

Monthly Hawaii Vegetables

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Return of Trade Wind Weather Allows State To Recover From A Soggy March

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Weather for the first few days of April started nearly as wet as it had ended in March. The return of breezy trade wind weather allowed the State a chance to dry out and assess any damages which may have resulted from the inundation the State suffered from the previous 6 weeks of heavy rainfall. Although the vegetable and melon crops were recovering, progress was slow. Rainfall amounts on Kauai were mostly below normal levels, but this provided the farmers a much needed break from the wet conditions in earlier weeks. On Oahu, rainfall totals were mixed as some central windward locations received near normal rainfall amounts. However, most other sectors of the island experienced much drier conditions, with leeward locations being very dry. Weather conditions for Maui were generally dry, with conditions in upcountry very dry. Weather conditions on the Big Island returned to more normal patterns. Rainfall amounts along windward or eastern portions of the island were greater than over Kona, the leeward sector of the island.

Changes in the expected acres for harvest for vegetables in May when compared with acres harvested in April were mixed. Declines in harvested acreage are expected for **snap beans** (-64%), **Chinese cabbage** (-10%) **head cabbage** (-11%), **sweet corn** (-16%), **head lettuce** (-33%), **semi-head lettuce** (-20%), and **romaine** (-22%). Increases in harvested acreage are expected for: **mustard cabbage** (+13%), **cucumbers** (+5%), and **dry onions** (+189%), while **green onions** acreage is expected to remain unchanged.

Acreage Acres planted, harvested, and for harvest for 11 selected vegetables, State of Hawaii.

