

Mushrooms

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Pennsylvania growers produced 379 million pounds of Agaricus mushrooms during the 1997-98 season. The Agaricus crop was valued at 280 million dollars, an increase of 8 percent from the previous season.

Pennsylvania accounted for 47 percent of U.S. production of Agaricus mushrooms, the conventional button variety responsible for most of the nation's sales. The state's growers supplied 41 percent of the nation's fresh market sales and 65 percent of the mushrooms used in processing. This compares with last season's sales of 37 and 69 percent, respectively.

Fresh market sales accounted for 256.9 million pounds, up 20 percent from 1996-97; while processing sales, at 122.4 million pounds, were 21 percent lower.

During the 1997-98 season, Pennsylvania growers received an average of 84.9 cents per pound for fresh market sales and 50.5 cents per pound for sales to processors. Prices for mushrooms are the average prices producers received at the point of first sale. Statistics on specialty mushrooms grown in Pennsylvania are not published separately to avoid disclosure of individual operations. The data is included as part of the national statistics on specialty mushrooms.

Pennsylvania & US: Agaricus Mushroom Sales By Type & Percent of Total, 1989-1998

Year	Pennsylvania					United States				
	Fresh Market		Processing		Total Production	Fresh Market		Processing		Total Production
	Volume of Sales	Percent	Volume of Sales	Percent		Volume of Sales	Percent	Volume of Sales	Percent	
	(000) Lbs.		(000) Lbs.		(000) Lbs.	(000) Lbs.		(000) Lbs.		(000) Lbs.
1989-90	192,820	58	139,629	42	332,449	511,904	72	203,088	28	714,992
1990-91	189,500	54	161,704	46	351,204	511,921	68	237,230	32	749,151
1991-92	184,520	52	173,750	48	358,270	496,959	67	249,873	33	746,832
1992-93	197,993	53	172,120	47	370,113	522,381	67	253,976	33	776,357
1993-94	184,913	52	169,880	48	354,793	516,836	69	233,963	31	750,799
1994-95	182,250	51	172,250	49	354,500	532,232	68	250,108	32	782,340
1995-96	186,818	53	166,297	47	353,115	537,124	69	240,746	31	777,870
1996-97	206,384	57	154,521	43	360,905	553,780	71	222,897	29	776,677
1997-98	256,881	68	122,414	32	379,295	621,463	77	187,139	23	808,602

Pennsylvania & Other States: Area, Production, Price & Value

State	Area In Production		Production	Price Per Pound	Value of Production
	Growing Area	Total Fillings			
	(000) Sq. Ft.		(000) Lbs.	Cents	(000) Dols.
	July 1, 1996 - June 30, 1997				
Pennsylvania	19,318	61,543	360,905	71.7	258,768
Other States	15,282	74,918	415,772	113.4	471,528
United States	34,600	136,461	776,677	94.0	730,296
	July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998				
Pennsylvania	19,773	67,010	379,295	73.8	279,911
Other States	14,820	78,014	429,307	114.9	493,597
United States	34,593	145,024	808,602	95.7	773,508

US: Specialty Mushrooms, Number of Growers, Total Production, Volume of Sales, Price Per Pound & Value of Sales, July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998

Variety & State	Growers	All Sales			
		Total Production	Volume of Sales	Price Per Pound	Value of Sales
	Number	1,000 Pounds		Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Shiitake		6,239	5,923	3.09	18,330
Oyster		1,999	1,866	1.90	3,543
Other		1,277	1,168	4.18	4,886
United States	183	9,515	8,957	2.99	26,759