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## VEGETABLES 2021 SUMMARY

### ARIZONA

Arizona harvested 63,600 acres of lettuce in 2021, down 6 percent from the 68,000 acres harvested in 2020, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Of that, 28,900 acres were head lettuce, 11,200 acres were leaf lettuce, and 23,500 acres were Romaine lettuce. The state produced 19.72 million hundredweight (cwt) of lettuce in 2021, with a value of utilized lettuce production of \$651.06 million in 2021, down from \$720.87 million in 2020.

### COLORADO

Colorado harvested 3,000 acres of onions in 2021, unchanged from the 3,000 acres harvested in 2020, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The state produced 1.40 million hundredweight (cwt) of onions in 2021, an increase of 9 percent from the 1.28 million cwt produced in 2020. The value of utilized onion production increased to \$26.80 million in 2021, from \$24.61 million in 2020.

### NEW MEXICO

New Mexico harvested 8,500 acres of chile peppers in 2021, up 4 percent from 8,200 acres harvested in 2020, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The state produced 1.02 million hundredweight (cwt) of chile peppers in 2021, a decrease of 22 percent from the 1.31 million cwt produced in 2020. The value of utilized chile pepper production decreased to \$45.00 million in 2021, from \$50.10 million in 2020.

### Vegetables for Fresh Market and Processing: Arizona, Colorado & New Mexico, 2020 - 2021

|                   | Harvested Acres |        | Utilized Production (1,000 cwt) |          |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------|---------------------------------|----------|
|                   | 2020            | 2021   | 2020                            | 2021     |
| <b>Arizona</b>    |                 |        |                                 |          |
| Broccoli          | 10,800          | 11,200 | 1,512.0                         | 1,512.0  |
| Cabbage           | 3,800           | 4,000  | 1,748.0                         | 1,640.0  |
| Cantaloupes       | 11,100          | 9,300  | 3,053.0                         | 2,744.0  |
| Cauliflower       | 6,000           | 5,800  | 1,170.0                         | 1,131.0  |
| Lettuce, Head     | 32,500          | 28,900 | 10,552.0                        | 10,260.0 |
| Lettuce, Leaf     | 9,800           | 11,200 | 2,401.0                         | 2,296.0  |
| Lettuce, Romaine  | 25,700          | 23,500 | 7,574.0                         | 7,168.0  |
| Spinach           | 12,400          | 11,500 | 1,674.0                         | 1,495.0  |
| Watermelons       | 4,400           | 4,900  | 2,090.0                         | 2,058.0  |
| <b>Colorado</b>   |                 |        |                                 |          |
| Onions            | 3,000           | 3,000  | 1,275.0                         | 1,395.0  |
| <b>New Mexico</b> |                 |        |                                 |          |
| Onions            | 6,200           | 6,500  | 4,154.0                         | 4,420.0  |
| Peppers, Chile    | 8,200           | 8,500  | 1,312.0                         | 1,019.0  |

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

## UNITED STATES

In 2021, the Nation's production for the 26 estimated vegetable and melon crops totaled 679 million cwt, down 4 percent from 2020. The utilized production totaled 675 million cwt, down 4 percent from 2020. Area harvested in 2021 was 2.27 million acres, down slightly from 2020. The top three vegetables, in terms of area harvested, were sweet corn, tomatoes, and snap beans. In terms of total production, the three largest crops were tomatoes, onions, and sweet corn, which combined accounted for 53 percent of the all vegetables total.

The value of utilized production for 2021 vegetable crops was \$12.7 billion, down 10 percent from the previous year. Tomatoes, Romaine lettuce, and onions claimed the highest values, accounting for 28 percent of the utilized value of production when combined.

### Vegetables for Fresh Market and Processing: United States, 2020 – 2021

| United States    | Harvested Acres |         | Utilized Production (1,000 cwt) |          |
|------------------|-----------------|---------|---------------------------------|----------|
|                  | 2020            | 2021    | 2020                            | 2021     |
| Broccoli         | 100,300         | 105,700 | 15,760.4                        | 13,784.7 |
| Cabbage          | 58,000          | 57,000  | 23,512.0                        | 21,087.8 |
| Cantaloupes      | 37,100          | 36,900  | 11,218.1                        | 10,561.5 |
| Cauliflower      | 42,900          | 45,100  | 9,000.4                         | 8,205.0  |
| Lettuce, Head    | 105,900         | 104,300 | 38,388.1                        | 35,116.6 |
| Lettuce, Leaf    | 61,700          | 60,900  | 15,635.5                        | 12,474.3 |
| Lettuce, Romaine | 93,500          | 93,900  | 30,286.9                        | 27,231.5 |
| Onions           | 131,300         | 136,800 | 72,227.7                        | 67,747.1 |
| Peppers, Chile   | 9,900           | 10,600  | 1,890.0                         | 1,660.2  |
| Spinach          | 58,300          | 53,800  | 7,164.0                         | 6,936.2  |
| Watermelons      | 94,600          | 99,000  | 34,392.7                        | 33,702.5 |

For a full copy of the *Vegetables 2021 Summary* report, please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov). For state specific questions, please contact:

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