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VEGETABLES 2021 SUMMARY

ARIZONA

Arizona harvested 63,600 acres of lettuce in 2021, down 6 percent from the 68,000 acres harvested in 2020, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Of that, 28,900 acres were head lettuce, 11,200 acres were leaf lettuce, and 23,500 acres were Romaine lettuce. The state produced 19.72 million hundredweight (cwt) of lettuce in 2021, with a value of utilized lettuce production of \$651.06 million in 2021, down from \$720.87 million in 2020.

COLORADO

Colorado harvested 3,000 acres of onions in 2021, unchanged from the 3,000 acres harvested in 2020, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The state produced 1.40 million hundredweight (cwt) of onions in 2021, an increase of 9 percent from the 1.28 million cwt produced in 2020. The value of utilized onion production increased to \$26.80 million in 2021, from \$24.61 million in 2020.

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico harvested 8,500 acres of chile peppers in 2021, up 4 percent from 8,200 acres harvested in 2020, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The state produced 1.02 million hundredweight (cwt) of chile peppers in 2021, a decrease of 22 percent from the 1.31 million cwt produced in 2020. The value of utilized chile pepper production decreased to \$45.00 million in 2021, from \$50.10 million in 2020.

Vegetables for Fresh Market and Processing: Arizona, Colorado & New Mexico, 2020 - 2021

	Harvested Acres		Utilized Production (1,000 cwt)	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
Arizona				
Broccoli	10,800	11,200	1,512.0	1,512.0
Cabbage	3,800	4,000	1,748.0	1,640.0
Cantaloupes	11,100	9,300	3,053.0	2,744.0
Cauliflower	6,000	5,800	1,170.0	1,131.0
Lettuce, Head	32,500	28,900	10,552.0	10,260.0
Lettuce, Leaf	9,800	11,200	2,401.0	2,296.0
Lettuce, Romaine	25,700	23,500	7,574.0	7,168.0
Spinach	12,400	11,500	1,674.0	1,495.0
Watermelons	4,400	4,900	2,090.0	2,058.0
Colorado				
Onions	3,000	3,000	1,275.0	1,395.0
New Mexico				
Onions	6,200	6,500	4,154.0	4,420.0
Peppers, Chile	8,200	8,500	1,312.0	1,019.0

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

UNITED STATES

In 2021, the Nation's production for the 26 estimated vegetable and melon crops totaled 679 million cwt, down 4 percent from 2020. The utilized production totaled 675 million cwt, down 4 percent from 2020. Area harvested in 2021 was 2.27 million acres, down slightly from 2020. 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 2021 vegetable crops was \$12.7 billion, down 10 percent from the previous year. Tomatoes, Romaine lettuce, and onions claimed the highest values, accounting for 28 percent of the utilized value of production when combined.

Vegetables for Fresh Market and Processing: United States, 2020 – 2021

United States	Harvested Acres		Utilized Production (1,000 cwt)	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
Broccoli	100,300	105,700	15,760.4	13,784.7
Cabbage	58,000	57,000	23,512.0	21,087.8
Cantaloupes	37,100	36,900	11,218.1	10,561.5
Cauliflower	42,900	45,100	9,000.4	8,205.0
Lettuce, Head	105,900	104,300	38,388.1	35,116.6
Lettuce, Leaf	61,700	60,900	15,635.5	12,474.3
Lettuce, Romaine	93,500	93,900	30,286.9	27,231.5
Onions	131,300	136,800	72,227.7	67,747.1
Peppers, Chile	9,900	10,600	1,890.0	1,660.2
Spinach	58,300	53,800	7,164.0	6,936.2
Watermelons	94,600	99,000	34,392.7	33,702.5

For a full copy of the *Vegetables 2021 Summary* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov. For state specific questions, please contact:

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