Full crop potential at Connecticut’s pear orchards was also limited by May’s unusually cold conditions. A mid-May frost resulted in light damage during the bloom stage at many locations. Warm weather which arrived in June and remained in the state through the beginning of September enhanced pear development, however moisture availability was scarce. Rain showers finally arrived in mid-September, but persisted into October and interfered with harvest. By the end of October, crop specialists had crop condition rated mostly good to fair. Utilized pear production in Connecticut totaled 1,000 tons, 11 percent above last year’s low yielding crop, but 23 percent short of 2003 output. The value of the 2005 pear crop in Connecticut was placed at $952,000, 32 percent above the 2004 value.