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This report contains information obtained from the **2022 Vegetable Grower Inquiry** along with federal administrative data to establish total planted and harvested acres, yield, production, price, and value. Thanks to all the growers who responded to this survey and made these estimates possible.

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In 2022, the Nation's production for the 26 estimated vegetable and melon crops totaled 658 million cwt, down 2 percent from 2021. In terms of total production, the three largest crops were tomatoes, onions, and sweet corn, which combined accounted for 53 percent of the all vegetables total. The value of utilized production for 2022 vegetable crops was \$16.5 billion, up 27 percent from the previous year. Tomatoes, onions, and romaine lettuce claimed the highest values, accounting for up 30 percent of the utilized value of production when combined.

Key findings for the Southern Region from the Vegetables 2022 Summary include:

Florida: Tomato production in 2022 totaled 756 million pounds, up 9 percent from 2021. The value of utilized production for tomatoes at \$323 million, was down slightly from last year. Sweet corn production in 2022 totaled 312 million pounds, down 18 percent from 2021. The value of utilized production for sweet corn at \$124 million, was down 17 percent from last year.

Georgia: Onion production in 2022 totaled 274 million pounds, down 9 percent from 2021. The value of utilized production for onions at \$171 million, was up 30 percent from last year. Sweet corn production in 2022 totaled 278 million pounds, down 10 percent from 2021. The value of utilized production for sweet corn at \$99.0 million, was up 26 percent from last year.

South Carolina: Watermelon production in 2022 totaled 117 million pounds, down 7 percent from 2021. The value of utilized production for watermelons at \$21.4 million, was up 12 percent from last year.

Principal Vegetable Value of Utilized Production by Crop – States and United States: 2021 and 2022

Crop / State	Value of utilized production		Crop / State	Value of utilized production	
	2021	2022		2021	2022
	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)		(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Beans, snap			Onions		
Florida	54,769	73,926	Georgia.....	131,178	170,558
Georgia.....	16,599	27,431	United States	1,246,994	1,633,206
United States	261,114	324,695	Peppers, bell		
Cabbage			Florida	137,577	262,012
Florida	71,975	72,621	Georgia.....	39,331	62,726
Georgia.....	38,245	45,299	United States	462,941	673,303
United States	481,272	613,497	Squash		
Cantaloupe			Florida	34,295	45,507
Florida	9,282	(D)	Georgia.....	23,195	26,119
Georgia.....	13,122	12,250	United States	215,157	207,650
United States	264,990	324,829	Tomatoes		
Corn, sweet			Florida	323,534	322,517
Florida	149,860	124,119	United States	1,503,563	1,780,925
Georgia.....	78,525	98,968	Watermelons		
United States	661,811	808,807	Florida	208,553	216,165
Cucumbers			Georgia.....	97,189	119,519
Florida	110,366	102,140	South Carolina.....	19,171	21,376
Georgia.....	32,179	41,988	United States	589,170	748,070
United States	273,576	286,948			

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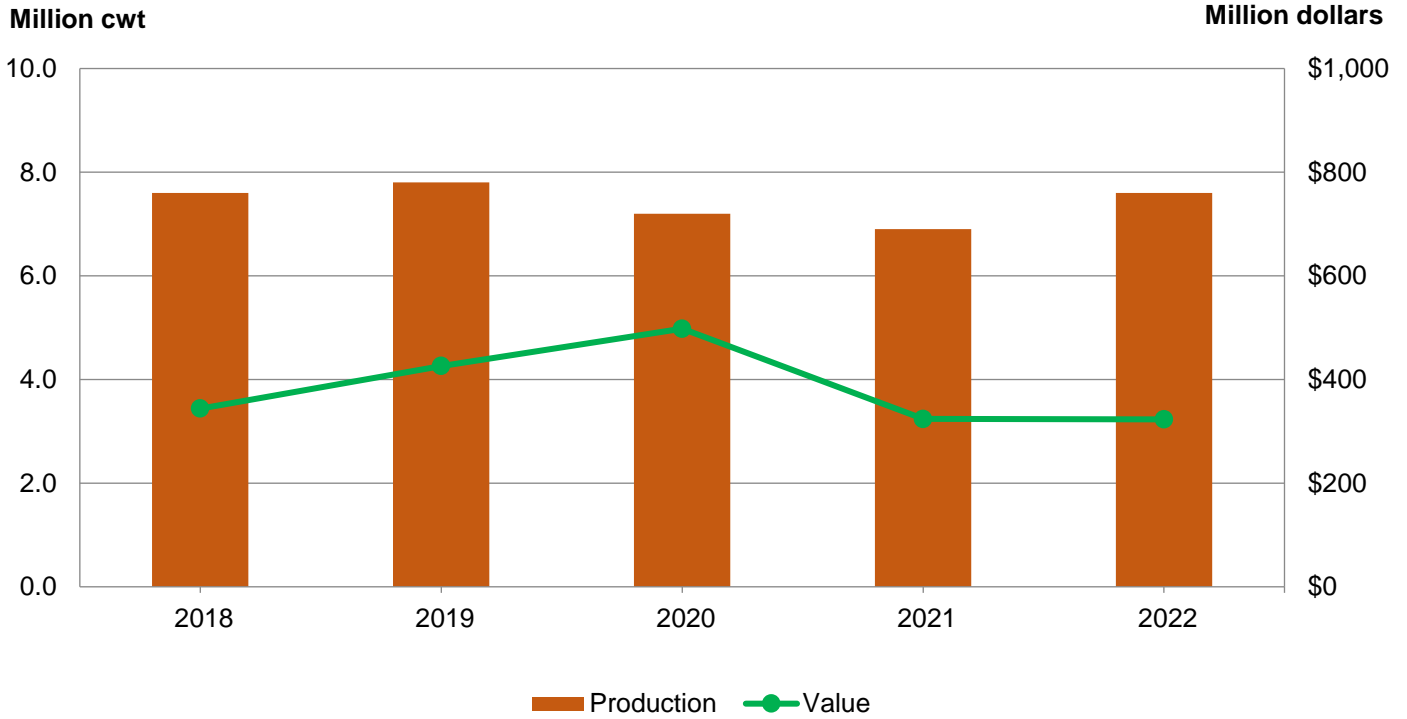
Principal Vegetable Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2021 and 2022

