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NEW ENGLAND CROP FORECAST

CONCORD, NH --- The USDA-NASS has released the crop production forecast for August, according to Gary Keough, State Statistician of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service (NASS), New England Field Office. The latest survey, which was conducted during the last week of July and the first week of August, included the following commodities:

Apples: Connecticut's apple production is forecast at 26.5 million pounds, up 33 percent from last year's crop. Maine's apple production is forecast at 42.0 million pounds, up 11 percent from 2014. Massachusetts's production is forecast at 47.1 million pounds, up 9 percent from previous year. New Hampshire's apple production is forecast at 20.8 million pounds, up 23 percent from the previous year. Rhode Island's production is forecast at 2.3 million pounds, up 28 percent from last year's crop. Vermont's apple production is forecast at 30.6 million pounds, up 4 percent from 2014.

Peaches: Connecticut peach producers expect to harvest 1,600 tons of peaches from their orchards in 2015, down 10 percent from 2014. Massachusetts peach producers expect to harvest 1,800 tons of peaches from their orchards in 2015, up 44 percent from the previous year.

The next production estimate will be issued in the Non-citrus Fruits and Nuts-Preliminary Summary in January, 2016.

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