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New Jersey 2011 Apple and Peach Crop Forecasts

Peach production is forecast at 33,000 tons, up 1,000 tons from the July forecast but down 3,000 tons from 2010's production. High temperatures and adequate soil moisture throughout the summer months provided ideal growing conditions for ample-sized, high quality fruit. 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 below 2010. U.S. Freestone production at 699,140 tons is down 3 percent from last year.

Peaches, Total Production by State, 2009-2010 and Forecasted August 1, 2011

State	Ranking based on 2011 Forecast	Total Production			% Change from 2010
		2009	2010	2011	
- Tons -					
California ¹	1	350,000	385,000	385,000	NC
South Carolina	2	75,000	110,000	90,000	(18)
Georgia	3	32,000	40,000	40,000	NC
New Jersey	4	35,000	36,000	33,000	(8)
Pennsylvania	5	27,900	21,200	25,400	20
United States ¹	--	634,770	718,300	699,140	(3)

¹Freestone Variety.

Source: USDA-NASS: *Crop Production*, August 2011

Apple production is forecast at 44 million pounds, 1 million pounds more than the 2010 crop. This year's crop began under moderate growing conditions. Spring rainfall hindered pollination during bloom. Some fruit sets were light as a result. Early varieties are being harvested throughout the state. The U.S. apple forecast is 9.51 billion pounds, up 2 percent from last year.

Apples, Total Production, New Jersey and U.S., 2010 and Forecasted August 1, 2011

Crop	Units	- Total Production -		
		2010	2011	% Change
NEW JERSEY				
Apples	Million Pounds	43.0	44.0	2
UNITED STATES				
Apples	Billion Pounds	9,301.6	9,511.8	2

Source: USDA-NASS: *Crop Production*, August 2011

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