

# PRESS RELEASE CROP REPORT



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## **1999 Vegetable production up, value down**

For 1999, Oregon's production of five principal vegetable crops, (sweet corn, storage onions, carrots, snap beans and green peas), totaled just over 1.2 million tons, up 21 percent from last year's production according to Homer Rowley, State Statistician of the Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service (OASS). Area harvested for these five crops was 129,600 acres, up 13 percent from last year. The total 1999 value from these crops in Oregon was \$150 million, 12 percent less than last year's revised estimate of \$170 million.

### **Onion receipts down**

Storage onions continued as the most valuable of Oregon's vegetable crops with a combined value of \$71 million for Malheur County and Other Oregon producing areas. Total receipts for 1999 are 30 percent less than last year's revised estimate.

Sweet corn for fresh market and processing uses remained the State's second most valuable vegetable crop with a combined value of \$42 million. Snap beans continued in third place with a value of \$26 million. Green peas and carrots added \$11 million to round out vegetable receipts for the State.

### **U.S. processing production**

Nationally, vegetable processors received 6.1 billion tons of raw product for the processing crops grown in Oregon (sweet corn, snap beans, green peas, and carrots) during 1999. This represents an increase of 133 million tons, or 2 percent, from last year's production. The increase was from sweet corn and snap beans. Green pea and carrot production was down 15 percent. Total value of these processing vegetables at the plant door was \$66 billion, up 7 percent from last year.