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PREFACE

This is a summary of the 1981 peach crop information derived from daily market reports and other related data. This information is provided for its historical interest, and for use in planning and marketing future crops.

The Federal-State Market News Service reported daily shipping point price information for the 1981 peach crop in Georgia from May 18-August 4; in South Carolina June 28-August 18; and in the Appalachian District from July 29-September 2.

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PEACH PRODUCTION

(by: Crop Reporting Board, Economics, Statistics & Cooperative Service
U. S. Department of Agriculture)

Peach production in the United States was forecast at 2.92 billion pounds (1.32 million metric tons), 5 percent smaller than the 1980 crop. Excluding California Clingstone peaches, the crop is forecast at 1.60 billion pounds, 1 percent more than last year.

The South Carolina crop was forecast at 410 million pounds, 15 percent greater than last season's crop. North Carolina peach crop was forecast at 35 million pounds, down 35% from last year.

Appalachian District peach production at 129 million pounds is 13% less than last year's production. Georgia's crop was forecast at 135.0 million pounds 11% higher than 1980.

STATE	PRODUCTION POUNDS ^{1/}			PRODUCTION 48-lb. EQUIVALENT		
	TOTAL	1980	INDICATED 1981	TOTAL	1980	INDICATED 1981
	MILLION UNITS			1,000 UNITS		
ALA	20.0	14.0	20.0	417	292	417
ARK	36.0	28.0	40.0	750	583	833
CALIF-FREESTONE	468.0	470.0	480.0	9,750	9,792	10,000
COLO	14.0	18.0	20.0	292	375	417
CONN	2.5	2.8	.5	52	58	10
DEL	2.0	1.4	2.4	42	29	50
GA	135.0	120.0	135.0	2,813	2,500	2,913
IDAHO	10.5	13.0	12.0	219	271	250
ILL	15.0	24.0	22.0	313	500	458
IND	4.2	8.0	7.0	88	167	146
KANS	5.0	6.5	5.0	104	135	104
KY	15.0	15.5	16.0	313	323	333
LA	7.0	4.0	7.0	146	83	146
MD	22.0	19.0	17.0	458	396	354
MASS	1.8	2.0	.8	38	42	1,617
MICH	35.0	40.0	35.0	729	834	729
MISS	3.0	2.5	5.5	62	52	115
MO	12.0	12.0	17.0	250	250	354
N J	95.0	110.0	90.0	1,979	2,292	1,875
N Y	6.7	13.0	9.0	140	271	1,885
N C	50.0	45.0	35.0	1,042	938	729
OHIO	4.0	12.0	2.0	83	250	42
OKLA	11.0	8.0	9.0	229	167	1,886
OREG	16.0	13.0	12.0	333	271	250
PA	80.0	105.0	65.0	166	2,188	1,354
S C	350.0	355.0	410.0	729	7,396	854
TENN	8.5	8.4	9.4	177	175	196
TEX	23.5	12.5	32.0	479	260	667
UTAH	12.0	11.0	15.0	250	229	313
VA	32.0	32.0	30.0	667	667	625
WASH	31.0	31.0	18.0	646	646	375
W VA	24.0	22.0	17.0	500	458	354
TOTAL	1,551.2	1,578.6	1,595.6	32,317	32,888	33,242
CALIF CLINGSTONE ^{3/}	1,400.0	1,495.0	1,320.0	29,167	31,045	27,500
ALL PEACHES U. S.	2,951.2	3,073.6	2,915.6	61,483	64,033	60,742

1/ Includes unharvested production and excess cullage (Million pounds):
United States, Excluding California Clingstone Peaches, 1979-
14.5; 1980-0.5.

2/ Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

3/ California Clingstone is over the scale tonnage and includes culls
and cannery diversions (Million pounds): 1979-90-0, 1980-113.0.

