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WASHINGTON'S 2007 APPLE CROP DOWN 3 PERCENT

OLYMPIA, Wash., January 24, 2008—"Washington's 2007 apple crop is estimated at 5.4 billion pounds", according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service's Washington Field Office. This is a decrease of 3 percent from last year. This estimate is for the total crop, which includes apples packed for the fresh market as well as the portion of the crop that will be diverted to processing uses. The National Agricultural Statistics Service does not provide utilization estimates of the crop until July when a larger portion of the crop has been marketed. A preliminary estimate of the value of production for the 2007 crop is \$1.58 billion, an increase of 12 percent from last year.

The value estimate is based on only three months of fresh market price data from the 2007 marketing season and a projected processing price based on AMS, Market News Service (MNS) data. The MNS's Apple Processing Report released on January 23, 2008 indicated that juice prices were averaging \$180-\$225/ton while peelers were \$200-\$230/ton. At approximately this same time last year, MNS reported that juice prices were averaging \$40/ton and peelers were averaging \$60/ton. An updated value of production estimate will be published in July, when a majority of the crop has cleared the marketing channels.



FRUITS: PRODUCTION, PRICE, & VALUE, WASHINGTON, 2005-07

Crop & Year	Bearing Acreage	Utilized Production	Average Price	Value of Utilized Production 1/	Value Per Bearing Acre	Fresh Market		Processed	
						Quantity	Avg. Price	Quantity	Avg. Price
Apples	Acres	Tons	\$ Per Ton	\$1,000	Dollars	Tons	\$ Per Ton	Tons	\$ Per Ton
2005	157,000	2,850,000	362	1,031,504	6,570	2,200,000	456	650,000	43.50
2006	158,000	2,775,000	508	1,407,632	8,909	2,175,000	628	600,000	69.60
2007	158,000	2,700,000	586	1,583,025	10,019	July 8, 2008		July 8, 2008	
Apricots									
2005	1,000	5,900	969	5,715	5,715	-	-	-	-
2006	950	5,200	1,190	6,180	6,505	-	-	-	-
2007	950	7,000	1,120	7,827	8,239	-	-	-	-
Sweet Cherries									
2005	29,000	137,000	2,440	334,512	11,535	113,000	2,830	24,000	613
2006	30,000	168,000	1,590	267,794	8,926	123,000	1,970	45,000	566
2007	31,000	170,000	2,060	349,916	11,288	142,000	2,370	28,000	478
Tart Cherries									
2005	1,600	8,250	478	3,951	2,469	-	-	-	-
2006	1,550	10,850	518	5,630	3,632	-	-	-	-
2007	1,550	5,700	700	3,990	2,574	-	-	-	-
Bartlett Pears									
2005	11,200	167,000	342	57,072	5,096	59,000	580	108,000	212
2006	11,000	165,000	346	57,122	5,193	54,000	642	111,000	202
2007	11,000	172,000	364	62,664	5,697	69,000	563	103,000	231
Other Pears									
2005	13,500	246,000	345	84,934	6,291	-	-	-	-
2006	13,000	196,000	521	102,109	7,855	-	-	-	-
2007	13,000	237,000	435	103,103	7,931	-	-	-	-
Peaches									
2005	2,700	20,900	561	11,732	4,345	-	-	-	-
2006	2,650	23,000	522	12,008	4,531	-	-	-	-
2007	2,650	18,500	604	11,175	4,217	-	-	-	-
Prunes & Plums									
2005	800	3,600	498	1,791	2,239	-	-	-	-
2006	750	5,400	443	2,394	3,192	-	-	-	-
2007	750	4,000	403	1,611	2,148	-	-	-	-
Nectarines									
2005	1,400	11,500	564	6,486	4,633	-	-	-	-
2006	1,400	13,900	597	8,298	5,927	-	-	-	-
2007	1,400	10,300	534	5,500	3,929	-	-	-	-

1/ Prices based at packinghouse door and processing plant door.

- Missing data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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