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Key findings for the Southern Region:

Avocados: Florida’s utilized production is down 19 percent from 2017 but the associated value of production is up 91 percent. Disease and hurricane damage continued to negatively impact groves.

Blueberries: The value of utilized production for the United States is down 1 percent for 2018. Despite a warm February, freezing temperatures in March, and a cool, cloudy and windy April, Georgia’s utilized production is up 63 percent from the 2017 freeze damaged crop. While production was up slightly in Florida, a drop in the 2018 price resulted in a 29 percent decrease in value of production.

Peaches: The 2018 value of utilized production for the United States is down 3 percent from 2017. In South Carolina, a freeze in March affected some early varieties in low lying locations, but the crop rebounded from the devastating 2017 freeze. In Georgia, production was more heavily impacted by freezing temperatures in March. As a result, production was still below average but well above last year’s extremely low output.

Pecans: The value of utilized production for the United States is down 40 percent for 2018. Alabama’s 2018 value is down 35 percent from last year. Georgia, which accounts for 29 percent of the Nation’s pecan production, had a 56 percent decrease in value of production in 2018. This was the result of Hurricane Michael negatively impacting much of the pecan growing region. In addition, wet conditions during the summer months increased disease pressure and later limited the harvest of nuts blown off trees.

Pecan Production, Price, and Value by Variety — States and United States: 2016-2018

Variety and State	Utilized production (In-shell basis)			Price per pound			Value of utilized production		
	2016 (1,000 pounds)	2017 (1,000 pounds)	2018 (1,000 pounds)	2016 (dollars)	2017 (dollars)	2018 (dollars)	2016 (1,000 dollars)	2017 (1,000 dollars)	2018 (1,000 dollars)
Improved varieties¹									
Alabama	1,900	1,600	1,490	2.130	2.030	1.500	4,047	3,248	2,235
Georgia.....	109,000	107,000	70,000	2.500	2.400	1.620	272,500	256,800	113,400
United States	249,970	278,600	228,470	2.660	2.400	1.790	663,746	667,858	408,807
Native and seedling									
Alabama	300	250	110	1.400	1.520	1.190	420	380	131
United States	18,800	26,250	14,460	1.760	1.580	1.140	33,060	41,360	16,524
All pecans									
Alabama	2,200	1,850	1,600	2.030	1.960	1.480	4,467	3,628	2,366
Georgia.....	109,000	107,000	70,000	2.500	2.400	1.620	272,500	256,800	113,400
United States	268,770	304,850	242,930	2.590	2.330	1.751	696,806	709,218	425,331

¹ Budded, grafted, or topworked varieties.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2018 Summary*, June 2019

Cultivated Blueberry Area Harvested, Yield, Production, and Value of Production — States and United States: 2017 and 2018

State	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production				Value of utilized production	
	2017	2018	2017 ¹	2018	Utilized		Total		2017	2018
					2017	2018	2017	2018		
	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Florida.....	5,200	5,200	3,840	3,950	19,990	20,420	20,070	20,500	84,633	60,404
Georgia.....	8,800	13,300	3,730	4,100	32,810	53,350	32,910	54,500	73,527	87,258
United States.....	83,900	89,200	6,110	6,300	512,740	555,620	518,540	562,300	815,908	797,295

¹ Yield is based on utilized production.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2018 Summary*, June 2019

Fruit Bearing Acreage, Yield, Production, and Value by Crop — States and United States: 2017 and 2018

Fruit and State	Bearing acres		Yield per acre ¹		Production				Value of utilized production	
	2017	2018	2017	2018	Utilized		Total		2017	2018
					2017	2018	2017	2018		
	(acres)	(acres)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Avocados										
Florida.....	5,900	5,800	2.86	2.40	16,800	13,620	16,900	13,900	8,014	15,278
United States.....	58,140	53,640	3.23	3.46	186,540	183,500	187,680	185,770	392,012	400,354
Peaches										
Alabama ²	1,500	(NA)	1.00	(NA)	1,500	(NA)	1,500	(NA)	4,125	(NA)
Georgia.....	10,000	10,000	1.00	2.60	9,600	23,400	10,000	26,000	17,454	23,868
South Carolina ...	14,000	14,000	0.79	4.70	10,400	59,220	11,000	65,800	17,724	71,546
United States.....	91,950	74,500	7.62	8.74	694,220	638,020	700,770	651,500	599,862	511,226

(NA) Not available.

¹ Yield is based on total production.

² Estimates discontinued in 2018

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2018 Summary*, June 2019

Value of Utilized Production — Georgia Pecans and Select Fruits: 2009-2018

Million dollars