WEEKLY PEACH SHIPMENTS IN THE UNITED STATES

38,000 POUNDS (1,000 38-POUND CARTONS)

WEEK ENDING APRIL 18, 1981-SEPTEMBER 26, 1981

<u>WEEK ENDING</u>	<u>ARIZONA</u>	<u>CALIF</u>	<u>FLORIDA</u>	<u>GEORGIA</u>	<u>MICH</u>	<u>NEW JERSEY</u>	<u>NORTH CAROLINA</u>	<u>SOUTH CAROLINA</u>	<u>WASH</u>	<u>APLCHN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
APRIL 18	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
25	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
MAY 12	2	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
9	6	24	11	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	43
16	6	84	28	32	-	-	-	3	-	-	153
23	3	212	60	100	-	-	-	62	-	-	437
30	1	517	26	241	-	-	3	130	-	-	918
JUNE 6	2	471	7	271	-	-	24	342	-	-	1,117
13	2	480	15	211	-	-	35	429	-	-	1,172
20	2	428	6	285	-	-	32	493	-	-	1,246
27	-	447	-	211	-	-	22	481	-	-	1,161
JULY 4	-	423	-	114	-	-	16	387	-	-	940
11	-	357	-	242	-	-	43	774	3	-	1,419
18	-	300	-	144	-	30	61	763	19	30	1,347
25	1	293	-	139	2	65	38	830	19	40	1,427
AUG 1	2	542	-	96	7	114	51	697	25	67	1,601
8	1	549	-	68	33	140	23	524	23	117	1,478
15	2	372	-	6	64	167	3	358	30	157	1,159
22	3	404	-	-	67	231	-	120	33	191	1,049
29	-	312	-	-	60	277	-	47	45	167	908
SEPT 5	-	194	-	-	44	265	-	34	28	86	651
12	3	176	-	-	19	195	-	5	21	22	441
19	4	167	-	-	3	170	-	-	11	2	357
26	-	127	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	130
	40	6,888	154	2,162	299	1,654	351	6,479	260	879	19,166

*TRUCK SHIPMENTS ONLY--RAIL SHIPMENTS FROM CALIFORNIA WERE 116 INCLUDING 86 PIGGYBACK AND THREE EXPORT.

COMBINED RAIL & TRUCK UNLOADS (38,000 LBS.) IN 41 CITIES
APRIL THRU SEPTEMBER 1981

CITY	CA	FL	GA	MD	NJ	NC	PA	SC	VA	WV	OTHERS	TOTAL*
ALBANY, NY	0	1	16	0	22	3	4	67	0	12	0	124
ATLANTA, GA	3	2	153	0	2	3	0	118	2	0	1	286
BALTIMORE, MD	18	4	49	12	22	48	12	86	12	5	0	268
BIRMINGHAM, AL	2	0	9	0	0	5	0	5	1	0	14	37
BOSTON, MA	31	16	129	8	152	4	19	493	1	28	0	881
BUFFALO, NY	6	1	28	0	6	7	0	29	0	10	11	98
CHICAGO, IL	169	12	58	1	11	37	0	118	6	0	36	448
CINCINNATI, OH	16	0	45	0	7	27	2	83	7	1	2	191
CLEVELAND, OH	34	4	20	1	36	29	7	179	0	9	9	328
COLUMBIA, SC	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	162	1	0	0	166
DALLAS TX	154	0	35	0	2	1	0	5	0	0	36	234
DENVER, CO	159	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	94	256
DETROIT, MI	85	12	29	3	33	19	0	210	4	0	9	403
FORT WORTH, TX	17	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	20
HOUSTON, TX	248	2	79	0	0	0	0	66	0	1	37	432
INDIANAPOLIS, IN	26	1	23	0	1	13	0	43	0	0	3	109
KANSAS CITY, MO	101	0	20	0	0	0	0	26	4	0	9	161
LOS ANGELES, CA	907	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	909
LOUISVILLE, KY	19	0	16	0	5	4	0	51	0	0	9	106
MEMPHIS, TN	7	2	2	1	3	0	0	4	0	0	6	25
MIAMI, FL	6	0	45	0	12	29	0	17	2	0	0	111
MILWAUKEE, WI	32	2	1	0	0	3	2	10	0	0	6	57
MINNEAPOLIS, MN	271	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	26	304
NASHVILLE, TN	7	0	4	0	0	2	0	22	0	0	0	35
NEW ORLEANS, LA	74	0	6	0	0	0	0	47	0	2	15	145
NEW YORK, NY	306	65	272	0	362	242	23	887	7	9	2	2,174
OKLAHOMA CITY, OK	23	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	3	30
PHILADELPHIA, PA	36	5	98	0	132	6	7	302	0	12	1	599
PITTSBURGH, PA	16	8	32	1	18	23	32	200	2	24	0	356
PORTLAND, OR	50	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	79
PROVIDENCE, RI	1	8	27	0	6	6	0	51	0	1	0	101
ST. LOUIS, MO	75	1	44	0	3	19	0	43	0	0	89	273
SALT LAKE CITY, UT	77	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	83
SAN ANTONIO, TX	65	0	6	0	6	5	0	35	0	0	75	193
SAN FRANCISCO, CA	495	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	499
SEATTLE, WA	78	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	127	205
TOTAL U.S.	3,615	146	1,253	27	842	535	108	3365	51	114	663	10,726

