

The increased grape production over the last few years has increased pressure on producers to maintain or increase crop quality and to contract crop sales well in advance of crop maturity.

Some independent grape producers reported a softening market for certain Chardonnay clones, while demand for other varieties exceeded supply.

Virginia ranks 9<sup>th</sup> nationally in commercial grape production. Virginia's grape producers harvested 4,230.8 tons of commercial grapes in 2000, down 7 percent from 4,563.5 tons produced in 1999 but 33 percent above 1998.

Vineyard acreage has increased from 1,418 acres in 1995 to 2,146 acres in 2000, representing a 51 percent increase.

In 2000, 1,011 tons of Virginia grapes were sold at an average price of \$1,200 per ton. The Chardonnay variety made up 35 percent of Virginia's total production of all the Vinifera varieties harvested in 2000. Also, Virginia's most popular variety accounted for 39 percent of all the Vinifera variety bearing acreage and 36 percent of the total vineyard acreage statewide.

### APPLE PRODUCTION, PRICE, AND UTILIZATION, 1996-2000 <sup>1/</sup>

	<i>Unit</i>	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
<b>42 Pound equivalent</b>						
Total	<i>thousand</i>	6,548	6,429	6,667	8,571	8,333
Utilized	<i>thousand</i>	6,190	6,238	6,405	8,333	8,167
<b>Pounds</b>						
Total	<i>million</i>	275	270	280	360	350
Utilized	<i>million</i>	260	262	269	350	343
Price Per Pound	<i>cents</i>	11.6	10.6	11.7	10.9	9.8
<b>Value Utilized Production</b>	<i>thousand dollars</i>	30,160	27,741	31,491	38,175	33,543
<b>Utilization of Sales</b>						
Fresh	<i>million lbs</i>	90	53	100	125	102
Processed <sup>2/</sup>	<i>million lbs.</i>	170	209	169	225	241

<sup>1/</sup> Commercial crop estimates refer to the total production in commercial orchards of 100 or more bearing trees.

<sup>2/</sup> Includes canned apples and used for juice, vinegar, wine, jam, fresh slices, and frozen slices for pie making.

### PEACH PRODUCTION, PRICE, AND UTILIZATION, 1999-2000 <sup>1/</sup>

	<i>Unit</i>	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000
<b>48 Pound Equivalent</b>						
Total	<i>thousand</i>	292	188	292	313	208
Utilized	<i>thousand</i>	271	167	250	250	188
<b>Pounds</b>						
Total	<i>million</i>	14	9	14	15	10
Utilized	<i>million</i>	13	8	12	12	9
Price Per Pound	<i>cents</i>	34	28	30	29	30
<b>Value Utilized Production</b>	<i>thousand dollars</i>	4,420	2,240	3,600	3,480	2,700
<b>Utilization of Sales</b>						
Fresh	<i>million lbs.</i>	13	8	12	12	9
Processed	<i>million lbs.</i>	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>	<sup>2/</sup>

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<sup>2/</sup> Not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.