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New Jersey 2010 Apple and Peach Crop Forecasts

Peach production is forecast at 36,000 tons, up 1,000 tons from the July forecast and last year's production. Growing conditions were sufficient in the spring and summer months for excellent fruit quality and ample sizing. New Jersey ranks fourth in Freestone peach production. The U.S. peach forecast for both Freestone and Clingstone varieties is 1.13 million tons, 2 percent above 2009. U.S. Freestone production at 705,990 tons is up 11 percent from last year.

Peaches, Total Production by State, 2008-2009 and Forecasted August 1, 2010

State	Ranking based on 2009 Forecast	Total Production			
		2008	2009	2010	% Change from 2009
- Tons -					
California ¹	1	433,000	350,000	355,000	1
South Carolina	2	60,000	75,000	120,000	60
Georgia	3	28,000	32,000	40,000	25
New Jersey	4	34,000	35,000	36,000	3
Pennsylvania	5	21,200	27,900	21,700	(22)
United States ¹	--	709,310	634,770	705,990	11

¹Freestone Variety.

Source: USDA-NASS: Crop Production, August 2010

Apple production is forecast at 44 million pounds, 1 million pounds more than the 2009 crop. This year's crop began under favorable growing conditions. Bloom was normal and some sets were heavy. Apples are sizing well due to warm temperatures. Early varieties are being harvested throughout the state. The U.S. apple forecast is 9.48 billion pounds, down 4 percent from last year.

Apple Production, August 1 Forecast

Crop	Units	- Total Production -		
		Final 2009	Forecast August 1, 2010	% Change from 2009
NEW JERSEY				
Apples	Million Pounds	43.0	44.0	2
UNITED STATES				
Apples	Billion Pounds	9,914.9	9,476.1	(4)

Source: USDA-NASS: Crop Production, August 2010

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