

VEGETABLES — PROCESSING

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GREEN PEAS FOR PROCESSING INDICATED PRODUCTION July 15, 1964

Production of green peas for processing in the United States during 1964 is expected to total 490,490 tons, down 5 percent from 1963 but up slightly from average, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Mid-July yield prospects averaged slightly higher than on July 1 and the mid-July estimate of production is up 1 percent from July 1.

Yields from early plantings were poor in most States, but yields are averaging considerably higher on later plantings. Early maturing peas were especially hurt by dry soil conditions. Yields of later peas have been extremely variable depending primarily on the quantity of rainfall received. Although rains during late June and early July in the North Central States were generally too late to help early peas, they benefited late peas. However, at mid-July, much of the acreage remaining for harvest was still in need of additional moisture. Storm and hail damage reduced yields in Wisconsin. Yields in the northwestern States were expected to be average or above.

Early pea harvest was nearing completion over most of the northeastern section of the country by mid-July. Harvest of later maturing peas was generally well underway. In Washington and Oregon, harvest in most areas was progressing well. Harvest in California was complete by about mid-June. Compared with 1963, production of peas this year is expected to be larger in Wisconsin, Minnesota, and California.

Green peas for processing: Preliminary acreage and indicated production, by States, 1964 with comparisons

State	Acreage			Yield per acre			Production		
	Harvested		For harvest 1964	Av. 58-62	1963	Ind. 1964	Average 1958-62	1963	Ind. 1964
	Average 1958-62	1963							
	- Acres -			- Pounds -			- Tons -		
New York	10,580	10,900	8,200	2,990	2,190	2,800	15,780	11,940	11,480
Pennsylvania..	5,200	5,400	5,700	2,870	3,240	2,500	7,400	8,750	7,120
Delaware	6,600	8,500	8,600	2,790	3,110	1,900	9,100	13,220	8,170
Maryland	7,120	8,200	7,900	2,960	3,210	1,600	10,500	13,160	6,320
Indiana	1,720	1,300	900	1,850	1,780	1,400	1,610	1,160	630
Michigan	5,100	7,700	5,600	2,280	2,020	2,200	5,850	7,780	6,160
Wisconsin	97,080	116,500	119,000	2,540	2,140	2,100	123,110	124,660	124,950
Minnesota	45,720	53,400	52,500	2,510	1,950	2,100	57,390	52,060	55,120
Idaho	13,140	11,300	11,300	2,100	2,670	2,300	13,400	15,090	13,000
Washington ...	70,800	78,900	76,000	2,880	2,880	2,800	101,860	113,620	106,400
Oregon	58,540	59,600	61,000	2,060	2,160	2,000	60,140	64,370	61,000
California ...	8,380	9,200	10,200	3,230	3,130	3,570	13,530	14,400	18,210
Other States ^{1/}	45,960	50,470	51,980	2,992	2,992	2,768	68,640	75,500	71,930
United States	375,940	421,370	418,880	2,600	2,448	2,342	488,310	515,710	490,490

^{1/} Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Illinois, Iowa, Maine, Montana, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, and Wyoming.

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