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New England Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2014 Summary

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service has released the Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2014 Summary, according to Gary Keough, State Statistician, New England Field Office. The latest survey included the following commodities:

Apples

- Connecticut utilized apple production is estimated at 19.6 million pounds, 26 percent below the 2013 estimate. The average yield per acre is estimated at 11,100 pounds per acre, 2,400 pounds below the 2013 average yield of 13,500 pounds per acre. Bearing acreage is estimated at 1,800 acres, 200 acres below last year. The value of utilized production totaled 12.4 million dollars, down 37 percent from 2013.
- Maine utilized apple production is estimated at 36.8 million pounds, 44 percent above the 2013 estimate. The average yield is estimated at 14,100 pounds per acre, 4,790 pounds above the 2013 average yield of 9,310 pounds per acre. Bearing acreage is estimated at 2,700 acres, 200 acres below last year. The value of utilized production totaled 15.5 million dollars, up 18 percent from 2013.
- Massachusetts utilized apple production is estimated at 40.3 million pounds, slightly below the 2013 estimate. The average yield is estimated at 14,000 pounds per acre, 500 pounds below the 2013 average yield of 14,500 pounds per acre. Bearing acreage is estimated at 3,100 acres, 100 acres above last year. The value of utilized production totaled 19.8 million dollars, down 6 percent from 2013.
- New Hampshire utilized apple production is estimated at 16.5 million pounds, 33 percent below the 2013 estimate. The average yield is estimated at 13,000 pounds per acre, 5,200 pounds below the 2013 average yield of 18,200 pounds per acre. Bearing acreage is estimated at 1,300 acres, 100 acres below last year. The value of utilized production totaled 10.2 million dollars, down 3 percent from 2013.
- Rhode Island utilized apple production is estimated at 1.7 million pounds, 26 percent below the 2013 estimate. The average yield is estimated at 7,830 pounds per acre, 3,570 pounds below the 2013 average yield of 11,400 pounds per acre. Bearing acreage is estimated at 230 acres, 10 acres above last year. The value of utilized production totaled 1.26 million dollars, down 37 percent from 2013.
- Vermont utilized apple production is estimated at 28.2 million pounds, 9 percent below the 2013 estimate. The average yield is estimated at 17,300 pounds per acre, 4,000 pounds below the 2013 average yield of 21,300 pounds per acre. Bearing acreage is estimated at 1,700 acres, 100 acres above last year. The value of utilized production totaled 11.5 million dollars, down 18 percent from 2013.

Cranberries

- Massachusetts utilized cranberry production is estimated at 2.04 million barrels, up 11 percent from 2013. The average yield is estimated at 164.3 barrels per acre, up 25.8 barrels from 2013. Area harvested is estimated at 12,400 acres, down 800 acres from the previous year. The value of utilized production totaled 75.5 million dollars, up 31 percent from 2013.

Peaches

- Connecticut utilized peach production was 1,750 tons, up 32 percent from 2013. The yield per acre was 4.43 tons, up 1.05 tons from 2013. Bearing acreage is estimated at 400 acres, unchanged from the previous year. The value of utilized production totaled 4.38 million dollars, up 19 percent from 2013.
- Massachusetts utilized peach production is estimated at 1,187 tons, down 9 percent from 2013. The yield per acre was 3.67 tons, down 0.45 tons from 2013. Bearing acreage is estimated at 340 acres, unchanged from the previous year. The value of utilized production totaled 2.66 million dollars, down 26 percent from 2013.

Wild Blueberries

- Maine utilized wild berries production is estimated at 104.4 million pounds, up 20 percent from 2013. The average yield is estimated at 4,580 pounds per acre. The area harvested is estimated at 22,800 acres for 2014. The value of utilized production totaled 63.5 million dollars, down 4 percent from 2013.

The Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2014 Summary and all other NASS reports are available online at www.nass.usda.gov.

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