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PEACH SUMMARY - 1949

ROANOKE, VA. TO SOUTHERN PA.

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Daily market reports on peaches were issued at Martinsburg, W.Va. from August 8 to September 1, 1949. These reports covered the peach territory from southern Virginia to southern Pennsylvania and were published in cooperation with the Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia State Departments of Agriculture.

The peach crop for the country was estimated on August 1, by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, to be 75,063,000 bushels - 15 percent more than the short 1948 crop and 9 percent above the 1938-47 average. The crop was short generally in the important southeastern States, but average to heavy in other sections. Harvest in all sections shipping at that time was a little earlier than last year.

Harvest of the short crop of peaches in the 10 early Southern States was almost completed by August 1. The total for these states was estimated at 12,953,000 bushels - 8 percent less than the small crop of last season, and 29 percent less than average. Georgia had the poorest crop in this area - only about three-fourths of last year and two-fifths of average. Other Southern States with short crops were North and South Carolina - about two-thirds of average, and Alabama and Mississippi - less than three-fifths of average. But Arkansas, Oklahoma, and Texas, the crops were well above average in size. The quality had been good.

Most of the mid-Atlantic States had a good crop, above last year and above average. In Virginia, harvesting of Elbertas started in the southernmost counties late in July. Shipments from the Roanoke area reached a peak the first week in August. At this time early varieties were moving from West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Shipping - point prices in the Virginia to Pennsylvania area were not satisfactory. Elbertas, in the Roanoke - Crozet section opened at \$3.00 per bushel - \$1.50-2.00 lower than in 1948 - and steadily declined to mostly \$1.75 in three weeks. The market strengthened slightly the last week in August. In 1948 there was a similar seasonal decline reaching a low of around \$2.50 with slightly better prices the last few days.

DAILY F.O.B. PRICES PER BUSHEL

These carlot and trucklot sales on U.S.No.1 Elbertas, 2 in. up, show comparison of prices of the past season with those of 1948. These prices begin with the Roanoke - Crozet Section and finish with South Pennsylvania sales.

		1949	1948
Aug.	5	\$3.00	\$4.50-5.00
	6	Sturday	4.50-5.00, mostly \$4.50
	7	Sunday	Saturday
	8	\$2.75 few best \$3.00	Sunday
	9	2.50	\$4.75-5.00, mostly \$4.75
	10	2.50	4.75-5.00, mostly \$4.75
	11	2.50	4.50, few \$4.75
	12	2.50 few 2.25	4.50, few 4.25, few best \$4.75
	13	Saturday	3.75-4.00
	14	Sunday	3.50
	15	\$ 2.25	Sunday
	16	2.25	\$3.50
	17	2.25, few \$2.00	3.50
	18	2.25, few \$2.00	3.50
	19	2.00-2.25, mostly \$2.00	3.50
	20	Saturday	3.50, weak fruit \$3.00
	21	Sunday	3.50, weak fruit \$3.00
	22	\$1.75-2.00, mostly \$1.85-1.95	Sunday
	23	1.65-1.90, mostly \$1.80-1.85	\$3.50, weak fruit \$3.00
	24	1.50-1.90, mostly \$1.70-1.80	3.50 weak fruit \$3.00
	25	1.50-1.90, mostly \$1.70-1.80	\$2.75-3.25, mostly \$3.00-3.10
	26	1.50-1.80, mostly \$1.75	2.25-2.75, mostly \$2.50-2.75
	27	Saturday	2.25-2.75, mostly \$2.50-2.75
	28	Sunday	Saturday
	29	\$1.75-2.00	Sunday
	30	1.75-2.00, mostly \$2.00	\$2.50-3.00, ripe low as \$1.00
	31	1.75-2.00, mostly \$2.00	2.75-3.25, mostly \$3.00
Sent.	1		3.00-3.25

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INDICATED PEACH PRODUCTION, SEPTEMBER 1, 1949, WITH COMPARISONS 1/  
As released by Crop Reporting Board, BAE, Washington, D.C. September 9.

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STATE	Average 1938-47	Production 1/		Indicated 1949
		1947	1948	
T h o u s a n d b u s h e l				
N.H.	13	22	14	23
Mass.	55	85	68	63
R.I.	15	13	14	14
Conn.	126	160	139	148
N.Y.	1,340	1,440	1,114	1,394
N.J.	1,388	1,617	1,175	2,075
Pa.	1,920	1,920	2,182	2,337
Ohio	843	1,020	780	1,132
Ind.	413	725	559	784
Ill.	1,524	2,413	1,428	2,363
Mich.	3,444	4,300	3,350	3,900
Mo.	671	1,288	752	798
Kans	60	12	160	177
Del.	369	171	402	468
Md.	531	425	533	714
Va.	1,490	1,680	1,209	1,953
W.Va.	497	388	530	510
N.C.	2,220	2,905	1,646	1,428
S.C.	3,671	6,630	3,160	2,490
Ga.	5,358	5,810	2,812	2,040
Fla.	90	64	92	66
Ky.	642	783	462	702
Tenn.	939	1,209	428	324
Ala.	1,441	1,525	1,298	792
Miss.	894	854	840	518
Ark.	2,188	2,220	2,482	2,412
La.	296	270	330	265
Okla.	443	464	280	679
Tex.	1,728	1,696	1,140	2,400
Idaho	296	357	324	390
Colo.	1,868	2,106	1,922	2,109
N.Mex.	179	94	74	122
Utah	736	933	821	702
Wash	2,244	2,817	2,210	2,772
Oreg	601	851	595	870
Calif. all	28,273	33,003	30,127	35,795
Clingstone 2/	17,372	21,377	20,835	24,544
Freestone	10,901	11,626	9,292	11,251
<b>TOTAL U.S. 3/</b>	<b>68,947</b>	<b>82,270</b>	<b>65,352</b>	<b>75,729</b>

1/ For some States in certain years, production includes some quantities unharvested on account of economic conditions.

2/ Mainly for canning.

3/ U.S. average includes estimated production for Iowa, Nebraska, Arizona, and Nevada from 1938 through 1946. Estimates of production in those States were discontinued beginning with the 1947 crop.

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