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SOUTH CAROLINA FRUIT PRODUCTION

Based on end of season data, SOUTH CAROLINA'S 14,000 bearing acres of **peach** trees produced 60,000 tons of fruit, down 15 thousand tons from last year's production, according to the USDA NASS, South Carolina Field Office. The state's utilized production of 50,000 tons sold for an average of \$749 a ton, resulting in a value of production of \$37,474,000.

South Carolina had 600 bearing acres of **apple** trees which produced 3 million pounds of fruit, down from 4 million pounds in 2005. The value of the 2.0 million pounds of utilized production was \$371,000 compared with \$430,000 the previous year.

U.S. NONCITRUS UTILIZED PRODUCTION

UNITED STATES utilized **peach** production in 2006 is estimated at 987,080 tons, down 14 percent from the previous year and 20 percent below 2004. The California crop, accounting for 72 percent of the U.S. utilized peach production, is down 18 percent from 2005. For California, the Clingstone peach estimate is down 26 percent and the Freestone estimate is down 8 percent from 2005.

U.S. utilized **apple** production for 2006 is estimated at 9.98 billion pounds, up 4 percent from 2005. Utilized production for Washington was unchanged from last year's 5.70 billion pounds, while New York's and Michigan's utilized production increased 24 and 18 percent, respectively. Frost during bloom in Washington was a problem for some growers and protective measures were implemented in many areas. Hail, heavy rains, and high winds during early July caused major damage to the apple crop in north central Washington. In New York, abundant rainfall across the state increased disease pressure and severe weather during the fall caused significant losses to some orchards. These adverse weather conditions resulted in higher than normal unharvested production. In Michigan, freezing temperatures in the northwest during April and cold temperatures in the western part of the state during pollination greatly reduced fruit set. However, plentiful rain in August and September aided fruit sizing.

PECAN PRODUCTION AND VALUE

SOUTH CAROLINA'S 2006 **pecan** crop had 1.50 million pounds of utilized production with a value of production of \$2,060,000 up from \$2,600,000 in 2005.

The 2006 UNITED STATES pecan production is estimated at 189 million tons, a 33 percent decrease from a year earlier. The value of the crop for 2006 is \$301,242,000.