

Monthly Hawaii Vegetables

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Mostly Wet Conditions Continue Into Early November

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November produced several flash flood events, especially during the first several days of the month. Although the heavy rains and thunderstorms occurred across much of the State, the bulk of this rainfall occurred over the smaller islands of the State. The island of Kauai received much of their precipitation from these events, however, rainfall totals for the island was near to below normal for November. Rainfall amounts along many of the windward and interior slopes of the Koolau Range on Oahu were near to above normal, while rainfall totals over many central and west Oahu areas were near to below normal. Molokai and West Maui benefited from above normal rainfall totals, while areas along the slopes of Haleakala were near to below normal levels. The Big Island of Hawaii experienced mostly dry conditions as rainfall amounts were well below 50 percent of normal levels. The systems which affect the other islands did not reach far enough south to benefit most of the island. The wet weather slowed crop progress, hampered spray programs, and hindered field work.

Expected vegetable acreage for harvest in December when compared with acreage harvested in November is expected to increase for most crops. Increases in harvested acreage are expected for snap beans (+8%), **head cabbage** (+34%), **cucumbers** (+4%), **head lettuce** (+25%), and **green onions** (+10%). Decreases in harvested acreage are expected for **mustard cabbage** (-10%), **sweet corn** (-23%), and **romaine** (-29%).

