

**STRAWBERRIES: PRODUCTION BY GROUPS AND STATES, AVERAGE 1962-66, ANNUAL 1967 AND
INDICATED 1968 ¹**

[1,000 pounds]

Group and State	Average 1962-66	1967	Indicated 1968
Winter: Florida.....	20,906	17,600	14,400
Spring: California.....	212,978	208,800	238,000
Early spring:			
Louisiana.....	14,076	11,780	10,200
Texas.....	2,384	1,500	1,000
Group total.....	16,460	13,280	11,200
Midspring:			
Illinois.....	4,136	4,050	3,600
Missouri.....	2,567	2,080	1,950
Maryland.....	2,856	2,320	3,750
Virginia.....	5,408	4,200	3,900
North Carolina.....	5,736	4,200	6,650
Kentucky.....	3,888	3,000	2,340
Tennessee.....	10,087	7,720	4,250
Alabama.....	1,662	1,300	1,140
Arkansas.....	9,057	7,800	5,750
Oklahoma.....	2,886	3,600	3,600
Group total.....	48,880	39,270	36,930
Late spring:			
Maine.....	1,109	1,155	960
Massachusetts.....	1,385	1,591	1,330
Connecticut.....	1,079	1,050	990
New York.....	9,660	6,480	6,720
New Jersey.....	11,840	9,120	11,000
Pennsylvania.....	4,934	5,040	5,040
Ohio.....	4,894	4,800	3,840
Indiana.....	3,756	4,620	5,850
Michigan.....	33,092	29,240	23,600
Wisconsin.....	5,000	4,940	3,990
Washington.....	42,004	35,840	34,450
Oregon.....	83,740	95,200	81,180
Group total.....	202,914	199,076	178,950
All States.....	502,138	478,026	479,480

¹ For fresh market and processing.

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Most of the strawberries for processing are grown in the Pacific Northwest. Washington and Oregon together have accounted for from 25 percent to 30 percent of total U.S. production for all uses in recent years, and for most (more than two-thirds in 1967) of the U.S. frozen pack. Total production in those two States is estimated at 116 million pounds for the 1968 season, compared with 131 million in 1967, and an average annual of 126 million during 1962-66. Through June 15 of 1968, only about 17 million pounds of strawberries had been delivered to processors in Oregon and Washington, compared with 25 million pounds a year ago. This decline in deliveries, was expected to be offset by an increase in California's deliveries to freezers, which, through mid-June, were reported at about 29 million pounds—or about 53 percent more than during the same period last year.