracted processing production for sweet corn and snap beans is forecast at 3.76 million tons, up 3 percent from a year ago. Snap bean production, at 769,760 tons, rose 2 percent. Sweet corn production increased 3 percent to 2.99 million tons.