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Wet weather extends into November

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Year-ago, month-ago, current, and upcoming harvested acreage.

November

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Production statistics and comments on selected crops.

Wet winter season weather continued into November as the National Weather Service issued flood advisories or flash flood warnings on 10 days during the month. In general, there were three main rainy periods during November. The first was during November 5 and 6 when a slow-moving cold front dropped moderate amounts of rain in the western half of the State. A strong shear line then moved through the State from November 13 to 15, dumping most of its showers in north and east facing areas of the islands. The heaviest rainfall, however, occurred between November 22 and November 28. During this period, intense showers and thunderstorms occurred over most areas of the State. Fortunately, no serious losses were sustained by vegetable farmers during the month, but the wet weather and cloudy skies slowed fieldwork and crop progress.

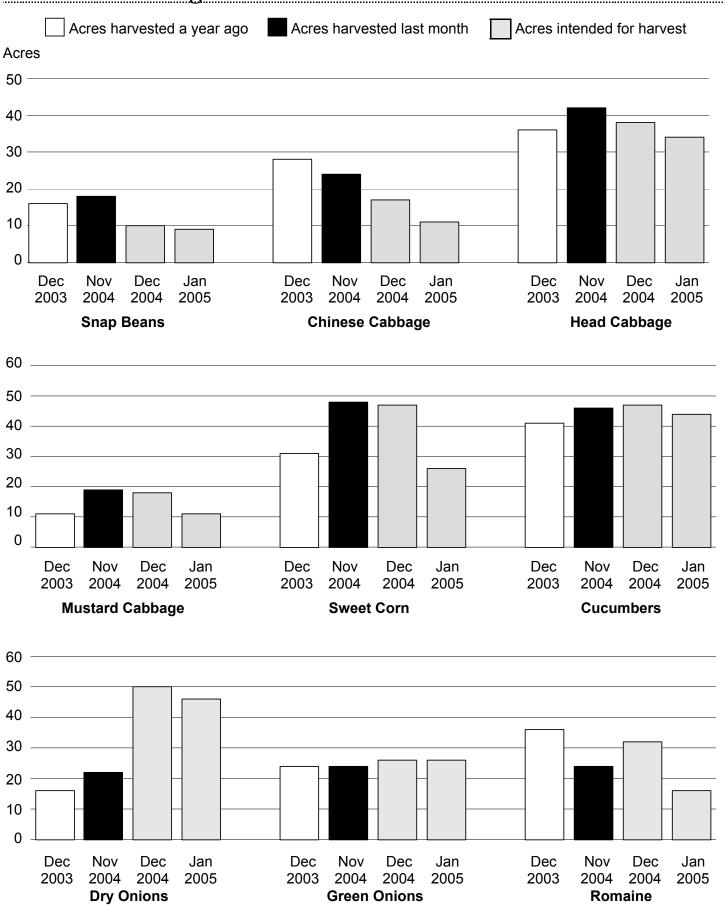
Changes in harvested acreage for vegetables will be mixed in December. Declines in harvested acreage are expected for snap beans (-44%), Chinese cabbage (-29%), head cabbage (-10%), mustard cabbage (-5%), and sweet corn (-2%). An equal number of vegetable crop are expected to show an increase in harvested acreage in December: cucumbers (+2%), dry onions (+127%), green onions (+8%), and romaine (+33%). Harvested acreage of semi-head (Manoa) lettuce is expected to remain unchanged at 5 acres in November.■

Acreage

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

Crop	Acres planted		Acres harvested		Acres for harvest	
	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Oct 2004	Nov 2004	Dec 2004	Jan 2005
Beans, snap	12	11	14	18	10	9
Cabbage, Chinese	22	20	24	24	17	11
Cabbage, head	39	38	26	42	38	34
Cabbage, mustard	22	15	13	19	18	11
Corn, sweet	45	24	32	48	47	26
Cucumbers	46	43	45	46	47	44
Lettuce, head	6	8	4	5	6	5
Lettuce, semi-head	5	5	5	5	5	5
Onions, dry	25	24	42	11	25	23
Onions, green	13	16	11	12	13	13
Romaine	14	15	7	12	16	8

Harvested acreage charts



Vegetable production mixed in November

SNAP BEAN production is estimated at 70,000 pounds for November, up 35 percent from last month, but down 8 percent from a year ago. Crop conditions varied from poor due to rain damage to mostly fair.

CHINESE CABBAGE production totaled 430,000 pounds in November, down 14 percent from October. Cloudy skies, wet conditions, and volcanic haze slowed crop progress on the Big Island.

HEAD CABBAGE production is estimated at 700,000 pounds, up 12 percent from last month but down 25 percent from a year ago. Mature fields survived the rains in good condition. There were some reports of washouts in younger plantings.

SWEET CORN production is estimated at 152,000 pounds for November, up 58 percent from last month but down 26 percent from a

year ago. Crop conditions varied from poor to fair.

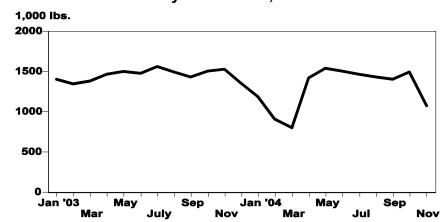
DRY ONION production totaled 210,000 pounds, up 23 percent from October and up 5 percent from a year ago. Overall crop conditions were fair.

GREEN PEPPER production is pegged at 204,000 pounds for November, down 34 percent from

October. Crop condition was fair due to rainy, windy weather and overcast skies.

TOMATO production is estimated at 1.1 million pounds in November, down 28 percent from last month and down 30 percent from a year ago. Crop conditions were generally fair. ■

Hawaii Tomatoes: Monthly Production, 2003 - 2004



Acreage, average yield, sales, and average farm price, November 2004, State of Hawaii.

Crop	Total acres on Dec 1 st	November 2004				January-to-date sales		
		Acres harvested	Average yield ^{1/}	Total sales	Average farm price	2003 ^{2/}	2004	Change
			1,000 lbs		Cents per lb.	1,000 lbs		Percent
Beans, snap	19	18	3.9	70	123.2	782	778	-1
Cabbage, Chinese	28	24	17.9	430	34.6	6,058	4,719	-22
Cabbage, head	72	42	16.7	700	30.5	11,815	7,757	-34
Cabbage, mustard	22	19	6.7	128	73.6	1,165	1,274	9
Corn, sweet	78	48	3.2	152	63.4	2,313	1,316	-43
Cucumbers	72	46	8.1	373	60.0	5,407	5,010	-7
Lettuce, head	10	5	12.0	60	52.7	772	718	-7
Lettuce, semi-head	9	5	7.0	35	71.0	277	343	24
Onions, dry	92	11	19.1	210	119.7	3,206	1,470	-54
Onions, green	30	12	8.0	96	104.0	1,299	1,058	-19
Peppers, green	3/	22	9.3	204	75.3	2,989	2,812	-6
Romaine	21	12	10.8	130	51.9	1,688	1,351	-20
Tomatoes	3/	64	16.8	1,078	81.4	16,123	14,268	-12

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