MONTREAL, QUE	30	0	88	0	8	3	0	57	0	0	14	200
OTTAWA, ONT	6	0	2	0	0	21	0	13	0	0	3	44
TORONTO, ONT	114	0	49	0	4	26	0	116	0	0	19	328
VANCOUVER, B. C.	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	63
WINNEPEG, MAN.	31	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	41
TOTAL	236	0	145	0	12	50	0	186	0	0	48	676

*TOTALS MAY NOT ADD DUE TO ROUNDING.

REVIEW OF THE 1981 GEORGIA & FLORIDA PEACH SEASON

PRODUCTION: Total production of peaches in Georgia was reported at 135 million pounds in 1981 by the Crop Reporting Board of the USDA. This compares with 120 million pounds in 1980, 135 in 1979, and 120 million pounds in 1978. U. S. peach production* in 1981 was estimated at a total of 2,915.6 billion pounds as compared to 3,073.6 billion pounds in 1980. An estimate of peach production in Florida was not available although the 1981 crop was indicated to be larger than 1980's freeze diminished crop.

GROWING CONDITIONS: The 1981 growing season was improved over 1980 when the crop was damaged by a freeze in early March. During 1981, size was more of a problem due to the heavy set of peaches and the relatively dry conditions. Hail damage during the season was limited to an occasional orchard or portion of an orchard. The incidence of damage was so scattered that the effect on the overall crop was minimal. Central Florida was again not a factor in shipping to the Northern markets, as most movement was for local use or to roadside stands. There was very little rainfall on the central Georgia crop during late spring and early summer as conditions were quite dry. This did affect some of the mid to late season varieties despite the fact that much of that area is irrigated.

HARVEST & SHIPMENTS: Early harvesting got underway in 1981 in Florida around the first of May. Harvest began in South Georgia by the end of the first week of May. Movement from the Fort Valley area of central Georgia was started in mid-May. Peak shipment from Florida was during the week of May 17. Movement declined sharply thereafter, with the last shipments on or about June 10. The peak week for shipments from south Georgia was also May 17-23 with shipments continuing through June 15. In central Georgia, there was good movement of peaches from May 24-June 24. There were a few days of moderate movement from there on through July but overall volume generally declined. The last of the movement for the season in Georgia was the second week of August. Total shipments for the season as reported by the Federal-State Market News Service were for Georgia 8,216 10,000 pound units (2,162 38,000 pound loads) compared with 6,805 units (1,791 loads) in 1980. Shipments from Florida totaled 587 units (154 loads) for 1981 and 429 units (113 loads) in 1980.