Crop / State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022	2021	2022
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
Beans, snap								
Florida.....	27,000	25,000	26,200	24,400	42.0	58.0	1,100.4	1,415.2
Georgia.....	8,900	9,100	8,800	9,000	45.0	52.0	396.0	468.0
United States	176,300	164,600	170,800	158,200	87.4	90.1	14,934.0	14,261.3
Cabbage								
Florida.....	8,900	8,900	8,600	8,800	285.0	330.0	2,451.0	2,904.0
Georgia.....	4,800	4,300	4,700	4,200	350.0	450.0	1,645.0	1,890.0
United States	58,200	57,200	57,000	56,100	369.6	404.5	21,069.5	22,693.0
Cantaloupe								
Florida.....	1,400	(D)	1,300	(D)	280.0	(D)	364.0	(D)
Georgia.....	2,700	2,600	2,700	2,500	200.0	200.0	540.0	500.0
United States	37,800	39,400	37,600	39,100	266.8	274.5	10,032.0	10,734.5
Corn, sweet								
Florida.....	33,400	29,600	31,600	27,100	120.0	115.0	3,792.0	3,116.5
Georgia.....	27,000	23,000	26,700	22,200	115.0	125.0	3,070.5	2,775.0
United States	367,100	355,100	352,700	340,400	161.8	168.1	57,080.0	57,222.5
Cucumbers								
Florida.....	21,500	23,000	21,200	18,700	210.0	160.0	4,452.0	2,992.0
Georgia.....	6,700	6,000	6,700	5,900	200.0	220.0	1,340.0	1,298.0
United States	91,300	88,300	90,300	83,500	157.0	157.3	14,175.0	13,131.4
Onions								
Georgia.....	11,800	11,500	11,600	11,400	260.0	240.0	3,016.0	2,736.0
United States	137,900	129,800	135,800	127,200	500.1	505.9	67,909.5	64,352.0
Peppers, bell								
Florida.....	10,000	11,000	9,900	10,800	290.0	370.0	2,871.0	3,996.0
Georgia.....	3,200	3,400	3,200	3,300	255.0	330.0	816.0	1,089.0
United States	31,000	31,700	30,300	31,000	321.0	335.7	9,725.0	10,407.0
Squash								
Florida.....	9,000	7,600	8,500	7,000	100.0	110.0	850.0	770.0
Georgia.....	4,500	4,000	4,400	3,700	140.0	160.0	616.0	592.0
United States	43,800	38,700	42,400	37,100	163.0	165.2	6,910.5	6,129.5
Tomatoes								
Florida.....	23,000	22,000	21,000	21,000	330.0	360.0	6,930.0	7,560.0
United States	273,000	271,000	268,900	263,800	855.5	852.4	230,040.0	224,866.0
Watermelons								
Florida.....	26,600	25,400	26,400	24,800	385.0	370.0	10,164.0	9,176.0
Georgia.....	19,000	20,000	18,800	19,900	350.0	330.0	6,580.0	6,567.0
South Carolina	3,800	3,100	3,700	3,000	340.0	390.0	1,258.0	1,170.0
United States	101,100	96,500	97,700	93,200	344.9	353.2	33,697.0	32,919.0

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Tomato Production and Value – Florida: 2018-2022



Sweet Corn Production and Value – Georgia: 2018-2022

