

Vegetable Summary - 2008

Wisconsin remained in second place in the nation for both harvested acreage and value of production of the major processing vegetables in 2008. In addition, the state moved from third into second place for percent of total U.S. production. California remained the number one state in all three categories and accounted for 69 percent of the total production of these vegetables.

Wisconsin maintained its number one ranking in production of processing snap beans. The state produced 40 percent of the nation's crop with 326,870 tons in 2008. Harvested acres rose from 69,900 in 2007 to 80,500 in 2008. Nationally, snap bean production rose 7 percent mainly due to higher yields.

Wisconsin moved into second place in production of processing sweet corn producing 651,570 tons in 2008. Harvested acres increased by 4,600 to 87,600 acres. U.S. processing sweet corn production declined 2 percent to 2.83 million tons.

Green pea production in Wisconsin in 2008 totaled 76,060 tons, down 6 percent from the previous year. This put the state in third place in the

nation for production of processing green peas. Harvested acreage rose by 2,800 to 40,100 acres, but yield dropped 12 percent to 1.90 tons per acre. Production of processing peas in the U.S. fell 2 percent to 411,780 tons.

Wisconsin slipped from third into fourth place in the nation for cucumbers for pickles, producing 39,480 tons. Harvested acreage, at 7,100 acres, was 16 percent higher than last year, but yield dropped to 5.56 tons per acre. As a result, the state's production fell 20 percent. U.S. production, at 566,180 tons, was 5 percent higher than a year ago. Carrots for processing production in Wisconsin declined 5 percent to 77,300 tons. There were 100 fewer acres harvested, and yield decreased by 2 percent. Nationally, carrot production rose 7 percent to 404,730 tons.

Production for all three of the state's main fresh market vegetables decreased in 2008. Fresh market cabbage production fell 19 percent due to a decline in acres harvested and yield per acre. Sweet corn for fresh market harvested acreage decreased to 6,800 acres, while yield rose to 80 hundredweight (cwt.) per acre. The increase in yield was not enough to offset the lower acreage, and production fell 5 percent. Onion production, at 374,000 cwt., was down 52 percent from 2007. This was primarily due to a 1,000 acre drop in harvested acreage.

VEGETABLES: Acreage, Yield, Production & Value, 2008

Crop	Planted		Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production		Value			
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008	Per Ton		Total	
									2007	2008	2007	2008
Acres				Tons		Tons		Dollars		1,000 dollars		
Processing Vegetables												
Wisconsin												
Carrots	4,100	4,000	4,000	3,900	20.30	19.82	81,200	77,300	63.30	80.30	5,140	6,207
Cucumber	6,100	7,100	6,100	7,100	8.08	5.56	49,290	39,480	187.00	208.00	9,217	8,212
Green peas	38,500	40,700	37,300	40,100	2.17	1.90	80,950	76,060	231.00	266.00	18,739	20,222
Sweet corn	87,600	88,900	83,000	87,600	6.97	7.44	578,720	651,570	87.50	124.00	50,612	80,894
Snap beans	74,000	82,300	69,900	80,500	3.79	4.06	264,910	326,870	118.00	189.00	31,297	61,862
US												
Carrots	15,680	16,190	15,030	15,740	25.09	25.71	377,150	404,730	72.00	84.60	27,158	34,222
Cucumber	104,600	98,900	101,500	96,300	5.33	5.88	541,230	566,180	325.00	316.00	175,822	178,847
Green peas	208,300	216,100	202,000	209,700	2.07	1.96	419,080	411,780	259.00	360.00	108,702	148,052
Sweet corn	380,100	370,750	367,600	360,600	7.88	7.85	2,897,430	2,832,490	81.80	117.00	236,908	330,329
Snap beans	209,470	206,770	198,770	198,300	3.79	4.07	753,730	808,000	168.00	219.00	126,620	177,278
Fresh Market Vegetables												
Wisconsin												
Cabbage	4,100	3,100	3,500	3,100	250	230	875	713	16.90	14.00	14,788	9,982
Onions	2,200	1,900	2,100	1,100	370	340	777	374	10.50	16.90	7,371	5,662
Sweet corn	8,200	7,700	7,400	6,800	77	80	570	544	24.50	27.40	13,965	14,906
US												
Cabbage	74,250	70,200	69,050	67,470	346	369	23,886	24,910	16.40	14.70	386,373	366,584
Onions	166,880	160,790	160,080	153,490	497	481	79,638	73,837	11.10	12.70	816,061	865,442
Sweet corn	248,400	246,600	234,000	232,780	122	125	28,504	29,068	22.70	25.90	646,374	752,621

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