MARKETING & PACKAGING: The predominant container used for packaging peaches was the 3/4 bushel carton into which peaches were packed loose. Early in the season, the half-bushel carton was used primarily in south Georgia and Florida. The 3/4 bushel carton has a net-weight generally of 38-pounds compared with 25 pounds net for the half-bushel carton. In 1981 Georgia peaches were marketed under a federal peach marketing order and agreement. Florida peaches were not included in any such marketing order. F. O. B. prices (as shown in the table which follows) were generally for U. S. Extra No. 1 quality peaches as certified by the Federal-State Inspection Service. Florida peaches were frequently marketed as 'no grade mark'.

*INCLUDES CALIFORNIA CLINGSTONE PRODUCTION.

GEORGIA & FLORIDA

Trading for peaches was fairly active from the early part of the season through the first of June. Heavier supplies from a large crop and light to moderate demand slowed trading. Demand improved somewhat by mid-June and prices did make a limited turn-around. By the first of July, abundant supplies from South Carolina aided in a decline in market prices and produced a light demand situation. The situation persisted for about three weeks but began to improve by the start of the third week of July. Supplies from Georgia were light by then as the season was winding down rapidly.

Prices on the first F. O. B. report released May 11, from Florida-South Georgia were \$18.00 for light supplies of half-bushel cartons of 2" and up U.S. Extra No. 1 or 'no grade mark' peaches. The primary container was the 3/4 bushel carton by May 18 when prices were at \$20.00 for 2" and up peaches in Florida-South Georgia as well as in the central Georgia area. This was the first report of the season for central Georgia. Prices declined steadily through the balance of May and into June as the volume increased. The last F. O. B. report issued for Florida-South Georgia was on June 10 with 2" and up peaches at \$6.00. By June 11, peaches in central Georgia were \$5.50-6.00 for 2" and up and 2 1/4" and up were \$8.00. Demand improved somewhat at that time and the market recovered to move upward. Prices reached \$7.50-8.00 for 2" and up and \$10.00-11.00 for the 2 1/4" and up on July 1. The market weakened at that point and prices fell generally throughout the balance of the season. The last report of the season showed 2" and up peaches at \$5.00-5.50 and up at \$6.50 and 2 1/4" and up at \$6.50.

VARIETIES: Principal varieties included Spring Crest, May Gold, June Gold, Springbrite, Magnolia, Red Cap, Red Globe, Rio-Grande, Suwanee, Coronets, Harvester, Washington, Southland, Loring, Dixie Red and Sun High.

DAILY F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT PRICES AT SOUTH GEORGIA-NORTH FLORIDA POINTS

The F. O. B. prices in the following table are for various yellow flesh varieties hydrocooling included in 3/4-bushel cartons U.S. Extra No. 1 grade, unless otherwise stated.

DATE	2" up	1 7/8" min	1 7/8" up
May 11*	18.00	15.00-16.00	-
12*	18.00	15.00	-
13*	16.00-17.00	14.00	-
14*	16.00-17.00	14.00	-
15*	16.00-17.00	14.00	-
18	18.00-20.00	-	-
19	18.00-20.00	-	15.00-16.00
20	17.00-18.00	-	13.00-15.00
21	17.50-18.00	-	13.00-15.00
22	17.50-18.00	-	13.00-15.00
26	16.00-18.00	10.00-11.00	-
27	16.00-17.00	8.00-10.00	-
28	15.00	8.00-10.00	12.00-13.00
29	15.00	-	14.00
June 1	12.00	-	-
2	10.00	-	-
3	9.00-10.00	-	-
4	8.00	-	-
5	8.00	-	-
8	6.00-7.00	-	-
9	6.00	-	-

*HALF-BUSHEL CARTONS.