Acreage

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

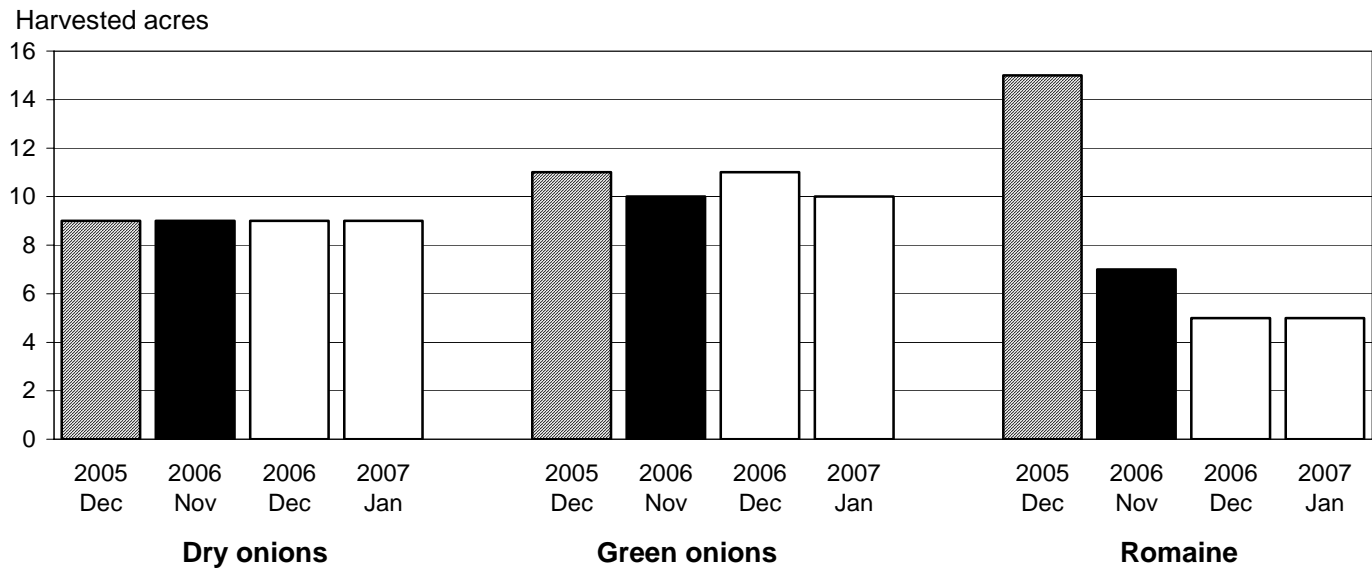
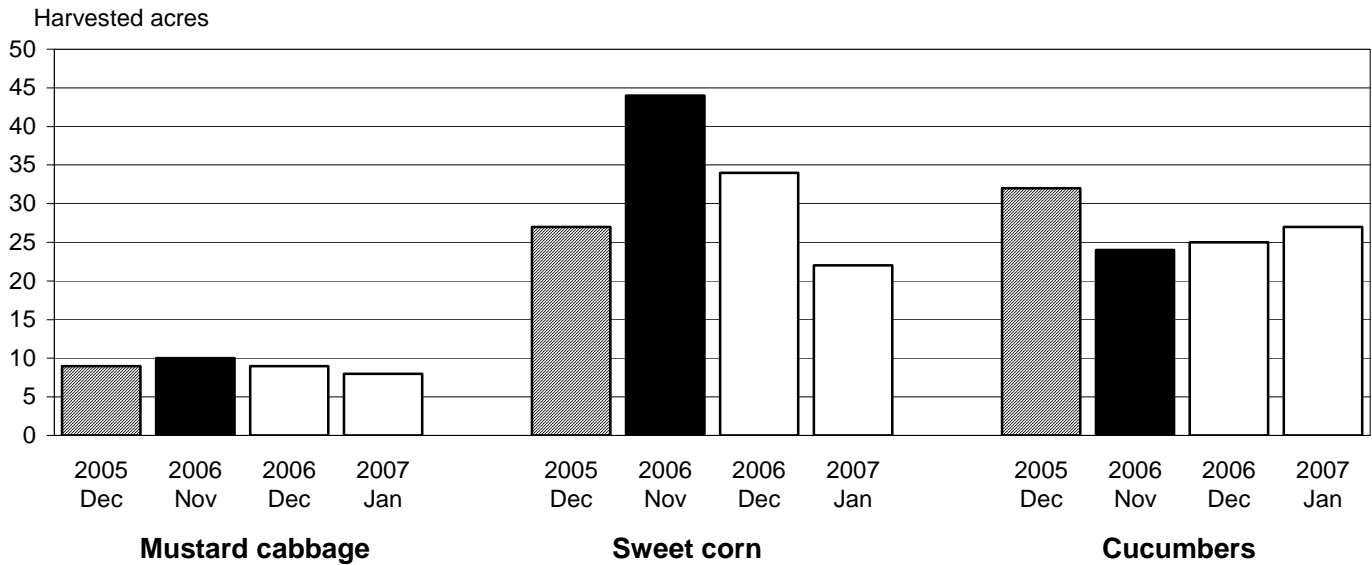
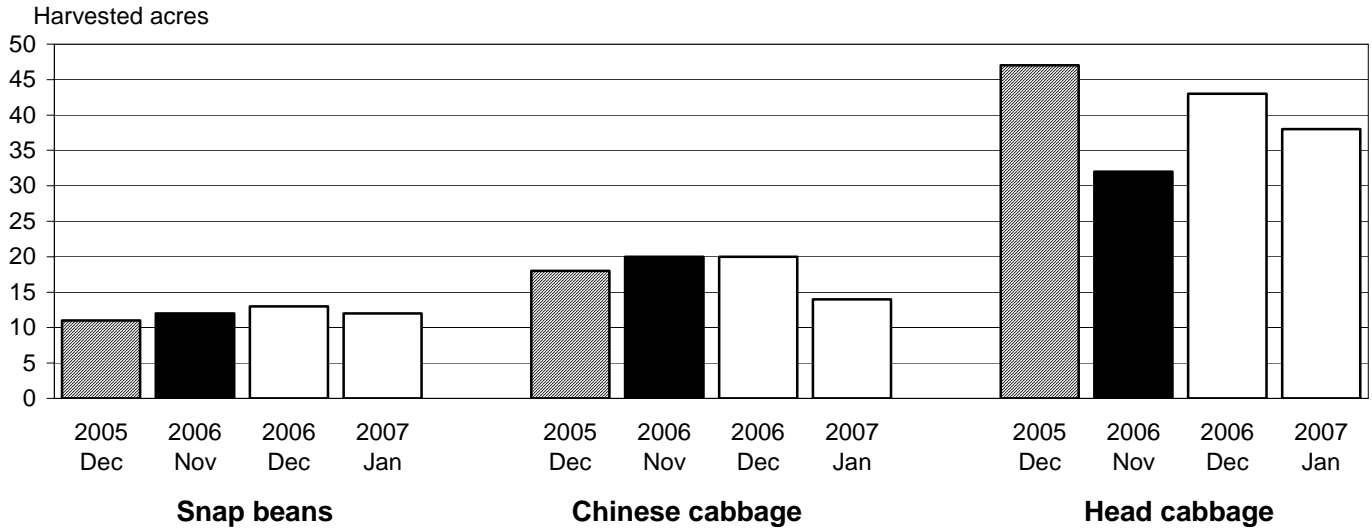
Crop	Acres planted		Acres harvested		Acres for harvest	
	Oct 2006	Nov 2006	Oct 2006	Nov 2006	Dec 2006	Jan 2007
Beans, snap	9	14	11	12	13	12
Cabbage, Chinese	21	19	20	20	20	14
Cabbage, head	41	41	25	32	43	38
Cabbage, mustard	9	10	9	10	9	8
Corn, sweet	37	24	28	44	34	22
Cucumbers	24	26	27	24	25	27
Lettuce, head	6	5	7	4	5	3
Lettuce, semi-head	4	4	4	4	4	4
Onions, dry	11	6	6	9	9	9
Onions, green	10	10	9	10	11	10
Romaine	6	6	8	7	5	5

