



Minnesota Ag News – Vegetables



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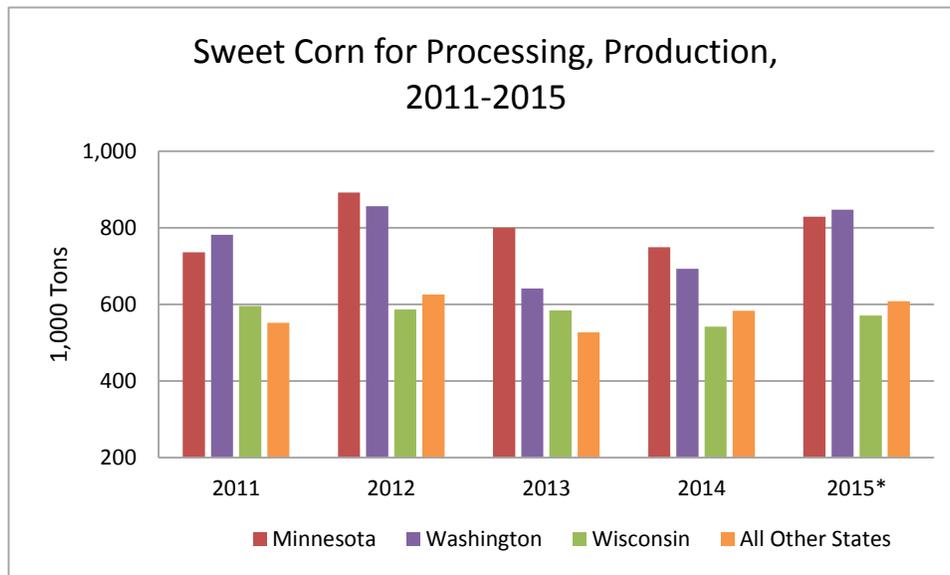
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The 2015 production of both green peas and sweet corn for processing is expected to increase in Minnesota when compared with the previous year. Contracted processing sweet corn production is forecast to be up 11 percent to 828,680 tons. This is a result of a 4,900 acre increase in contracted acreage, as well as a 6 percent rise in yield. Despite a drop in harvested acres, production of processing green peas is predicted to jump 34 percent to 104,600 tons due to a 64 percent jump in yield per acre. If realized, this will be the highest green pea yield since 2009 and the second highest yield on record.

Nationally, the 2015 contracted processing production for sweet corn and green peas are expected to increase when compared with 2014 production. Contracted sweet corn production is forecast up 15 percent to 2.86 million tons. Contracted production of processed green peas at 361,230 tons, is expected to be up less than 1 percent over the previous year.



*Forecast

Vegetables Acreage, Yield, & Production – Minnesota and United States: 2014 and Forecasted 2015

Crop	Harvested		Yield per Acre		Production	
	2014	2015	2014	2015	2014	2015
Processing Vegetables ¹						
	acres	acres	tons	tons	tons	tons
MINNESOTA						
Green Peas	64,000	52,300	1.22	2.00	78,150	104,600
Sweet Corn	109,400	114,300	6.85	7.25	749,440	828,680
UNITED STATES						
Green Peas	187,600	164,900	1.93	2.19	362,860	361,230
Sweet Corn	312,280	333,700	8.22	8.56	2,567,820	2,855,340

¹ 2015 includes contract acres only.