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Hawaii Vegetables

A monthly summary of acreage, sales, and farm prices for Hawaii's major vegetables

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Head Cabbage

Crop condition

The advent of summer and its warmer temperatures have accelerated crop growth. Fields at the lower elevations, where temperatures are warmer, experienced less ideal growth compared to fields at the higher elevations.

May review

Statewide sales totaled 1.1 million pounds in May, up 13 percent from April. Average yield improved to 24,000 pounds per harvested acre during May as most of the crop continued to show good crop growth under sunny skies, moderate temperatures, and adequate irrigation.

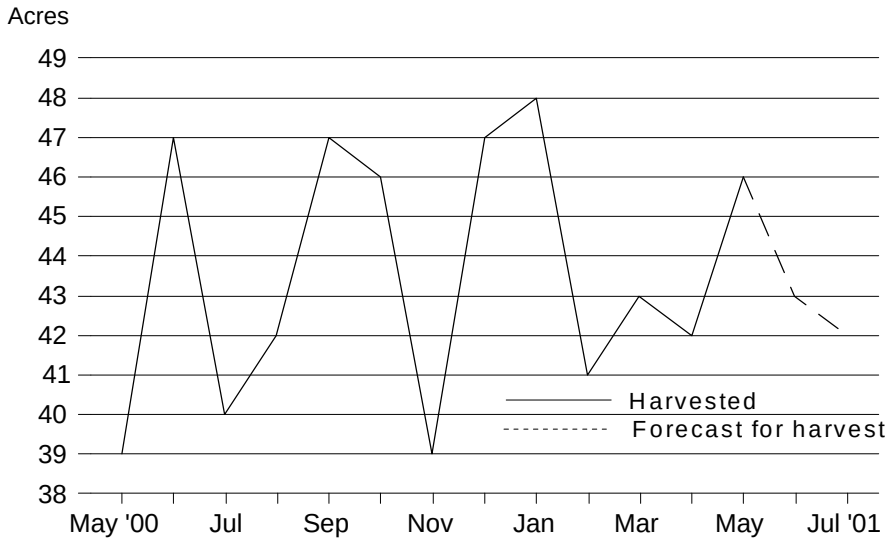
Farm prices averaged 21.5 cents per pound in May, down 11 percent from April.

Outlook

Harvested acreage is expected to decrease in the coming months. The forecast of harvested acreage for June is 43 acres, down 7 percent from May. Farmers are expected to harvest 42 acres in July, a 2-percent decrease from June.

The seasonal advent of warmer temperatures is expected to lower yields.

