

Monthly Hawaii Vegetables

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MONTH BEGINS WET; ENDS DRIER

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According to the National Weather Service, an upper level low pressure system affected the southeastern sector of the island chain, during early May. Heavy rains inundated the islands of Hawaii and Maui, while near-normal weather conditions prevailed over the northeastern islands of Oahu and Kauai. For much of the remainder of the month of May more normal trade wind conditions existed, with momentary weather interruptions. Conditions on Kauai were relatively dry, as rainfall totals were mostly below normal, except for areas around east Kauai. On Oahu, rainfall totals were near normal to below normal for most locations. Rainfall amounts on Maui were mostly above normal because of the upper level low pressure system which occurred during the early part of May. Rainfall totals for much of the Big Island were well above normal, also the result of the low pressure system. A few isolated sectors of the island of Hawaii received below normal precipitation, especially around the Kona sector. Statewide, vegetable and melon crops made variable progress.

Changes in the vegetable acres expected for harvest in June compared with the acres harvested in May were mostly down. Increases in harvested acreage are expected for 9 of the 11 crops listed below. Increases are expected for **Snap beans** (100%), **Chinese cabbage** (53%), **mustard cabbage** (44%), **sweet corn** (88%), **cucumbers** (24%), **head lettuce** (50%), and **romaine** (14%). A decrease in harvested acreage is expected for **head cabbage** (-21%) and **dry onions** (-15%), while acreage for harvest for **semi-head lettuce** is expected to remain unchanged.

Acreage

Acres planted, harvested, and for harvest for 11 selected
vegetables, State of Hawaii.