DAILY F. O. B. PRICES AT CENTRAL GEORGIA SHIPPING POINTS

The F. O. B. prices in the following table are for various yellow flesh varieties hydrocooling included in 3/4 bushel cartons U. S. Extra #1 grade, unless otherwise stated.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2 1/4" up</u>	<u>2" up</u>	<u>1 7/8" up</u>	<u>1 7/8"</u>	<u>2-2 1/4"</u>
MAY 18	-	20.00	-	-	-
19	-	18.00-20.00	15.00-16.00	-	-
20	-	17.00-18.00	13.00-15.00	-	-
21	-	17.00-18.00	-	-	-
22	-	17.00-18.00	-	-	-
26	-	16.00-18.00	-	10.00-11.00	-
27	-	16.00-17.00	-	8.00-10.00	-
28	-	16.00	12.00-13.00	8.00-10.00	-
29	-	15.00-16.00	11.00-12.00	8.00- 9.00	-
JUNE 1	13.00-14.00	12.00	-	7.00- 8.00	-
2	12.00	10.00	-	-	-
3	11.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	-	-	-
4	9.00-10.00	8.00	-	-	-
5	9.00-10.00	8.00	-	-	-
8	9.00	7.00	-	-	-
9	8.00	5.50- 6.00	-	-	-
10	8.00	5.50- 6.00	-	-	-
11	8.00	5.50- 6.00	-	-	-
12	8.00	5.50- 6.00	-	-	5.00- 5.50
15	8.00	6.00	-	-	5.00- 5.50
16	8.00	6.00	-	-	5.00- 5.50
17	8.00	6.00	-	-	5.00- 5.50
18	8.00	6.00	-	-	5.50- 6.00
19	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 7.00	-	-	5.50- 6.00
22	9.00- 9.50	7.00	-	4.50- 5.00	6.00- 6.50
23	9.50	7.00	-	-	6.00- 7.00
24	9.50	7.00	-	-	6.50- 7.00
25	9.50-10.00	7.00	-	-	7.00
26	9.50-10.00	7.00- 7.50	-	-	7.00
29	10.00	7.50- 8.00	-	-	7.50
30	10.00	7.50- 8.00	-	-	7.50
JULY 1	10.00-11.00	7.50- 8.00	-	-	7.50
2	10.00-11.00	7.50- 8.00	-	-	7.50
6	9.00- 9.50	-	-	-	7.00
7	9.00	-	-	-	7.00
8	8.00	-	-	-	6.00- 6.50
9	7.00	-	-	-	5.00
10	6.00- 7.00	-	-	-	5.00
13	5.50- 6.00	-	-	-	5.00
14	5.50	-	-	-	4.00- 5.00
15	5.00- 5.50	-	-	-	4.50
16	5.00- 5.50	-	-	-	4.00
17	5.00- 5.50	-	-	-	4.00- 4.50
20	5.50- 6.00	-	-	-	4.00
21	5.50- 6.00	-	-	-	4.00- 4.50
22	6.00	-	-	-	4.50- 5.00
23	6.50- 7.00	-	-	-	4.50- 5.00
24	6.50- 7.00	-	-	-	5.00
27	6.50- 7.00	-	-	-	4.50- 5.00
28	6.50- 7.00	-	-	-	4.50- 5.00
29	7.00	-	-	-	4.50- 5.00
30	-	-	-	-	-
31	6.50	-	-	-	4.50- 5.00
AUG 3	6.50	5.00- 5.50	-	-	4.50- 5.00

The following prices are for 3/4 bushel cartons US Extra No. 1, various yellow flesh varieties, and are for Monday of the weeks shown, except when none were available. Tuesday prices are shown in such cases.

