

Peaches



Commercial peach production was valued at 1.14 million dollars in 2004, compared to 1.22 million dollars in 2003. Peach producers had excellent yields due to ideal weather conditions. Yield per acre averaged 3.04 tons, up .28 tons from the 2003 peach crop. Though yield was extremely good, the number of acres of bearing age trees continued to decline. In fact, acreage was down to 280 acres, a 3 percent drop from 2003, and less than half of the acreage the state had in 1996.

Peaches - Production, Price and Value of Production: Louisiana, 2001-2004

Year	Acres of Bearing Age	Yield per Acre	Total Production	Utilized Production	Season Average Prices	Value of Utilized Production
		---Tons---	----Tons----	-----Tons-----	--Dollars per Ton-	-1,000 Dollars-
2001	310	2.26	700	650	1,742	1,132
2002	300	2.50	750	700	1,500	1,051
2003	290	2.76	800	750	1,630	1,223
2004	280	3.04	850	800	1,420	1,136

Pecans

Louisiana's total pecan production was valued at 7.0 million dollars in 2004. Of this total, native and seedling varieties represented 64 percent, while improved varieties represented 36 percent. Production of all pecans totaled 8 million pounds, compared to 20 million pounds the previous year. Of the total, native and seedling varieties represented 72 percent, while improved varieties represented 28 percent.

