PEARS

Pear growers reported a good bloom but set was only moderate due to cool and rainy weather during pollination. Size of fruit was average with the pear crop overall being in fair to good condition. Connecticut's 2000 pear

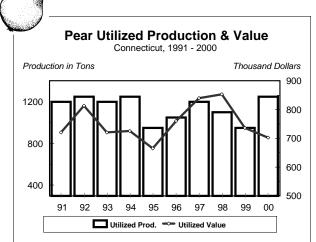
production totaled 1,250 tons, 19 percent more than the previous year. Price was down from the previous year, which resulted in a production value of \$703,000, 4 percent below 1999.

PEARS: Production and Value, 1991 - 2000

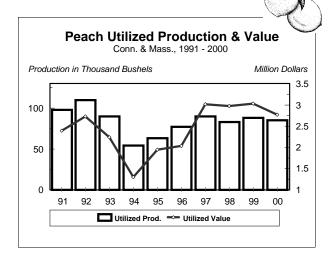
STATE & YEAR	Production		Utilized Price	Value of
	Total 1/	Utilized 2/	per Ton	Utilized Production
	Tons		Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Connecticut				
1991	1,200	1,200	600	720
1992	1,300	1,250	650	813
1993	1,250	1,200	600	720
1994	1,250	1,250	580	725
1995	950	950	700	665
1996	1,050	1,050	725	761
1997	1,200	1,200	700	840
1998	1,100	1,100	775	853
1999	1,050	950	775	736
2000	1,250	1,250	562	703

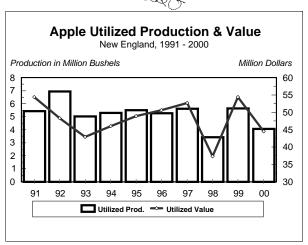


^{2/} Utilized production is the amount sold plus the quantities used at home or held in storage.









^{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.