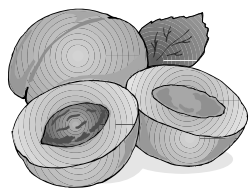


PEACHES



Warm spring temperatures promoted good bloom and pollinating conditions for Connecticut's and Massachusetts' peach crop. Full bloom was reached in early May before heavy rain showers arrived. In the two states utilized peach production totaled 96,000

bushels (48-pound units) in 2006, 37 percent above 2005's drought reduced crop. Crop specialists rated the 2006 crop as good-to-fair throughout most of the growing season. The peach harvest was completed by October 1st slightly ahead of the five year average. Increased output and improved prices placed the value of the 2006 peach crop at 4.3 million dollars, 66 percent above the previous year's level. [

PEACHES: Production and Value, 1997 – 2006

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		Dollars	1,000 Dollars	Bu/Acre			Dollars
Connecticut										
1997	330	6,970	2.3	2.3	0.700	1,610	145.5	48	48	33.54
1998	350	6,570	2.3	2.3	0.700	1,610	137.1	48	48	33.54
1999	350	6,290	2.2	2.2	0.650	1,430	131.4	46	46	31.09
2000	360	5,560	2.0	2.0	0.650	1,300	116.7	42	42	30.95
2001	380	5,000	1.9	1.9	0.650	1,235	105.3	40	40	30.88
2002	400	3,250	1.3	1.3	0.700	910	67.5	27	27	33.70
2003	400	3,750	1.5	1.5	0.700	1,050	77.5	31	31	33.87
2004	400	4,250	1.7	1.7	0.800	1,360	87.5	35	35	38.86
2005	400	3,500	1.4	1.4	0.800	1,120	72.5	29	29	38.62
2006	400	4,500	1.8	1.8	0.900	1,620	95.0	38	38	42.63
Massachusetts										
1997	320	6,250	2.0	2.0	0.700	1,400	131.3	42	42	33.33
1998	320	5,630	1.8	1.7	0.800	1,360	118.8	38	35	38.86
1999	330	6,060	2.0	2.0	0.800	1,600	127.3	42	42	38.10
2000	340	6,180	2.1	2.1	0.700	1,470	129.4	44	44	33.41
2001	350	6,290	2.2	2.1	0.700	1,470	131.4	46	44	33.41
2002	370	6,220	2.3	2.2	0.800	1,760	129.7	48	46	38.26
2003	380	7,890	3.0	2.7	0.800	2,160	165.8	63	56	38.57
2004	380	5,050	1.9	1.9	0.750	1,425	105.3	40	40	35.63
2005	380	5,260	2.0	2.0	0.750	1,485	110.5	42	41	36.22
2006	380	7,370	2.8	2.8	0.970	2,716	152.6	58	58	46.83
New England ^{4/}										
1997	650	6,620	4.3	4.3	0.700	3,010	138.5	90	90	33.44
1998	670	6,120	4.1	4.0	0.743	2,970	126.9	85	83	35.78
1999	680	6,180	4.2	4.2	0.721	3,030	129.4	88	88	34.43
2000	700	5,860	4.1	4.1	0.676	2,770	121.4	85	85	32.59
2001	730	5,620	4.1	4.0	0.676	2,705	116.4	85	83	32.59
2002	770	4,680	3.6	3.5	0.763	2,670	97.4	75	73	36.58
2003	780	5,770	4.5	4.2	0.764	3,210	120.5	94	88	36.48
2004	780	4,640	3.6	3.6	0.774	2,785	96.2	75	75	37.13
2005	780	4,360	3.4	3.4	0.771	2,605	91.0	71	70	37.21
2006	780	5,900	4.6	4.6	0.943	4,336	123.1	96	96	45.17

^{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.