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Agaricus Mushroom Value of Sales at \$560 Million in Pennsylvania

HARRISBURG, PA--- Pennsylvania Agaricus mushroom growers led all states by producing 577.6 million pounds, down 1.7 percent from the previous season. Pennsylvania accounted for 64 percent of the total volume of sales and second-ranked California contributed 11 percent. The value of the Pennsylvania Agaricus crop is estimated at a \$560 million, down 1.6 percent from the previous season. The reported average price is \$0.970 per pound, up \$0.001 from previous year's price.

The 50 growers of Agaricus mushrooms in Chester County, Pennsylvania produced 405 million pounds, an increase of 12 percent compared with the revised 2015-2016 growing season. This production was valued at 391 million dollars, up 10 percent from the previous season. The growing area in Chester County was 12.6 million square feet, up 3 percent from last season. Total fillings were 59.7 million square feet, up 6 percent from the 2015-2016 growing season.

Agaricus Mushroom Area, Sales, Price, and Value – Pennsylvania and United States: 2014-2015, 2015-2016, and 2016-2017

State and year	Area in production		Volume of sales	Price per pound ¹	Value of sales
	Growing area	Total fillings			
	(1,000 square feet)	(1,000 square feet)	(1,000 pounds)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Pennsylvania					
2014-2015	17,442	87,399	584,050	0.949	554,419
2015-2016	17,613	85,216	587,459	0.969	569,103
2016-2017	16,905	82,935	577,566	0.970	559,987
United States					
2014-2015	28,654	143,292	907,191	1.230	1,118,371
2015-2016	28,931	142,147	919,012	1.200	1,098,745
2016-2017	27,541	137,028	903,141	1.250	1,125,838

¹ Prices for mushrooms are the average prices producers receive at the point of first sale, commonly referred to as the average price as sold. For example, if in a given State, part of the fresh mushrooms are sold F.O.B. packed by growers, part are sold bulk to brokers or repackers, and some are sold retail at roadside stands, the mushroom average price as sold is a weighted average of the average price for each method of sale.

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