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Pennsylvania's 2006 Fruit Production

HARRISBURG, PA, July 6, 2007 - - - Pennsylvania apple production was 470 million pounds in 2006, down 30 million pounds from 2005, according to USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Pennsylvania Field Office. Of this 470 million pounds, 467 million pounds were utilized. The average utilized yield per bearing acre was 22,200 pounds. The preliminary farm level value of the crop was \$59.8 million, up 21 percent from 2005. Pennsylvania ranked fourth in U.S. apple production behind Washington, New York, and Michigan. Washington produced 5.65 billion pounds, New York produced 1.25 billion pounds, and Michigan produced 850 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 \$1.5 million. Michigan, the top tart cherry producing state, harvested 190 million pounds.

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 Concords, 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.

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.

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	Acres	Acres	Million Lbs.	Million Lbs.	Acres	Acres	Million Lbs.	Million Lbs.
	21,800	21,000	500	470	376,660	372,790	9,704.9	9,931.7
Tart Cherries	800	700	2.6	5.2	36,350	35,800	270.4	263.8
Grapes	Acres	Acres	Tons	Tons	Acres	Acres	Tons	Tons
	12,000	12,100	90,000	82,000	934,850	934,400	7,813,700	6,417,150
Peaches ¹	4,500	4,300	26,600	21,600	109,030	107,860	700,550	651,120
Pears	800	800	2,100	3,900	60,480	59,780	823,320	842,035

¹ Excludes California clingstones.