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## Vegetables



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This report contains information obtained from the **2020 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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### 2020 U.S. Vegetable Production Down Slightly from 2019

In 2020, the Nation's production for the 26 estimated vegetable and melon crops totaled 720 million cwt, down slightly from 2019. The utilized production totaled 715 million cwt, up slightly from 2019. Area harvested in 2020 was 2.33 million acres, down 1 percent from 2019. The top three vegetables, in terms of area harvested, were sweet corn, tomatoes, and snap beans. 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 2020 vegetable crops was \$13.1 billion, down 4 percent from the previous year. Tomatoes, Head lettuce, and Romaine lettuce claimed the highest values, accounting for 30 percent of the utilized value of production when combined.

Florida and Georgia ranked second and fourth, respectively, in value of utilized production nationally and accounted for 13.4 percent of the total value of utilized production. Value of utilized production in Florida totaled \$1.17 billion, down 4 percent from last year. Tomatoes were the leading crop in Florida with a value of \$463 million. Value of utilized production in Georgia totaled \$583 million, up 13 percent from last year. Sweet corn, with a value of \$138 million, was the leading crop in Georgia.

### Vegetable Value of Utilized Production by Crop – States and United States: 2019 and 2020

Crop / State	Value of utilized production		Crop / State	Value of utilized production	
	2019	2020		2019	2020
	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)		(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
<b>Beans, snap</b>			<b>Onions</b>		
Florida .....	68,866	69,580	Georgia.....	144,181	105,280
Georgia .....	32,375	24,897	United States .....	1,001,986	877,816
United States .....	297,614	271,727			
<b>Cabbage</b>			<b>Peppers, bell</b>		
Florida .....	58,394	49,852	Florida .....	234,968	(D)
Georgia .....	30,723	(D)	Georgia.....	54,467	(D)
United States .....	510,740	427,982	United States .....	539,519	479,308
<b>Cantaloupe</b>			<b>Squash</b>		
Florida .....	9,285	13,756	Florida .....	33,726	(D)
Georgia .....	15,011	15,200	Georgia.....	16,343	(D)
United States .....	237,751	295,730	United States .....	221,727	217,886
<b>Corn, sweet</b>			<b>Tomatoes<sup>1</sup></b>		
Florida .....	140,883	136,716	Florida .....	425,912	463,004
Georgia .....	75,042	137,514	United States .....	1,600,307	1,660,030
United States .....	652,057	742,906			
<b>Cucumbers</b>			<b>Watermelons</b>		
Florida .....	89,277	77,434	Florida .....	161,539	157,493
Georgia .....	46,172	(D)	Georgia.....	101,216	122,500
United States .....	277,788	229,725	South Carolina .....	16,130	31,118
			United States .....	545,306	574,831

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> Beginning in 2019 grape tomatoes are included in estimates.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Vegetables Annual Summary](#), February 2021