BALTIMORE	
	2"
MAY 4-8	-
11-15	-
18-22	-
25-29	-
June 1-5	10.00-16.00
8-12	7.50- 9.50
15-19	8.00- 9.00
22-26	6.50- 7.00

BOSTON			
	1 7/8"	2" up	2 1/4"
MAY 4-8	-	-	-
11-15	20.00	22.00	-
18-22	13.00-18.00	22.00	-
25-29	12.00	10.00-16.00	-
JUNE 1-5	-	-	-
8-12	-	-	-
15-19	5.50- 7.00	8.00- 8.00	11.00-11.00
22-26	-	9.00-11.00	11.00-14.00
June 29-	-	-	-
July 3	-	11.50	15.00
6-10	-	-	9.00

CINCINNATI	
	2"
MAY 25-29	23.00
JUNE 1-5	15.00
8-12	9.00-10.00
15-19	-
22-26	8.50-10.50
JUNE 29-	-
JULY 3	8.00- 9.00
JULY 6-10	11.00-11.50
13-17	-
20-24	7.50
27-31	8.00

BUFFALO		
	2" up	2 1/4"
MAY 25-29	19.00-20.00	-
JUNE 1-5	15.00-18.50	-
8-12	9.50-10.00	10.50
15-19	9.50-10.00	10.50
22-26	9.50-10.00	10.50
JUNE 29-	-	-
JULY 3	-	-
JULY 16-10	-	-
18-17	6.50	7.50- 8.00
20-24	5.00- 6.00	7.50
27-31	6.00- 6.50	7.50
AUG 3-7	6.00- 6.50	7.50

CHICAGO			
	2 1/4"	2" up	1 7/8"
MAY 11-15	15.00	22.00-24.00	-
18-22	11.00-12.00	16.00-20.00	-
25-29	15.00	-	-
JUNE 1-5	-	18.00	-
8-12	-	8.00-10.00	-
15-19	-	8.00- 9.00	12.00
22-26	-	11.00-12.00	12.00-14.00
JUNE 29-	-	10.00-11.00	13.00-14.00
JULY 3	7.00	10.00-12.00	13.00-14.00
JULY 6-10	8.00- 8.50	6.50- 7.50	18.00-19.00
13-17	-	8.00	8.00- 9.00

CLEVELAND		
	2"	2 1/4"
MAY 25-29	22.00	-
JUNE 1-5	11.00-16.00	-
8-12	7.00-11.00	9.00
15-19	3.00- 7.00	11.50-12.50
22-26	-	13.00-13.50
June 29-	-	-
July 3	-	14.50
July 6-10	-	11.00-11.50
13-17	6.00- 8.00	7.50-10.00
20-24	5.00- 6.00	-
27-31	-	10.00

DETROIT		
	2" up	2 1/4" up
JUNE 1-5	13.50-14.00	-
8-12	7.50- 8.50	-
15-19	-	-
22-26	11.00	13.50-14.50
JUNE 29-	-	-
JULY 3	-	14.50
6-10	11.00	14.00
13-17	-	7.50-11.00

NEW YORK			
	1 7/8"	2"	2 1/4" up
MAY 4-8	-	20.00	-
11-15	17.00-18.00	18.00-22.00	-
18-22	10.00-12.00	16.00-22.00	-
25-29	12.00-14.00	19.00-20.00	-
June 1-5	7.00-12.00	9.00-15.00	-
8-12	5.00	7.00- 9.00	-
15-19	6.00	7.00- 9.00	10.00-12.00
22-26	6.00- 7.00	10.00-11.00	12.00-14.00
June 29-	-	-	-
July 3	7.00	12.00-13.00	14.00-15.00
July 6-10	-	-	9.00
13-17	-	-	6.00- 7.00
20-24	-	-	-
27-31	-	6.00- 7.00	8.00- 9.00

PITTSBURGH		
	1 7/8"	2" up
MAY 11-15	17.00-18.00	-
18-22	15.00	-
25-29	-	-
June 1-5	11.00-12.00	14.00-15.00
8-12	-	8.00- 9.00
15-19	-	-
22-26	-	11.00-12.00

ST. LOUIS		
	2" up	2 1/4" up
MAY 18-22	21.00-22.00	-
25-29	17.00-20.00	-
June 1-5	11.00-17.00	-
8-12	-	-
15-19	6.75- 9.00	9.00-10.50
22-26	8.00	10.50
June 29	-	-
July 3	8.00- 9.00	-

