

PEARS



Less than optimum conditions during the growing season limited the size of Connecticut's pear crop in 2006. Heavy rains knocked off petals and limited bee activity during mid-May when over half of Connecticut's pear crop was in full bloom. A severe hail storm in late May caused varying degrees of damage at a number of orchards. Crop specialists rated the crop in good-to-

fair condition throughout most of the growing season. Utilized pear production in Connecticut totaled 1,000 tons in 2006 unchanged from the previous year's drought reduced crop. The value of the 2006 pear crop was estimated at 1.1 million dollars, nearly 16 percent above the 2005 crop value due to improved prices.



PEARS: Production and Value, 1997 – 2006

State and Year	Production		Utilized Price per Ton	Value of Utilized Production
	Total ^{1/}	Utilized ^{2/}		
	Tons		Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Connecticut				
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	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

^{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.

