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VEGETABLES 2020 SUMMARY

ARIZONA

Arizona harvested 67,000 acres of lettuce in 2020, down 6 percent from the 71,000 acres harvested in 2019, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Of that, 33,500 acres was head lettuce, 9,800 acres were leaf lettuce, and 23,700 acres were Romaine lettuce. The state produced 20.54 million hundredweight (cwt) of lettuce in 2020, with a value of utilized lettuce production of \$725.22 million in 2020, down from \$1.12 billion in 2019.

COLORADO

Colorado harvested 3,300 acres of onions in 2020, up 22 percent from 2,700 acres harvested in 2019, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The state produced 1.45 million hundredweight (cwt) of onions in 2020, an increase of 27 percent from the 1.15 million cwt produced in 2019. The value of utilized onion production increased to \$28.02 million in 2020, from \$18.53 million in 2019.

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico harvested 8,500 acres of chile peppers in 2020, down 2 percent from 8,700 acres harvested in 2019, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The state produced 1.36 million hundredweight (cwt) of chile peppers in 2020, an increase of 8 percent from the 1.26 million cwt produced in 2019. The value of utilized chile pepper production increased to \$51.89 million in 2020, from \$50.01 million in 2019.

Vegetables for Fresh Market and Processing: Arizona, Colorado & New Mexico, 2019 - 2020

	Harvested Acres		Utilized Production (1,000 cwt)	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Arizona				
Broccoli	10,300	10,800	1,442.0	1,512.0
Cabbage	(D)	3,800	(D)	1,748.0
Cantaloupes	14,000	13,000	3,150.0	3,055.0
Cauliflower	6,400	6,000	1,152.0	1,170.0
Lettuce, Head	37,300	33,500	12,495.5	10,552.5
Lettuce, Leaf	9,800	9,800	2,254.0	2,401.0
Lettuce, Romaine	23,900	23,700	7,887.0	7,584.0
Spinach	(D)	10,300	(D)	1,699.5
Watermelons	5,000	4,700	2,525.0	2,091.5
Colorado	2019	2020	2019	2020
Onions	2,700	3,300	1,109.6	1,452.0
New Mexico	2019	2020	2019	2020
Onions	6,600	6,200	3,993.0	4,154.0
Peppers, Chile	8,700	8,500	1,261.5	1,360.0

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

UNITED STATES

In 2020, the Nation's production for the 26 estimated vegetable and melon crops totaled 720 million cwt, down slightly from 2019. The utilized production totaled 715 million cwt, up slightly from 2019. Area harvested in 2020 was 2.33 million acres, down 1 percent from 2019. The top three vegetables, in terms of area harvested, were sweet corn, tomatoes, and snap beans. In terms of total production, the three largest crops were tomatoes, onions, and sweet corn, which combined accounted for 53 percent of the all vegetables total.

The value of utilized production for 2020 vegetable crops was \$13.1 billion, down 4 percent from the previous year. Tomatoes, Head lettuce, and Romaine lettuce claimed the highest values, accounting for 30 percent of the utilized value of production when combined. For the 26 selected vegetables and melons estimated in 2020, California remained the leading State in terms of area harvested, utilized production, and value of production.

Vegetables for Fresh Market and Processing: United States, 2019 – 2020

United States	Harvested Acres		Utilized Production (1,000 cwt)	
	2019	2020	2019	2020
Broccoli	105,000	100,300	16,594.0	15,760.4
Cabbage	60,400	58,600	22,151.6	23,627.9
Cantaloupes	48,000	40,600	11,295.0	11,345.5
Cauliflower	45,200	42,200	10,067.1	8,851.8
Lettuce, Head	116,000	112,900	42,008.0	40,664.2
Lettuce, Leaf	57,300	61,700	12,466.5	15,635.5
Lettuce, Romaine	87,900	91,500	27,211.8	30,297.0
Onions	129,400	132,800	68,645.5	73,508.3
Peppers, Chile	15,200	11,500	2,917.3	2,380.0
Spinach	65,400	56,200	9,466.0	7,231.6
Watermelons	99,300	96,700	35,792.0	34,199.0

For a full copy of the *Vegetables 2020 Summary* report please visit www.nass.usda.gov. For state specific questions please contact:

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