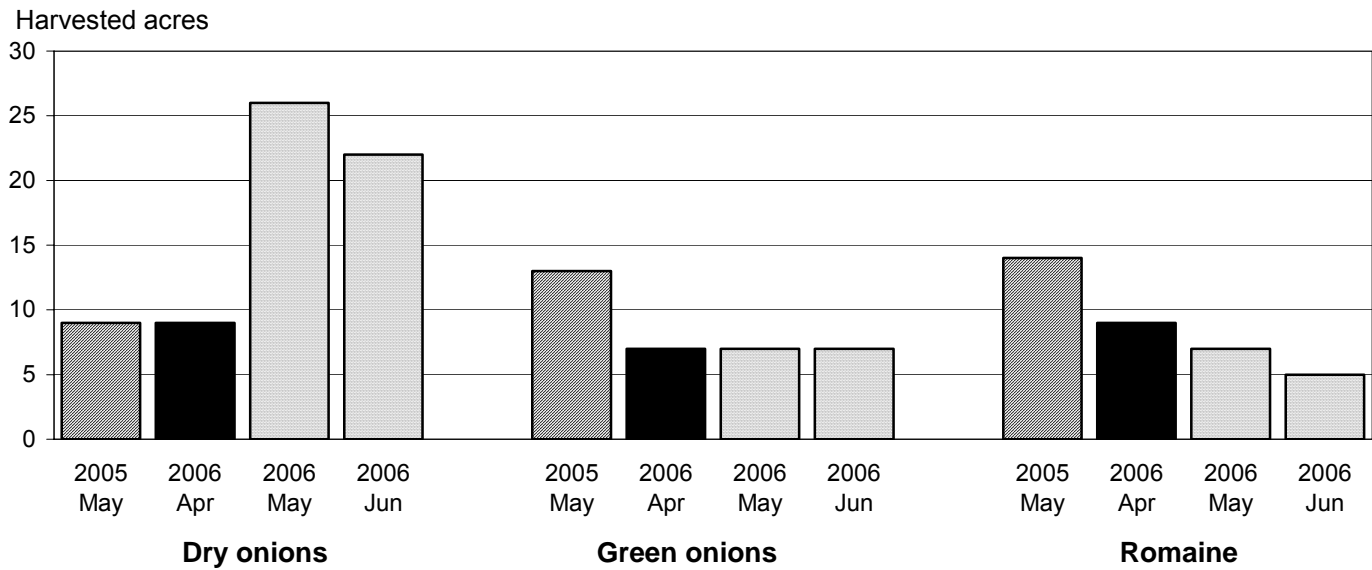
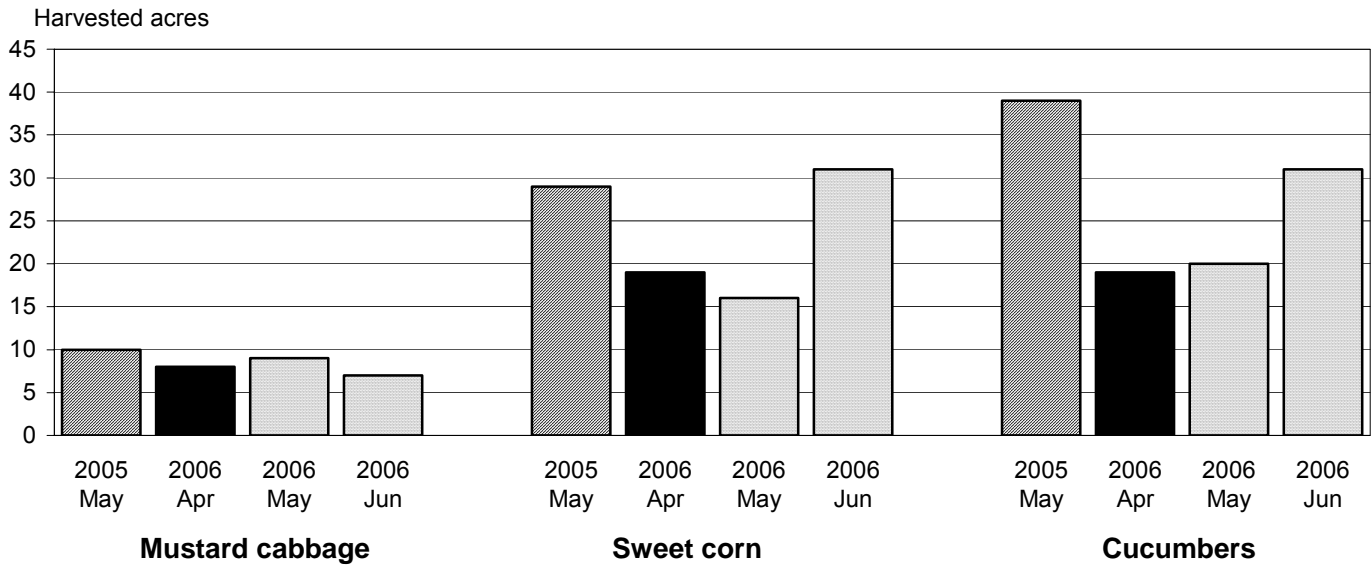
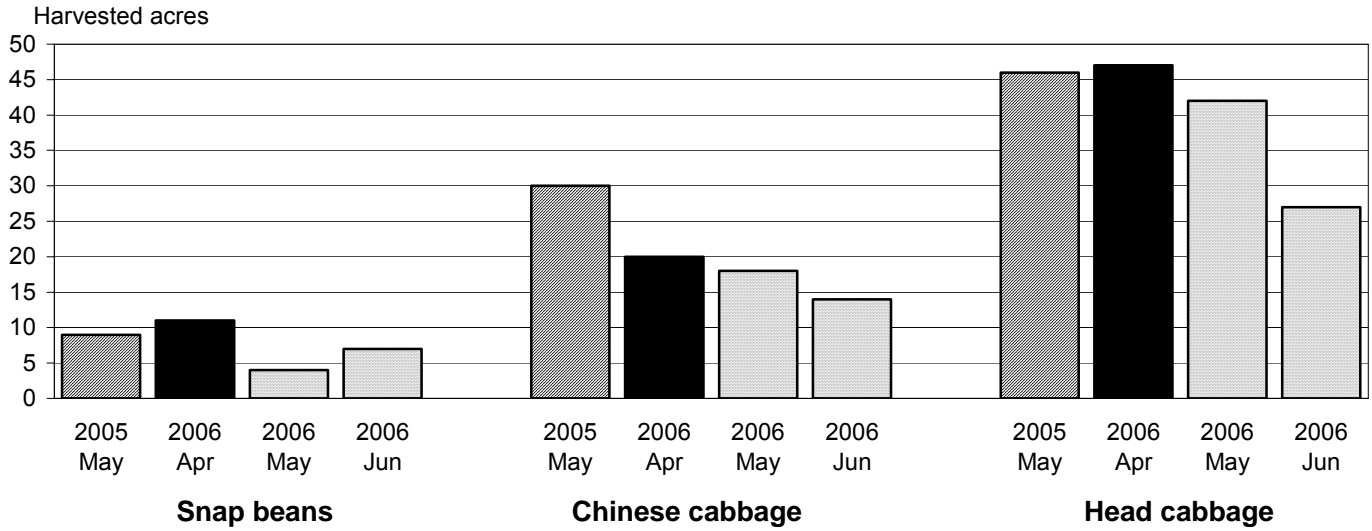
Crop	Acres planted		Acres harvested		Acres for harvest	
	Mar 2006	Apr 2006	Mar 2006	Apr 2006	May 2006	Jun 2006
Beans, snap	4	8	9	11	4	7
Cabbage, Chinese	18	22	29	20	18	14
Cabbage, head	35	40	46	47	42	27
Cabbage, mustard	9	10	8	8	9	7
Corn, sweet	10	36	22	19	16	31
Cucumbers	22	31	23	19	20	31
Lettuce, head	6	4	4	6	4	2
Lettuce, semi-head	4	4	5	5	4	4
Onions, dry	8	16	11	9	26	22
Onions, green	4	10	10	7	7	7
Romaine	10	6	10	9	7	4

