

APPLES AND PEACHES

Utilized production of commercial apples in Kentucky totaled 7.30 million pounds in 2004, up 3 percent from the 2003 crop. Prices averaged 36.4 cents per pound, up 3.7 cents from 2003. The value of utilized production totaled \$2.66 million, up from the \$2.32 million in 2003. The larger apple crop resulted from good growing conditions, plentiful rain and absence of a late freeze this past spring. Some producers planted new trees to replace older trees.

U.S. utilized apple production for 2004 was estimated at 10.3 billion pounds, up 19 percent from the 2003 level. Utilized production for Washington and New York increased 33 percent and 21 percent, respectively, while Michigan's utilized production decreased 15 percent compared to the previous year. In Washington, excellent growing conditions allowed production to rebound from the short 2003 crop. Yield potential in Michigan was reduced by a hard freeze during the first

week of May. Widespread hail storms in the early fall further curtailed Michigan production. A spring heat wave in California reduced fruit size and resulted in lower production. Hurricane winds increased fruit drop but ample rainfall increased fruit size in Pennsylvania.

Kentucky's utilized peach production totaled 750 tons in 2004, down from the 2003 crop. Prices averaged \$1,290.00 per ton, up \$180.00 from 2003. Value of all utilized 2004 production totaled \$968,000 compared to \$1.00 million in 2003. Good growing conditions combined with plentiful soil moisture and absence of a late freeze produced a good peach crop.

U.S. utilized peach production in 2004 was estimated at 1.23 million tons, up 2 percent from the previous year and 1 percent above 2002. The California crop, accounting for 76 percent of the U.S. utilized peach production, was up 1 percent from 2003.

KENTUCKY APPLES UTILIZED PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1995 – 2004

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)
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	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
2003	7.0	33.0	0.1	240.00	7.1	32.7	2,322
2004	6.9	38.0	0.4	180.00	7.3	36.4	2,658

KENTUCKY PEACHES UTILIZED PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1995 – 2004 ^{1/}

YEAR	FRESH UTILIZATION		PROCESSED UTILIZATION		TOTAL UTILIZATION		
	Quantity	Price Per Ton	Quantity	Price Per Ton	Quantity	Price Per Ton	Value of Production
	(Tons)	(Dollars)	(Tons)	(Dollars)	(Tons)	(Dollars)	(\$1,000)
1995	1,950	644.00	-	-	1,950	644.00	1,256
1996	200	1,246.00	-	-	200	1,246.00	249
1997	250	600.00	-	-	250	600.00	150
1998	750	750.00	-	-	750	750.00	563
1999	850	860.00	-	-	850	860.00	731
2000	550	692.00	-	-	550	692.00	381
2001	900	974.00	-	-	900	974.00	877
2002	600	1,090.00	-	-	600	1,090.00	654
2003	900	1,110.00	-	-	900	1,110.00	1,003
2004	750	1,290.00	-	-	750	1,290.00	968

^{1/}Production estimates changed from million pounds to tons in 2004.