## PEACHES

Peach trees survived the winter in good condition. April was unusually warm, causing earlier bud and bloom stages than the past few years. Temperatures cooled in May leading to frost damage and slowed growth. The month of June will be noted as one of the wettest on record, with excessive rain causing scab and fungus issues, but good fruit size. Late June/early July storms brought hail, and damage was significant at some orchards. Crop conditions remained in good to fair condition throughout July. Harvest was underway at the end of July, slightly ahead of schedule. Skies finally cleared in mid-August, providing excellent harvest conditions. Harvest was complete by the end of September, on par with earlier years. Combined utilized peach production in Connecticut and Massachusetts in 2009 totaled 2,950 tons, an increase of 100 tons from a year earlier. The estimated value of 2009 production was $6.36 million, down 3 percent from the previous year.

**PEACHES: Production and Value, 2000 - 2009**

| State and Year | Bearing Acreage | Yield [1] | Production | | Utilized Price per Ton | Value of Utilized Production | 48-Pound Bushel Equivalents | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Total [2] | Utilized [3] | | | Yield [1] | Production | | Utilized Price per Bushel |
| | | | | | | | | Total [2] | Utilized [3] | |
| | Acres | Tons/Acre | Tons | | Dollars | 1,000 Dollars | Bu/Acre | 1,000 Bushels | | Dollars |
| **Connecticut** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2000 | 330 | 3.03 | 1,000 | 1,000 | 1,300 | 1,300 | 126.3 | 42 | 42 | 31.20 |
| 2001 | 330 | 2.88 | 950 | 950 | 1,300 | 1,235 | 120.0 | 40 | 40 | 31.20 |
| 2002 | 400 | 1.63 | 650 | 650 | 1,400 | 910 | 67.9 | 27 | 27 | 33.60 |
| 2003 | 400 | 1.88 | 750 | 750 | 1,400 | 1,050 | 78.3 | 31 | 31 | 33.60 |
| 2004 | 400 | 2.13 | 850 | 850 | 1,600 | 1,360 | 88.8 | 35 | 35 | 38.40 |
| 2005 | 400 | 1.75 | 700 | 700 | 1,600 | 1,120 | 72.9 | 29 | 29 | 38.40 |
| 2006 | 400 | 2.25 | 900 | 900 | 1,800 | 1,620 | 93.8 | 38 | 38 | 43.20 |
| 2007 | 400 | 2.75 | 1,100 | 1,100 | 1,800 | 1,980 | 114.6 | 46 | 46 | 43.20 |
| 2008 | 400 | 3.00 | 1,200 | 1,200 | 2,000 | 2,400 | 125.0 | 50 | 50 | 48.00 |
| 2009 | 400 | 3.25 | 1,300 | 1,200 | 1,800 | 2,160 | 135.4 | 54 | 50 | 43.20 |
| **Massachusetts** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2000 | 340 | 3.09 | 1,050 | 1,050 | 1,400 | 1,470 | 128.8 | 44 | 44 | 33.60 |
| 2001 | 350 | 3.15 | 1,100 | 1,050 | 1,400 | 1,470 | 131.3 | 46 | 44 | 33.60 |
| 2002 | 370 | 3.11 | 1,150 | 1,100 | 1,600 | 1,760 | 129.6 | 48 | 46 | 38.40 |
| 2003 | 390 | 3.85 | 1,500 | 1,350 | 1,600 | 2,160 | 160.4 | 63 | 56 | 38.40 |
| 2004 | 390 | 2.46 | 960 | 950 | 1,500 | 1,425 | 102.5 | 40 | 40 | 36.00 |
| 2005 | 420 | 2.38 | 1,000 | 990 | 1,500 | 1,485 | 99.2 | 42 | 41 | 36.00 |
| 2006 | 410 | 3.41 | 1,400 | 1,400 | 1,940 | 2,716 | 142.1 | 58 | 58 | 46.56 |
| 2007 | 430 | 3.84 | 1,650 | 1,600 | 1,800 | 2,880 | 160.0 | 69 | 67 | 43.20 |
| 2008 | 430 | 3.84 | 1,650 | 1,650 | 2,500 | 4,125 | 160.0 | 69 | 69 | 60.00 |
| 2009 | 430 | 4.19 | 1,800 | 1,750 | 2,400 | 4,200 | 174.6 | 75 | 73 | 57.60 |
| **New England [4]** | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2000 | 670 | 3.06 | 2,050 | 2,050 | 1,351 | 2,770 | 127.5 | 85 | 85 | 32.43 |
| 2001 | 680 | 3.01 | 2,050 | 2,000 | 1,353 | 2,705 | 125.6 | 85 | 83 | 32.46 |
| 2002 | 770 | 2.34 | 1,800 | 1,750 | 1,526 | 2,670 | 97.4 | 75 | 73 | 36.62 |
| 2003 | 790 | 2.85 | 2,250 | 2,100 | 1,529 | 3,210 | 118.7 | 94 | 88 | 36.69 |
| 2004 | 790 | 2.29 | 1,810 | 1,800 | 1,547 | 2,785 | 95.5 | 75 | 75 | 37.13 |
| 2005 | 820 | 2.07 | 1,700 | 1,690 | 1,541 | 2,605 | 86.4 | 71 | 70 | 36.99 |
| 2006 | 810 | 2.84 | 2,300 | 2,300 | 1,885 | 4,336 | 118.3 | 96 | 96 | 45.25 |
| 2007 | 830 | 3.31 | 2,750 | 2,700 | 1,800 | 4,860 | 138.1 | 115 | 113 | 43.20 |
| 2008 | 830 | 3.43 | 2,850 | 2,850 | 2,289 | 6,525 | 143.1 | 119 | 119 | 54.95 |
| 2009 | 830 | 3.73 | 3,100 | 2,950 | 2.156 | 6,360 | 155.6 | 129 | 123 | 51.74 |

[1] Yield based on total production, which includes unharvested production and fruit harvested but not sold due to market conditions.
[2] Total production is the quantity actually harvested plus quantities not harvested because of economic or natural reasons.
[3] Utilized production includes fruit sold, amount used on the operation or given away, and fruit in storage.
[4] New England includes Connecticut and Massachusetts.