

APPLES AND PEACHES

Utilized production of commercial apples in Kentucky totaled 4.0 million pounds in 2002, down from 2001. Prices averaged 31.8 cents per pound, up 2.8 cents from 2001. The value of utilized production totaled \$1.27 million, down from the \$2.03 million in 2001. The smaller apple crop resulted from a late freeze in the Spring of 2002 that reduced or killed many apple blossoms and a dry summer that reduced apple size in many areas of the State. Producers continue to remove old trees in operating orchards while other orchard operators are planting new trees. Some old orchards continue to go out of business.

U.S. utilized apple production for 2002 was estimated at 8.41 billion pounds, down 9 percent from the 2001 level. Washington's utilized production increased 2 percent compared to the weather reduced 2001 crop, despite a 2 percent decrease in the 2002 bearing acreage. California, Michigan, New York, Ohio, Pennsylvania, and Virginia

decreased utilized production from the previous year due to poor weather, combined with reduced bearing acreage in California, Michigan, and Pennsylvania.

Kentucky's utilized peach production totaled 1.20 million pounds in 2002, down from 2001. Prices averaged 54.5 cents per pound, up 5.8 cents from 2001 but below the record high 62.3 cents per pound of 1996. Value of all utilized 2002 production totaled \$654,000 compared to \$877,000 in 2001. The dry summer affected the peach crop. Soil moisture turned dry in June. Given the dry, early summer, farmers commented that they had a good peach crop for 2002

U.S. utilized peach production in 2002 was estimated at 2.47 billion pounds, up 6 percent from the previous year but 1 percent below 2000. The California crop, accounting for 76 percent of the U.S. utilized peach production, was up 12 percent from 2001.

KENTUCKY APPLES UTILIZED PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1993 - 2002

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)
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	166.00	5.6	24.9	1,396
2001 ^{1/}	6.5	30.5	0.5	188.00	7.0	29.0	2,030
2002	3.8	33.0	0.2	180.00	4.0	31.8	1,272

KENTUCKY PEACHES UTILIZED PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1993 - 2002

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)
1993	5.6	30.0	-	-	5.6	30.0	1,680
1994	^{2/}	^{2/}	-	-	^{2/}	^{2/}	^{2/}
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	1.1	34.6	-	-	1.1	34.6	381
2001	1.8	48.7	-	-	1.8	48.7	877
2002	1.2	54.5	-	-	1.2	54.5	654

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