

## Fruit Review, 2001

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Fruit trees and blooms were hampered by late spring freezes and cool weather. Growing conditions improved during the summer with near normal temperatures and precipitation prevailing.

The Commonwealth's six major fruit crops, comprised of apples, peaches, pears, sweet cherries, tart cherries and grapes, utilized production totaled 346,230 tons in 2001. Utilized production was up 3 percent from the 337,200 tons utilized in 2000.

◆ **Apples:** The 2001 commercial apple crop in Pennsylvania totaled 480 million pounds, up 1 percent from the 475 million pounds in 2000. The crop was valued at 46.0 million dollars, down 15 percent from the 2000 value. Pennsylvania ranked fifth nationally in apple production.

◆ **Grapes:** Pennsylvania's 2001 total grape crop was 61,500 tons, down 2 percent from 2000. The price per ton averaged 274 dollars, up 9 dollars from last year. The total value of utilized production was 16.9 million dollars, up 1 percent from the previous year. The Commonwealth's grape production ranked fourth nationally.

◆ **Pears:** The production of pears in Pennsylvania totaled 5,200 tons, up 18 percent from 2000. The utilized crop was

valued at 3.0 million dollars, 32 percent more than the previous year. The Commonwealth ranked fifth nationally in pear production.

◆ **Peaches:** Peach production in Pennsylvania totaled 74.0 million pounds in 2001, up 28 percent from 2000. The season-average price increased from 0.287 dollars per pound in 2000 to 0.335 dollars in 2001. The total value of utilized production was 24.8 million dollars. Nationally, Pennsylvania ranked fourth in peach production.

◆ **Tart Cherries:** Tart cherry production in Pennsylvania totaled 3.9 million pounds, down 1.7 million pounds from last year's crop. The season average price was 0.127 dollars per pound, compared with 0.149 dollars per pound in 2000. The total value of utilized production was 497 thousand dollars, 40 percent less than the previous year. Nationally, Pennsylvania ranked sixth in the production of tart cherries.

◆ **Sweet Cherries:** Production of Pennsylvania's sweet cherries in 2001 totaled 580 tons, up 16 percent from a year ago. The average price per ton increased from 2,180 dollars in 2000 to 2,260 dollars in 2001. The Commonwealth's crop for 2001 was valued at 1.3 million dollars. Sweet cherry production from Pennsylvania ranked ninth nationally.

Usual Dates of Full Bloom, Harvest & Marketing  
for Principal Pennsylvania Fruit Crops

Crop	April					May					June					July					August					September					October					November					Marketing									
	5	10	15	20	25	30	5	10	15	20	25	30	5	10	15	20	25	30	5	10	15	20	25	30	5	10	15	20	25	30	5	10	15	20	25	30	5	10	15	20	25	30	Most Active	Ends						
Apples							█	█	█	█	█	█							█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	Sept 10 Oct 25	Nov 5
Peaches							█	█	█	█	█	█							█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█													Aug 10 Sept 25	Oct 1						
Cherries-Sweet													█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█																			Jun 20 July 8	July 10							
Cherries-Tart													█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█																			July 5 July 25	Aug 1							
Pears							█	█	█	█	█	█						█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█							Aug 15 Sept 30	Oct 31							
Grapes													█	█	█	█	█							█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█	█							Sept 25 Oct 25	Nov 1							

**Key:** Full Bloom Harvesting  
█ Begins █ Most █ Ends  
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