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2018 U.S. Vegetable Production Down 1 Percent from 2017

In 2018, the Nation's production for the 26 estimated vegetable and melon crops totaled 753 million cwt, 1 percent below the final 754 million cwt estimated in 2017. Area harvested in 2018 was 2.50 million acres, a 3 percent reduction from the previous year. In terms of total production, the three largest crops were tomatoes, sweet corn, and onions, which combined accounted for 56 percent of the all vegetables total. The value of utilized production for 2018 vegetable crops was \$12.9 billion, down 12 percent from the previous year. Tomatoes, head lettuce, and romaine lettuce claimed the highest values, accounting for 31 percent of the total value of production when combined.

Florida and Georgia ranked second and third, respectively, in value of utilized production nationally and accounted for 12.2 percent of the total value of utilized production. Value of utilized production in Florida totaled \$1.12 billion, up 4 percent from last year. Tomatoes were the leading crop in Florida with a value of \$336 million. Value of utilized production in Georgia totaled \$453 million, down 5 percent from last year. Sweet Corn, with a value of \$112 million, was the leading crop in Georgia.

Vegetable and Strawberry Value of Production by Crop — States and United States: 2017 and 2018

Crop / State	Value of production		Crop / State	Value of production	
	2017	2018		2017	2018
	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)		(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Beans, snap			Onions		
Florida.....	81,453	67,000	Georgia.....	128,301	110,519
Georgia.....	20,124	28,025	United States.....	1,042,090	817,496
United States.....	349,445	363,506	Peppers, bell		
Cabbage			Florida.....	188,940	180,642
Florida.....	47,508	62,806	Georgia.....	43,581	40,110
Georgia.....	20,583	14,845	United States.....	625,577	533,307
United States.....	431,307	409,446	Squash		
Cantaloupe			Florida.....	39,095	(D)
Florida.....	10,296	(D)	Georgia.....	22,180	(D)
Georgia.....	15,498	(D)	United States.....	235,613	192,922
South Carolina.....	5,720	(D)	Tomatoes		
United States.....	295,975	331,542	Florida.....	262,020	336,496
Corn, sweet			South Carolina.....	34,429	44,881
Florida.....	158,340	142,920	United States.....	1,677,960	1,856,280
Georgia.....	98,393	111,684	Watermelons		
United States.....	892,179	858,862	Florida.....	152,944	160,866
Cucumbers			Georgia.....	84,231	76,438
Alabama.....	16,659	15,379	South Carolina.....	26,276	17,174
Florida.....	137,601	118,524	United States.....	594,033	656,655
Georgia.....	43,853	35,212	Strawberries		
South Carolina.....	(D)	(D)	Florida.....	299,114	281,750
United States.....	392,013	332,867	United States.....	2,895,813	2,670,523

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Vegetables 2018 Summary*, February 2019

Principal Vegetable and Strawberry Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2017 and 2018

Crop / State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018	2017	2018
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Beans, snap								
Florida.....	28,000	33,000	27,500	31,500	58.0	50.0	1,595.0	1,575.0
Georgia.....	12,500	12,200	10,600	11,900	61.0	47.0	646.6	559.3
United States.....	221,800	235,400	212,100	221,500	85.2	79.4	18,076.3	17,595.2
Cabbage								
Florida.....	9,000	9,300	8,600	8,900	360.0	360.0	3,096.0	3,204.0
Georgia.....	4,100	4,300	3,800	2,900	420.0	400.0	1,596.0	1,160.0
United States.....	62,900	58,300	60,600	54,200	393.2	359.9	23,826.0	19,507.5
Cantaloupe								
Florida.....	2,300	(D)	2,200	(D)	260.0	(D)	572.0	(D)
Georgia.....	4,600	(D)	4,500	(D)	140.0	(D)	630.0	(D)
South Carolina.....	1,000	(D)	900	(D)	310.0	(D)	279.0	(D)
United States.....	64,900	62,300	63,250	60,700	243.4	240.6	15,394.8	14,607.0
Corn, sweet								
Florida.....	41,700	42,000	39,000	39,700	140.0	120.0	5,460.0	4,764.0
Georgia.....	26,000	30,000	25,100	29,000	160.0	150.0	4,016.0	4,350.0
United States.....	484,800	494,600	464,600	473,100	162.9	154.9	75,674.4	73,279.7
Cucumbers								
Alabama.....	5,600	6,000	5,400	5,900	140.0	105.0	756.0	619.5
Florida.....	26,000	25,000	25,900	24,900	205.0	170.0	5,309.5	4,233.0
Georgia.....	9,500	10,200	9,500	9,400	175.0	150.0	1,662.5	1,410.0
United States.....	119,100	114,300	117,200	110,900	161.4	139.3	18,912.8	15,450.4
Onions								
Georgia.....	11,600	11,600	10,800	10,800	350.0	260.0	3,780.0	2,808.0
United States.....	154,700	135,100	151,500	130,200	543.8	556.1	82,389.0	72,409.0
Peppers, bell								
Florida.....	12,500	12,400	12,000	11,900	335.0	300.0	4,020.0	3,570.0
Georgia.....	3,500	3,400	3,400	3,200	290.0	265.0	986.0	848.0
United States.....	43,500	41,600	42,200	39,700	341.0	324.8	14,390.0	12,895.0
Squash								
Florida.....	7,800	(D)	7,500	(D)	130.0	(D)	975.0	(D)
Georgia.....	3,300	(D)	3,300	(D)	155.0	(D)	511.5	(D)
United States.....	47,300	47,400	45,900	44,800	174.5	165.0	8,009.1	7,392.5
Tomatoes								
Florida.....	29,000	29,000	28,000	27,000	300.0	280.0	8,400.0	7,560.0
South Carolina.....	2,900	3,300	2,800	3,200	370.0	360.0	1,036.0	1,152.0
United States.....	320,900	330,800	310,500	321,900	791.2	863.8	245,654.5	278,071.0
Watermelons								
Florida.....	22,400	22,600	22,000	22,500	395.0	360.0	8,690.0	8,100.0
Georgia.....	22,000	23,000	20,900	20,600	380.0	260.0	7,942.0	5,356.0
South Carolina.....	5,000	4,500	4,900	4,300	440.0	230.0	2,156.0	989.0
United States.....	115,000	116,200	107,800	111,400	378.3	350.5	40,781.5	39,045.0
Strawberries								
Florida.....	9,600	9,900	9,500	9,800	225.0	250.0	2,137.5	2,450.0
United States.....	54,700	49,900	53,200	49,220	511.4	580.6	27,208.0	28,577.9

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