

APPLES AND PEACHES

Utilized production of commercial apples in Kentucky totaled 5.60 million pounds in 2000, down from 1999. Prices averaged 25.5 cents per pound, down 3.8 cents from 1999. The value of utilized production totaled \$1.43 million, down from the \$2.05 million in 1999. The apple crop was effected by weather conditions. Most production problems were the result of a spring freeze which froze out some varieties in certain places while destroying the entire apple crop in other areas. Apples that came through the freeze had good production. Rains the summer of 2000 hurt some of the grower's spray programs that in turn decreased the quality of their crops.

U.S. utilized apple production for 2000 was estimated at 10.4 billion pounds, down 1 percent from the 1999 level. Production in Western States increased as a result of favorable spring growing conditions but was more than offset by production decreases in Central and Eastern States.

Kentucky's utilized peach production totaled 1.00 million pounds in 2000, down from 1999. Prices averaged 51.6 cents per pound, up 8.6 cents from 1999 but well below the record high 62.3 cents per pound of 1996. Value of all utilized 2000 production totaled \$516,000 compared to \$731,000 in 1999. The 2000 peach crop was effected by weather conditions. A late freeze in the spring was the main contributor to the smaller peach crop. Orchards not effected by the freeze had a good crop.

U.S. utilized peach production in 2000 was estimated at 2.51 billion pounds, up 3 percent from 1999 and 8 percent above 1998. The California crop, accounting for 72 percent of the U.S. peach production, was up 1 percent from 1999.

KENTUCKY APPLES UTILIZED PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1991 - 2000

YEAR	FRESH UTILIZATION		PROCESSED UTILIZATION		TOTAL UTILIZATION		
	Quantity (Mil Lbs.)	Price Per Pound (Cents)	Quantity (Mil Lbs.)	Price Per Ton (Dollars)	Quantity (Mil Lbs.)	Price Per Pound (Cents)	Value of Production (\$1,000)
1991	15.0	23.0	1.0	160.00	16.0	22.1	3,530
1992	14.0	23.0	1.0	220.00	15.0	22.2	3,330
1993	16.0	21.0	2.0	140.00	18.0	19.4	3,500
1994	5.8	23.0	0.7	200.00	6.5	21.6	1,404
1995	8.7	27.8	1.4	224.00	10.1	25.5	2,576
1996	8.5	32.4	1.1	510.00	9.6	31.6	3,035
1997	4.9	27.0	0.9	420.00	5.8	26.1	1,512
1998	9.0	28.4	0.0	0.00	9.0	28.4	2,556
1999	6.6	30.5	0.4	188.00	7.0	29.3	2,051
2000	4.9	27.3	0.7	250.00	5.6	25.5	1,426

KENTUCKY PEACHES UTILIZED PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1991 - 2000

YEAR	FRESH UTILIZATION		PROCESSED UTILIZATION		TOTAL UTILIZATION		
	Quantity (Mil Lbs.)	Price Per Pound (Cents)	Quantity (Mil Lbs.)	Price Per Ton (Dollars)	Quantity (Mil Lbs.)	Price Per Pound (Cents)	Value of Production (\$1,000)
1991	3.7	35.0	-	-	3.7	35.0	1,295
1992	3.7	29.0	-	-	3.7	29.0	1,073
1993	5.6	30.0	-	-	5.6	30.0	1,680
1994	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	-	-	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
1995	3.9	32.2	-	-	3.9	32.2	1,256
1996	0.4	62.3	-	-	0.4	62.3	249
1997	0.5	30.0	-	-	0.5	30.0	150
1998	1.5	37.5	-	-	1.5	37.5	563
1999 <u>2</u>	1.7	43.0	-	-	1.7	43.0	731
2000	1.0	51.6	-	-	1.0	51.6	516

1/No significant commercial production due to freeze. 2/Revised.