

Plums and Prunes

Number of Orchards and Trees: There were 127 commercial plum and prune orchards in 2002, 29 less than in 1997, a 19 percent decrease. The number of commercial plum and prune trees decreased by 11 percent from 12,738 in 1997 to 11,295 in 2002.

Orchard Acreage: The plum and prune acreage in 2002 was 115 acres, down 14 percent from the 1997 acreage of 133. Trees per acre in 2002 were 98, 2 trees more than 1997.

Location of Trees: Fruit Region I accounts for 25 percent of the total 11,295 trees. Adams County alone accounts for almost 17 percent of all plum and prune trees. The leading

three counties (Adams, Erie, York) make up 31 percent of the total trees.

Age of Trees: Of the 11,295 total plum and prune trees, 14 percent were 1-3 years old; 17 percent, 4-6 years old; 58 percent, 7-21 years old; and 11 percent, 22 years and older.

Varieties: European varieties accounted for 28 percent of the total 11,295 trees, while Japanese varieties comprised 35 percent, and other varieties 37 percent. Stanley was the leading variety with 17 percent of total, or 1,926 trees. Other leading varieties by percent of total trees were: Shiro Gold, 11 percent; Methley; 10 percent; and Red Heart, 6 percent.

Pennsylvania: Plums and Prunes (Commercial) - Comparison of Orchards, Tree Numbers and Acres by Size of Operation, 1992, 1997 and 2002

Trees	Number of Orchards			Number of Trees			Number of Acres		
	1992	1997	2002	1992	1997	2002	1992	1997	2002
1 - 99	136	117	91	3,502	3,405	2,650	55	47	39
100 +	48	39	36	13,670	9,333	8,645	150	86	76
Total	184	156	127	17,172	12,738	11,295	205	133	115

Pennsylvania: Total Plum and Prune Trees, 1978-2002

