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Oregon Vegetable Production

In 2008, garlic production decreased 12,000 cwt. from the 2007 estimate. The total value increased 26 percent due to higher prices for fresh and processed garlic. Squash production increased from 351,000 cwt. in 2007 to 398,000 cwt. in 2008. The total value of production for squash increased 10 percent from a year ago. The production of fresh market sweet corn decreased 4 percent from 2007 to a total of 495,000 cwt. in 2008.

In 2008, Oregon ranked 5th in the nation for production of processed vegetables. Production of processing sweet corn decreased 16 percent to 179,310 tons. Total value of production, however, increased 20 percent from a year ago. Processing snap bean production decreased slightly from 115,010 tons in 2007 to 112,140 tons in 2008. Total value increased 14 percent from the previous year. Although acreage for processed green peas stayed relatively stable, total production decreased 4,980 tons, while value of production increased 15 percent from 2007.

Summer storage bulb onion production in Oregon totaled 13,332,000 cwt. in 2008. This is a decrease of 18 percent from last year. Malheur County accounted for 8,052,000 cwt. and all Other Oregon accounted for 5,280,000 cwt. Statewide, harvested bulb onion acres totaled 21,800 in 2008, compared to 22,900 acres in 2007. Acres harvested in Malheur County decreased by 400 acres from the previous year, while harvested acres in all Other Oregon decreased by 700 acres. Value of production in Malheur County is estimated at \$63,904,000 and \$33,620,000 in all Other Oregon, for a total of \$97,524,000 statewide. Low prices in 2007 influenced the decrease in harvested acres and production in 2008. Onion growers had an overall good season, despite being delayed two to three weeks for harvest due to cold and wet spring conditions that slowed bulb growth and development.

Vegetables: Acres harvested, production, and value, Oregon, 2007-2008

Area	Acres harvested		Production		Value	
	2007	2008	2007	2008	2007	2008
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
Fresh Market						
Sweet corn	4,600	4,300	515	495	11,021	12,326
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>Tons</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
Processing						
Green peas	17,600	18,000	38,300	33,320	7,636	8,768
Snap beans	19,100	18,600	115,010	112,140	23,239	26,418
Sweet corn	21,900	18,400	212,240	179,310	18,756	22,538
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>	<i>1,000 dollars</i>
Dual Usage ¹						
Bulb onions						
Malheur County	12,600	12,200	9,828	8,052	21,380	63,904
Other Oregon	10,300	9,600	6,386	5,280	35,736	33,620
Garlic	2,000	1,800	288	276	6,576	8,268
Squash	1,900	1,900	351	398	6,495	7,120

¹ Dual usage includes both fresh market and processing.

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