



**OREGON
DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE**



INTRODUCING... OREGON PROCESSED VEGETABLES

Oregon ranks among the top 10 states in the U.S. for producing processed vegetables for two powerful reasons. First, Oregon's mild climate and rich soil encourages abundant cultivation. Second, vegetable processing facilities have been established across the state to ensure the freshest produce is processed to maintain quality through drying, freezing, and canning.

VEGETABLE PROCESSING

Food processing is paramount to agricultural manufacturing in Oregon. We are known for our high-quality frozen fruits and vegetables. Additionally, our freeze dried and powdered vegetables are a staple of the overall processed vegetable manufacturing in Oregon.

Oregon processes the largest quantities of potatoes and onions. Close behind are large volumes of sweet corn, peas, and green beans. Finally, rounding out Oregon's assortment of processed vegetables are carrots, broccoli, and cauliflower.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR MAXIMUM NUTRIENT VALUE

Oregon's farmers and vegetable processors work together to harvest at peak time to quickly lock in all the flavor and nutrients of a perfectly ripe vegetable. To do so, processors carefully schedule logistics and production year-round, so vegetables can go from the field to processing in under 4 hours. That commitment to quality takes teamwork!

Oregon farmers focus on sustainability and conservation through best management practices. Vegetable processors share this commitment to sustainability, with at least one processor earning national recognition for their sustainability practices.

OREGON VEGETABLE PRODUCTION AND FACTS

SWEET CORN

Sweet Corn is one of the highest valued vegetables grown in Oregon. A total of 20,000 acres (8,000 hectares) of sweet corn was planted in 2023. Most sweet corn grown is used for processing, going through manufacturing to dehusk, separate, and package the corn as either frozen or converted to corn powder. This corn powder is used by customers around the world for making corn soup and other products.

GREEN BEANS

Oregon is ranked 4th in the United States for green bean production. In 2023, over 500 Oregon farms across 8,000 acres (3,250 hectares) planted green beans, producing over 2.6 billion pounds (1,150 kilotons). The majority of green beans are processed to be frozen and sold to retailers.

PEAS

Peas, like many crops in Oregon, are grown fresh in the Willamette Valley. In Oregon, over

200 farms plant 14,800 acres (6,000 hectares) of peas. Most peas are used for processing and valued added packaging towards consumers. Peas are predominantly sold frozen through Oregon's abundant processing capabilities.

CARROTS/BROCCOLI/CAULIFLOWER

Carrots, broccoli, and cauliflower are all common vegetables grown by Oregon farmers and processed into value added goods oriented towards the consumers. Oregon farmers grow carrots on over 325 farms and 1,358 acres (590 hectares). Over 240 farms produce broccoli on 1,400 acres (600 hectares). Cauliflower is grown on over 1,500 acres (610 hectares) and 140 farms.



Learn More

For more information on Oregon's processed vegetables, contact Oregon Processed Vegetable Commission: opvc.org

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