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Texas Spring Onion Production Up 51 Percent from Last Year

The 2011 spring onion production in South Texas is expected to total 4.0 million hundredweight (cwt), up 51 percent from last year.

Based on the April 1 survey conducted by the USDA-NASS, Texas Field Office, yield is estimated at 360 cwt per acre, up 50 cwt from last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 11,200 acres. Planted acreage is estimated at 13,000 acres, up 30 percent from the previous spring.

Producers in the Lower Rio Grande Valley expect to harvest 8,600 acres, up 21 percent from 2010. In the San Antonio-Winter Garden and Laredo areas, harvest is forecast at 2,600 acres, up 73 percent from 2010.

United States producers expect to harvest 30,300 acres of spring onions, up 17 percent from last year.

TEXAS SPRING ONIONS: ACRES PLANTED AND HARVESTED BY AREAS, 2009-2011

Area	Acres planted			Acres harvested		
	2009	2010	2011 ^{1/}	2009	2010	2011 ¹
		<u>Acres</u>			<u>Acres</u>	
Lower Rio Grande Valley/Coastal Bend . . .	8,200	8,200	10,000	7,300	7,100	8,600
Winter Garden/Laredo.	2,100	1,800	3,000	1,800	1,500	2,600
TOTAL ALL AREAS.	10,300	10,000	13,000	9,100	8,600	11,200

¹ Preliminary.