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Harvested acreage charts

Acres harvested a year ago
 Acres harvested last month
 Acres intended for harvest



April Review

Production Below Year-Ago, But Slightly Above Previous Month

Chinese cabbage growers produced an estimated 578,000 pounds during April, this was a 3-percent increase from last month and a one-percent increase from a year ago. Crop condition was generally very good. Sunny days and cool night time temperatures helped to maintain the crop in fair to good condition.

Head cabbage growers produced an estimated 1.1 million pounds for April, a decrease of 15 percent and 10 percent from March 2006 and April 2005, respectively. An increase in insect infestation and the heavy rains during March affect yields slightly, during April. Cool temperatures and drier conditions helped to maintain the crop in fair to good condition.

Cucumber production which totaled 371,000 pounds in April was 11 percent below a year ago, but 15 percent above March. Fields which were affected by the heavy rains during March and survived were in fair to good condition.

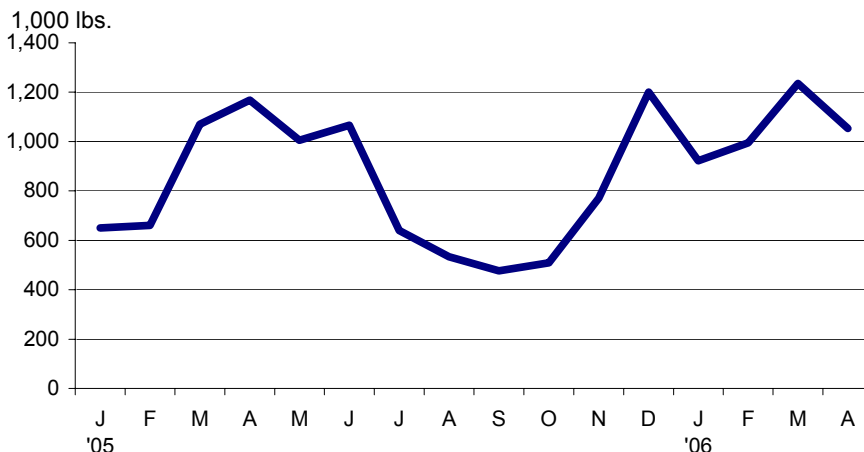
Dry onions production totaled

95,000 pounds, during April, a decline of 77 percent from a year ago, but 36 percent above March this year. The heavy rains during March affect harvesting activities and production during both March and April. Drier weather along with warming temperatures has the crop in fair to good condition.

Tomato growers produced 1.2

million pounds for April, a decrease of 16 percent from a year ago, but 25 percent above March. Improved weather condition during April offset the wet conditions of March, which had hampered field progress. The tomato crop was in fair to good condition. ■

**Hawaii Head Cabbage
Monthly Production, 2005 – 2006**



Acreage, average yield, sales, and average farm price, April 2006, State of Hawaii.

Crop	Total acres on May. 1	April 2006				January-to-date sales		
		Acres harvested	Average yield ^{1/}	Total sales	Average farm price	2005 ^{2/}	2006	Change
		----- 1,000 lbs. -----		Cents per lb.		----- 1,000 lbs. -----		Percent
Beans, snap	11	11	4.3	47	124.3	164	240	46
Cabbage, Chinese	32	20	28.9	578	25.9	2,159	2,269	5
Cabbage, head	87	47	22.4	1,053	22.0	3,548	4,205	19
Cabbage, mustard	14	8	10.4	83	61.7	471	471	0
Corn, sweet	52	19	6.3	119	62.1	296	342	16
Cucumbers	51	19	19.5	371	59.7	1,225	1,529	25
Lettuce, head	6	6	10.8	65	58.5	230	245	7
Lettuce, semi-head	8	5	5.2	26	85.6	116	145	25
Onions, dry	78	9	10.6	95	188.8	570	266	-53
Onions, green	17	7	7.3	51	132.5	337	395	17
Peppers, green	^{3/}	23	14.3	330	69.4	1,040	1,080	4
Romaine	10	9	10.3	93	62.0	586	473	-19
Tomatoes	^{3/}	77	16.0	1,231	74.2	4,187	4,671	12

^{1/} Total sales divided by acres harvested. ^{2/} Revised. ^{3/} Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.