

## All Mushroom Sales Down 2 percent, Value Up Slightly

Sales of the 2007-2008 U.S. mushroom crop are 809 million pounds, down 2 percent from the 2006-2007 season and 4 percent below two years ago. The average price is \$1.19 per pound, up 3 cents from 2006-2007. Value of sales for the 2007-2008 U.S. mushroom crop is \$964 million, virtually unchanged from the previous season but 8 percent above the 2005-06 season. The 2007-2008 mushroom season ran from July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008.

Value of sales for U.S. Agaricus mushrooms totaled \$914 million in 2007-2008. The average price was \$1.15 per pound, up three cents from 2006-2007. Producers sold 793 million pounds of Agaricus mushrooms, with 85 percent sold for fresh market.

Growers in the Central region (Illinois, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin) sold 77.1 million pounds of Agaricus mushrooms, down 3 percent from 2006-2007. The regional price averaged \$1.64 per pound, once again the highest in the country. Value of sales for the Central region was \$127 million, compared to \$128 million in 2006-2007 and \$124 million in 2005-2006.

Shiitake, Oyster, and other specialty mushroom sales in the U.S. totaled \$50 million, up 9 percent from the 2006-2007 season. The average price was at \$3.08 per pound, down 16 cents. Producers sold 9.89 million pounds of Shiitake mushrooms, an increase of 42 percent. Oyster mushroom sales decreased 16 percent to 4.25 million pounds.

### Mushroom Production, United States

| Variety  | Volume of sales |           | Value of sales |           |
|----------|-----------------|-----------|----------------|-----------|
|          | 2006-2007       | 2007-2008 | 2006-2007      | 2007-2008 |
|          | 1,000 pounds    |           | 1,000 dollars  |           |
| Agaricus | 813,849         | 792,846   | 915,561        | 913,586   |
| Shiitake | 6,985           | 9,890     | 23,469         | 27,794    |
| Oyster   | 5,055           | 4,253     | 12,185         | 12,206    |
| Other    | 2,113           | 2,045     | 10,231         | 9,936     |
| Total    | 828,002         | 809,034   | 961,446        | 963,522   |

Source: USDA, NASS, Wisconsin Field Office