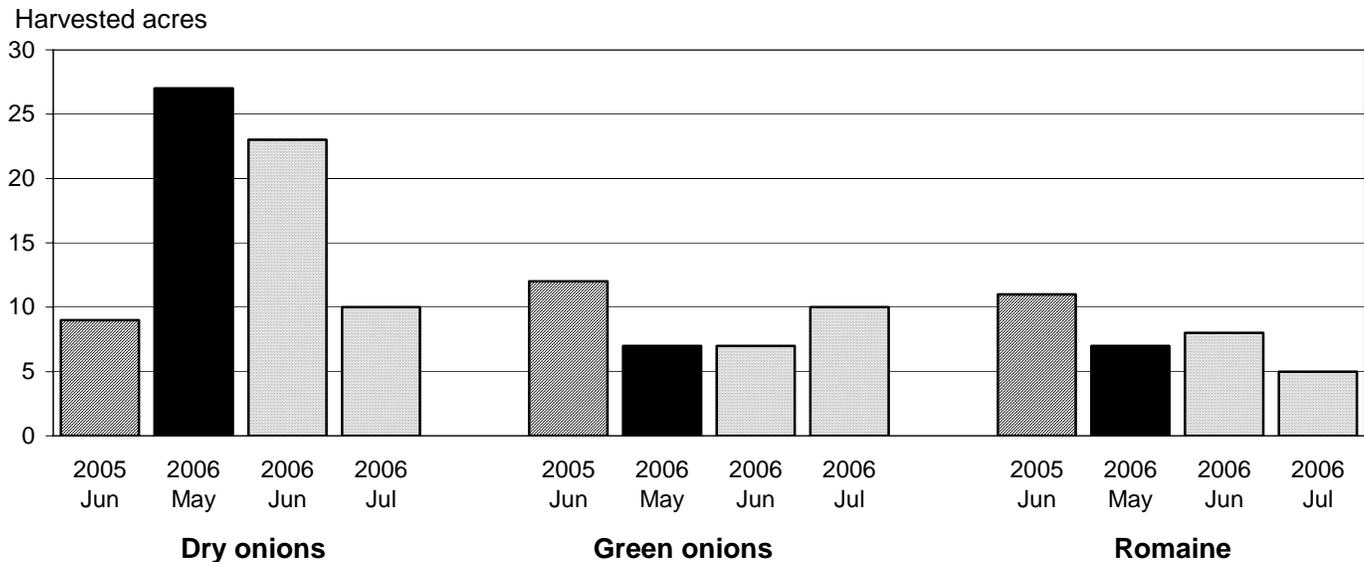
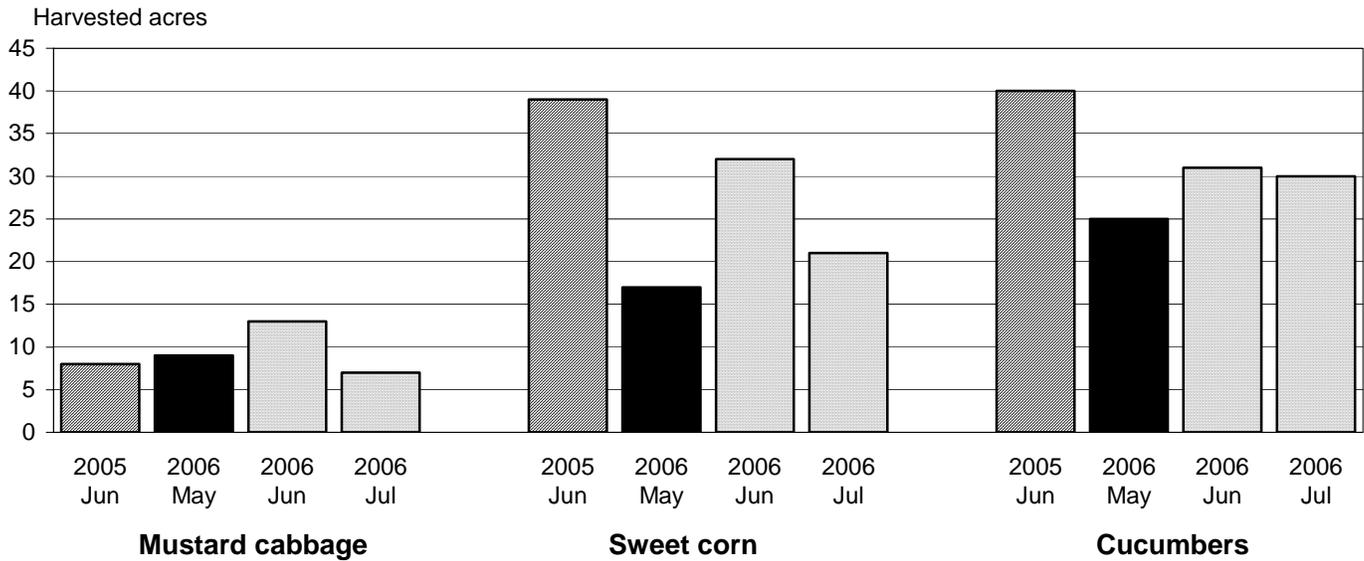
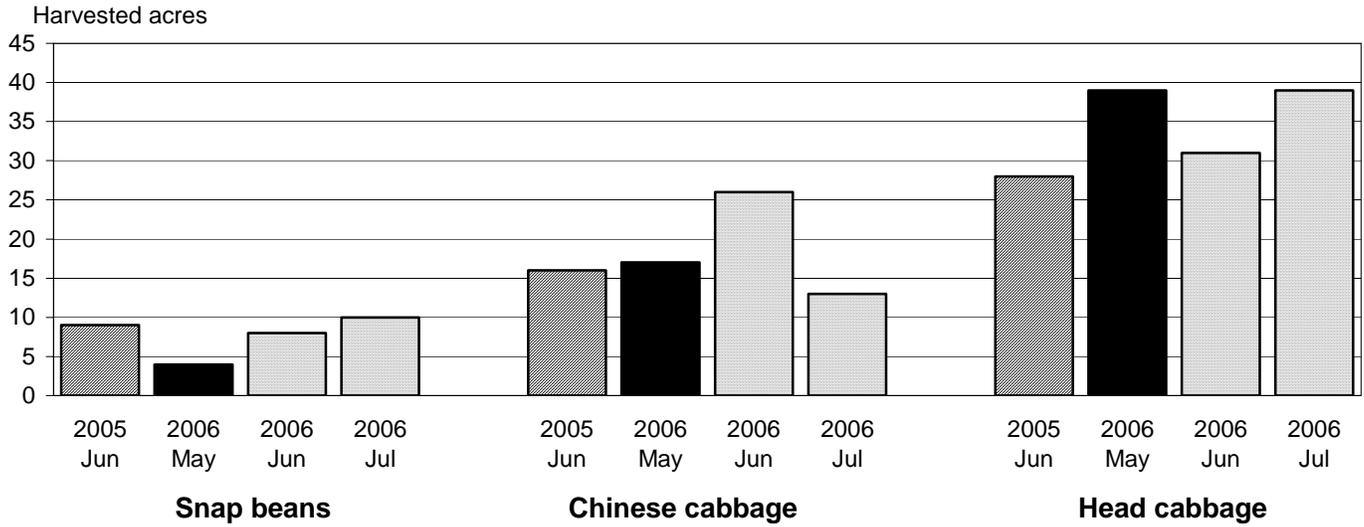
Crop	Acres planted		Acres harvested		Acres for harvest	
	Apr 2006	May 2006	Apr 2006	May 2006	Jun 2006	Jul 2006
Beans, snap	8	10	11	4	8	10
Cabbage, Chinese	21	26	19	17	26	13
Cabbage, head	39	44	47	39	31	39
Cabbage, mustard	10	13	8	9	13	7
Corn, sweet	37	20	19	17	32	21
Cucumbers	32	25	19	25	31	30
Lettuce, head	4	5	6	4	6	3
Lettuce, semi-head	4	5	5	4	4	5
Onions, dry	16	9	8	27	23	10
Onions, green	25	10	7	7	7	10
Romaine	6	8	9	7	8	4

