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Texas Spring Onion Acreage

Austin . . . Onion producers in South Texas expects to harvest 11,200 acres of spring onions this year. This forecast is 2,600 acres more than last year.

Planted acreage for the 2011 spring crop is up 30 percent from a year ago, to 13,000 acres, and up 30 percent from the 2010 crop.

Expected acreage for harvest in the Lower Rio Grande Valley and Coastal Bend is estimated at 8,600 acres, up 21 percent from 2010.

In the San Antonio-Winter Garden and Laredo areas, producers expect to harvest 2,600 acres, up 73 percent from 2010.

United States onion acreage planted for spring is forecast at 50,000 acres, up 1 percent from 2010.

**TEXAS SPRING ONIONS:
ACRES PLANTED AND HARVESTED BY AREAS, 2009-2011 ¹**

Area	Acres planted			Acres harvested		
	2009	2010	2011	2009	2010	2011
	<i>Acres</i>			<i>Acres</i>		
Lower Rio Grande Valley/Coastal Bend. . .	8,200	8,200	10,000	7,300	7,100	8,600
Winter Garden/Laredo.	2,100	1,800	3,000	1,800	1,500	2,600
TOTAL ALL AREAS.	10,300	10,000	13,000	9,100	8,600	11,200

¹ Preliminary 2011 acres.

Link to the US report: <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/usda/nass/Vege//2010s/2011/Vege-01-11-2011.pdf>
Link to USDA-NASS website: www.nass.usda.gov