

seasonal nature of this crop in most States makes its labor requirement needs occur during summer vacation, and it is completed prior to the start of school in the fall. This again fills a void in supplying a large number of summer jobs asked for by the President.

U.S. growers are being squeezed by rising costs of equipment and supplies as well as labor, plus demands from consumers for lower prices. This system will not work. U.S. citizens can afford products grown by U.S. growers.

We feel that H.R. 9071, using 20 percent of the 5-year average disappearance of the U.S. market gives ample room for imports and a healthy domestic market.

(Tables referred to follow:)

TABLE I.—STRAWBERRIES—ACREAGE AND INDICATED PRODUCTION, BY SEASON AND STATE, 1968 WITH COMPARISONS

Crop and State	Acreage			Production (in thousands of pounds)		
	Harvested		For harvest, 1968	Average 1962-66	1967	Indicated, 1968
	1962-66	1967				
Strawberries: ¹						
Winter.....	2,380	2,000	1,800	20,906	17,600	14,400
Spring: California.....	9,080	8,000	8,500	212,978	208,800	238,000
Early spring.....	5,660	4,400	3,800	16,460	13,280	11,200
Mid-spring:						
Illinois.....	1,700	1,500	1,500	4,136	4,050	3,600
Missouri.....	1,040	800	750	2,567	2,080	1,950
Maryland.....	870	800	750	2,856	2,320	3,750
Virginia.....	2,000	1,400	1,300	5,408	4,200	3,900
North Carolina.....	2,040	2,000	1,900	5,736	4,200	6,650
Kentucky.....	1,280	1,000	900	3,888	3,000	2,340
Tennessee.....	4,040	2,400	1,700	10,087	6,720	4,250
Alabama.....	730	650	600	1,662	1,300	1,140
Arkansas.....	3,880	2,600	2,300	9,057	7,800	5,750
Oklahoma.....	1,160	900	900	2,886	3,600	3,600
Group total.....	19,120	14,050	12,600	48,880	39,270	36,930
Late Spring:						
Maine.....	360	350	320	1,109	1,155	990
Massachusetts.....	370	370	250	1,385	1,591	1,330
Connecticut.....	360	350	300	1,079	1,050	990
New York.....	2,780	2,400	2,100	9,660	6,480	6,720
New Jersey.....	2,520	2,400	2,500	11,840	9,120	11,000
Pennsylvania.....	1,540	1,800	1,800	4,934	5,040	5,040
Ohio.....	1,760	1,500	1,600	4,894	4,800	3,840
Indiana.....	1,200	1,100	1,300	3,756	4,620	5,850
Michigan.....	7,560	6,800	5,900	33,098	29,240	23,600
Wisconsin.....	1,920	1,900	1,900	5,000	4,940	3,990
Washington.....	6,180	5,600	5,300	42,004	35,840	34,450
Oregon.....	13,400	14,000	12,300	83,740	95,200	81,180
Group total.....	40,060	38,570	35,670	202,914	199,076	178,950
All States.....	76,300	67,020	62,370	502,138	478,026	479,480

¹ Includes processing.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture Statistical Reporting Service, Sacramento, Calif.