PHILADELPHIA			
	1 7/8"	2" up	2 1/4" up
MAY 18-22	8.00-13.00	-	-
25-29	11.00-15.00	-	-
June 1-5	10.00	8.00-15.00	18.00-20.00
8-12	2.00- 4.00	6.00- 7.00	8.00- 9.00
15-19	3.50- 4.00	7.00- 8.00	10.00-12.00
22-26	5.50- 6.50	8.00-11.00	10.50-13.00
June 19-	-	-	-
July 3	7.50- 8.00	9.00-14.00	12.00-16.00
6-10	5.00- 7.00	7.50-10.00	13.00-13.50
13-17	-	4.00	4.00- 6.50
20-24	-	6.00- 6.50	6.50- 7.00
27-31	-	-	8.00

¹ PRICES FOR THE FIRST THREE WEEKS OF MAY WERE MOSTLY FLORIDA PEACHES. THEREAFTER, THE PRICES COVER MOSTLY GEORGIA PEACHES.

REVIEW OF THE 1981 SOUTH & NORTH CAROLINA PEACH SEASON
SOUTH CAROLINA

PRODUCTION: Production of peaches in South Carolina increased 15% in 1981, when compared with 1980. The USDA Crop Reporting Board estimated South Carolina growers produced 410 million pounds in 1981, compared with 355 million pounds in 1980. Shipments increased to a record high in 1981. There were 6,512 truckloads of 1,000 38-pound containers shipped during 1981, compared with 5,169 in 1980. The two main factors attributing to this large crop was (1) escape from cold injury, (2) increase in new plantings.

GROWING SEASON: The growing season was good. The exceptions include the prolonged dry weather in the early spring. Extensive irrigating was necessary during this period. There was some frost damage in the upper portion of the state, but the damage was generally light and spotty in the ridge area. General rains in late May provided ample moisture in most areas. The weather was hot and dry the last two weeks of June. Again, irrigation was necessary in most areas. A cool spell in late June caused some slowdown in ripening. The early July rains provided plenty of moisture for rapid crop development in most areas.

HARVESTING: Harvesting began in late May in 1981. This was a little later than 1980, but the hot weather caused a rapid increase in crop growth. Most varieties were about one week earlier than last season, once the deal got underway. Junegolds peaked in the Coastal Plains area the last week of May. The Ridge area began harvesting Junegolds and Dixiereds around June 1. The Piedmont area began Candors about June 5. Red Havens began in the Ridge area around mid-June, while the Piedmont area was beginning Coronets. The Ridge peaked on Harvesters and Red Havens the last week of June. Red Globes began the first week of July in the Ridge area, while the Piedmont peaked on Red Havens. The peach shipments peaked from July 6 through July 25. About 36% of the fresh market crop was moved during this three week period. Blakes began around the middle of July in the Ridge area, and followed about a week later in the Piedmont. A seasonal decline in harvesting began the last week of July. The majority of Ridge area growers had finished harvesting by the week ending August 8th. Light volume continued through August, with a few shipments into early September.

South Carolina produced an excellent crop of peaches in 1981. The quality was generally good throughout the season. The major problems affecting this years crop were poor color on a few varieties and irregular ripening.

MARKETING: Marketing was not one of the better years during 1981. While prices were fairly good during some of the early shipping period, low prices prevailed during peak shipping. Shipping point prices on 3/4 bushels of 1/4 inch up size were mostly \$8.00 on June 15. Prices improved to mostly \$9.50 the following week, and to mostly \$10.00 on June 29th. Prices declined sharply after July 4th. The market ranged mostly \$5.00-6.00 during the peak shipping period of July 6-25. Prices improved slightly in late July, but the bulk of the crop was finished. During the peak shipping period, 2-2 1/4 inch size was mostly \$4.00-4.50 per 3/4 bushel. Prices were higher in

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August, when lighter supplies were available. Trucks moved all of the South Carolina peach crop this season. Supplies were generally adequate throughout the deal. There was a variation in size of loads, but most common was a load of 1,050 38-pound cartons.

