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# Hawaii Vegetables

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## Kauai continues to get most of the rain

Weather conditions were generally favorable for crop progress during the first half of November. Days were relatively warm and dry with occasional windward showers. Weather conditions changed during the second half of the month starting with brisk trade winds that disrupted spraying activities. Then in the closing days of the month, a storm system north of the State generated moderate to heavy showers in parts of the State that slowed crop progress and hindered fieldwork. On the favorable side, cooler temperatures and the added rainfall helped lower insect populations and the need for irrigation. Most crops were in fair to good condition by the end of the month.

Changes in harvested acreage will be almost evenly mixed among selected vegetable crops during December. Increases in harvested acreage are expected for **Chinese cabbage** (+25%), **mustard cabbages** (+8%), **green onions** (+9%), and **romaine** (+8%). Double-digit percentage declines in harvested acreage are forecast for **snap beans** (-11%), **sweet corn** (-56%), and **dry onions** (-75%).

**Dry onion** growers are intending to have 53 acres ready for harvest in January 2004, nearly 6 times the amount in December. However, heavy rains in early December and weather conditions to come may affect the amount of dry onions actually harvested next month.

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Year-ago, month-ago, current,  
and upcoming harvested  
acreage.

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Production statistics and  
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Latest estimates from  
the Economic Research  
Service, USDA.



