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**New Jersey's 2005 Peach Crop Production Down from Previous Year**

The 2005 Garden State peach crop is estimated at 30,000 tons, down 8 percent from the previous year and 14 percent below 2003. Crop conditions are rated fair to good for this year's crop. Fruit development is about a week behind schedule. Current excessive rainfall may have an impact on the quality and the harvest schedule for this year's peach crop.

The July 2005 forecast of U.S. Freestone peach production is 710,350 tons, down 8 percent from 2004 and 2 percent below two years ago. Seven of the top ten peach producing states expect declines in production from last year, while the other 3 states expect an increase in their production from the previous season. Starting in 2004, the National Agricultural Statistics Service changed the production unit that peaches are reported in from million pounds to tons.

**Peaches, Total Production by State, 2003-2004 and Forecasted July 1, 2005**

State	Ranking based on 2005	Total Production			% Change from 2004
		2003	2004	2005	
- Tons -					
California 1/	1	413,000	436,000	410,000	(6)
South Carolina	2	50,000	70,000	75,000	7
Georgia	3	55,000	52,500	40,000	(24)
<b>New Jersey</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>35,000</b>	<b>32,500</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>(8)</b>
Washington	5	19,500	21,500	22,000	2
Pennsylvania	6	36,500	23,000	20,500	(11)
Michigan	7	23,500	18,700	19,000	2
Colorado	8	10,500	13,000	12,000	(8)
Alabama	9	4,500	14,000	11,500	(18)
Texas	10	3,500	12,200	10,000	(18)
United States	--	723,500	768,110	710,350	(8)

1/ Freestone variety

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