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Austin . . . Onion producers in South Texas expects to harvest 8,600 acres of spring onions this year. This forecast is 500 acres less than last year.

Planted acreage for the 2010 spring crop is down 3 percent from a year ago, to 10,000 acres, and down 9 percent from the 2008 crop.

Expected acreage for harvest in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and Coastal Bend is estimated at 7,100 acres, down 7 percent from 2009.

In the San Antonio-Winter Garden and Laredo areas, producers expect to harvest 1,500 acres, the same as last year.

United States onion acreage planted for spring is forecast at 28,000 acres, down 7 percent from 2009.

**TEXAS SPRING ONIONS:  
ACRES PLANTED AND HARVESTED BY AREAS, 2008-2010 <sup>1/</sup>**

Area	Acres planted			Acres harvested		
	2008	2009	2010	2008	2009	2010
		<u>Acres</u>			<u>Acres</u>	
Lower Rio Grande Valley/Coastal Bend. . .	9,200	8,200	8,200	7,500	7,600	7,100
Winter Garden/Laredo. . . . .	1,800	2,100	1,800	1,400	1,500	1,500
<b>TOTAL ALL AREAS. . . . .</b>	<b>11,000</b>	<b>10,300</b>	<b>10,000</b>	<b>8,900</b>	<b>9,100</b>	<b>8,600</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary 2010 acres.