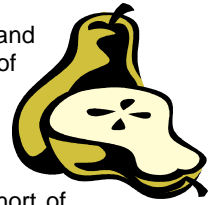


PEARS



Full crop potential at Connecticut's pear orchards was also limited by May's unusually cold conditions. A mid-May frost resulted in light damage during the bloom stage at many locations. Warm weather which arrived in June and remained in the state through the beginning of September enhanced pear development, however moisture availability was scarce. Rain showers finally arrived in mid-

September, but persisted into October and interfered with harvest. By the end of October, crop specialists had crop condition rated mostly good to fair. Utilized pear production in Connecticut totaled 1,000 tons, 11 percent above last year's low yielding crop, but 23 percent short of 2003 output. The value of the 2005 pear crop in Connecticut was placed at \$952,000, 32 percent above the 2004 value.



PEARS: Production and Value, 1996 – 2005

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>				
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	1,270	1,000	1,270
2004	900	900	800	720
2005	1,000	1,000	952	952

<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.

