

NON - CITRUS FRUIT

Apples: In terms of value of production, apples again secured the number one position in the State. Value of production for 2005 totaled \$1.23 billion, up 25 percent from 2004. The increase is attributed to a higher average price received. Growers received an average of 21.3 cents per pound compared with 16.0 cents in 2004. Washington again ranks as the Nation's largest producer of apples. Washington's total production was 5.80 billion pounds, a decrease of 6 percent from last year's crop.

Apricots: Washington's production totaled 5.90 tons, down 13 percent from the previous year. The average price increased from \$921.00 per ton in 2004 to \$969.00 2005. The value of production decreased 9 percent from last year.

Sweet/Tart Cherries: Washington remained the Nation's top producer of sweet cherries. Washington's production totaled 137,000 tons, up 2 percent from 2004. Sweet cherries were ranked as the second most important fruit crop grown in the State, with a value of \$335 million. The State ranked third among tart cherry producing states, with an output of 16.5 million pounds. The value of the tart cherry crop decreased from last year due to the decline in both production and average price received.

Bartlett/Winter Pears: Washington was the largest producer of pears in 2005. The combined values of the State's Bartlett and Winter pear crops was placed at \$142.8 million. Bartlett pear

production totaled 167,000 tons, a decrease of 2 percent from last year. Winter pear production totaled 248,000 tons, an increase of 27 percent from 2004. The value of the Bartlett crop, at \$57.1 million, was 13 percent higher than last year.

Peaches: The State's peach production dipped 3 percent from last year to 41.8 million pounds. The value of the 2005 peach crop increased 56 percent from 2004. The increase can be attributed to a higher average price. The average price jumped from 17.5 cents per pound last year to 28.1 cents per pound in 2005.

Prunes and Plums: Washington growers produced 3,600 tons during 2005, a drop of 1,900 pounds from last year. The value of production increased 69 percent due to the \$305.00 per ton increase in the average price.

Grapes: Washington remained the top producer of Concord grapes and the second largest producer of wine grapes behind California. Washington's Concord production was 275,000 tons, almost twice last year's production. Niagara grape production was also up from 2004, at 30,000 tons. Production of wine grapes in the State also rose from 107,000 tons to 110,000 tons.

Nectarines: Washington fruit growers harvested 11,500 tons of nectarines in 2005. Growers received an average price of \$564.00 per ton for a value of \$6.49 million.