HEAD CABBAGE: Monthly acres harvested and forecast for harvest. State of Hawaii



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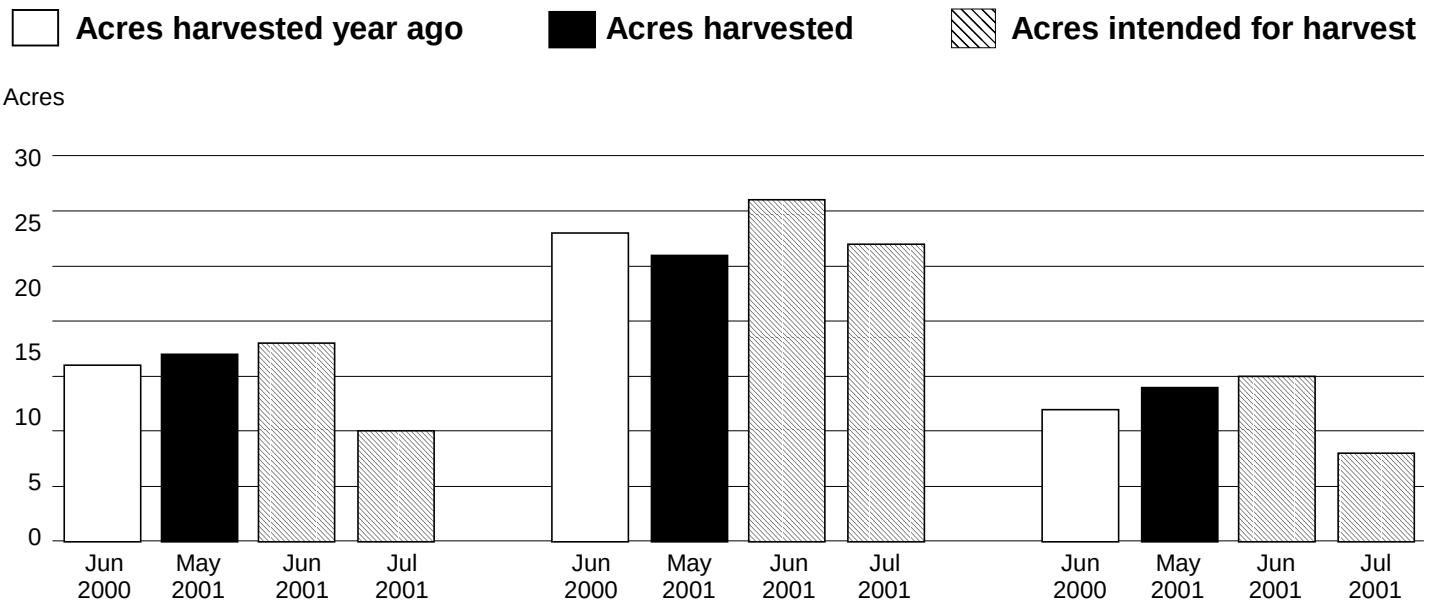
Crop highlights

Crop conditions, acres harvested, and acres intended to be harvested for selected vegetables, State of Hawaii.



Snap Beans

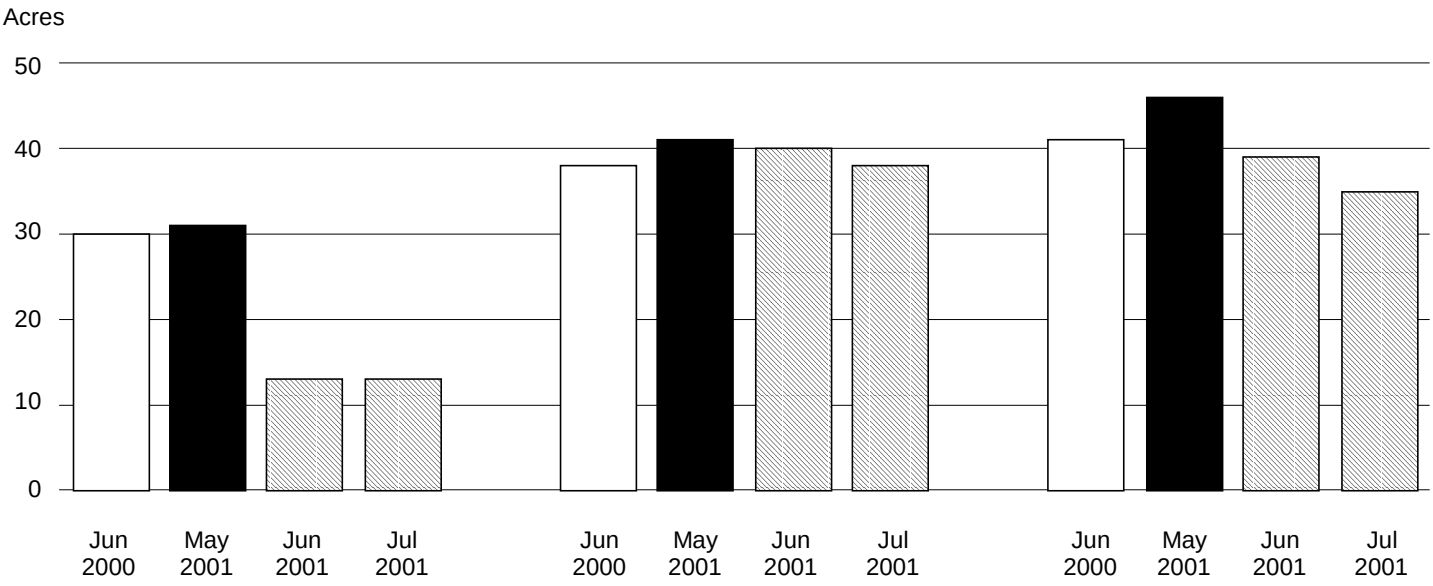
Crop conditions varied from a few in poor condition to most in fair to good condition. Harvested acreage is expected to decline in the coming months.

