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WEST VIRGINIA PRELIMINARY 2010 FRUIT PRODUCTION

WEST VIRGINIA - Most of the crops grown in West Virginia during 2010 were adversely affected due to extended drought conditions, especially in the Eastern Panhandle. Total **apple production** for 2010 was 64.0 million pounds, down 22 percent or 18 million from the 2009 estimate of 82 million. Utilized production totaled 61.0 million pounds, a decrease of 18 million from 2009. Bearing acres in the State were estimated at 4,900 acres, unchanged from 2009, with an average yield per acre of 13,100 pounds, 3,600 pounds less than 2009. The average price per pound for apples was 13.2 cents, down 0.6 cents from 2009. Value of utilized production totaled 8.04 million dollars, down 26 percent or 2.9 million dollars from 2009.

Peach production totaled 5,300 tons, unchanged from 2009. Utilized production in 2010 totaled 5,000 tons, down 5 percent or 290 tons from last year. Bearing acres were estimated at 950 acres, unchanged from 2009, with an average yield of 5.58 tons per acre, unchanged from 2009. The price received per ton was estimated at 925 dollars, an increase of 184 dollars per ton from 2009. Value of utilized production totaled 4.63 million dollars, an 18 percent increase or 705 thousand dollars above the 2009 total.

UNITED STATES - Total **apple production** in the U.S. during 2010 was estimated at 9.29 billion pounds, 4 percent less than 2009. Of the total production, 9.21 billion pounds were utilized, down 3 percent from the 2009 level. Bearing acres were estimated at 344,550 acres, down 3,250 acres from 2009, with an average yield per acre of 27,000 pounds, 900 pounds less than 2009. Growers received an average of 23.4 cents per pound, an increase of 0.3 cents from 2009. Value of utilized production totaled 2.15 billion dollars, a decrease of almost 2 percent from 2.19 billion dollars in 2009.

The U.S. total **peach production** (including California Clingstone) in 2010 was estimated at 1.15 million tons, up 4 percent from 1.10 million tons in 2009. Of this production, 1.13 million tons were utilized, up 5 percent from the previous year. Bearing acres were estimated at 117,630 acres, down 1,200 acres from 2009, with an average yield of 9.79 tons per acre, an increase of 0.5 tons. The average price received per ton for peaches was 543 dollars, down 5 dollars from 2009. Value of utilized production totaled 614.6 million dollars, up 4 percent or 21.0 million dollars from 2009.