**Principal Vegetable Area Planted and Harvested, Yield, and Production – States and United States: 2019 and 2020**

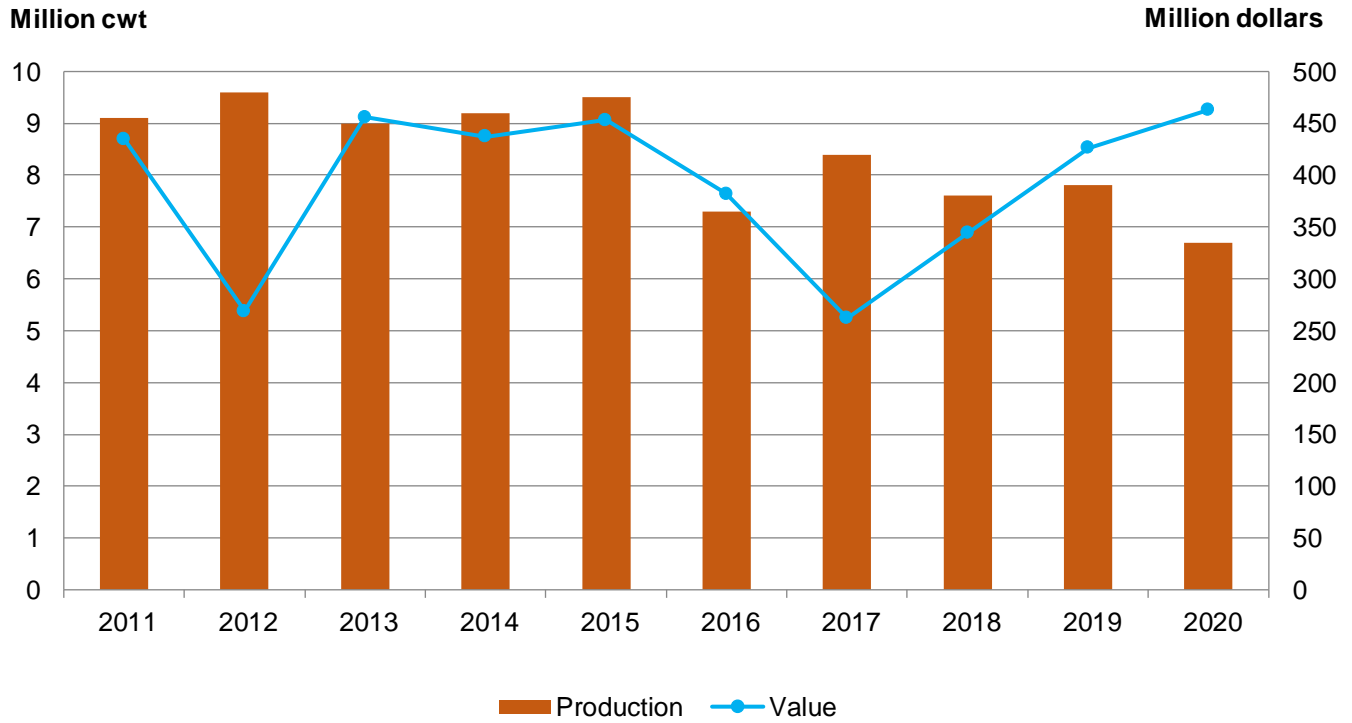
Crop / State	Area planted		Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(acres)	(cwt)	(cwt)	(1,000 cwt)	(1,000 cwt)
<b>Beans, snap</b>								
Florida .....	27,000	28,000	26,200	26,200	67.0	50.0	1,755.4	1,310.0
Georgia .....	11,000	10,000	10,200	9,400	60.0	46.0	612.0	432.4
United States .....	190,800	185,200	184,200	178,800	87.7	82.6	16,152.2	14,769.4
<b>Cabbage</b>								
Florida .....	8,500	9,000	8,200	8,800	360.0	280.0	2,952.0	2,464.0
Georgia .....	5,000	(D)	4,800	(D)	400.0	(D)	1,920.0	(D)
United States .....	62,400	60,600	60,400	58,600	368.2	404.0	22,239.0	23,675.0
<b>Cantaloupe</b>								
Florida .....	2,400	2,000	2,300	1,900	210.0	240.0	483.0	456.0
Georgia .....	4,000	3,900	3,900	3,800	220.0	160.0	858.0	608.0
United States .....	48,400	41,000	48,000	40,600	235.5	279.5	11,302.0	11,346.0
<b>Corn, sweet</b>								
Florida .....	42,000	38,000	41,000	36,000	115.0	120.0	4,715.0	4,320.0
Georgia .....	28,000	28,000	26,900	27,000	120.0	105.0	3,228.0	2,835.0
United States .....	406,400	402,900	390,700	386,200	161.2	162.9	62,966.0	62,918.5
<b>Cucumbers</b>								
Florida .....	23,000	21,000	23,000	20,700	150.0	165.0	3,450.0	3,415.5
Georgia .....	9,200	(D)	9,100	(D)	200.0	(D)	1,820.0	(D)
United States .....	101,700	93,700	100,800	92,400	146.6	137.7	14,776.5	12,724.1
<b>Onions</b>								
Georgia .....	9,800	10,200	9,500	9,700	320.0	250.0	3,040.0	2,425.0
United States .....	132,400	134,700	129,400	132,800	540.1	566.4	69,892.5	75,214.0
<b>Peppers, bell</b>								
Florida .....	12,200	(D)	11,800	(D)	295.0	(D)	3,481.0	(D)
Georgia .....	3,700	(D)	3,600	(D)	310.0	(D)	1,116.0	(D)
United States .....	37,700	38,100	36,800	37,100	315.1	315.3	11,594.5	11,698.5
<b>Squash</b>								
Florida .....	7,900	(D)	7,700	(D)	100.0	(D)	770.0	(D)
Georgia .....	3,800	(D)	3,700	(D)	120.0	(D)	444.0	(D)
United States .....	45,000	46,700	43,500	44,400	162.9	156.1	7,087.0	6,930.9
<b>Tomatoes<sup>1</sup></b>								
Florida .....	27,000	25,000	26,000	24,000	300.0	280.0	7,800.0	6,720.0
United States .....	282,000	280,000	273,700	272,900	874.7	882.0	239,399.5	240,686.0
<b>Watermelons</b>								
Florida .....	25,500	26,300	24,500	25,200	370.0	340.0	9,065.0	8,568.0
Georgia .....	22,000	19,000	21,100	18,600	390.0	370.0	8,229.0	6,882.0
South Carolina .....	5,000	4,700	4,500	4,500	320.0	380.0	1,440.0	1,710.0
United States .....	103,100	100,000	99,300	96,700	363.7	354.5	36,114.0	34,281.5

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## Tomato Production and Value – Florida: 2011-2020



## Sweet Corn Production and Value – Georgia: 2011-2020

