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Pennsylvania Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2014 Summary

The USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service has released the Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2014 Summary, according to King Whetstone, Director, Northeastern Regional Field Office. The latest survey included the following commodities:

Apple utilized production is estimated at 482 million pounds, up 6 percent from the 2013 estimate. The average yield in Pennsylvania is estimated at 24,700 pounds per acre, 1,200 pounds above the 2013 average yield of 23,500 pounds per acre. Bearing acreage is estimated at 20,000 acres, unchanged from last year. The value of utilized production totaled 80.9 million dollars, down 4 percent from 2013.

Grape utilized production is estimated at 89 thousand tons, down 16 percent from 2013. The yield per acre was estimated at 7.00 tons, down 1.46 tons from 2013. Bearing acreage is estimated at 13,000 acres, unchanged from the previous year. The value of utilized production totaled 28.3 million dollars, down 17 percent from 2013.

Peach utilized production is estimated at 14.5 thousand tons, down 21 percent from 2013. The yield per acre was estimated at 3.74 tons, down 1.14 tons from 2013. Bearing acreage is estimated at 4,000 acres, unchanged from the previous year. The value of utilized production totaled 17.3 million dollars, down 9 percent from 2013.

Pear utilized production is estimated at 2,430 tons, up 96 percent from 2013. The yield per acre was estimated at 3.18 tons, up 1.2 tons from 2013. Bearing acreage is estimated at 800 acres, unchanged from the previous year. The value of production totaled 2.67 million dollars in 2014, up 133 percent from 2013.

Strawberry production is estimated at 33 thousand cwt, down 35 percent from 2013. The yield per acre is estimated at 45 cwt, down 9 cwt from 2013. The area harvested is estimated at 735 acres, down 23 percent from the previous year. The value of production totaled 5.28 million dollars, down 54 percent from 2013.

Tart Cherry utilized production is estimated 700 thousand pounds, down 68 percent from 2013. The yield per acre is estimated at 1,760 pounds, down 2,640 pounds from the previous year. Bearing acreage is estimated at 500 acres, unchanged from the previous year. The value of utilized production totaled 429 thousand dollars, down 50 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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