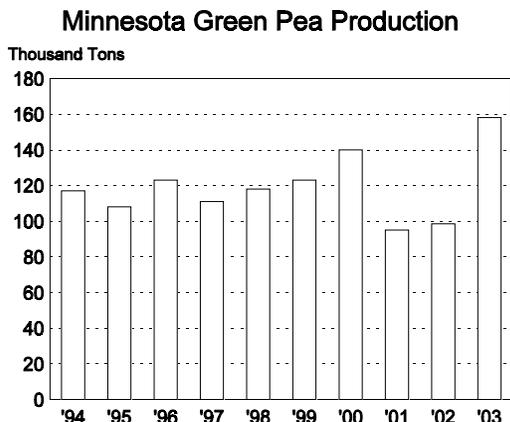
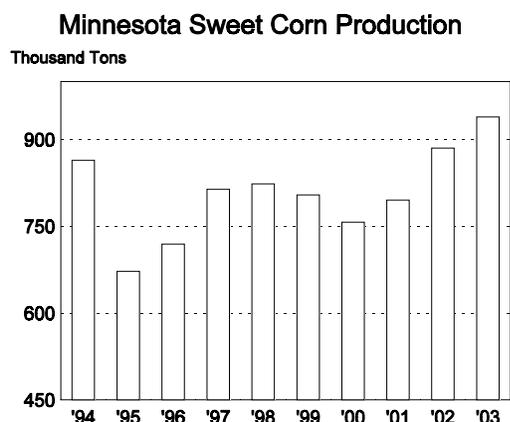




SWEET CORN AND GREEN PEAS PRODUCTION INCREASED IN 2002, WHILE CARROTS AND ONION PRODUCTION DECREASED

SWEET CORN FOR PROCESSING: Minnesota's 2003 production was estimated at 938,800 tons, an increase of 54,170 tons from the 2002 production, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. The average yield of 6.73 tons per acre was a 0.27 ton per acre increase from 2002. Planted acreage was estimated at 142,200 acres compared with 148,000 acres in 2002. Harvested acreage of 139,400 acres was 2,500 acres more than the previous year. Average value^{1/} per ton was \$64.50 compared with \$64.60 in 2002.

GREEN PEAS FOR PROCESSING: Minnesota's 2003 production was estimated at 158,110 tons, an increase of 59,740 tons from 2002. The average yield of 1.93 tons per acre was a 0.61 ton per acre increase from the previous year. Planted acreage in 2003 was estimated at 88,700 acres which was 8,200 acres more than 2002. Harvested acreage increased to 81,800 acres compared with 74,600 acres in 2002. Average value^{1/} per ton was \$288.00, a \$31.00 per ton decrease from 2002.



CARROTS FOR PROCESSING: Minnesota's 2003 production was estimated at 21,100 tons, a decrease of 2,300 tons from the previous year's production. The average yield of 24.82 tons per acre was a 1.18 ton per acre decrease from 2002. Planted acreage was estimated at 900 acres which was unchanged from 2002. Harvested acreage of 850 acres was 50 acres less than 2002. Average value^{1/} per ton was \$53.40 per ton, which was down \$17.40 per ton from 2002.

ONIONS FOR FRESH MARKET: Minnesota's 2003 production, including shrinkage and loss, was estimated at 65,000 cwt, a decrease of 13,000 cwt from the previous year's production. The shrinkage and loss was estimated at 10,000 cwt for 2003. The average yield for the state was 310 cwt per acre, unchanged from 2002. Planted acreage was estimated at 280, the same as 2002. Harvested acreage of 210 acres was 40 acres below the previous year. Average value per cwt was \$9.25, up \$1.65 per cwt from 2002.

1/ Value includes price received by the producer plus expenses incurred by the processor to get the commodity to the processing plant door.

