Yam Pack Value Set at $8,500,000

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OPELOUSAS, La. The wholesale value of the Louisiana yam pack during the season just ended was estimated $8,500,000 or 83 per cent of the wholesale value of the total vegetable and fruit pack, according to J. J. Arceneaux, director of the Louisiana Sweet Potato Commission.

A near record amount of Louisiana yams were canned this season, he said. Results of a study of commercial fruit and vegetable canning operations in the state conducted by the experiment station show that 2,018,000 standard cases of sweet potatoes were canned in 1957-58, the director announced.

This is almost one-half million cases more than last year and the second largest amount ever canned in any one season, Arceneaux stated. The previous high was in 1955 when over two and one-quarter million were processed.