



News Release

Ohio Fruit Production 2016

Mild winter conditions coming into 2016 allowed Ohio’s fruit growers to have a productive year with minimal damage to fruit trees and grape vines, according to Cheryl Turner, State Statistician, USDA, NASS, Ohio Field Office. “We had a freeze in April that did leave some damage to the trees, but crops were able to recover for the most part,” stated Turner. Although cool spring temperatures delayed growth in fruit crops, the warm and dry summer kept diseases in check and insect pressures low. “Grape producers in particular were finally able to bounce back in 2016 after two years of harsh winters and lower yields,” noted Turner, “but the dry summer conditions limited the apple crop potential.”

Ohio peach production was 1,570 tons in 2016, up from 1,200 tons in 2015, but remained well below the average peach production for the State over the past ten years. Bearing acres were unchanged from last year at 640 and the farm level value of the crop was \$2.68 million. Ohio apple production in 2016 was 33.5 million pounds, down from 50.5 million pounds in 2015. The farm level value of production was \$17.2 million.

Ohio grape production in 2016 was 5,500 tons, up from 3,500 tons in 2015. The farm level value was \$3.06 million, up 115% from 2015. There were 3,780 tons of Concord grapes and 180 tons of Niagara grapes processed in 2016.

Fruit production: Ohio and U.S., 2015-2016

Fruit	Ohio				United States			
	Bearing acres		Total production		Bearing acres		Total production	
	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016	2015	2016
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>	<i>Million Pounds</i>
Apples	3,400	3,200	50.5	33.5	323,780	322,600	10,046.0	11,273.5
Strawberries ¹	540	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	58,010	52,500	153.3	3,132.1
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Thousand tons</i>	<i>Thousand tons</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Thousand tons</i>	<i>Thousand tons</i>
Grapes	1,400	1,500	3.5	5.5	1,025,700	1,013,000	7,621.2	7,669.0
Peaches	640	640	1.2	1.6	99,790	94,070	847.2	795.6

(NA) Not available.

¹ Harvested acres.

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