Chinese Cabbage

Crop conditions were mostly good to fair for major plantings on Hawaii and Maui island. Spraying is minimizing insect and disease damage. Irrigation was generally heavy to maintain normal crop progress.

Romaine

Crop conditions varied from poor to good. Some fields were plagued by disease that have significantly affected crop growth. Other fields were in generally good condition with little evidence of disease.



Dry onion

Crop conditions remained fair to good throughout the State. For the most part, weather conditions have been favorable for growth. Harvested acreage will decrease substantially in June; mainly on Oahu.

Cucumbers

Crop conditions were good to fair. Warm temperatures, longer daylight hours, and generally dry conditions have aided crop growth. Harvesting will remain very active.

Sweet corn

Crop conditions and yields have been good. Some growers reported slow market conditions. Irrigation remains heavy in most areas.

May statistics

Total acres, harvested acres, average yield, total sales, and average farm prices for 13 selected vegetables with January-to-date totals, State of Hawaii.

Crop	Total acres on May 1st	May 2001				January-to-date sales		
		Acres harvested	Average yield 1/	Total sales	Average farm price	2000 2/	2001	Change
			1,000 lbs per acre	*1,000 lbs*	*Cents per lb.*	*- - - - - - - 1,000 lbs - - - - - - -*		*Percent*
Beans, snap	29	17	5.7	97	74.2	497	479	-4
Cabbage, Chinese	41	26	27.6	718	18.0	3,352	3,170	-5
Cabbage, head	96	46	24.0	1,105	21.5	6,358	5,249	-17
Cabbage, mustard	13	10	8.3	83	44.9	575	665	16
Corn, sweet	95	46	4.7	216	76.7	842	638	-24
Cucumbers	55	41	11.2	460	39.8	2,300	2,356	2
Lettuce, head	13	8	10.6	85	39.5	417	400	-4
Lettuce, semi-head	8	5	5.8	29	71.2	151	153	1
Onions, dry	73	31	18.2	564	81.7	2,355	3,107	32
Onions, green	31	12	10.9	131	86.6	580	629	8
Peppers, green	3/	18	14.5	261	63.4	1,264	1,287	2
Romaine	23	14	10.7	150	42.4	1,068	1,107	4
Tomatoes	3/	67	21.7	1,453	56.6	6,317	6,988	11

1/ Total sales divided by acres harvested. 2/ Revised. 3/ Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

Acreage summary

Monthly new plantings, acres harvested, and acres for harvest for 13 selected vegetables, State of Hawaii.

Crop	New acres planted			Acres harvested			Acres for harvest	
	Mar 2001	Apr 2001	May 2001	Mar 2001	Apr 2001	May 2001	Jun 2001	Jul 2001
Beans, snap	18	16	13	17	26	17	18	10
Cabbage, Chinese	28	26	29	26	27	26	31	27
Cabbage, head	45	47	43	43	42	46	43	42
Cabbage, mustard	12	9	9	11	13	10	9	5
Corn, sweet	47	33	42	27	33	46	39	35
Cucumbers	36	39	37	42	40	41	40	38
Lettuce, head	10	9	7	11	9	8	10	2
Lettuce, semi-head	4	5	5	4	5	5	5	5
Onions, dry	11	23	31	27	29	31	13	13
Onions, green	9	13	13	8	14	12	13	13
Peppers, green	1/	1/	1/	19	19	18	1/	1/
Romaine	16	16	10	22	23	14	15	8
Tomatoes	1/	1/	1/	69	74	67	1/	1/

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