

APPLES AND PEACHES

Utilized production of commercial apples in Kentucky totaled 7.40 million pounds in 2001, up from 2000. Prices averaged 29.1 cents per pound, up 4.2 cents from 2000. The value of utilized production totaled \$2.15 million, up from the \$1.40 million in 2000. Generally good growing conditions helped produce this year's larger apple crop. Some areas of the State were however affected by a spring freeze that in extreme conditions destroyed the entire apple crop. Producers continue to remove old apple trees in operating orchards and close down some old orchards. As this happens some new trees are being planted for future production.

U.S. utilized apple production for 2001 was estimated at 9.41 billion pounds, down 9 percent from the 2000 level. Production in the Central States increased as a result of favorable spring growing conditions but was more than offset by production decreases in the Western and Eastern States.

Kentucky's utilized peach production totaled 1.80 million pounds in 2001, up from 2000. Prices averaged 48.7 cents per pound, up 14.1 cents from 2000 but well below the record high 62.3 cents per pound of 1996. Value of all utilized 2001 production totaled \$877,000 compared to \$381,000 in 2000. The 2001 peach crop was affected by weather conditions. Some orchards were hurt by a late freeze in the spring while peach orchards not effected by freeze conditions had a good crop.

U.S. utilized peach production in 2001 was estimated at 2.34 billion pounds, down 7 percent from the previous year and 4 percent below 1999. The California crop, accounting for 72 percent of the U.S. utilized peach production, was down 7 percent from 2000.

KENTUCKY APPLES UTILIZED PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1992 - 2001

YEAR	FRESH UTILIZATION		PROCESSED UTILIZATION		TOTAL UTILIZATION		
	Quantity	Price Per Pound	Quantity	Price Per Ton	Quantity	Price Per Pound	Value of Production
	(Mil Lbs.)	(Cents)	(Mil Lbs.)	(Dollars)	(Mil Lbs.)	(Cents)	(\$1,000)
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 <u>1/</u>	4.9	27.3	0.7	166.00	5.6	24.9	1,396
2001	6.9	30.5	0.5	188.00	7.4	29.1	2,152

KENTUCKY PEACHES UTILIZED PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1992 - 2001

YEAR	FRESH UTILIZATION		PROCESSED UTILIZATION		TOTAL UTILIZATION		
	Quantity	Price Per Pound	Quantity	Price Per Ton	Quantity	Price Per Pound	Value of Production
	(Mil Lbs.)	(Cents)	(Mil Lbs.)	(Dollars)	(Mil Lbs.)	(Cents)	(\$1,000)
1992	3.7	29.0	-	-	3.7	29.0	1,073
1993	5.6	30.0	-	-	5.6	30.0	1,680
1994	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	-	-	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</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	1.7	43.0	-	-	1.7	43.0	731
2000 <u>1/</u>	1.1	34.6	-	-	1.1	34.6	381
2001	1.8	48.7	-	-	1.8	48.7	877

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