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GRAPES

Grape production in New York is expected to total 140 thousand tons, according to growers' reports. This represents a 19 percent decrease from a year ago. The Chautauqua-Lake Erie grape belt experienced a hard frost on May 18-19. Freezing temperatures killed primary buds and caused leaf damage. Secondary buds have not progressed as well as initially thought. Cool temperatures and rainy conditions have slowed the progress of the remaining grapes and contributed to disease, especially mildew. Growers in the Finger Lakes region escaped frost, but are dealing with a very wet and cool year. This is delaying ripening and causing some disease problems. Long Island growers experienced very wet and cool conditions. This has led to a poor fruit set and some disease problems. Sunlight and warmer temperatures are needed.

U.S. grape production is forecast at 7.03 million tons, down 4 percent from 2008. California leads the U.S. in grape production with 89 percent of the total. Washington and New York are the next largest producing States, with 6 percent and 2 percent, respectively. California's all grape forecast, at 6.25 million tons, is unchanged from the July forecast. Washington growers expect to harvest 395,000 tons, up 13 percent from a year ago.

TOTAL GRAPE PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES

| State | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|----------------------------|-------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>1,000 tons</i> | | |
| New York | 180.0 | 172.0 | 140.0 |
| Arizona | 0.9 | 0.8 | <u>1</u> |
| California | 6,230.0 | 6,532.0 | 6,250.0 |
| Michigan | 100.1 | 73.7 | 98.0 |
| Ohio | 7.6 | 5.7 | 4.5 |
| Oregon | 38.6 | 34.7 | 37.0 |
| Pennsylvania | 84.0 | 107.2 | 74.0 |
| Washington | 396.0 | 350.0 | 395.0 |
| Other States ^{2/} | 20.1 | 27.2 | 30.5 |
| United States | 7,057.3 | 7,303.3 | 7,029.0 |

^{1/} Estimates discontinued in 2009.

^{2/} Arkansas, Georgia, Missouri, North Carolina, Texas, and Virginia.

PEARS

Production prospects in New York on August 1 were for a crop of 12.5 thousand tons, up 21 percent from the production level in 2008. U.S. production is forecast at 935 thousand tons, up 7 percent from last year and 7 percent above 2007.

TOTAL PEAR PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES

| State | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| | <i>Tons</i> | | |
| New York | 11,000 | 10,300 | 12,500 |
| Connecticut | 1,000 | 800 | <u>1</u> |
| Michigan | 4,000 | 2,850 | <u>2</u> |
| Pennsylvania | 4,000 | 2,400 | 4,800 |
| Bartlett | 423,000 | 417,300 | 448,000 |
| Other varieties | 428,000 | 435,000 | 470,000 |
| United States ^{3/} | 872,950 | 870,850 | 935,300 |

^{1/} Forecasts and estimates discontinued in 2009.

^{2/} August forecast discontinued in 2009.

^{3/} Includes states not shown above.

PEACHES

New York's 2009 peach crop is forecast at 6,500 tons, up 18 percent from the 2008 total. The August 2009 forecast of U.S. peach production is 1.08 million tons, up 1 percent from the July 1 forecast but 5 percent below 2008.

TOTAL PEACH PRODUCTION, SELECTED STATES

| State | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | <i>Tons</i> | | | <i>1,000 48-pound equivalents</i> | | |
| New York ^{1/} | 6,300 | 5,500 | 6,500 | 263 | 229 | 271 |
| Michigan | 20,500 | 14,000 | 20,000 | 854 | 583 | 833 |
| New Jersey | 32,000 | 34,000 | 34,000 | 1,333 | 1,417 | 1,417 |
| Pennsylvania | 19,400 | 21,200 | 27,600 | 808 | 883 | 1,150 |
| United States ^{2/} | 1,127,150 | 1,133,310 | 1,078,340 | 47,031 | 47,221 | 44,931 |

^{1/} Estimates for current year carried forward from July 1.

^{2/} National total includes amounts for other states not listed.

APPLES

Total apple production in New York is forecast at 1.27 billion pounds based on conditions as of August 1, according to Stephen Ropel, Director of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, New York Field Office. This is 2 percent above the 1.25 billion pounds produced last year. Across the state, growers were experiencing a better growing season than last year. However, above average rain and spotty hail have impacted some growers.

In the Lake Ontario fruit region, it has been a very wet year. Growers are hoping for some sunshine. The apples are sizing nicely. A few spotty reports of hail resulted in some damage, but it was not widespread. Orleans and Niagara Counties were hit with frost this spring that damaged a portion of the crop. In the Hudson Valley fruit region, growers reported excessive rain. Many of the storms also contained hail. Those that escaped the hail storms expect a good crop that is sizing nicely. Growers in the Lake Champlain fruit region also experienced frost, hail, and too much rain.

The first U.S. apple production forecast for the 2009 crop year is 10.1 billion pounds, 4 percent above the 2008 crop.

TOTAL APPLE PRODUCTION: Selected States and United States

| Variety | Million pounds | | | 1,000 42-pound equivalents | | |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 | 2007 | 2008 | 2009 |
| New York | 1,310.0 | 1,250.0 | 1,270.0 | 31,190 | 29,762 | 30,238 |
| California | 345.0 | 360.0 | 330.0 | 8,214 | 8,571 | 7,857 |
| Michigan | 770.0 | 600.0 | 1,050.0 | 18,333 | 14,286 | 25,000 |
| New England | 176.6 | 181.9 | 164.0 | 4,205 | 4,331 | 3,905 |
| Ohio | 55.6 | 104.0 | 99.0 | 1,851 | 2,476 | 2,357 |
| Pennsylvania | 470.0 | 440.0 | 488.0 | 11,190 | 10,476 | 11,619 |
| Virginia | 215.0 | 230.0 | 200.0 | 5,119 | 5,476 | 4,762 |
| Washington | 5,200.0 | 5,800.0 | 5,800.0 | 123,810 | 138,095 | 138,095 |
| United States ^{1/} | 9,089.4 | 9,769.3 | 10,113.0 | 216,414 | 232,602 | 240,876 |

^{1/} National total includes amounts for other states not listed.

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