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Harvested acreage charts

Acres harvested a year ago
 Acres harvested last month
 Acres intended for harvest



May Review

Crop Production Generally Below Year-Ago Levels

Chinese cabbage production totaled 654,000 pounds in May, 11 percent and 13 percent above a year ago and a month earlier, respectively. Mostly ideal weather conditions, resulting in improved yields, contributed to the increase in production from a year earlier. Crop condition was mostly fair to good, although some field were reported to have had an increase in insect and disease activities.

Head cabbage production totaled 930,000 pounds in May, a decrease of 7 percent and 12 percent from May 2005 and April 2006, respectively. The decrease in production was mainly due to fewer acres available for harvest. Crop condition was mostly fair to good.

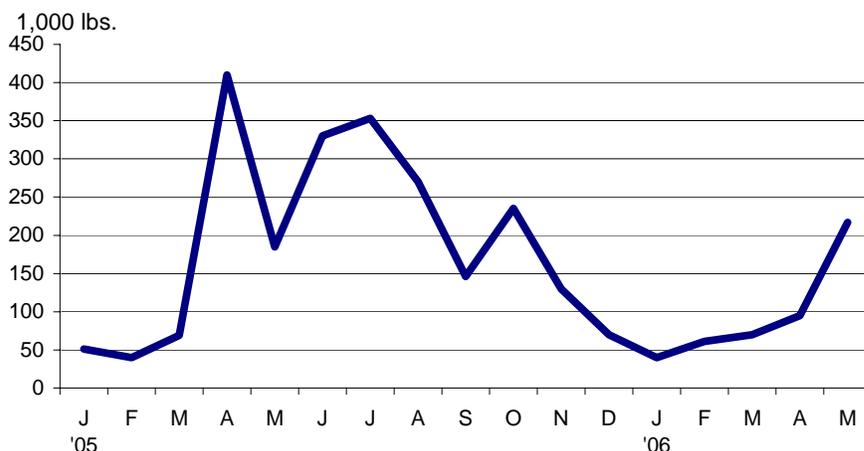
Cucumber production totaling 453,000 pounds in May was 25 percent below a year ago. The decrease in production resulted mostly from a decrease in acreage for harvest. With drier weather conditions compared with earlier in the year, crop condition were improved and in fair condition.

Dry onions growers produced 217,000 pounds during May. The increase in production from April was due to the increase in acreage for harvest. The heavy rains from earlier in the year delayed the harvesting of the crop. Crops were in fair condition.

Tomato growers produced 953,000 pounds for May, a decrease of 36

percent and 23 percent from a year ago and previous month, respectively. The very wet, soggy conditions from earlier in the year still has a lingering effect on the crop; slowing crop progress and leaving most tomato fields in poor to fair condition, with a few good. The wet conditions had left many fields with increased incidences of diseases, fruit rotting and messy

**Hawaii Dry Onions
Monthly Production, 2005 – 2006**



Acreage, average yield, sales, and average farm price, May 2006, State of Hawaii.

Crop	Total acres on Jun. 1	May 2006				January-to-date sales		
		Acres harvested	Average yield ^{1/}	Total sales	Average farm price	2005 ^{2/}	2006	Change
		----- 1,000 lbs. -----		Cents per lb.		----- 1,000 lbs. -----		Percent
Beans, snap	18	4	4.8	19	91.0	231	259	12
Cabbage, Chinese	40	17	38.5	654	24.6	2,749	2,923	6
Cabbage, head	89	39	23.8	930	25.6	4,553	5,135	13
Cabbage, mustard	18	9	12.3	111	57.7	610	582	-5
Corn, sweet	55	17	4.8	81	64.3	428	423	-1
Cucumbers	53	25	18.1	453	45.1	1,831	1,982	8
Lettuce, head	7	4	19.3	77	58.7	295	322	9
Lettuce, semi-head	8	4	7.0	28	87.5	148	173	17
Onions, dry	58	27	8.0	217	179.8	755	483	-36
Onions, green	20	7	17.0	119	107.0	451	514	14
Peppers, green	^{3/}	21	10.5	221	73.4	1,351	1,301	-4
Romaine	12	7	17.4	122	61.3	746	595	-20
Tomatoes	^{3/}	62	15.4	953	77.6	5,668	5,624	-1

^{1/} Total sales divided by acres harvested. ^{2/} Revised. ^{3/} Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.