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Dear Colleague:

Those of you who grow sugarbeets are getting better at your craft--witness the fact that the 1981 yield from 12,600 acres ties the all-time high at 23.8 tons per acre. And, beets for harvest during 1982 are off to an excellent start.

For next year, the projected acreage is 13,800, about the total that can be processed handily within the state when you consider that the harvest must occur within a relatively short period to avoid hot weather problems.

Next year's total will include 800 acres from California's Imperial Valley; 2,700 acres from Yuma County. This information is from the Spreckels Division of Amstar, the one sugarbeet processor in the State of Arizona.

It is interesting to me to note that practically all of our home grown and processed sugar is also consumed locally. In fact, the demand for sugar exceeds that which is produced within Arizona.

This publication, printed annually, is intended as an up-date, indicating to you our accountability to the sugarbeet industry, and to let you know that we have continuing work underway which I hope will be of value to you. We always welcome suggestions and criticisms aimed in the direction of improving our research and extension effort.

Sincerely,

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