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## New Jersey 2009 Apple and Peach Crop Forecasts

**Peach** production is forecast at 34,000 tons, unchanged from the July forecast and last year's production. Growing conditions during the spring and summer months were favorable for New Jersey peach growers. Overall, fruit quality and size are rated good to excellent. New Jersey ranks fourth in Freestone peach production. The U.S. peach forecast is 1.08 million tons, 5 percent below 2008.

### Peaches, Total Production by State, 2007-2008 and Forecasted August 1, 2009

State	Ranking based on 2009 Forecast	Total Production			
		2007	2008	2009	% Change from 2008
- Tons -					
California <sup>1</sup>	1	446,000	433,000	350,000	(19)
South Carolina	2	12,500	60,000	65,000	8
Georgia	3	13,000	28,000	35,000	25
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>32,000</b>	<b>34,000</b>	<b>34,000</b>	<b>NC</b>
Pennsylvania	5	19,400	21,200	27,600	30
United States	--	1,127,150	1,133,310	1,078,340	(5)

<sup>1</sup>Freestone Variety.

Source: USDA-NASS: Crop Production, August 2009

**Apple** production is forecast at 44 million pounds, 1 million pounds more than 2008. Prospects for this year's crop are favorable. Bloom and set were good. Growing conditions rated mostly good for apples throughout New Jersey. Apples are sizing nicely at the current time due to moderate temperatures and sufficient moisture. Early varieties are being harvested throughout the state. The U.S. apple forecast is 10.1 billion pounds, up 4 percent from last year.

### Apple Production, August 1 Forecast

Crop	Units	- Total Production -		
		Final 2008	Forecast August 1, 2009	% Change from 2008
<b>NEW JERSEY</b>				
Apples	Million Pounds	43.0	44.0	2
<b>UNITED STATES</b>				
Apples	Million Pounds	9,769.3	10,113.0	4

Source: USDA-NASS: Crop Production, August 2009

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