

All Fruit

There were 37,152.6 acres of fruit on commercial operations at the end of 2008. That compares with 35,777.9 acres at the end of 2002. All fruit acreage during the 6 year period increased except for apples.

There were 937 commercial fruit farms at the end of 2008. For apples, tart cherries, peaches and pears, an operation was defined as commercial farm for a given crop when there were at least one hundred trees of that particular crop. Commercial grape farms were defined as operations with at least one acre of grapes.

(Previous *Orchard & Vineyard* publications used two acres for this definition.)

The geographic concentration of fruit varied substantially. The top five apple counties accounted for 76 percent of the total acres. The comparable figures for peaches and grapes were 70 percent and 94 percent, respectively. The counties with the most acres of fruit, in order, were Adams, Erie, Franklin, York, and Berks. They contained 78 percent of the acres of fruit in Pennsylvania.

All Commercial Fruit ¹ – Number of Farms, Trees/Vines, Acres by Type of Fruit, 1992-2008

Crop	Year	Farms	Trees			Acres			Trees per Acre		
			Bearing	Non-Bearing	Total	Bearing	Non-Bearing	Total	Bearing	Non-Bearing	Total
ORCHARDS											
Apples	1992	565			2,195,637			24,118			91
	1997	504			2,671,117			23,035			116
	2002	364			2,814,132			19,261			146
	2008	566	3,270,499	411,169	3,681,668	17,522.6	1,636.7	19,159.3	187	251	192
Cherries, Tart	1992	86			128,191			1,297			99
	1997	61			119,185			1,068			112
	2002	40			74,834			681			110
	2008	52	66,433	11,945	78,378	588.0	101.1	689.1	113	118	114
Nectarines	1992	90			112,420			969			116
	1997	85			108,956			920			118
	2002	61			49,618			400			124
	2008	76	46,497	11,064	57,561	351.4	71.1	422.5	132	156	136
Peaches	1992	361			669,315			6,163			109
	1997	331			582,913			5,344			109
	2002	229			400,434			3,449			116
	2008	322	515,631	78,230	593,861	3,416.8	443.1	3,859.9	151	177	154
Pears	1992	135			117,303			1,056			111
	1997	105			97,622			870			112
	2002	83			70,219			531			132
	2008	92	85,592	13,255	98,847	595.6	90.8	686.4	144	146	144
VINEYARDS											
	Year	Farms	Vines			Acres			Vines per Acre		
			Bearing	Non-Bearing	Total	Bearing	Non-Bearing	Total	Bearing	Non-Bearing	Total
Grapes	1992	293						10,989			
	1997	274						11,450			
	2002	239						11,010.6			
	2008	358	7,314,736	356,072	7,670,808	11,851.4	484.0	12,335.4	617	736	622

¹In 2008 a commercial fruit farm is defined as one having at least one hundred fruit trees of one fruit or one acre of grapes. Commercial grape farms prior to 2008 only included orchards that had two or more acres of grapes.

