

## Fruit and Nut

**Apples:** Arizona's utilized apple production was 5.50 million pounds, down almost 70 percent from last year's crop. The total crop value was \$1.31 million, down 68 percent from last year's \$4.02 million. The average price per pound, at 23.7 cents was 1.4 cents higher than in 2008.

**Pecans:** Arizona was the nation's fourth leading State in pecan production for 2009, with production of 20.0 million pounds. This was 14 percent higher than last year. **Nationally**, pecan production was up 50 percent from last year. The Arizona pecan price averaged \$1.90 per pound, up 45 cents from a year ago. The U.S. average price of \$1.37 per pound represents an increase of 3 cents from the previous year-

**Citrus:** Arizona's total citrus production was up 48 percent from last season, mainly due to lemons. Arizona lemon growers harvested twice as many lemons this season than the previous season. Grapefruit, orange, and tangerine utilized production was down 75, 34, and 37 percent, respectively, from last season.

U.S. Citrus production for the 2008-09 season totaled 12.0 million tons, down 7 percent from the 2007-08 season. Florida and California accounted for 71 and 26 percent, respectively, of the total U.S. citrus production. Texas and Arizona produced the remaining 3 percent.

Florida's orange production, at 162 million boxes, is down 5 percent from the previous season. Grapefruit utilization in Florida, at 21.7 million boxes, is down 18 percent from last season's utilization. Florida's total citrus utilization decreased 7 percent from the previous season.

Utilized citrus production in California decreased 7 percent from the 2007-08 season. California's all orange production, at 48.5 million boxes, is 22 percent lower than the previous season. Grapefruit production is up 8 percent from the 2007-08 season while tangerine and mandarin production is unchanged. Utilized production of citrus in Texas is down 11 percent from the 2007-08 season. Orange production is down 19 percent from the previous season and grapefruit production decreased 8 percent.

The value of the 2008-09 U.S. citrus crop decreased 15 percent from last season, to \$2.74 billion (packinghouse-door equivalent). Total value of production for 2008-09 is lower for all citrus crops. Orange value of production decreased 11 percent from last season and grapefruit value is down 14 percent. Tangerine and mandarin value of production is 11 percent lower than last season and lemon value of production is down 35 percent. Tangelo value decreased 36 percent from the previous season.

### All Citrus: Arizona Acreage, Production, and Value

	2002/03	2003/04	2004/05	2005/06	2006/07	2007/08	2008/09
Harvested ( <i>Acre</i> s)	27,000	24,600	22,500	20,100	17,900	17,400	17,300
Utilization of production ( <i>1,000 Tons</i> )	152	162	127	185	120	90	133
Fresh	92	112	79	108	89	62	54
Processed	60	50	48	77	31	28	79
Value of production ( <i>1,000 Dollars</i> ) <sup>1/</sup>	40,325	41,315	38,134	46,132	62,916	61,834	35,602

<sup>1/</sup> Equivalent packinghouse door returns. Marketing season November-July.