APPLES AND PEACHES

Utilized production of commercial apples in Kentucky totaled 6.30 million pounds in 2006, up 34 percent from the 2005 crop. Prices averaged 37.7 cents per pound, up 3.1 cents from 2005. The value of utilized production totaled $2.38 million, up from the $1.63 million in 2005. Good weather and adequate to surplus moisture characterized spring through mid-summer. Conditions started to dry at various times during the summer but the traditional hot, dry weather never occurred.

U.S. utilized apple production for 2006 was estimated at 9.84 billion pounds, up 2 percent from 2005. Washington's utilized production, at 5.65 billion pounds was down 1 percent from 2005. Utilized production in Michigan and New York increased 9 percent and 20 percent, respectively. Frost during bloom in Washington was a problem for some growers and protective measures were implemented in many areas. Hail, heavy rains, and high winds during early July caused major damage to the apple crop in north central Washington. In New York, abundant rainfall across the State increased disease pressure and severe weather during the fall caused significant losses to some orchards. These adverse weather conditions resulted in higher than normal unharvested production. In Michigan, freezing temperatures in the northwest during April and cold temperatures in the western part of the State during pollination greatly reduced fruit set. However, plentiful rain in August and September aided fruit sizing.

Kentucky's utilized peach production totaled 1,000 tons in 2006, up 54 percent from the 2005 crop. Prices averaged $1,260.00 per ton, up $260.00 from 2005. Value of all utilized 2006 production totaled $1.26 million compared to $650,000 in 2005. Weather conditions were conducive for a very good crop even though some growers lost their crops due to spring freeze and/or hail damage.

U.S. utilized peach production in 2006 was estimated at 987,080 tons, down 14 percent from the previous year and 20 percent below 2004. The California crop, accounting for 72 percent of the U.S. utilized peach production, was down 18 percent from 2005.

KENTUCKY APPLES
UTILIZED PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1997 – 2006

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)
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	6.7	38.0	0.3	180.00	7.0	36.8	2,573
2005	4.3	37.2	0.4	140.00	4.7	34.6	1,628
2006	**-**	**-**	**-**	**-**	**6.3**	**37.7**	**2,376**

KENTUCKY PEACHES
UTILIZED PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1997 – 2006 [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)
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
2005	650	1,000.00	-	-	650	1,000.00	650
2006	**1,000**	**1,260.00**	**-**	**-**	**1,000**	**1,260.00**	**1,260**

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