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2011 PEACH FORECAST FINAL 2010 PEACH and APPLE PRODUCTION

WEST VIRGINIA - The 2011 peach crop is forecast at 5,700 tons, this is up 400 tons from the 2010 crop forecast of 5,300 tons.

Most of the crops grown in West Virginia during 2010 were adversely affected due to extended drought conditions, especially in the Eastern Panhandle. Crops harvested in the fall, like apples, suffered the most from the dry summer. In 2010, total production was 5,300 tons, unchanged from 2009. Utilized production totaled 5,000 tons, a decrease of 290 tons from 2009. Value of utilized production totaled \$4.63 million, an increase of 18 percent from 2009. Bearing acres were estimated at 950, unchanged from 2009, with an average yield of 5.58 tons per acre, unchanged from 2009. The average price received per ton was estimated at \$925.00. This was an increase of \$184.00 from 2009. West Virginia ranks 17th in the nation for peach production.

Total apple production for 2010 was estimated at 64.0 million pounds (1.52 million, 42 lb. bushels), down 22 percent, or 18 million pounds from 2009. Utilized production totaled 61.0 million pounds, down 18 million pounds from 2009. Apples for fresh market totaled 14.0 million pounds, down 6.0 million pounds from 2009. Apples for processing accounted for 47.0 million pounds of the 2010 crop, 12 million pounds less than the 2009 crop.

The average price received for 2010 apples was 14.4 cents per pound, up 0.6 cents from the 2009 price. Total value of utilized production was \$8.8 million for the crop, down \$2.1 million from the 2009 value. Fresh market apples brought 31.9 cents per pound in 2010, up 0.6 cents from 2009. Processed apples sold for \$184.00 per ton, \$26.00 more than the 2009 price per ton.

The number of bearing acres of apples totaled 4,900 acres in 2010, unchanged from 2009. The yield per acre was 13,100 pounds, 3,600 pounds less than in 2009. The yield was based on total production, which includes unharvested production and fruit harvested but not sold due to marketing conditions. West Virginia ranks 10th in the nation for apple production.

UNITED STATES - The United States peach production forecast is forecast at 1.13 million tons, down 2 percent from 2010. Twelve of the 23 Freestone peach estimating States expect decreases in production from last year, while eight States increased their production from the previous season, and three States showed no change. Freestone production, at 697,140 tons, is down 3 percent from last season.

The California Clingstone crop is forecast at 430,000 tons, down slightly from a year ago. Crop development was slowed due to spring rains and cooler than normal April temperatures. This year's statewide full bloom date was three days later than last year. The Extra Early and Early varieties were reported to have a heavy set, while the Late and Extra Late varieties were reported to have an average set.

The U.S. peach production in 2010 was estimated at 1.15 million tons, up 4 percent from the 2009 estimate. Of this production, 1.13 million tons were utilized, up 4 percent from 2009. Value of utilized production totaled \$614.9 million, up 4 percent from the 2009 total. The average price received for peaches was \$544.00 per ton, down \$4.00 from the 2009 price.

Total apple production for 2010 totaled 9.30 billion pounds, down 4 percent from the revised 2009 total. Utilized apple production totaled 9.22 billion pounds, down 2 percent from the revised 2009 level. Value of utilized production totaled \$2.22 billion, up 2 percent from the 2009 revised total. Price per pound averaged 24.1 cents, up 1.0 cent from the 2009 price of 23.1 cents. A total of 6.3 billion pounds were sold for fresh market, down slightly from the 2009 revised number. There were 2.93 billion pounds for processing, down 7 percent from the revised 2009 number.