Pennsylvania: All Commercial Fruit ¹ – Number of Farms and Acres by County, 2008

County where headquarters is located	Total Commercial Fruit Farms ²		Orchards										Vineyards	
			Apples		Cherries, Tart		Nectarines		Peaches		Pears		Grapes	
	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres	Farms	Acres
Adams	111	14,071.3	102	11,492.3	17	493.8	21	219.6	53	1,572.2	14	230.4	11	63.0
Allegheny	9	91.2	7	64.5					4	20.7				
Armstrong	6	82.5	3	61.5									3	19.0
Beaver	13	86.2	11	44.2					5	36.5				
Bedford	16	793.2	14	737.7					6	29.0			3	11.5
Berks	38	846.4	27	463.9	3	4.5	6	27.2	16	210.9	7	29.0	10	110.9
Blair	6	338.2	5	315.8					3	21.4				
Bradford	10	97.9	8	84.4										
Bucks	22	242.3	14	99.6			3	13.1	8	28.0			9	99.1
Butler	9	46.1	8	37.1					3	7.0				
Centre	11	179.7	9	132.2					3	26.0				
Chester	29	336.4	11	127.7					7	56.0			16	141.9
Clarion	4	24.2	4	18.2										
Clinton	3	21.4	3	21.4										
Columbia	10	200.8	5	136.6					7	51.3				
Crawford	8	53.8	8	51.4										
Cumberland	11	473.9	9	349.1			3	12.8	5	84.4				
Dauphin	10	192.5	7	113.5					3	44.3			4	11.6
Delaware	5	74.5											4	37.5
Erie	196	11,448.3	22	310.2	5	9.5			17	82.8			188	11,022.1
Fayette	4	52.0												
Franklin	23	1763.7	15	1,360.3	3	124.0			18	272.9				
Greene	8	62.5	7	39.7										
Huntingdon	5	16.8	4	12.7										
Indiana	10	100.1	8	72.7									3	19.3
Juniata	6	96.4	3	55.5					3	22.3	3	6.6		
Lackawanna	8	61.0	7	59.0										
Lancaster	50	603.1	28	207.6	3	16.2	6	9.9	35	248.3	5	10.3	8	110.8
Lawrence	6	70.7	5	52.6					4	15.3				
Lebanon	9	80.3	5	42.8					3	29.5			3	8.0
Lehigh	19	685.9	10	202.2					6	75.0	4	238.0	10	167.5
Luzerne	14	219.8	12	191.1					5	16.5			4	9.0
Lycoming	12	357.4	12	265.9					5	73.5				
Mercer	4	19.7											3	11.2
Mifflin	9	110.2	6	60.7					7	42.0				
Monroe	7	100.0	4	42.0					4	17.0			3	33.0
Montgomery	9	126.8	7	65.4					5	35.4				
Montour	4	99.0	4	68.0										
Northampton	19	202.7	12	82.6					5	60.6	3	13.0	7	39.5
Northumberland	10	252.7	7	173.9			3	16.0	4	32.4			5	22.9
Perry	4	14.8												
Schuylkill	28	354.6	22	237.2					12	55.6	6	17.3	5	34.5
Snyder	13	319.1	7	161.5			3	4.1	12	79.5	3	6.0		
Susquehanna	6	76.8	6	68.3										
Tioga	5	50.0												
Union	5	20.1	4	9.6					3	10.5				
Venango	3	21.4	3	21.4										
Washington	15	148.7	13	106.3					3	24.5			4	17.9
Wayne	8	39.5	7	28.8										
Westmoreland	14	97.8	10	67.8					3	6.0			4	20.0
Wyoming	7	87.4	4	66.5									3	16.9
York	46	978.1	32	441.7	3	6.0	7	48.4	21	381.1	6	14.8	13	86.1
Other Counties	20	162.7	25	234.2	18	35.1	24	71.4	24	91.5	41	121.0	35	222.2
Pennsylvania	937	37,152.6	566	19,159.3	52	689.1	76	422.5	322	3,859.9	92	686.4	358	12,335.4

¹ In 2008 a commercial fruit farm is defined as one having at least one hundred fruit trees of one fruit or one acre of grapes. Further definitions can be found in the Survey Procedure section of this report. ² This total only reflects farms that grow apples, tart cherries, peaches, pears and/or grapes. A farm is only counted once when growing more than one type of fruit.

All Commercial Fruit ¹ – Acres and Percent by Age (Year Planted)

Crop	3 Years or less (2006-2008)		4-9 Years (2000-2005)		10-19 Years (1990-1999)		20+ Years (1989 & before)		Total
	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	Acres
ORCHARDS									
Apples	1,539.1	8	3,893.1	20	7,090.7	37	6,636.4	35	19,159.3
Cherries, Tart	105.4	15	250.9	37	199.2	29	133.6	19	689.1
Nectarines	81.1	19	100.3	24	156.7	37	84.4	20	422.5
Peaches	536.3	14	1292.2	33	1,415.1	37	616.3	16	3,859.9
Pears	89.3	13	95.7	14	157.5	23	343.9	50	686.4
VINEYARDS									
	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	Acres	Percent	Acres
Grapes	799.2	6	946.6	8	1,046.2	9	9,543.4	77	12,335.4

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All Commercial Fruit ¹ – Reported Organic Fruit Acres Certified or in Transition²

	Certified Organic as of December 31, 2008		Acres In Transition as of December 31, 2008 and Expected to be Certified		
	Farms	Acres	by Dec 31, 2009	by Dec 31, 2010	by Dec 31, 2011
ORCHARDS					
Apples	9	60.0		4.0	8.0
Cherries, Tart					
Nectarines					
Peaches	1	3.5			
Pears	1	4.0			
VINEYARDS					
Grapes	4	88.8		10.0	1.0

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