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# NON-CITRUS FRUIT & NUT ANNUAL SUMMARY

# ARIZONA

Arizona's utilized **pecan** production in 2023 was 42.30 million pounds, and increase of 4 percent from 2022, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Bearing acreage was estimated at 25,000 acres, up 1,000 acres, or 4 percent, from the previous year. The average yield per acre was 1,690 pounds, down 10 pounds from the previous year. The 2023 price per pound in Arizona, at \$1.73, was \$0.69 lower than in 2022. The value of 2023 Arizona pecan production was \$73.18 million dollars, down 26 percent from 2022.

Arizona's utilized **date** production in 2023 was 13,670 tons, a decrease of 15 percent from the utilized production of 16,100 tons in 2022. Bearing acreage was estimated at 4,100 acres, up 300 acres, or 8 percent, from the previous year. The average yield per acre was 3.35 tons, down 21 percent from the previous year. The 2023 price per ton in Arizona, at \$6,510, was \$2,040 higher than in 2022. The value of 2023 Arizona date production was \$88.96 million dollars, up 24 percent from 2022.

#### COLORADO

Colorado's utilized **peach** production in 2023 was 15,450 tons, an increase of 17 percent from the utilized production of 13,190 tons in 2022, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Bearing acreage was estimated at 2,400 acres, unchanged from the previous year. The average yield per acre was 6.50 tons, up 0.88 ton from the previous year. The 2023 price per ton in Colorado, at \$2,800, was \$330 higher than in 2022. The value of 2023 Colorado peach production was \$43.23 million dollars, up 33 percent from 2022.

# **NEW MEXICO**

New Mexico's utilized **pecan** production in 2023 was a record high 107.50 million pounds, an increase of 38 percent from the utilized production of 77.90 million pounds in 2022, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Bearing acreage was estimated at 50,000 acres, up 1,000 acres, or 2 percent, from the previous year. The average yield per acre was 2,150 pounds, up 560 pounds from the previous year. The 2023 price per pound in New Mexico, at \$1.76, was \$0.13 lower than in 2022. The value of 2023 New Mexico pecan production was \$189.20 million dollars, up 29 percent from 2022.

# UTAH

Utah's utilized **tart cherry** production in 2023 was 32.5 million pounds, an increase of 53 percent from the utilized production of 21.3 million pounds in 2022, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Bearing acreage was estimated at 2,800 acres, down 7 percent from the previous year. The average yield per acre was 11,680 pounds, up 4,380 pounds from the previous year. The 2023 price per pound in Utah, at \$0.243, was \$0.014, or 5 percent, below 2022. The value of 2023 Utah tart cherry utilized production was \$7.90 million dollars, up 44 percent from 2022.

#### Fruits & Nuts for Fresh Market and Processing: Arizona, Colorado, New Mexico, & Utah, 2022 - 2023

	Bearing Acres		Utilized Production	
Arizona	2022	2023	2022	2023
Dates	3,800	4,100	16,100 tons	13,670 tons
Pecans	24,000	25,000	40,800,000 pounds	42,300,000 pounds
Colorado	2022	2023	2022	2023
Peaches	2,400	2,400	13,190 tons	15,450 tons
New Mexico	2022	2023	2022	2023
Pecans	49,000	50,000	77,900,000 pounds	107,500,000 pounds
Utah	2022	2023	2022	2023
Cherries, Tart	3,000	2,800	21,300,000 pounds	32,500,000 pounds

### **UNITED STATES**

In 2023, the Nation's utilized production for the 21 estimated noncitrus fruit crops totaled 16.2 million tons, up 5 percent from 2022. In terms of utilized production, the three largest crops were grapes, apples, and strawberries, which combined for 79 percent of the noncitrus fruits total in 2023. Bearing acreage totaled 1.84 million, down 1 percent from the previous season. The major deciduous crops accounted for 1.49 million or 81 percent of the total bearing acreage.

The value of utilized production for the 21 noncitrus fruit crops totaled \$18.0 billion, up 3 percent from the previous year. Grapes, strawberries and apples claimed the highest values, accounting for 74 percent of the total value of utilized production when combined.

In 2023, the Nation's utilized production for tree nut crops totaled 3.81 million tons, up 9 percent from 2022. The value of utilized production for 2023 tree nut crops totaled \$8.23 billion, up 26 percent from the previous year. Bearing acreage totaled 2.76 million, up 2 percent from 2022.

### Fruits & Nuts for Fresh Market and Processing: United States, 2022 - 2023

	Harvested Acres		Utilized Production	
United States	2022	2023	2022	2023
Cherries, Tart	34,600	33,700	239,400,000 pounds	197,200,000 pounds
Dates	15,600	14,800	64,350 tons	48,830 tons
Peaches	76,100	73,600	632,650 tons	577,690 tons
Pecans	442,000	436,000	288,350,000 pounds	306,750,000 pounds

For a full copy of the *Noncitrus Fruit & Nut Annual Summary* report, please visit <u>www.nass.usda.gov</u>. For State specific questions, please contact the following State Statisticians at 1-800-392-3202.

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