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acre, 4 percent above last year's 45.54 tons per acre. In California, the season got off to a slow start due to cool temperatures and wet conditions. Harvest was underway by August.

### CONTRACTED PROCESSING TOMATO PRODUCTION

The 2011 California processing tomato production is forecast at 12.2 million tons, 1 percent below 2010. The acreage, at 257 thousand acres, decreased 4 percent from a year earlier. The yield is forecast to be 47.47 tons per

Nationally, contracted tomato production is forecast at 12.7 million tons, up slightly from last year. A decline of 4 percent in contracted harvested area is expected to be more than offset by a yield increase of 2.08 tons per acre. Indiana's processing tomatoes were reported to be in fair condition despite heavy rainfall during the planting season.

### TOMATOES FOR PROCESSING BY STATE AND U.S.

State	Acreage Harvested				Yield Per Acre			Production			
	2009 Total	2010		Indicated 2011 Contract 1/	2009 Total	2010 Total	Indicated 2011 Contract 1/	2009 Total	2010		Indicated 2011 Contract 1/
		Total	Contract 1/						Total	Contract 1/	
	Acres				Tons			Tons			
California	308,000	270,000	268,000	257,000	43.23	45.54	47.47	13,314,000	12,297,000	12,212,000	12,200,000
Indiana	9,800	9,600	9,600	9,300	32.79	21.40	30.65	321,340	205,440	205,440	285,050
Michigan	3,400	3,500	3,500	3,300	39.00	33.00	31.00	132,600	115,500	115,500	102,300
Ohio	6,600	5,800	5,800	5,800	30.70	27.30	28.00	202,620	158,340	158,340	162,400
U.S.	327,800	288,900	286,900	275,400	42.62	44.22	46.30	13,970,560	12,776,280	12,691,280	12,749,750

1/ Includes acreage from major brokers.

### ASPARAGUS

The California 2011 asparagus production is estimated at 408 thousand cwt., up 1 percent from 2010. The harvested acreage increased by 4 percent from the 2010 season to the 2011 season. The yield per acre is estimated at 34 cwt., down 3 percent from last year. Adequate rainfall and mild temperatures in the Salinas Valley and San Joaquin Valley provided favorable growing conditions. Harvest of the asparagus crop was complete in most areas of the State by mid-July.

Nationally, production from the 2011 asparagus crop is forecast at 864 thousand cwt., up 8 percent from last year.

Harvested area, at 27.8 thousand acres, is down 1 percent from 2010. Total value of the crop, at 96.8 million dollars, is up 7 percent from 2010. Fresh production of 694 thousand cwt. is up 2 percent from a year ago. Processed production, at 8.50 thousand tons, is up 42 percent from 2010. Asparagus for canning, at 4.60 thousand tons, is up 48 percent from last year. Frozen asparagus production of 3.90 thousand tons, is up 34 percent from 2010. In Michigan, the growing season was reported to be good for the asparagus crop. Adequate moisture and ideal temperatures benefited crop development. Harvest began in May and was complete by late-June.

### ASPARAGUS BY SELECTED STATES AND U.S. 1/

State and U.S.	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		Value Per Cwt.		Total Value	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	Acres				Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.		Dollars		\$1,000	
California	12,000	12,500	11,500	12,000	35	34	403	408	147.00	149.00	59,241	60,792
Michigan	10,700	10,400	10,500	9,800	16	22	168	216	83.00	80.20	13,948	17,322
Washington	6,500	6,500	6,000	6,000	38	40	228	240	77.10	78.00	17,588	18,720
U.S.	29,200	29,400	28,000	27,800	29	31	799	864	114.00	112.00	90,777	96,834

1/ Includes Fresh Market and Processing.

## SPRING ONION PRODUCTION

California's 2011 spring onion production is estimated at 2.52 million cwt., down 1 percent from the previous year. The yield per acre calculates to 400 cwt., 2 percent below 2010. Planting of spring onions in California began in most areas by December. Cool and wet weather was reported during the growing season.

Nationally, the end-of-season spring onion production estimate, at 9.63 million cwt., is up 29 percent from last year. Area harvested, at 29.6 thousand acres, is up 14 percent from a year ago, and yield, at 325 cwt. per acre, is up 36 cwt. per acre from 2010. The value of the spring crop is estimated at 182 million dollars, 38 percent below last year. In Georgia, harvest of spring onions began around mid-April and was 95 percent complete by the end of May.

### SPRING ONIONS BY SELECTED STATES AND U.S. 1/

State and U.S.	Area Planted		Area Harvested		Yield Per Acre		Production		Value Per Cwt.		Total Value	
	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011	2010	2011
	Acres				Cwt.		1,000 Cwt.		Dollars		\$1,000	
California	6,400	6,500	6,200	6,300	410	400	2,542	2,520	18.00	11.60	45,756	29,232
Georgia	12,000	13,600	11,100	12,100	205	245	2,276	2,965	49.70	31.00	113,117	91,915
Texas	10,000	13,000	8,600	11,200	310	370	2,666	4,144	50.20	14.70	133,833	60,917
U.S.	28,400	33,100	25,900	29,600	289	325	7,484	9,629	39.10	18.90	292,706	182,064

1/ Primarily fresh market.

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