

Mushrooms

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Pennsylvania growers produced 428 million pounds of Agaricus mushrooms during the 1998-99 season. The Agaricus crop was valued at 331 million dollars, an increase of 18 percent from the previous season.

Pennsylvania accounted for 50 percent of U.S. production of Agaricus mushrooms, the conventional button variety responsible for most of the nation's sales. The state's growers supplied 45 percent of the nation's fresh market sales and 69 percent of the mushrooms used in processing. This compares with last season's sales of 41 and 65 percent, respectively.

Fresh market sales accounted for 294.3 million pounds, up 15 percent from 1997-98; while processing sales, at 133.4 million pounds, were up 9 percent.

During the 1998-99 season, Pennsylvania growers received an average of 86.1 cents per pound for fresh market sales and 58.0 cents per pound for sales to processors. Prices for mushrooms are the average prices producers received at the point of first sale. Statistics on specialty mushrooms grown in Pennsylvania are not published separately to avoid disclosure of individual operations. The data is included as part of the national statistics on specialty mushrooms.

Pennsylvania & United States: Agaricus Mushroom Sales By Type & Percent of Total, 1990-1999

Year	Pennsylvania					United States				
	Fresh Market		Processing		Total Production	Fresh Market		Processing		Total Production
	Volume of Sales	Percent	Volume of Sales	Percent		Volume of Sales	Percent	Volume of Sales	Percent	
	<i>(000) Lbs.</i>		<i>(000) Lbs.</i>		<i>(000) Lbs.</i>	<i>(000) Lbs.</i>		<i>(000) Lbs.</i>		<i>(000) Lbs.</i>
1990-91	189,500	54	161,704	46	351,204	511,921	68	237,230	32	749,151
1991-92	184,520	52	173,750	48	358,270	496,959	67	249,873	33	746,832
1992-93	197,993	53	172,120	47	370,113	522,381	67	253,976	33	776,357
1993-94	184,913	52	169,880	48	354,793	516,836	69	233,963	31	750,799
1994-95	182,250	51	172,250	49	354,500	532,232	68	250,108	32	782,340
1995-96	186,818	53	166,297	47	353,115	537,124	69	240,746	31	777,870
1996-97	206,384	57	154,521	43	360,905	553,780	71	222,897	29	776,677
1997-98	256,881	68	122,414	32	379,295	621,537	77	187,141	23	808,678
1998-99	294,281	69	133,351	31	427,632	654,475	77	193,926	23	848,401

Pennsylvania & Other States: Area, Production, Price & Value

State	Area In Production		Production	Price Per Pound	Value of Production
	Growing Area	Total Fillings			
	<i>(000) Sq. Ft.</i>		<i>(000) Lbs.</i>	<i>Cents</i>	<i>(000) Dols.</i>
			July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998		
Pennsylvania	19,773	67,010	379,295	73.8	279,911
Other States	14,792	78,084	429,383	115.0	493,706
United States	34,565	145,094	808,678	95.7	773,617
			July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999		
Pennsylvania	20,675	72,279	427,632	77.3	330,720
Other States	14,501	77,758	420,679	117.3	493,597
United States	35,176	150,037	848,401	97.7	828,557

United States: Specialty Mushrooms, Number of Growers, Total Production, Volume of Sales, Price Per Pound & Value of Sales, July 1, 1998 - June 30, 1999

Variety & State	Growers	All Sales			
		Total Production	Volume of Sales	Price Per Pound	Value of Sales
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>	
Shiitake		8,670	8,244	3.15	25,933
Oyster		3,714	3,532	2.15	7,599
Other		1,256	1,201	4.21	5,057
United States	188	13,604	12,977	2.97	38,589