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FRUIT & NUT ANNUAL SUMMARY

ARIZONA

Arizona's utilized **pecan** production in 2021 was a record high 40.90 million pounds, up 40 percent from the utilized production of 29.20 million pounds in 2020, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Bearing acreage was estimated at 22,000 acres, up 5 percent from the previous year. The average yield per acre was 1,860 pounds, up 470 pounds from the previous year. The 2021 price per pound in Arizona at \$2.27, was \$0.52 higher than in 2020. The value of 2021 Arizona pecan production was \$92.84 million dollars, up 82 percent from 2020.

Arizona's utilized **date** production in 2021 was a record high 14,650 tons, up 11 percent from the utilized production of 13,240 tons in 2020. Bearing acreage was estimated at 4,000 acres, unchanged from the previous year. The average yield per acre was 3.66 tons, up 10 percent from the previous year. The 2021 price per ton in Arizona at \$6,350, was \$630 higher than in 2020. The value of 2021 Arizona date production was \$93.03 million dollars, up 23 percent from 2020.

COLORADO

Colorado's utilized **peach** production in 2021 was 11,330 tons, up 172 percent from the utilized production of 4,160 tons in 2020, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Bearing acreage was estimated at 2,500 acres, unchanged from the previous year. The average yield per acre was 4.60 tons, up 2.89 tons from the previous year. The 2021 price per ton in Colorado at \$2,170, was \$650 lower than in 2020. The value of 2021 Colorado peach utilized production was \$24.54 million dollars, up 109 percent from 2020.

NEW MEXICO

New Mexico's utilized **pecan** production in 2021 was 78.70 million pounds, down less than one-half percent from the utilized production of 78.80 million pounds in 2020, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Bearing acreage was estimated at 46,000 acres, up 2 percent from the previous year. The average yield per acre was 1,710 pounds, down 40 pounds from the previous year. The 2021 price per pound in New Mexico at \$2.40, was \$0.84 higher than in 2020. The value of 2021 New Mexico pecan production was \$188.88 million dollars, up 54 percent from 2020.

UTAH

Utah's utilized **tart cherry** production in 2021 was 33.40 million pounds, up 21 percent from the utilized production of 27.70 million pounds in 2020, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Bearing acreage was estimated at 2,900 acres, down 6 percent from the previous year. The average yield per acre was 11,500 pounds, up 2,200 pounds from the previous year. The 2021 price per pound in Utah at \$0.254, was 54 percent higher than in 2020. The value of 2021 Utah tart cherry utilized production was \$8.48 million dollars, up 86 percent from 2020.

Fruits & Nuts for Fresh Market and Processing: Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, & Utah, 2020 - 2021

	Bearing Acres		Utilized Production	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
Arizona				
Dates	4,000	4,000	13,240 tons	14,650 tons
Pecans	21,000	22,000	29,200,000 pounds	40,900,000 pounds
Colorado				
Peaches	2,500	2,500	4,160 tons	11,330 tons
New Mexico				
Pecans	45,000	46,000	78,800,000 pounds	78,700,000 pounds
Utah				
Cherries, Tart	3,100	2,900	27,700,000 pounds	33,400,000 pounds

(D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

UNITED STATES

In 2021, the Nation’s utilized production for the 21 estimated noncitrus fruit crops totaled 15.6 million tons, down slightly from 2020. In terms of utilized production, the three largest crops were grapes, apples, and strawberries, which combined for 78 percent of the noncitrus fruits total in 2021. Bearing acreage totaled 1.84 million, down 2 percent from the previous season. The major deciduous crops accounted for 1.50 million or 81 percent of the total bearing acreage.

The value of utilized production for the 21 noncitrus fruit crops totaled \$17.1 billion, up 13 percent from the previous year. Grapes, strawberries and apples claimed the highest values, accounting for 70 percent of the total value of utilized production when combined.

In 2021, the Nation’s utilized production for tree nut crops totaled 3.95 million tons, down 4 percent from 2020. The value of utilized production for 2021 tree nut crops totaled \$9.74 billion, up 3 percent from the previous year. Bearing acreage totaled 2.61 million, up 5 percent from 2020.

Fruits & Nuts for Fresh Market and Processing: United States, 2020 - 2021

	Harvested Acres		Utilized Production	
	2020	2021	2020	2021
United States				
Cherries, Tart	31,400	30,500	138,500,000 pounds	171,600,000 pounds
Dates	16,500	15,600	62,240 tons	58,870 tons
Peaches	76,000	74,400	637,330 tons	661,890 tons
Pecans	408,000	410,000	304,050,000 pounds	255,300,000 pounds

For a full copy of the *Fruit & Nut Annual Summary* report, please visit www.nass.usda.gov. For state specific questions, please contact:

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