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INTENTIONS TO CONTRACT ACREAGES OF PROCESSING VEGETABLE CROPS, 1972

Statistics Canada conducted a survey of all the licenced vegetable processors in Canada in March of this year to obtain information on acreages of the principal processing crops which they intended to contract for 1972. The purpose of this programme is to provide an early indication of the acreages for these crops. Acreage contracted and acreage harvested statistics are also collected and published separately at appropriate times later in the season. It should be noted that the surveys pertain only to vegetables for processing. However, some of the produce from the processing acreage may find its way to the fresh market.

The acreage figures include crops grown by farmers under contract to processors as well as crops grown on land owned or rented by processors. Published with this year's intended acreages for purposes of comparison are the 1971 intended, contracted and harvested acreage totals.

It should be emphasized that the 1972 figures are the intentions at the time of reporting. Acreages actually contracted later in the season could vary considerably for a variety of factors such as weather or economic conditions.

In Ontario the intended 1972 acreage of beans can be broken down into 1,650 acres for freezing and 1,610 acres for canning or pickling, corn can be divided into 9,390 acres for freezing and 23,130 acres for canning or pickling, and pea acreage can be broken down to 9,360 for freezing and 12,070 for canning or pickling.

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TABLE 1. Contracted Acreages by Processors 1971 and Intended Acreages of Beans, Corn, Peas, Tomatoes, 1972

Province and crop		Acres, 1971			1972 intended to contract
		Intended	Contracted	Harvested	
Maritimes	Beans	---	---	1,860	---
	Peas	6,450	6,370	5,720	8,000
	Tomatoes	---	---	---	---
Quebec	Beans	14,040	13,020	11,890	13,890
	Corn	10,200	11,750	10,140	11,090
	Peas	18,280	18,700	16,810	18,340
	Tomatoes	1,050	1,060	1,080	1,000
Ontario	Beans	3,030	3,060	3,070	3,260
	Corn	28,270	32,240	32,750	32,520
	Peas	20,580	19,060	18,270	21,430
	Tomatoes	19,930	20,120	20,030	20,090
Prairies	Beans	---	---	700	---
	Corn	2,640	2,680	2,640	2,050
	Peas	2,870	3,010	2,820	3,150
British Columbia	Beans	2,420	2,080	1,760	1,750
	Corn	5,110	5,240	5,120	3,150
	Peas	5,520	4,590	4,830	4,390
	Tomatoes	---	---	---	---
Canada	Beans	22,660	22,110	19,280	23,230
	Corn	46,220	51,910	50,650	48,810
	Peas	53,700	51,730	48,450	55,310
	Tomatoes	21,640	21,760	21,410	21,330

--- Less than three firms reporting, answers incorporated in totals.

TABLE 2. Acreages of Cole Crops, Spinach and Carrots contracted 1971 and 1972

Crop		Acres, 1971			1972 intended to contract
		Intended	Contracted	Harvested	
Canada	Asparagus	2,820	1,580	1,350	1,970
	Brocoli	760	870	740	1,060
	Brussels Sprouts	490	630	520	760
	Cauliflower	540	540	420	580
	Cucumbers	8,500	8,050	7,510	7,850
	Spinach	---	---	---	---
	Carrots	..	..	..	1,210(1)

(1) First year available.
.. Not available.
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