

APPLES

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STATE'S UTILIZED APPLE PRODUCTION INCREASED

MINNESOTA: Minnesota's 2003 utilized apple production was estimated at 19.8 million pounds, up 2.1 million pounds from 2002, according to the Minnesota Agricultural Statistics Service. The 2003 total apple production is estimated at 27.0 million pounds, an increase of 2.0 million pounds from last year's crop.

The value received for the 2003 crop was down 4% from 2002. The preliminary average price received for Minnesota apples was 43.6 cents per pound compared with 50.9 cents in 2002, down 7.3 cents per pound. The price includes fresh sales (both retail and wholesale) plus processing sales on a delivered wholesale basis. Both production and price estimates are subject to revision when the updated annual summary is published in August.

UNITED STATES: Utilized apple production for 2003 was estimated at 8.9 billion pounds, up 6% from the 2002 level. In Washington, poor weather during pollination led to spotty bloom in some orchards. In Michigan and New York, excellent growing conditions allowed production to rebound from the short 2002 crop. Improved growing conditions in Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia increased utilized production from the 2002 weather reduced crops.

CROP YEAR	UTILIZED PRODUCTION (MILLION LBS.)	SEASON AVERAGE PRICE (CENTS PER LB.)	VALUE (1,000 DOLLARS)
MINNESOTA:			
1999	18.3	41.4	7,578
2000	17.4	43.2	7,523
2001	15.5	47.5	7,363
2002	17.7	50.9	9,008
2003	19.8	43.6	8,623
UNITED STATES:			
1999	10,447	15.0	1,563,582
2000	10,322	12.8	1,320,781
2001	9,214	15.8	1,453,073
2002	8,375	18.8	1,572,202
2003	8,898	19.4	1,729,949

