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2000 Value of production up for fresh market vegetables but down for processed

Oregon's principle vegetable production for fresh market dropped eight percent in 2000 from 691.0 thousand tons to 637.6 thousand tons according to Homer Rowley, State Statistician of the Oregon Agricultural Statistics Service. Harvested acres increased eight percent to 30,770 acres and value of production rose 57 percent to \$113.5 million.

Oregon produced less sweet corn for fresh market in 2000 on 5,700 harvested acres. There were 3,600 acres of garlic harvested in the State valued at \$8.9 million and 2,000 acres of squash valued at \$8.0 million. Oregon harvested 900 acres of asparagus worth \$1.5 million. Harvested acres of storage onions decreased again in 2000 while the value of production rose 44 percent to \$77.1 million.

In 2000, Oregon ranked fifth among the nation in processed vegetables producing 546.4 thousand tons valued at \$66.7 million, nine percent lower than the \$73.0 million in 1999. Processed snap bean production decreased two percent to 133.1 thousand tons, but carrot production increased 93 percent to nine thousand tons. Sweet corn production for processing dropped 14 percent to 306.6 thousand tons and green peas for processing increased 35 percent to 64.4 thousand tons.