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## WEST VIRGINIA PRELIMINARY 2014 FRUIT PRODUCTION

**Charleston, West Virginia** – Total **apple production** for 2014 was 82.0 million pounds, down 14 percent, or 13 million pounds from 2013. Utilized production totaled 82.0 million pounds, a decrease of 13 million pounds from 2013. Bearing acres in the State were estimated at 4,100 acres in 2014, 200 acres down from 2013 with an average yield per acre of 20,000 pounds, 2,100 pounds less than in 2013. The average price per pound for apples was 15.2 cents, up 1.5 cents from 2013. Value of utilized production totaled 12.4 million dollars for the crop, down 4 percent or 560,000 dollars from the 2013 value.

**Peach production** totaled 5,360 tons (10.7 million pounds), down 340 tons (680,000 pounds) from 2013. Utilized production in 2014 totaled 5,250 tons (10.5 million pounds), down 4 percent or 210 tons (420,000 pounds) from last year. Bearing acres were estimated at 950 acres, unchanged from 2013, with an average yield of 5.64 tons (11,280 pounds) per acre, down 0.36 ton (720 pounds) from 2013. The price received per ton was estimated at 1,030 dollars, an increase of 130 dollars per ton from 2013. Value of utilized production totaled 5.4 million dollars, a 10 percent increase or 494,000 dollars above the 2013 total.

**United States** – Total **apple production** in the U.S. during 2014 was estimated at 11.3 billion pounds, 8 percent more than 2013. Of the total production, 11.2 billion pounds were utilized, up 9 percent from the 2013 level. Bearing acres were estimated at 327,380 acres, down 1,240 acres from 2013, with an average yield per acre of 34,400 pounds, 2,800 pounds more than 2013. Growers received an average of 26.5 cents per pound, a decrease of 3.7 cents from 2013. Value of utilized production totaled 2.96 billion dollars, a decrease of 5 percent from 3.11 billion dollars in 2013.

The U.S. total **peach production** (including California Clingstone) in 2014 was estimated at 846,615 tons, down 6 percent from 903,871 tons in 2013. Of this production, 830,990 tons were utilized, down 6 percent from the previous year. Bearing acres were estimated at 102,750 acres, down 3,140 acres from 2013, with an average yield of 8.24 tons per acre, a decrease of 0.3 ton from the 2013 yield of 8.54 tons per acre. The average price received per ton for peaches was 742 dollars, up 125 dollars per a ton from the 2013 price. Value of utilized production totaled 616.5 million dollars, up 12 percent or 68.5 million dollars from the 2013 total of 548.0 million dollars.