

APPLES AND PEACHES

Utilized production of **commercial apples** in **Kentucky** totaled 400,000 pounds in 2007, down 94 percent from the 2006 crop. Price averaged 51.8 cents per pound, up 14.1 cents from 2006. The value of utilized production was \$207,000, down from the \$2.38 million in 2006. Kentucky's apple crop was devastated by an Easter Sunday freeze that caused crop losses throughout the State. Many growers reported a total loss of their crop and widespread tree damage. The orchards in the northern part of the Commonwealth seemed least affected and were able to harvest a partial crop.

U.S. utilized apple production for 2007 was estimated at 9.07 billion pounds, down 7 percent from 2006. Utilized apple production in Washington decreased 10 percent from 2006, while utilized production in New York increased 4 percent from 2006. In Washington, growers harvested apples from lower yielding, younger trees. Low summer precipitation levels in Michigan reduced fruit sizes but fruit quality remained high. In New York, hailstorms damaged some

of the crop, however, apple numbers and quality were high. A severe frost decimated orchards in the Southeast and Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, and Kentucky. Reports of tree damage and total crop loss were common in these States.

Kentucky's utilized **peach** production totaled 10 tons in 2007, down 99 percent from the 2006 crop. Price averaged \$2,100.00 per ton, up \$840.00 from 2006. Value of all utilized 2007 production totaled \$21,000 compared to \$1.26 million in 2006. Kentucky's peach crop was devastated by the same Easter freeze that affected apples. Many growers reported a total loss of their crop and widespread tree damage. The orchards in the northern part of the Commonwealth seemed least affected.

U.S. utilized peach production in 2007 was estimated at 1.12 million tons, up 13 percent from the previous year but 2 percent below 2005. The California crop, accounting for 85 percent of the U.S. utilized peach production, was up 33 percent from 2006.

KENTUCKY APPLES UTILIZED PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1998 – 2007

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)
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
2007	-	-	-	-	0.4	51.8	207

KENTUCKY PEACHES UTILIZED PRODUCTION AND VALUE 1998 – 2007 ^{1/}

YEAR	FRESH UTILIZATION		PROCESSED UTILIZATION		TOTAL UTILIZATION		
	Quantity (Tons)	Price Per Ton (Dollars)	Quantity (Tons)	Price Per Ton (Dollars)	Quantity (Tons)	Price Per Ton (Dollars)	Value of Production (\$1,000)
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
2007	10	2,100.00	-	-	10	2,100.00	21

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