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ONION PRODUCTION

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AUSTIN . . . **Spring onion** production in South Texas is estimated at 3.9 million hundredweight (cwt), up 61 percent from last year, according to figures released by the USDA-NASS, Texas Field Office. Planted acreage totaled 10,300, down 6 percent from 2008. Texas' harvested acreage is estimated at 8,900 acres, unchanged from a year ago. Yield is estimated at 435 cwt per acre, up 165 cwt from last year.

United States' producers harvested 27,000 acres, down 5 percent from a year ago. U.S. production is estimated at 9.7 million cwt, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Texas **summer non-storage onion** production is forecasted at 300 hundredweight (cwt), up from last year's 280 hundredweight.

Yield is estimated at 500 cwt per acre, compared with 400 cwt last year. Harvested acreage is estimated at 600 acres compared with 700 acres a year ago.

United States' production of non-storage summer onions is estimated at 10.6 million cwt, up 3 percent from last year.

Harvested acreage is expected to total 17,700 acres, down 9 percent from a year ago. Yield is forecast at 599 cwt per acre compared with 533 cwt last year.

TEXAS SPRING ONIONS: ACRES PLANTED AND HARVESTED BY AREAS, 2007-2009

Area	Acres planted			Acres harvested		
	2007	2008	2009	2007	2008	2009
	<i>Acres</i>			<i>Acres</i>		
Lower Rio Grande Valley / Coastal Bend	9,500	9,200	8,200	8,300	7,900	7,100
Winter Garden/ Laredo	3,000	1,800	2,100	2,100	1,600	1,800
TOTAL ALL AREAS	12,500	11,000	10,300	10,400	9,500	8,900