

PEACHES



Wet conditions in April delayed pollination of the 2007 peach crop in Connecticut and Massachusetts. Peak full bloom in the two states occurred in mid-May, one to two weeks later than the previous year. Sunny skies in

May provided excellent pollinating conditions. Late June storms brought hail, causing significant damage in some

orchards. July and August were drier than previous months. Harvest was complete by early October, in line with last year and normal. Crop specialists rated fruit size as "average" and reported the crop in good condition throughout the growing season. Increased output offset lower prices and placed the value of the 2007 peach crop for the combined states at \$4.9 million, 12 percent above the previous year's level.

PEACHES: Production and Value, 1998 - 2007

State and Year	Bearing Acreage	Yield ¹	Production		Utilized Price per Ton	Value of Utilized Production	48-Pound Bushel Equivalents			
			Total ²	Utilized ³			Yield ¹	Production		Utilized Price per Bushel
								Total ²	Utilized ³	
	Acres	Tons/Acre	Tons		Dollars	1,000 Dollars	Bu/Acre	1,000 Bushels		Dollars
Connecticut										
1998	330	3.49	1,150	1,150	1,400	1,610	145.4	48	48	33.60
1999	330	3.34	1,100	1,100	1,300	1,430	139.2	46	46	31.20
2000	330	3.03	1,000	1,000	1,300	1,300	126.3	42	42	31.20
2001	330	2.88	950	950	1,300	1,235	120.0	40	40	31.20
2002	400	1.63	650	650	1,400	910	67.9	27	27	33.60
2003	400	1.88	750	750	1,400	1,050	78.3	31	31	33.60
2004	400	2.13	850	850	1,600	1,360	88.8	35	35	38.40
2005	400	1.75	700	700	1,600	1,120	72.9	29	29	38.40
2006	400	2.25	900	900	1,800	1,620	93.8	38	38	43.20
2007	400	2.75	1,100	1,100	1,800	1,980	114.6	46	46	43.20
Massachusetts										
1998	320	2.82	900	850	1,600	1,360	117.5	38	35	38.40
1999	330	3.03	1,000	1,000	1,600	1,600	126.3	42	42	38.40
2000	340	3.09	1,050	1,050	1,400	1,470	128.8	44	44	33.60
2001	350	3.15	1,100	1,050	1,400	1,470	131.0	46	44	33.60
2002	370	3.11	1,150	1,100	1,600	1,760	129.6	48	46	38.40
2003	380	3.95	1,500	1,350	1,600	2,160	164.6	63	56	38.40
2004	380	2.53	960	950	1,500	1,425	105.4	40	40	36.00
2005	380	2.63	1,000	990	1,500	1,485	109.6	42	41	36.00
2006	380	3.68	1,400	1,400	1,940	2,716	153.3	58	58	46.56
2007	400	4.13	1,650	1,600	1,800	2,880	172.1	69	67	43.20
New England ⁴										
1998	650	3.15	2,050	2,000	1,485	2,970	131.3	85	83	35.64
1999	660	3.18	2,100	2,100	1,443	3,030	132.5	88	88	34.63
2000	670	3.06	2,050	2,050	1,351	2,770	127.5	85	85	32.42
2001	680	3.01	2,050	2,000	1,353	2,705	125.4	85	83	32.47
2002	770	2.34	1,800	1,750	1,526	2,670	97.5	75	73	36.62
2003	780	2.88	2,250	2,100	1,529	3,210	120.0	94	88	36.70
2004	780	2.32	1,810	1,800	1,547	2,785	96.7	75	75	37.13
2005	780	2.18	1,700	1,690	1,541	2,605	90.8	71	70	36.98
2006	780	2.95	2,300	2,300	1,885	4,336	122.9	96	96	45.24
2007	800	3.44	2,750	2,700	1,800	4,860	143.3	115	113	43.20

¹ Yield based on total production, which includes unharvested production and fruit harvested but not sold due to market conditions.

² Total production is the quantity actually harvested plus quantities which would have been acceptable for fresh market or processing but were not harvested because of economic or natural reasons.

³ Utilized production includes fruit sold, amount used on the operation or given away, and fruit placed in storage.

⁴ New England includes Connecticut and Massachusetts.