

FAQS:

Is there any support for me as a user of the system?

Yes. All users of the system have access to free technical support by telephone and by email.

What do I need to access the system and where can I access it?

Access to the system is possible through a regular PC with an Internet connection. This means that you can use Agricast from any location where the Internet is accessible.

Can I as a farmer track my crop information on Agricast?

All farmers have the ability to monitor their crop information that has been entered into Agricast. Farmers who have access to the Internet can be issued with a unique username and password to enable them to monitor their crops. A farmer will only be able to track his/her crop information.

How can I as a trader access the system?

Any business interested in using the system to access crop availability can do so by contacting Future Shock at 246 424 9025 or via email at info@agricast.org. On registering businesses will be issued with a username and password allowing them access to the system.

Will my crop information be available for potential thieves to view and make plans?

No. All access to detailed information is allowed only through the use of a username and password. A farmer can only see detailed information on his or her crops. Only after registering and being issued with a username and password will approved Traders/Buyers have access to what crops will

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The AGRICAST Report

Oct/Dec 2003

2 Years of Agricast

October 17th 2003 marks two years of the Agricast system. Agricast was able to successfully track and forecast the production of 5,979,157 pounds of fresh produce in the year 2002. To date it has tracked approximately 2,384,266 pounds of fresh produce for the current year.

AGRICAST provides accurate, timely and easily accessible crop forecasting data to specific target groups.

The **AGRICAST** system has the following objectives:

- To accurately forecast the availability of crops under cultivation,
- To enable farmers to make the best and most profitable use of their land,
- To increase the produce purchased by traders from local farmers,
- To provide assistance to planners and

policy agencies in determining national agricultural crop production output

- To help provide the necessary linkages for the farming community
- To aid in the alleviation of poverty

Get Involved with Agricast Today

AGRICAST is accessed through the web interface, www.agricast.org. Contact Future Shock for a live demonstration at Tel 246 424 9025.

Agricast Database Stats - Farmers: Approx 300. Crops Tracked: 121 (+ varieties for each crop)

The table below shows the total Acentage of each crop planted for the period Jan – June

Crop	Total
Squash - N/A	0.88
Cassava - Butterstick	0.75
Carrots - Danvers 126	5.88
Carrots - Kuroda	0.81
Carrots - All Season Cross	1.38
Carrots - Andros	0.25
Beets - Detroit Dark Red	1.19
Beets - Early Wonder	0.56
Hot Peppers - Bdos Bonny Pepper	0.5
Hot Peppers - Bonny Red (CARDI)	0.25
Pigeon Peas - UW 10	0.25
Sweet Peppers - California Wonder	0.5
Sweet Peppers - Early Sunsatian	1.12
Sweet Peppers - King Arthur	2.69
Sweet Peppers - King Henry	0.75
Sweet Potato - A26/7	6.19
Tomatoes - FA - 38	8.12
Lettuce - Empire	1.88
Eggplant - Black Beauty	0.25
Cucumber - Calypso	6.38
Cucumber - Quest	7.62

Crop (continued)	Total
Cucumber - Cascade	0.31
Squash - Waltham Butternut	4.12
Squash - Buttemut Supreme	2.06
Watermelon - Glory	1
Watermelon - Odem	5.81
Watermelon - Sugar Baby	0.25
Cauliflower - Snow Queen	0.75
Cauliflower - White Baron	0.19
Cabbage - Resist Crown	0.19
Cabbage - Bravo	0.06
Cabbage - Tropicana	1.5
Cabbage - Constanza	0.25
Okra - Clemson Spineless	8.94
Pumpkin - N/A	1.06
Sweet Potato - N/A	3.81
Cucumber - N/A	0.06
Onion - Grandstand	1.25
Onion - Mercedes	0.06
Onion - Goldof	1.12
Beans - Provider	0.12
Beans - Green-crop	0.94
Beans - Bountiful	1.5
Beans - Bichel	1.69
Onion - Arad	0.62

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be available at a particular time and the relevant contact information.

How will crop information find it's way into the system?

Crop information is collected by Extension Officers on their visitations with farmers. Some farmers are even given data collection forms to note down the information between visits. The Extension officers then enter the data into the system on a daily basis.

Get Involved!

Traders/Buyers

To use Agricast to access up-to-date real time availability fresh produce reports give Future Shock a call at 246 424 9025.

Associations, Coops and other Agricultural bodies

To discuss the potential use of Agricast by your organisation call Future Shock at 246 424 9025.

Farmers

If you want to benefit from Agricast call the BADMC extension services at 428 0250 and tell them you wish to use Agricast.

Other Interested Parties

You may be interested in Agricast from a research perspective or you may wish to aid in the future development of the concept. Even if you just wish to learn more about the concept, it does not matter – Give Future Shock a call at 246 424 9025.

Oct 2003 Forecast preview

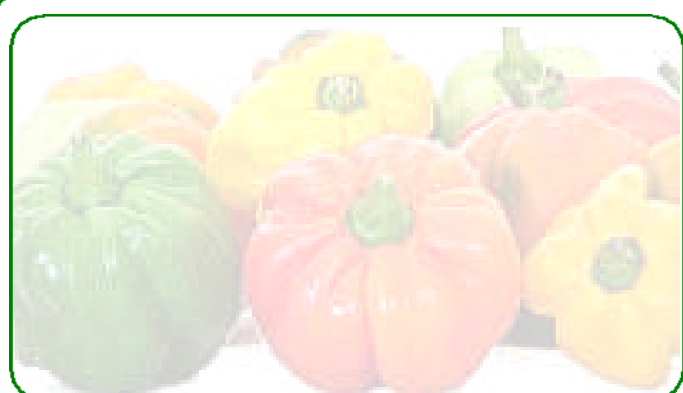
Crop	Forecasted Harvest Date	Yield (Lbs)	Region
Carrots Danvers 126	Mon, October 13, 03	3750	St. Philip/Marchfield
Carrots Danvers 126	Tues, October 21, 03	26250	St. Michael/Belle
Carrots Danvers 126	Sat, October 25, 03	9375	St. George/Salters
Carrots Danvers 126	Sun, October 26, 03	7500	St. Michael/Haggatt Hall
Carrots Danvers 126	Wed, October 29, 03	3750	St. Michael/Haggatt Hall
Carrots Danvers 126	Thurs, October 30, 03	9375	St. George/Salters
Sweet Peppers King Arthur	Wed, October 22, 03	6500	St. George/Salters
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For market availability inquiries or access to other production reports
call 246 424 9025.

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