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Harvested acreage charts

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



November Review

Sweet Corn Production Higher

Chinese cabbage production totaled 459,000 pounds in November, 13 percent more than October. The crop was in fair to good condition. The wet weather, which affected the other islands did not affect the major growing areas of Waimea on the Big Island.

Head cabbage production totaled 749,000 pounds in November, up 63 percent from October. Crop conditions ranged from fair to good as insect and disease losses were relatively light. An increase in acreage for harvest along with improved yields helped to boost November's production.

Sweet corn growers produced a total of 206,000 pounds in November, up 31 percent from the previous month. Overall, plantings were in fair to good condition. The increase in production was the result of more acreage for harvest as yields were lower. The cloudy skies and wet weather hampered yields in many areas.

Cucumber production totaled 359,000 pounds in November, 21

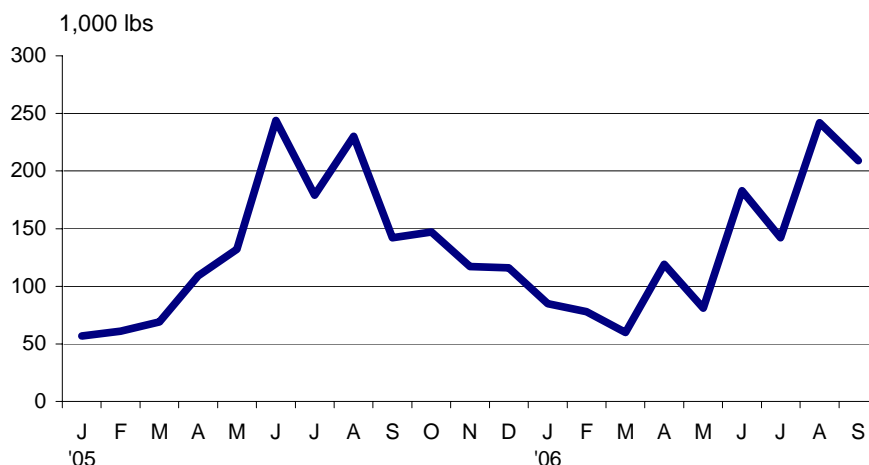
percent less than a month earlier. Overcast skies and wet weather slowed crop progress and was the major contributing factor for the decline in production.

Dry Onion production is estimated at 76,000 pounds for November, up 17 percent from October 2006. Overall crop conditions were fair. The wet weather and cool

temperatures were major factors contributing to a lower than expected onion yield. The wet conditions also caused some losses due to rotting.

Tomato production totaled 1.3 million pounds in November, up 5 percent from October 2006. Production from some open fields was setback due to the wet weather causing some fruit cracking. Greenhouse tomatoes were in fair to

**Hawaii Sweet Corn
Monthly Production, 2005 – 2006**



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

Crop	Total acres on Dec. 1	November 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	24	12	3.8	45	90.5	598	600	0
Cabbage, Chinese	31	20	23.0	459	32.5	5,116	5,510	8
Cabbage, head	89	32	23.4	749	34.1	8,548	9,071	6
Cabbage, mustard	12	10	14.1	141	57.1	1,271	1,298	2
Corn, sweet	56	44	4.7	206	56.2	1,487	1,562	5
Cucumbers	48	24	15.0	359	56.2	5,129	4,856	-5
Lettuce, head	6	4	10.0	40	60.5	647	717	11
Lettuce, semi-head	8	4	8.0	32	91.1	302	372	23
Onions, dry	32	9	8.4	76	131.6	2,219	1,364	-39
Onions, green	23	10	16.0	160	108.2	1,106	1,288	16
Peppers, green	^{3/}	24	7.4	178	66.2	2,714	2,641	-3
Romaine	9	7	11.9	83	61.8	1,490	1,198	-20
Tomatoes	^{3/}	67	19.5	1,309	90.6	12,626	13,724	9

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