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#### **VEGETABLES 2024 SUMMARY**

### **ARIZONA**

Producers in Arizona harvested 64,200 acres of lettuce in 2024, down less than 1 percent from the 64,400 acres harvested in 2023, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Of that, 26,800 acres were head lettuce, 11,400 acres were leaf lettuce, and 26,000 acres were Romaine lettuce. Production totaled 21.54 million hundredweight (cwt) of lettuce in 2024, with a value of utilized lettuce production of \$934.10 million in 2024, up from \$869.69 million in 2023.

### **NEW MEXICO**

Producers in New Mexico harvested 8,000 acres of chile peppers in 2024, down 6 percent from the 8,500 acres harvested in 2023, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Production totaled 1.04 million hundredweight (cwt) of chile peppers in 2024, an increase of 11 percent from the 935,000 cwt produced in 2023, with a value of utilized chile pepper production of \$52.16 million in 2024, up 26 percent from \$47.84 million in 2023.

Vegetables for Fresh Market and Processing: Arizona & New Mexico, 2023 - 2024

Arizona	Harvested Acres		Utilized Production (1,000 cwt)	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
Broccoli	12,400	12,500	1,488.0	1,437.5
Cabbage	3,900	3,700	2,164.5	2,016.5
Cantaloupes	(D)	16,200	(D)	3,645.0
Cauliflower	7,200	6,300	972.0	1,165.5
Lettuce, Head	30,200	26,800	11,627.0	10,720.0
Lettuce, Leaf	9,300	11,400	2,232.0	2,109.0
Lettuce, Romaine	24,900	26,000	8,217.0	8,710.0
Spinach	12,200	(D)	1,830.0	(D)
Watermelons	4,100	3,600	1,693.0	1,692.0
New Mexico	2023	2024	2023	2024
Onions	5,600	5,700	3,752.0	4,156.9
Peppers, Chile	8,500	8,000	931.3	1,039.0

<sup>(</sup>D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

## **UNITED STATES**

In 2024, 28 vegetable and melon crops were estimated and included in this report. The two largest vegetables, in terms of area harvested, were sweet corn and tomatoes. In terms of total production, the largest crop was tomatoes.

Vegetables for Fresh Market and Processing: United States, 2023 - 2024

United States	Harvested Acres		Utilized Production (1,000 cwt)	
	2023	2024	2023	2024
Broccoli	101,900	99,000	14,018.0	13,535.4
Cabbage	49,500	50,800	19,921.8	20,632.9
Cantaloupes	42,000	44,100	10,466.3	10,630.0
Cauliflower	44,700	42,200	8,089.9	8,525.0
Lettuce, Head	121,700	109,600	43,652.0	41,770.0
Lettuce, Leaf	71,600	75,200	17,495.5	16,131.0
Lettuce, Romaine	131,300	116,600	41,733.0	39,061.0
Onions	134,100	134,900	72,829.5	76,757.2
Peppers, Chile	11,600	13,000	2,047.3	2,317.6
Spinach	69,000	50,700	8,876.6	6,173.5
Watermelons	99,300	109,000	36,477.3	36,907.1

For a full copy of the *Vegetables 2024 Summary* report, please visit <u>www.nass.usda.gov</u>. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact your USDA NASS State Statistician at 1-800-392-3202.

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