



# Vegetables

There was moderate temperatures and sporadic rainfall throughout the Commonwealth during vegetable season. Due to dry conditions, most of the reported vegetable yields were lower when compared to last year. Virginia vegetable growers harvested 500 acres of cabbage, no change from last year. Cabbage yielded 140 hundredweight per acre, the lowest in the last 10 years. One thousand-three hundred acres of cucumbers were harvested in the Commonwealth, slightly higher than last year's harvest. The price for cucumbers was unchanged from last year's estimate of \$22.00 per

hundredweight. Virginia's snap beans remain a predominate crop at 5,200 acres harvested for fresh market use. The yield was 34 hundredweight per acre, up 1 hundredweight per acre from last year. It was a better year for tomato growers with a increased yield from 280 hundredweight per acre to 300 hundredweight per acre. Local tomatoes sold for \$43.90 per hundredweight, up \$5.20 from last year. Watermelon production was 165 thousand hundredweight, down 38 percent from last year.

## SELECTED VEGETABLES FOR FRESH MARKET, 2009 <sup>1/</sup>

	Planted -acres-	Harvested -acres-	Yield -cwt-	Production -000 cwt-	Dollars -per cwt-	Total -000 dols.-
Cabbage	500	500	140	70	13.00	910
Cucumbers	1,400	1,300	50	65	22.00	1,430
Snap Beans	5,500	5,200	34	177	25.00	4,425
Sweet Corn	3,000	2,900	35	102	25.00	2,550
Tomatoes	5,000	4,800	300	1,440	43.90	63,216
Watermelon	1,200	1,100	150	165	9.00	1,485
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,600</b>	<b>15,800</b>		<b>2,019</b>		<b>74,016</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Preliminary.

## TOTAL VEGETABLES FOR PROCESSING 2008 - 2009 <sup>1/</sup>

	Planted -acres-	Harvested -acres-	Production -tons-	Total -000 dols.-
2008	2,460	2,370	10,580	3,037
<b>2009</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>960</b>	<b>3,910</b>	<b>1,109</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Snap beans and sweet corn.