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## Pennsylvania's 2006 Fruit Production-Preliminary

HARRISBURG, PA, Jan 24, 2007 - - - Pennsylvania apple production was 460 million pounds, down 40 million pounds from 2005, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Pennsylvania Field Office. Of this 460 million pounds, 457 million pounds were utilized. The average utilized yield per bearing acre was 21,800 pounds. The preliminary farm level value of the crop was \$53.4 million, up 8 percent from 2005. Pennsylvania ranked fourth in U.S. apple production behind Washington, New York, and Michigan. Washington produced 5.7 billion pounds, New York produced 1.28 billion pounds, and Michigan produced 900 million pounds.

Tart cherry production was 5.2 million pounds from 700 acres. The yield per bearing acre was 7,430 pounds, up from 3,250 pounds in 2005. The preliminary farm level value was \$1.8 million. Michigan, the top tart cherry producing state, harvested 180 million pounds.

Pennsylvania peach production was 21,600 tons from 4,300 acres in 2006. The average utilized yield per bearing acre was 4.95 tons per acre. The preliminary farm level value of the crop was \$19.5 million. Pennsylvania ranked sixth in peach production behind California, South Carolina, Georgia, New Jersey, and Washington.

Pear production was 3,900 tons from 800 acres in 2006. The preliminary farm level value was \$2.7 million.

Pennsylvania grape growers produced 82,000 tons from 12,100 acres in 2006. The preliminary farm level value was \$20.6 million. There were 71,400 tons of Concord, 5,000 tons of Niagara, and 5,600 tons of other grapes crushed in 2006. Grapes processed for wine totaled 16,200 tons, down 1 percent from 2005. Pennsylvania ranked fourth in grape production behind California, Washington, and New York.

### Fruit Production: Pennsylvania and U.S., 2005-2006

Fruit	Pennsylvania				United States			
	Bearing Acres		Total Production		Bearing Acres		Total Production	
	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
Apples	<i>Acres</i> 21,800	<i>Acres</i> 21,000	<i>Million Lbs.</i> 500	<i>Million Lbs.</i> 460	<i>Acres</i> 379,560	<i>Acres</i> 377,490	<i>Million Lbs.</i> 9,719.9	<i>Million Lbs.</i> 10,072.1
Tart Cherries	800	700	2.6	5.2	37,050	37,200	270.4	263.8
Grapes	<i>Acres</i> 12,000	<i>Acres</i> 12,100	<i>Tons</i> 90,000	<i>Tons</i> 82,000	<i>Acres</i> 934,850	<i>Acres</i> 937,200	<i>Tons</i> 7,813,700	<i>Tons</i> 6,346,250
Peaches <sup>1</sup>	4,500	4,300	26,600	21,600	139,630	134,460	1,184,550	1,010,120
Pears	800	800	2,100	3,900	60,550	59,850	823,320	841,035

<sup>1</sup> Excludes California clingstones.