

PEACHES



The 2003 peach crop had a below average to average bloom and set. The crop was rated in good to fair condition. Utilized peach production in Connecticut and Massachusetts totaled 87,000 bushels, 19 percent above the 2002 utilized output. An increase in price and production

placed the value of the 2003 peach crop in the two States at 3.2 million dollars, 20 percent above the 2002 value.

[Peach chart appears on page 64.]

PEACHES: Production and Value, 1994 - 2003

State and Year	Bearing Acreage	Yield ^{1/}	Production		Utilized Price per Pound	Value of Utilized Production	48-Pound Bushel Equivalents			
			Total ^{2/}	Utilized ^{3/}			Yield ^{1/}	Production		Utilized Price per Bushel
								Total ^{2/}	Utilized ^{3/}	
	Acres	Lbs/Acre	Million Pounds	Million Pounds	Dollars	1,000 Dollars	Bu/Acre	1,000 Bushels	1,000 Bushels	Dollars
Connecticut										
1994	375	4,530	1.7	1.7	0.500	850	94.4	35	35	24.00
1995	350	4,570	1.6	1.6	0.600	960	95.2	33	33	28.80
1996	340	6,180	2.1	2.1	0.550	1,155	128.7	44	44	26.40
1997	330	6,970	2.3	2.3	0.700	1,610	145.2	48	48	33.60
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1999	330	6,670	2.2	2.2	0.650	1,430	138.9	46	46	31.20
2000	330	6,060	2.0	2.0	0.650	1,300	126.3	42	42	31.20
2001	330	5,760	1.9	1.9	0.650	1,235	120.0	40	40	31.20
2002	330	3,940	1.3	1.3	0.700	910	82.1	27	27	33.60
2003	330	4,550	1.5	1.5	0.700	1,050	94.8	31	31	33.60
Massachusetts										
1994	320	3,130	1.0	0.9	0.500	450	65.1	21	19	24.00
1995	320	4,380	1.4	1.4	0.700	980	91.1	29	29	33.60
1996	320	5,000	1.6	1.6	0.550	880	104.2	33	33	26.40
1997	320	6,250	2.0	2.0	0.700	1,400	130.2	42	42	33.60
1998	320	5,630	1.8	1.7	0.800	1,360	117.2	38	35	38.40
1999	330	6,060	2.0	2.0	0.800	1,600	126.3	42	42	38.40
2000	340	6,180	2.1	2.1	0.700	1,470	128.6	44	44	33.60
2001	350	6,290	2.2	2.1	0.700	1,470	131.0	46	44	33.60
2002	370	6,220	2.3	2.2	0.800	1,760	129.6	48	46	38.40
2003	380	7,890	3.0	2.7	0.800	2,160	164.4	63	56	38.40
New England ^{4/}										
1994	695	3,885	2.7	2.6	0.500	1,300	80.9	56	54	24.00
1995	670	4,478	3.0	3.0	0.647	1,940	93.3	63	63	31.04
1996	660	5,606	3.7	3.7	0.550	2,035	116.8	77	77	26.40
1997	650	6,615	4.3	4.3	0.700	3,010	137.8	90	90	33.60
1998	650	6,308	4.1	4.0	0.743	2,970	131.4	85	83	35.64
1999	660	6,364	4.2	4.2	0.721	3,030	132.6	88	88	34.63
2000	670	6,120	4.1	4.1	0.675	2,770	127.5	85	86	32.40
2001	680	6,029	4.1	4.0	0.676	2,705	125.6	85	83	32.45
2002	700	5,143	3.6	3.5	0.763	2,670	107.1	75	73	36.62
2003	710	6,338	4.5	4.2	0.764	3,210	132.0	94	87	36.67

^{1/} Yield is based on total production.

^{2/} Total production is the quantity actually harvested plus quantities which would have been acceptable for fresh market or processing, but were not harvested because of economic or natural reasons.

^{3/} Utilized production is the amount sold plus the quantities used at home or held in storage.

^{4/} New England includes Connecticut and Massachusetts.