### Acreage

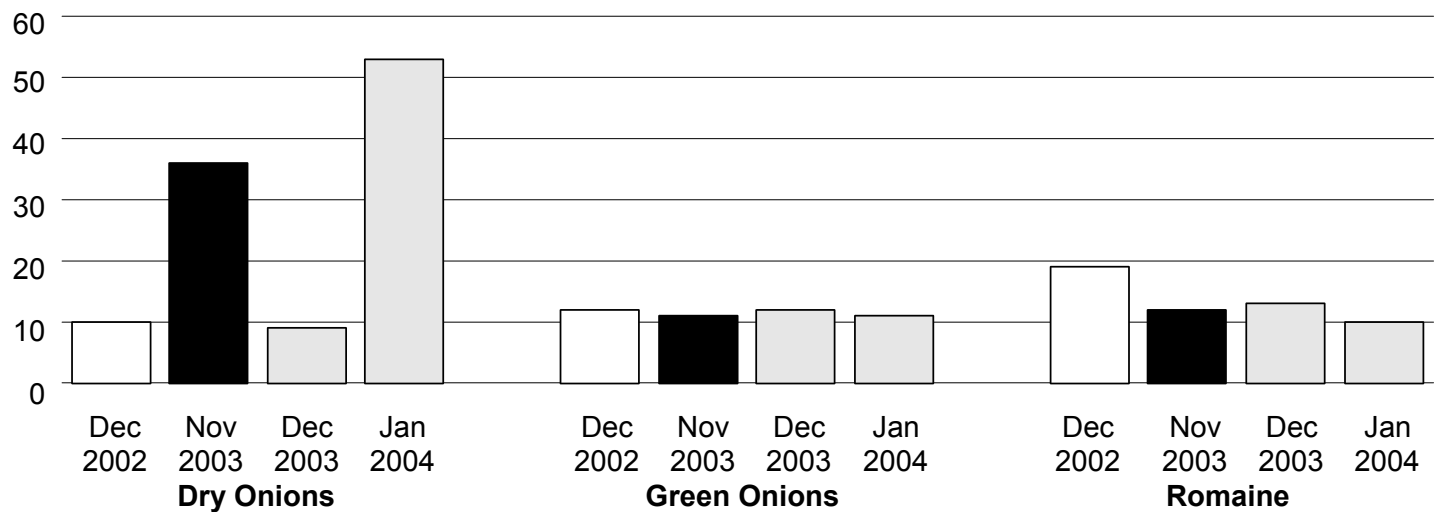
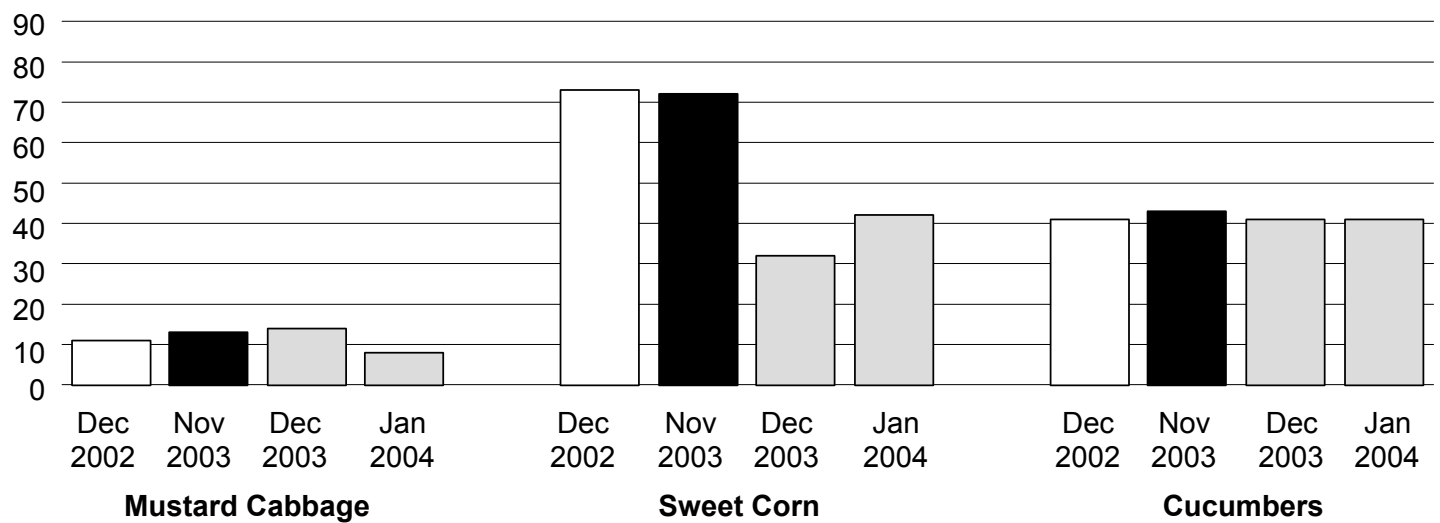
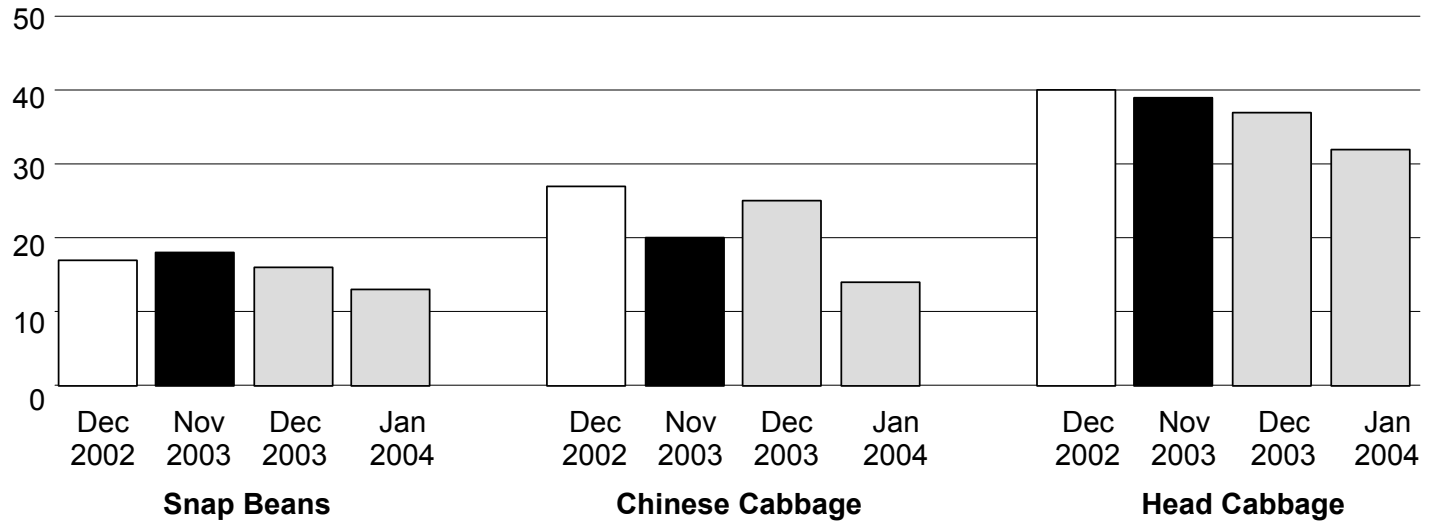
Acres planted, harvested, and for harvest for 11 selected  
vegetables, State of Hawaii.

