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2008 NEW YORK APPLE PRODUCTION DOWN 5 PERCENT

End of season surveys of apple growers and processors place New York's 2008 production at 1,250 million pounds, 5 percent below the 2007 crop of 1,310 million pounds, according to Stephen Ropel Director of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. Fresh market production of 530 million pounds, down 23 percent from 2007, comprised 42 percent of the total. Apples for processing amounted to 690 million pounds, up 13 percent from the 2007 crop year.

Apples processed for canning and applesauce totaled 390 million pounds, up 18 percent from the previous year. Production used for cider and juice totaled 220 million pounds, up 5 percent from last year. Other uses of apples totaled 80 million pounds.

The value of utilized production, on a packinghouse door equivalent basis, totaled \$255 million. Price per pound averaged 20.9 cents. The price for fresh apples averaged 31.2 cents per pound, while processing apples averaged \$260 per ton, a record high.

Nationally, utilized apple production for 2008 was placed at 9.68 billion pounds, up 7 percent from 2007. The value of the nation's 2008 apple crop, at \$2.19 billion dollars, decreased 16 percent from the 2007 crop value. Price per pound averaged 22.6 cents in 2008, down 22 percent from the previous year. The information in this release is available by free email subscription by subscribing to New York reports at www.nass.usda.gov/ny.

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