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## 2014 PEACH, APPLE AND GRAPE PRODUCTION

**Richmond, Virginia** – In 2014, total **peach production** was 5,300 tons (10.6 million pounds), down 2,440 tons (4.9 million pounds) from 2013. Utilized production totaled 5,020 tons (10.0 million pounds), a decrease of 1,020 tons (2.0 million pounds) from 2013. Value of utilized production totaled \$5.87 million, an increase of 5 percent from 2013. Bearing acres were estimated at 1,200, unchanged from 2013, with an average yield of 4.42 tons (8,840 pounds) per acre, down 2.03 tons (4,060 pounds) from 2013. The average price received per ton was estimated at \$1,170.00. This was an increase of \$244.00 per ton from 2013. Based on utilized production, Virginia ranks 13th in the nation for peach production.

Total **apple production** for 2014 was estimated at 195.0 million pounds (4.6 million, 42 lb. bushels), unchanged from 2013. Utilized production totaled 195.0 million pounds, up 5.0 million pounds from 2013. Apples for fresh market totaled 80.0 million pounds, unchanged from 2013. Apples for processing accounted for 115.0 million pounds of the 2014 crop, this is 5.0 million pounds more than the 2013 crop.

The average price received for 2014 apples was 18.8 cents per pound, up 1.2 cents from the 2013 price. Total value of utilized production was \$36.7 million for the crop, up \$3.3 million from the 2013 value of \$33.4 million. Fresh market apples brought 29.9 cents per pound in 2014, up 1.9 cents from 2013. Processed apples sold for \$222.00 per ton, up \$22.00 per ton from 2013. The number of bearing acres of apples totaled 10,400 acres in 2014, down 300 acres from 2013. The yield per acre was 18,800 pounds, 600 pounds more than in 2013. Based on utilized production, Virginia ranks 6th in the nation for apple production.

Total **grape production** for 2014 was estimated at 8,800 tons (17.6 million pounds), up 1,300 tons (2.6 million pounds) from 2013. Utilized production totaled 8,200 tons (16.4 million pounds), up 1,200 tons (2.4 million pounds) from 2013. Bearing acres were estimated at 3,300, up 100 from 2013, with an average yield of 2.67 tons (5,340 pounds) per acre, up .33 tons (660 pounds) from 2013. The average price received per ton was estimated at \$1,850.00. This was an increase of \$50.00 per ton from 2013. Based on utilized production, Virginia ranks 7th in the nation for grape production.

**United States** – The U.S. **peach production** in 2014 was estimated at 852,939 tons, down 6 percent from the 2013 estimate of 903,871 tons. Of this production, 838,027 tons were utilized, down 6 percent from 2013. Value of utilized production totaled \$629 million, up 15 percent from the 2013 total. The average price received for peaches was \$751.00 per ton, up \$134.00 per ton from the 2013 price.

Total **apple production** for 2014 totaled 11.4 billion pounds, up 10 percent from the 2013 total. Utilized apple production totaled 11.2 billion pounds, up 8 percent from 2013. Value of utilized production totaled \$2.86 billion, down 9 percent from the 2013 total. Price per pound averaged 25.5 cents, down 4.8 cents from the 2013 price of 30.3 cents. A total of 7.9 billion pounds were sold for fresh market, up 15 percent from the 2013 number. There were 3.24 billion pounds for processing, down 6 percent from the 2013 total.

**Grape production** in 2014 was estimated at 7.77 million tons, down 10 percent from the 2013 estimate of 8.63 million tons. Of this production, 7.76 million tons were utilized, down 10 percent from 2013. Value of utilized production totaled \$5.82 billion, down 5 percent from the 2013 total. The average price received for peaches was \$750.00 per ton, up \$38.00 per ton from the 2013 price.