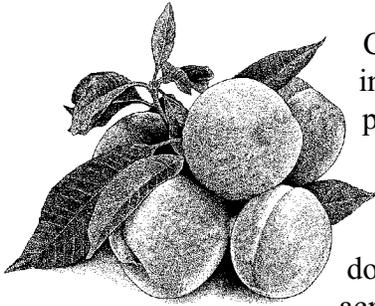


## Peaches



Commercial peach production, valued at 1.13 million dollars in 2001, increased its contribution to Louisiana’s agricultural economy. Peach producers had an excellent yield due to the ideal weather conditions. Yield per acre averaged 4,520 pounds, up 770 pounds from the 2000 peach crop. Though the yield was extremely good, the number of acres of bearing age trees continued to decline. In fact, acreage was down to 310 acres, a 3 percent drop from 2000, and less than half of the acreage in 1996.

**Peaches: Production, Price, and Value of Production: Louisiana, 1998-2001**

Year	Acres of Bearing Age	Yield per Acre	Total Production	Utilized Production	Season Average Price	Value of Utilized Production
		Pounds	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Cents per Pound	1,000 Dollars
1998	430	3,260	1.4	1.4	71.0	994
1999	350	2,290	0.8	0.7	88.0	616
2000	320	3,750	1.2	1.1	77.1	848
2001	310	4,520	1.4	1.3	87.1	1,132

## Pecans

Louisiana’s total pecan production was valued at 5.78 million dollars in 2001. Of this total, native and seedling varieties represented 64 percent, while improved varieties represented 36 percent. Dry weather conditions from the previous year and the cyclical nature of this crop resulted in the lower production in 2001. Production of all pecans, at 14 million pounds, was down 22 percent from 2000. Of the total, native and seedling varieties represented 75 percent, while improved varieties represented 25 percent.

