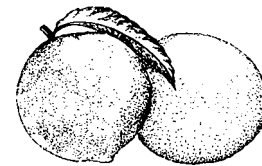


Freestone Peach Freezer and Dehydrator Report State Summary -- 2003 Crop Year



Released: January 9, 2004



CALIFORNIA AGRICULTURAL
STATISTICS SERVICE

Information contained in this report was supplied by dry yards and freezers of Freestone peaches to fulfill reporting requirements of Sections 55601.7 and 55601.8 of the California Food and Agriculture Code. Weighted average price represents the average roadside price paid to growers and packing houses for fresh Freestone peaches used for freezing or drying. Freezers grading Freestone peaches reported approximately 4 percent as off-grade. Dry yards do not grade Freestone peaches, so there is not an off-grade percentage.

2003 FREESTONE PEACHES FOR FREEZING

Variety Type	Total Fresh Tons Received For Freezing ^{1/}	Total Fresh Tons Purchased For Freezing ^{2/}	Wtd. Average Price Paid To Growers F.O.B. Roadside	Wtd. Average Price Paid To Packing Houses F.O.B. Packinghouse ^{3/}
	Tons		Dollars Per Ton	
Mid-Gem	26,100	12,800	214.00	4/
Late-Gem	64,300	51,100	215.00	76.00
Fay Elberta	5,500	4,200	170.00	4/
Other Varieties	30	30	4/	110.00
All Varieties	95,930	68,130	212.00	78.00

^{1/} Total tons for freezing received from growers, packing houses, and the processor's own orchards.

^{2/} Total tons for freezing purchased from growers and packing houses. Tons from processors' own orchards are excluded from this column.

^{3/} Fresh tons purchased from California growers totaled 67,700 for freezing. Tons purchased from packing houses totaled 430. The weighted average price paid to growers and packing houses was \$211.00 per ton. If the tons (27,800) grown in the freezer's own orchards are included using the grower price (\$212.00), then average value received for freezing is \$211.00 per ton.

^{4/} No tons for this variety were reported purchased from packing houses.

2003 FREESTONE PEACHES FOR DRYING

Variety Type	Total Tons Received For Drying ^{1/}	Total Tons Purchased For Drying ^{2/}	Total Dried Tons After Drying (Natural Cond.)	Dry-Away Ratio ^{3/}	Wtd. Average Price Paid To Growers ^{4/}	Wtd. Average Price Paid To Packing Houses ^{4/}
	Tons				Dollars Per Ton	
Fay Elberta	3,000	2,700	310	9.7	5/	30.00
Lovell	60	0	10	6.3	5/	5/
Gem Types	1,000	1,000	120	8.9	205.00	30.00
Other Varieties	6,100	6,000	630	9.6	205.00	43.00
All Varieties	10,160	9,700	1,070	9.5	205.00	38.00

^{1/} Total tons for drying received from growers, packing houses, and the processor's own orchards.

^{2/} Total tons for drying purchased from growers and packing houses. Tons from the processor's own orchards are excluded from this column.

^{3/} Dry-Away Ratios may not calculate due to rounding.

^{4/} Fresh tons purchased from California growers totaled 100 for drying. Tons purchased from packing houses totaled 9,600. The weighted average price paid to growers and packing houses was \$40.00 per ton. If the tons (460) grown in the dehydrator's own orchards are included using the grower price (\$205.00), then average value per ton received for drying is \$47.00 per ton.

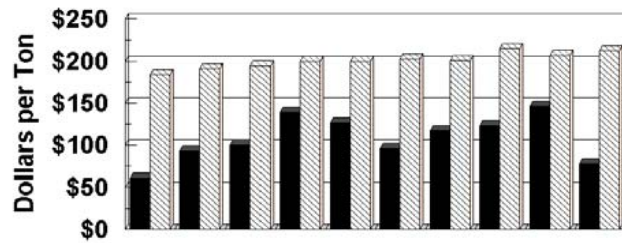
^{5/} No tons for this variety were reported purchased from packing houses or growers.

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FOOD AND AGRICULTURE
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
A. G. KAWAMURA, SECRETARY

COMPILED AND PUBLISHED BY:

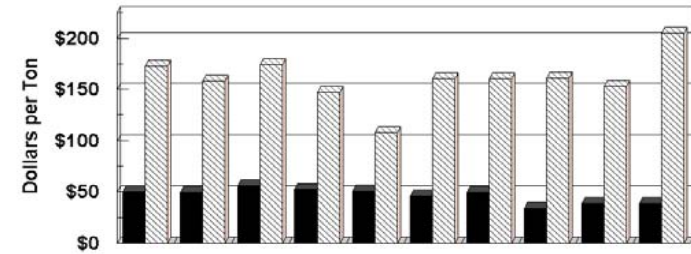
California Agricultural Statistics Service (CASS)
P.O. Box 1258
Sacramento, CA 95812-1258
(916) 498-5161

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE PAID FOR FREEZING



	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
■ PKG. HOUSE	61	93	100	139	127	96	117	123	146	78
▨ GROWERS	184	191	194	200	200	202	201	215	207	212

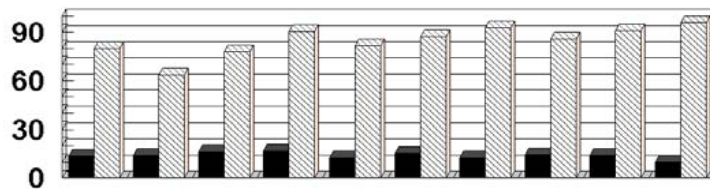
WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE PAID FOR DRYING



	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
■ PKG. HOUSE	50	49	56	52	51	46	49	34	38	38
▨ GROWERS	173	159	174	147	108	150	160	161	153	205

TOTAL TONS RECEIVED FOR FREEZING AND DRYING

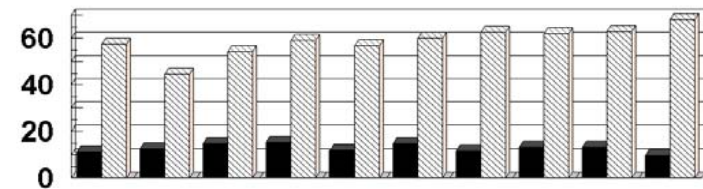
(000) Tons



	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
■ DRYING	13,500	14,000	16,300	16,900	12,500	15,700	12,620	14,590	14,200	10,160
▨ FREEZING	80,000	63,700	77,800	90,400	81,900	87,100	92,600	86,000	91,120	95,930
TOTAL	93,500	77,700	94,100	107,300	94,400	102,800	105,220	100,590	105,320	106,090

TOTAL TONS PURCHASED FOR FREEZING AND DRYING

(000) TONS



	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003
■ DRYING	11,400	12,700	15,100	15,500	12,050	15,050	11,690	13,250	13,520	9,700
▨ FREEZING	57,600	44,800	54,300	59,200	57,000	60,100	62,900	62,200	62,915	68,130
TOTAL	69,000	57,500	69,400	74,700	69,050	75,150	74,590	75,450	76,435	77,830