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On: TEXAS SPRING ONION PRODUCTION
DOWN 20 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

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Austin . . . The 2007 spring onion production in South Texas is expected to total 3.29 million hundredweight (cwt), down 20 percent from last year.

Based on the April 1 survey conducted by the USDA-NASS, Texas Field Office, yield is estimated at 305 cwt per acre, up 35 cwt from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 10,800 acres. Planted acreage is estimated at 12,500 acres, down 29 percent from the previous spring.

Producers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley expect to harvest 8,200 acres, down 30 percent from a year ago.

In the San Antonio-Winter Garden and Laredo areas, harvest is forecast at 2,600 acres, down 26 percent from a year ago.

United States producers expect to harvest 31,600 acres of spring onions, down 9 percent from last year.

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TEXAS SPRING ONIONS: ACRES PLANTED AND HARVESTED BY AREAS, 2005-2007

Area	Acres planted			Acres harvested		
	2005	2006	2007 ^{1/}	2005	2006	2007 ^{1/}
	<i>Acres</i>			<i>Acres</i>		
Lower Rio Grande Valley/Coastal Bend	12,500	13,600	9,500	11,400	11,700	8,200
Winter Garden/Laredo	4,500	4,100	3,000	4,100	3,500	2,600
TOTAL ALL AREAS	17,000	17,700	12,500	15,500	15,200	10,800

^{1/} Preliminary.