

PEACHES

Connecticut and Massachusetts peach growers battled less than optimum weather conditions in 2011. May was a very wet month across the two States, with poor pollinating conditions at peak bloom at some locations. Peaches ranged from early to full bloom in mid-May north to south, and petal fall had occurred in most orchards by the end of the month. Some orchards fared well against the multiple storms that moved across the east

coast that summer. However, there were also reports of downed trees and bruised fruit. As of mid-July, crop specialists rated the peach crop in good to fair condition north to south, with average fruit set and average fruit size. By mid-August, peach harvest was in full swing. Combined utilized peach production in Connecticut and Massachusetts in 2011 totaled 2,850 tons, down 100 tons from 2010.

PEACHES: Production and Value, 2002 – 2011

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										
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
2010	400	3.00	1,200	1,200	2,100	2,520	125.0	50	50	50.40
2011 ⁴	400	3.00	1,200	1,100	2,100	2,310	125.0	50	46	50.40
Massachusetts										
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
2010	430	4.07	1,750	1,750	2,760	4,825	169.6	73	73	66.24
2011 ⁴	430	4.07	1,750	1,750	3,140	5,495	169.6	73	73	75.36
New England ⁵										
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
2010	830	3.55	2,950	2,950	2,491	7,345	148.1	123	123	59.79
2011 ⁴	830	3.55	2,950	2,850	2,738	7,805	148.1	123	119	65.72

¹ Yield per acre is 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 of mature fruit not harvested because of economic or natural reasons.

³ Utilized production is the amount sold plus quantities used at home, given away or held in storage.

⁴ Preliminary. Final 2011 estimates will be published July 6, 2012 in the *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2011 Summary*, NASS, USDA.

⁵ New England includes Connecticut and Massachusetts.