Crop	Acres planted		Acres harvested		Acres for harvest	
	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Oct 2003	Nov 2003	Dec 2003	Jan 2004
Beans, snap	17	17	15	18	16	13
Cabbage, Chinese	23	23	19	20	25	14
Cabbage, head	38	38	30	39	37	32
Cabbage, mustard	13	14	17	13	14	8
Corn, sweet	32	32	56	72	32	42
Cucumbers	40	40	42	43	41	41
Lettuce, head	6	6	7	6	6	3
Lettuce, semi-head	4	4	4	4	4	4
Onions, dry	54	52	13	36	9	53
Onions, green	12	12	11	11	12	11
Romaine	14	14	11	12	13	10

# Harvested acreage charts

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

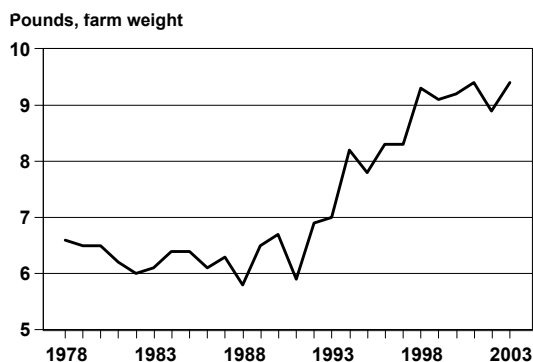
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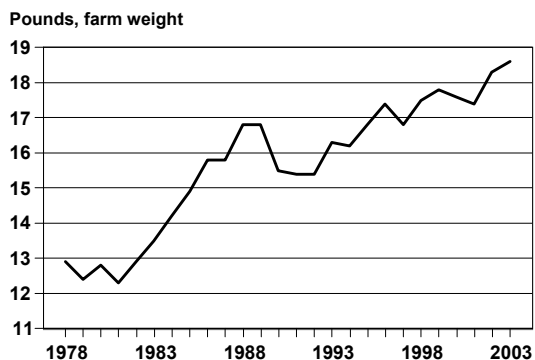


# U.S. Per Capita Consumption Of Selected Fresh Vegetables

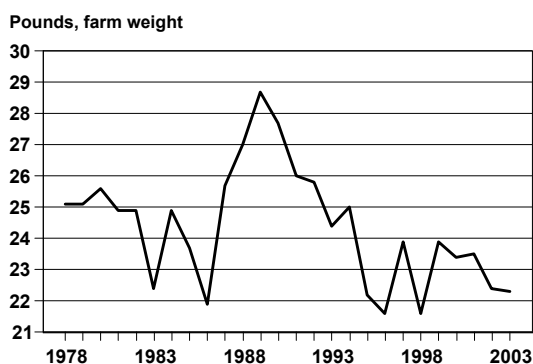
**Sweet Corn**  
Fresh-market per capita utilization



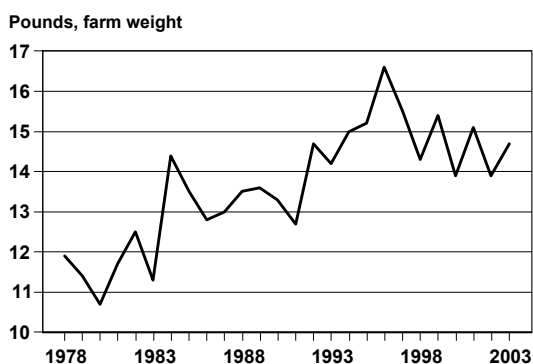
**Tomatoes**  
Fresh-market per capita utilization



**Head Lettuce**  
Fresh-market per capita utilization



**Watermelon**  
Fresh-market per capita utilization



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