

### PEARS

The 2004 Connecticut pear crop had breezy and cool weather conditions at full bloom which promoted less than optimal pollination. Humid, wet weather persisted throughout the summer, resulting in average fruit set and size. Crop conditions at harvest were extremely variable,

and ranged from very poor to good across Connecticut. Utilized pear production in Connecticut totaled 900 tons, 31 percent below last year's high yielding crop. 2004 total value of utilized production was placed at \$720,000, decrease of 43 percent from 2003 value.

**PEARS: Production and Value, 1995 - 2004**

State and Year	Production		Utilized Price per Ton	Value of Utilized Production
	Total <sup>1/</sup>	Utilized <sup>2/</sup>		
	Tons		Dollars	1,000 Dollars
<b>Connecticut</b>				
1995	950	950	700	665
1996	1,050	1,050	725	761
1997	1,200	1,200	700	840
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	430
2003	1,300	1,275	996	1,270
2004	900	900	800	720

<sup>1/</sup> 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.

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

