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VEGETABLES 2022 SUMMARY

ARIZONA

Arizona harvested 61,400 acres of lettuce in 2022, down 3 percent from the 63,600 acres harvested in 2021, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Of that, 27,000 acres were head lettuce, 10,900 acres were leaf lettuce, and 23,500 acres were Romaine lettuce. The state produced 19.98 million hundredweight (cwt) of lettuce in 2022, with a value of utilized lettuce production of \$969.07 million in 2022, up sharply from \$651.06 million in 2021.

COLORADO

Colorado harvested 2,700 acres of onions in 2022, down 10 percent from the 3,000 acres harvested in 2021, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The state produced 1.30 million hundredweight (cwt) of onions in 2022, a decrease of less than 1 percent from the 1.31 million cwt produced in 2021. The value of utilized onion production increased to \$28.03 million in 2022, up 13 percent from \$24.76 million in 2021.

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico harvested 8,200 acres of chile peppers in 2022, down 4 percent from 8,500 acres harvested in 2021, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The state produced 1.07 million hundredweight (cwt) of chile peppers in 2022, an increase of 5 percent from the 1.02 million cwt produced in 2021. The value of utilized chile pepper production increased to \$46.21 million in 2022, up 3 percent from \$45.03 million in 2021.

Vegetables for Fresh Market and Processing: Arizona, Colorado & New Mexico, 2021 - 2022

	Harvested Acres		Utilized Production (1,000 cwt)	
	2021	2022	2021	2022
Arizona				
Broccoli	11,200	11,600	1,512.0	1,508.0
Cabbage	4,000	3,900	1,640.0	1,950.0
Cantaloupes	11,200	(D)	2,744.0	(D)
Cauliflower	5,500	5,400	1,100.0	1,080.0
Lettuce, Head	28,900	27,000	10,259.5	10,530.0
Lettuce, Leaf	11,200	10,900	2,296.0	2,398.0
Lettuce, Romaine	23,500	23,500	7,167.5	7,050.0
Spinach	11,500	11,200	1,495.0	2,128.0
Watermelons	4,600	4,900	2,024.0	2,131.5
Colorado	2021	2022	2021	2022
Onions	3,000	2,700	1,289.3	1,257.1
New Mexico	2021	2022	2021	2022
Onions	6,500	5,700	4,420.0	3,286.2
Peppers, Chile	8,500	8,200	1,019.0	1,063.9

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

UNITED STATES

In 2022, the Nation's production for the 26 estimated vegetable and melon crops totaled 658 million cwt, down 2 percent from 2021. The utilized production totaled 655 million cwt, down 2 percent from 2021. Area harvested in 2022 was 2.14 million acres, down 5 percent from 2021. 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 2022 vegetable crops was \$16.5 billion, up 27 percent from the previous year. Tomatoes, onions, and romaine lettuce claimed the highest values, accounting for 30 percent of the utilized value of production when combined.

Vegetables for Fresh Market and Processing: United States, 2021 – 2022

United States	Harvested Acres		Utilized Production (1,000 cwt)	
	2021	2022	2021	2022
Broccoli	101,700	96,400	13,265.2	12,097.4
Cabbage	57,000	56,100	21,004.0	22,658.7
Cantaloupes	36,700	39,100	10,032.0	10,734.5
Cauliflower	44,800	39,900	8,174.0	8,317.8
Lettuce, Head	104,300	97,800	35,116.6	33,186.0
Lettuce, Leaf	60,900	61,700	12,474.3	14,070.3
Lettuce, Romaine	93,900	88,100	27,231.5	25,442.6
Onions	135,800	127,200	67,131.6	63,663.2
Peppers, Chile	10,600	9,800	1,660.2	1,743.2
Spinach	53,800	60,300	6,936.2	8,471.3
Watermelons	97,700	93,200	33,390.1	32,769.8

For a full copy of the *Vegetables 2022 Summary* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your USDA NASS State Statistician at 1-800-392-3202.

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