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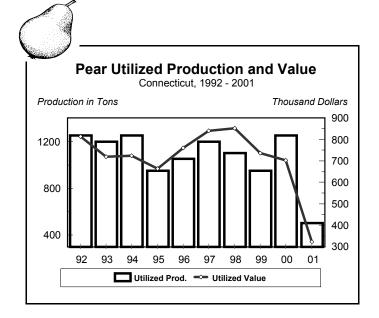
Pear growers in Connecticut were devastated by May 7, 2001 frost. Fruit size was generally medium, but the crop was reported in poor condition. Connecticut's 2001 utilized pear production totaled 500 tons, 60 percent less than the

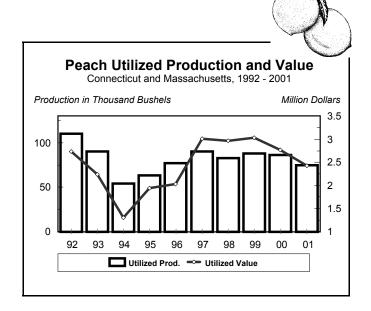
previous year. Prices were up from the previous year but reduced production pushed the value of the crop down 54 percent from 2000 to \$322,000.

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STATE and YEAR	Production		Utilized Price	Value of Utilized
	Total 1/	Utilized 2/	per Ton	Production
	Tons		Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Connecticut				
1992	1,300	1,250	650	813
1993	1,250	1,200	600	720
1994	1,250	1,250	580	725
1995	950	950	700	665
1996	1,050	1,050	725	761
1997	1,200	1,200	700	840
1998	1,100	1,100	775	853
1999	1,050	950	775	736
2000	1,250	1,250	562	703
2001	510	500	644	322
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^{1/1} 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.





^{2'} Utilized production is the amount sold plus the quantities used at home or held in storage.