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Key findings for the Southern Region:

Avocados: Florida's utilized production is down 30 percent from 2016 and the associated value of production is down 58 percent. Hurricane Irma greatly impacted Florida avocado groves.

Blueberries: The value of utilized production for the United States is up 14 percent for 2017. Due to a devastating freeze in March 2017, Georgia's utilized production is down 53 percent from 2016 and the associated value of production is down 17 percent. At the same time, Florida's value increased 58 percent.

Peaches: The 2017 value of utilized production for the United States is down 5 percent from 2016. Alabama's 2017 value is down 9 percent from the previous year's value. A warm winter followed by several days of freezing temperatures, decimated Georgia and South Carolina's peach crop in 2017. Georgia's utilized production decreased 76 percent and South Carolina's utilized production decreased 80 percent compared to the previous year. Total production for both Georgia and South Carolina is the lowest since 1996.

Pecans: The value of utilized production for the United States is down 2 percent for 2017. Alabama's 2017 value is down 19 percent from last year. Georgia, which accounts for 36 percent of the Nation's pecan production, had a 6 percent decrease in value of production in 2017.

Pecan Production, Price, and Value by Variety — States and United States: 2015-2017

Variety and State	Utilized production (In-shell basis)			Price per pound			Value of utilized production		
	2015 (1,000 pounds)	2016 (1,000 pounds)	2017 (1,000 pounds)	2015 (dollars)	2016 (dollars)	2017 (dollars)	2015 (1,000 dollars)	2016 (1,000 dollars)	2017 (1,000 dollars)
Improved varieties¹									
Alabama	1,600	1,900	1,600	2.170	2.130	2.030	3,472	4,047	3,248
Georgia.....	90,000	109,000	107,000	2.180	2.500	2.400	196,200	272,500	256,800
United States	225,180	249,970	269,600	2.310	2.660	2.400	520,529	663,746	646,348
Native and seedling²									
Alabama	300	300	250	1.230	1.400	1.520	369	420	380
Georgia.....	3,000	(NA)	(NA)	1.360	(NA)	(NA)	4,080	(NA)	(NA)
United States	29,110	18,800	24,250	1.360	1.760	1.570	39,687	33,060	38,000
All pecans									
Alabama	1,900	2,200	1,850	2.020	2.030	1.960	3,841	4,467	3,628
Georgia.....	93,000	109,000	107,000	2.150	2.500	2.400	200,280	272,500	256,800
United States	254,290	268,770	293,850	2.200	2.590	2.330	560,216	696,806	684,348

(NA) Not available.

¹ Budded, grafted, or topworked varieties.

² Estimates discontinued in 2016.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2017 Summary*, June 2018

Cultivated Blueberry Area Harvested, Yield, Production, and Value of Production — States and United States: 2016 and 2017

State	Area harvested		Yield per acre ¹		Production				Value of utilized production	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	Utilized		Total		2016	2017
					2016	2017	2016	2017		
	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Florida.....	4,700	5,200	3,110	3,840	14,600	19,990	14,700	20,070	53,656	84,633
Georgia.....	16,900	8,800	4,140	3,730	70,000	32,810	70,800	32,910	88,305	73,527
United States.....	92,800	84,600	6,340	6,100	588,790	515,830	593,610	521,660	720,160	821,814

¹ Yield is based on utilized production.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2017 Summary*, June 2018

Fruit Bearing Acreage, Yield, Production, and Value by Crop — States and United States: 2016 and 2017

Fruit and State	Bearing acres		Yield per acre ¹		Production				Value of utilized production	
	2016	2017	2016	2017	Utilized		Total		2016	2017
					2016	2017	2016	2017		
	(acres)	(acres)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Avocados										
Florida.....	6,000	5,500	4.02	3.07	23,900	16,800	24,100	16,900	19,080	8,014
United States.....	57,330	56,580	2.40	2.59	136,380	145,170	137,630	146,310	371,351	392,153
Peaches										
Alabama.....	1,500	1,500	2.20	1.00	3,270	1,500	3,300	1,500	4,545	4,125
Georgia.....	10,000	10,000	4.33	1.00	39,500	9,600	43,300	10,000	42,094	17,454
South Carolina ...	13,000	14,000	4.87	0.79	52,800	10,400	63,300	11,000	67,934	17,724
United States.....	94,070	92,750	8.46	7.51	778,920	690,100	795,630	696,650	628,672	599,330

¹ Yield is based on total production.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2017 Summary*, June 2018

Value of Utilized Production — Georgia Pecans and Select Fruits: 2008-2017

Million dollars

