

PEARS



Cool, wet weather during bloom resulted in very poor pollinating conditions for the 2007 Connecticut pear crop. Warmer temperatures and timely rains followed in May, providing good growing conditions. Late June storms brought hail, causing significant damage in some orchards. July and August were drier than previous months. Harvest was

complete by mid-October, in line with last year and normal. Crop specialists rated fruit size "average" and the pear crop in good to fair condition throughout the growing season. Utilized pear production in Connecticut totaled 1,000 tons in 2007, unchanged from the previous year. The value of the 2007 pear crop was estimated at \$1.3 million, 18 percent above the previous year's level.

PEARS: Production and Value, 1998 – 2007

State and Year	Production		Utilized Price per Ton	Value of Utilized Production
	Total ¹	Utilized ²		
	Tons		Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Connecticut				
1998	1,100	1,100	775	853
1999	1,050	950	775	736
2000	1,250	1,250	562	703
2001	480	480	644	309
2002	500	500	858	429
2003	1,300	1,270	1,000	1,270
2004	900	900	800	720
2005	1,000	1,000	952	952
2006	1,000	1,000	1,100	1,100
2007	1,000	1,000	1,300	1,300

¹ 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.

² Utilized production is the amount sold plus the quantities used at home or held in storage.

