

U.S. Mushroom Sales Volume Up 1 Percent, Value Down 1 Percent

Sales of the 2008-2009 U.S. mushroom crop were 817 million pounds, up 1 percent from the 2007-2008 season. Value of sales for the 2008-2009 U.S. mushroom crop were \$957 million, down 1 percent from the previous season. The average price was \$1.17 per pound, down 1 cent from 2007-2008. The number of growers, at 285, was up 6 from last season. The 2008-2009 mushroom season ran from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009.

Value of sales for U.S. Agaricus mushrooms totaled \$909 million, down 1 percent from the previous year. The average price was \$1.13 per pound, down 2 cents from 2007-2008. Producers sold 802 million pounds of Agaricus mushrooms, with 85 percent sold for fresh market.

Growers in the Central region (Illinois, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, and Wisconsin) sold 74.3 million pounds of Agaricus mushrooms, down 4 percent from 2007-2008. The regional price averaged \$1.70 per pound, once again the highest in the country. Value of sales for the Central region was \$127 million, the same as the previous year due mainly to a price increase of 6 cents per pound.

Shiitake, Oyster, and other specialty mushroom sales in the U.S. totaled \$48.0 million, up 6 percent from the 2007-2008 season. The average price was \$3.10 per pound, up 14 cents from previous year. Producers sold 9.42 million pounds of Shiitake mushrooms, a decrease of 3 percent. Oyster mushroom sales increased 19 percent to 5.06 million pounds.

Mushroom Production, United States

Variety	Volume of sales		Value of sales	
	2007-2008	2008-2009	2007-2008	2008-2009
	1,000 pounds		1,000 dollars	
Agaricus	797,348	801,523	917,607	909,078
Shiitake	9,673	9,416	26,049	30,038
Oyster	4,253	5,056	12,232	12,442
Other	1,330	979	6,868	5,470
Total	812,604	816,974	962,756	957,028

Source: USDA, NASS, WI FO