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VEGETABLES 2023 SUMMARY

ARIZONA

Arizona harvested 68,500 acres of lettuce in 2023, up 5 percent from the 65,000 acres harvested in 2022, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Of that, 30,200 acres were head lettuce, 13,400 acres were leaf lettuce, and 24,900 acres were Romaine lettuce. The state produced 22.06 million hundredweight (cwt) of lettuce in 2023, with a value of utilized lettuce production of \$895.44 million in 2023, down from \$965.17 million in 2022.

COLORADO

Colorado harvested 3,000 acres of onions in 2023, up 7 percent from the 2,800 acres harvested in 2022, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The state produced 1.05 million hundredweight (cwt) of onions in 2023, a decrease of 19 percent from the 1.30 million cwt produced in 2022, with a value of utilized onion production of \$23.42 million in 2023, down from \$29.07 million in 2022.

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico harvested 8,500 acres of chile peppers in 2023, unchanged from 2022, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. The state produced 931,300 hundredweight (cwt) of chile peppers in 2023, a decrease of 16 percent from the 1.10 million cwt produced in 2022, with a value of utilized chile pepper production of \$41.46 million in 2023, down 13 percent from \$47.89 million in 2022.

Vegetables for Fresh Market and Processing: Arizona, Colorado & New Mexico, 2022 - 2023

	Harvested Acres		Utilized Production (1,000 cwt)	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
Arizona				
Broccoli	13,200	12,500	1,508.8	1,500.0
Cabbage	3,500	3,900	1,925.0	2,164.5
Cantaloupes	(D)	(D)	(D)	(D)
Cauliflower	6,300	7,200	1,071.0	972.0
Lettuce, Head	28,300	30,200	10,612.5	11,627.0
Lettuce, Leaf	11,700	13,400	2,340.0	2,211.0
Lettuce, Romaine	25,000	24,900	7,000.0	8,217.0
Spinach	10,800	12,600	2,106.0	1,827.0
Watermelons	5,200	4,100	2,132.0	1,693.0
Colorado				
Onions	2,800	3,000	1,303.7	1,050.0
New Mexico				
Onions	5,800	5,600	3,343.8	3,808.0
Peppers, Chile	8,500	8,500	1,102.8	931.3

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

UNITED STATES

In 2023, the Nation's production for the 26 estimated vegetable and melon crops totaled 758 million cwt, up 6 percent from 2022. The utilized production totaled 754 million cwt, up 6 percent from 2022. Area harvested in 2023 was 2.33 million acres, down 3 percent from 2022. 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 54 percent of the all vegetables total.

The value of utilized production for 2023 vegetable crops was \$19.5 billion, up less than 1 percent from the previous year. Tomatoes, romaine lettuce, and carrots claimed the highest values, accounting for 34 percent of the utilized value of production when combined.

Vegetables for Fresh Market and Processing: United States, 2022 – 2023

United States	Harvested Acres		Utilized Production (1,000 cwt)	
	2022	2023	2022	2023
Broccoli	127,700	109,000	16,950.8	15,010.0
Cabbage	52,600	51,700	21,973.7	21,175.0
Cantaloupes	45,600	43,400	12,771.5	10,801.3
Cauliflower	47,400	45,700	9,693.4	8,279.7
Lettuce, Head	133,500	123,800	44,276.5	44,387.0
Lettuce, Leaf	78,800	76,900	17,757.6	17,768.5
Lettuce, Romaine	127,000	131,300	36,040.9	41,733.0
Onions	135,000	133,700	69,267.9	72,423.2
Peppers, Chile	11,800	11,700	2,503.9	2,083.3
Spinach	68,000	73,000	9,439.4	9,323.6
Watermelons	103,400	101,200	35,471.5	36,852.1

For a full copy of the *Vegetables 2023 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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