

# Texas Vegetable, Fruit, and Pecan Summary

## Vegetables

In 2009 Texas ranked seventh in production of fresh market vegetables with 3 percent of the U.S. total. Texas producers harvested 75,500 acres of commercial fresh and processed vegetables, up 1 percent from the year before. The value of production from this acreage totaled \$260 million, down 6 percent from 2008. Production of fresh and processed vegetables at 14.5 million cwt was down 8 percent.

## Citrus

Texas grapefruit production for the 2009 season totaled 5.5 million boxes, down 8 percent from the previous season's total of 6 million boxes. The 2009 all orange production totaled 1.46 million boxes, down 19 percent from the previous season's total of 1.8 million boxes.

## Pecans

The 2009 Texas pecan crop was estimated at 60 million pounds, up 30 million pounds from the 2008 crop. Prices increased from the previous year, averaging \$1.49 per pound. Production of native varieties totaled 15 million pounds, up 5 million from the 10 million pounds produced in 2008. Production of improved varieties totaled 45 million pounds, up from 20 million pounds in 2008. The year 2009 was a cyclical heavier production year.

## Peaches

Texas utilized peach production for 2009 was estimated at 3,800 tons, down from 6,300 tons in 2008. Utilized production is the total of peach sales for fresh market and processing, as well as peaches consumed on the farm. Total production for Texas peaches in 2009 was 4,900 tons, down from 7,900 tons in 2008. The 2009 peach crop production was down 38 percent from last year. Texas orchards in 2009 had an early freeze in April which wiped out some producers entire crop.

## Grapes

Texas utilized 3,050 tons of grapes in 2009, a 24 percent decrease from the previous season. Unfavorable weather conditions over the last few years took a toll on the Texas grape crop, however producing acres increased from 2,500 in 2008 to 3,300 in 2009. Yield averaged 1.88 tons per acre, up from the 1.68 tons the previous year. The total estimated value of the 2009 crop was \$3.6 million with an average value per ton of \$1,170.