

PEACHES



Heavy frosts in late April and early May affected early peach varieties while cool, wet conditions continued to provide unfavorable pollinating conditions. Warm weather in June and adequate moisture throughout the growing

season allowed for a good fruit set. Late June storms brought hail, but crop conditions remained in good to fair condition throughout July as early harvest began, on par

with last year and ahead of normal. By the end of September, harvest was complete and ahead of last year and normal. Crop specialists rated fruit size as average and reported the crop in good to fair condition throughout most of the growing season. Combined utilized peach production in Connecticut and Massachusetts totaled 2,850 tons, an increase of 150 tons from last year. The value of production was estimated at \$5.5 million, up 12 percent from the previous year.

PEACHES: Production and Value, 1999 - 2008

State and Year	Bearing Acreage	Yield ¹	Production		Utilized Price per Ton	Value of Utilized Production	48-Pound Bushel Equivalents			
			Total ²	Utilized ³			Yield ¹	Production		Utilized Price per Bushel
								Total ²	Utilized ³	
	Acres	Tons/Acre	Tons		Dollars	1,000 Dollars	Bu/Acre	1,000 Bushels		Dollars
Connecticut										
1999	330	3.34	1,100	1,100	1,300	1,430	139.2	46	46	31.20
2000	330	3.03	1,000	1,000	1,300	1,300	126.3	42	42	31.20
2001	330	2.88	950	950	1,300	1,235	120.0	40	40	31.20
2002	400	1.63	650	650	1,400	910	67.9	27	27	33.60
2003	400	1.88	750	750	1,400	1,050	78.3	31	31	33.60
2004	400	2.13	850	850	1,600	1,360	88.8	35	35	38.40
2005	400	1.75	700	700	1,600	1,120	72.9	29	29	38.40
2006	400	2.25	900	900	1,800	1,620	93.8	38	38	43.20
2007	400	2.75	1,100	1,100	1,800	1,980	114.6	46	46	43.20
2008	400	3.00	1,200	1,200	1,800	2,160	125.0	50	50	43.20
Massachusetts										
1999	330	3.03	1,000	1,000	1,600	1,600	126.3	42	42	38.40
2000	340	3.09	1,050	1,050	1,400	1,470	128.8	44	44	33.60
2001	350	3.15	1,100	1,050	1,400	1,470	131.0	46	44	33.60
2002	370	3.11	1,150	1,100	1,600	1,760	129.6	48	46	38.40
2003	390	3.85	1,500	1,350	1,600	2,160	160.4	63	56	38.40
2004	390	2.46	960	950	1,500	1,425	102.5	40	40	36.00
2005	420	2.38	1,000	990	1,500	1,485	99.2	42	41	36.00
2006	410	3.41	1,400	1,400	1,940	2,716	142.1	58	58	46.56
2007	430	3.84	1,650	1,600	1,800	2,880	160.0	69	67	43.20
2008	430	3.84	1,650	1,650	2,000	3,300	160.0	69	69	48.00
New England ⁴										
1999	660	3.18	2,100	2,100	1,443	3,030	132.5	88	88	34.63
2000	670	3.06	2,050	2,050	1,351	2,770	127.5	85	85	32.42
2001	680	3.01	2,050	2,000	1,353	2,705	125.6	85	83	32.47
2002	770	2.34	1,800	1,750	1,526	2,670	97.4	75	73	36.62
2003	790	2.85	2,250	2,100	1,529	3,210	118.7	94	88	36.69
2004	790	2.29	1,810	1,800	1,547	2,785	95.5	75	75	37.13
2005	820	2.07	1,700	1,690	1,541	2,605	86.4	71	70	36.99
2006	810	2.84	2,300	2,300	1,885	4,336	118.3	96	96	45.25
2007	830	3.31	2,750	2,700	1,800	4,860	138.1	115	113	43.20
2008	830	3.43	2,850	2,850	1,916	5,460	143.1	119	119	45.98

¹ Yield based on total production, which includes unharvested production and fruit harvested but not sold due to market conditions.

² Total production is the quantity actually harvested plus quantities which would have been acceptable for fresh market or processing but were not harvested because of economic or natural reasons.

³ Utilized production includes fruit sold, amount used on the operation or given away, and fruit placed in storage.

⁴ New England includes Connecticut and Massachusetts.