Asparagus

Most commonly found near the Lake Michigan shoreline, these long green stalks are one of Michigan’s first crops to appear in the spring

- Oceana County boasts the greatest volume of asparagus production, but there is also significant production in Southwest Michigan

- Unlike other states, Michigan asparagus is hand-snapped above the ground, yielding a more tender and flavorful product

- Michigan’s asparagus crop is valued at more than $23.2 million

- Around 9,500 acres of asparagus is harvested in Michigan each year

- Leading supplier of folic acid

- Provides potassium, fiber, vitamin B6 and glutathione

Michigan ranks third in the nation for asparagus production, producing up to 23 million pounds each year