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For 2016, the value of utilized production for U.S. vegetable crops was \$13.4 billion. Tomatoes, head lettuce, and onions claimed the highest values, accounting for 32 percent of the 2016 total value when combined.

Florida ranked third nationally in value of utilized production with 8.9 percent of the U.S. total. Florida was the leading producer in value of utilized production for snap beans, cucumbers, and watermelon as well as the second leading for sweet corn, bell peppers, squash, strawberries, and tomatoes. Georgia lead the Nation in spring onion value of production.

Many significant changes were made to the vegetable estimating program beginning in 2016. Based on these changes, states included in the publication tables for a given commodity may have changed from previous years. Additionally, all States in the estimating program for a given vegetable crop now estimate both fresh and processing utilization. Estimates for 2014 and 2015 were not adjusted to meet new program definitions.

Vegetable Value of Production by Crop — States and United States: 2015 and 2016

Crop / State	Value of production ¹		Crop / State	Value of production ¹	
	2015	2016		2015	2016
	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)		(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Beans, snap			Peppers, bell		
Florida.....	76,261	108,196	Florida.....	220,478	209,711
Georgia.....	19,828	28,430	Georgia.....	48,485	32,736
United States.....	234,934	441,265	United States.....	732,699	735,776
Cabbage			Squash		
Florida.....	33,825	49,422	Florida.....	27,480	30,082
Georgia.....	13,209	20,198	Georgia.....	16,926	21,888
United States.....	389,340	450,079	United States.....	174,259	163,717
Cantaloupe			Tomatoes		
Florida ²	(NA)	11,861	Florida.....	453,102	382,200
Georgia.....	8,719	11,040	South Carolina.....	43,632	29,400
South Carolina.....	3,105	7,362	United States.....	1,221,270	2,055,777
United States.....	264,131	207,498	Watermelons		
Corn, sweet			Florida.....	88,200	123,310
Florida.....	154,980	160,096	Georgia.....	81,548	91,748
Georgia.....	76,997	81,900	South Carolina.....	36,936	40,954
United States.....	787,581	896,670	United States.....	488,383	579,011
Cucumbers			Strawberries		
Alabama ²	(NA)	4,442	Florida.....	290,598	449,770
Florida.....	47,827	116,866	United States.....	1,946,121	2,335,910
Georgia.....	41,228	42,099			
South Carolina.....	2,769	9,195			
United States.....	175,762	345,670			
Onions					
Georgia.....	121,766	115,596			
United States.....	1,039,325	925,833			

¹ The 2015 value is fresh market only. The 2016 value includes fresh market and processing.

² Estimates began in 2016.

(NA) Not available.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Vegetables 2016 Summary*, February 2017

Principal Market Vegetable and Strawberry Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production — States and United States: 2015 and 2016

[The 2015 vegetable data is fresh market only the 2016 data includes fresh market and processing]

Crop / State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2015 (acres)	2016 (acres)	2015 (acres)	2016 (acres)	2015 (cwt)	2016 (cwt)	2015 (1,000 cwt)	2016 (1,000 cwt)
Beans, snap								
Florida.....	29,500	28,200	27,500	27,300	45	55	1,238	1,502
Georgia.....	10,800	14,100	10,300	13,400	50	55	515	737
United States.....	77,680	249,300	71,170	236,000	56	85	3,952	20,030
Cabbage								
Florida.....	8,900	8,500	8,200	7,900	330	340	2,706	2,686
Georgia.....	4,900	4,500	3,700	4,300	340	345	1,258	1,484
United States.....	59,530	59,400	55,920	57,300	361	396	20,178	22,665
Cantaloupe								
Florida ¹	(NA)	2,400	(NA)	2,300	(NA)	270	(NA)	621
Georgia.....	3,300	3,500	2,800	3,400	180	170	504	578
South Carolina.....	1,200	1,700	1,100	1,600	245	215	270	344
United States.....	53,750	55,300	52,100	54,000	260	255	13,552	13,774
Corn, sweet								
Florida.....	41,500	37,600	36,900	34,500	140	145	5,166	5,003
Georgia.....	26,500	27,000	25,700	26,000	140	150	3,598	3,900
United States.....	242,090	511,300	229,090	482,500	122	153	27,952	73,926
Cucumbers								
Alabama ¹	(NA)	3,600	(NA)	3,500	(NA)	94	(NA)	329
Florida.....	11,000	24,300	10,600	21,700	160	178	1,696	3,863
Georgia.....	7,700	8,900	6,900	8,200	250	236	1,725	1,935
South Carolina.....	1,400	2,600	1,100	2,500	115	158	127	395
United States.....	40,020	124,200	37,980	118,700	177	149	6,725	17,688
Onions								
Georgia.....	12,300	12,400	11,200	11,400	240	260	2,688	2,964
United States.....	144,600	138,300	133,600	132,600	503	542	67,184	71,866
Peppers, bell								
Florida.....	12,400	13,500	12,200	12,900	360	295	4,392	3,806
Georgia.....	3,900	3,300	3,600	3,200	280	300	1,008	960
United States.....	41,900	47,700	40,900	46,300	371	337	15,155	15,615
Squash								
Florida.....	6,000	6,000	5,900	5,800	100	115	600	667
Georgia.....	3,400	3,700	3,000	3,600	140	160	420	576
United States.....	41,250	37,400	38,690	36,300	155	169	6,016	6,131
Tomatoes								
Florida.....	33,000	30,000	32,200	28,000	295	260	9,499	7,280
South Carolina.....	3,300	3,100	3,200	3,000	270	280	864	840
United States.....	95,200	364,800	92,200	356,900	286	805	26,375	287,464
Watermelons								
Florida.....	21,500	22,500	21,000	22,200	280	345	5,880	7,659
Georgia.....	19,500	20,000	19,000	19,600	290	310	5,510	6,076
South Carolina.....	7,700	7,700	7,200	7,200	380	360	2,736	2,592
United States.....	127,800	118,500	116,450	113,600	305	354	35,475	40,196
Strawberries								
Florida.....	11,000	10,800	10,900	10,700	225	205	2,442	2,194
United States.....	58,950	53,600	58,010	52,500	528	597	30,655	31,321

¹ Estimates began in 2016.

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