VARIETIES: The most popular varieties were Redhaven, Blake, and Red Globe. Other important varieties included Coronet, Loring, Junegold, Jefferson & Dixired. Carey Mac was a recent variety, which increased in importance this season.

NORTH CAROLINA

The USDA Crop Reporting Board estimated North Carolina peach production at 35 million pounds in 1981. This is down from the 45 million pounds produced in 1980. The total truck shipments were 351 in 1981, compared with 313 loads in 1980.

This was a fair growing season. The crop was hit by continued dry weather. Irrigation was necessary most of the growing season. Size was below normal in some varieties. New orchards accounted for the increase in amount shipped.

Shipping point prices were about the same as those in South Carolina. Overall, this was a poor marketing season.

Harvesting began the last week of May. Supplies were light most of the season, although the second week of July showed a fair volume. Practically all growers were finished picking by the first week of August.

DAILY F.O.B. PRICES AT SOUTH CAROLINA SHIPPING POINT

F. O. B. prices are for 3/4 bushel cartons, various yellow flesh varieties, U.S. Extra No. 1 hydrocooling included.

DATE	2" up	2 1/4" up	2-2 1/4" up	2 1/2" up	2 1/8" up
JUNE 1	12.00	13.00-14.00	-	-	-
2	10.00	11.00-12.00	-	-	-
3	9.00-10.00	11.00-12.00	-	-	-
4	8.00- 9.00	9.00-10.00	-	-	-
5	7.00- 8.00	9.00-10.00	-	-	-
8	6.00- 7.00	8.00- 9.00	-	-	-
9	5.00- 6.00	7.00- 8.00	-	-	-
10	5.00- 6.00	8.00	-	-	-
11	5.00- 6.00	8.00	5.00- 6.00	-	-
12	5.00- 6.00	8.00	5.00- 6.00	-	7.00- 7.25
15	5.50- 6.00	8.00	5.00- 6.00	-	7.00- 7.50
16	5.50- 6.00	8.00	5.00- 6.00	-	7.00- 7.50
17	5.50- 6.00	8.00- 9.00	5.00- 6.00	-	7.00- 7.50
18	6.00- 7.00	8.00- 9.00	5.00- 6.00	-	-
19	6.50- 7.00	9.00	5.50- 6.00	-	7.50- 8.00
22	7.00- 7.50	9.50-10.00	6.00- 7.00	-	8.00- 9.00
23	7.00- 7.50	9.50-10.00	6.00- 7.00	-	8.50
24	7.00- 7.50	9.50-10.00	7.00	-	8.50
25	-	9.50-10.00	6.00- 7.00	-	8.50
26	-	9.50-10.00	7.00- 7.50	-	8.50- 9.00
29	7.50- 8.00	10.00-10.50	7.00- 7.50	-	8.50- 9.00
30	7.50- 8.00	10.00-10.50	7.00- 8.00	-	9.00
JULY 1	8.00	10.00-11.00	7.50- 8.00	-	9.00
6	7.00- 7.50	9.00- 9.50	7.00- 7.50	-	8.00
7	7.00- 7.50	9.00	7.00	10.00	8.00
8	6.00- 6.50	8.00	6.00	9.00	7.00
19	-	7.00	5.00- 5.50	8.00	6.00
10	5.00- 5.50	6.00- 7.00	4.50- 5.00	7.50- 8.00	5.50- 6.00
13	-	5.50- 6.00	4.00- 4.50	7.00- 7.50	-
14	4.00- 5.00	5.00- 6.00	4.00	6.00- 7.00	-
15	4.00- 4.50	5.00- 5.50	4.00	5.50- 7.00	4.50- 5.00
16	4.00- 4.50	5.00- 5.50	4.00	5.50- 6.00	4.50- 5.00
17	4.00- 4.50	5.00- 5.50	3.50- 4.00	5.50- 6.00	4.50- 5.00
20	4.50	5.50- 6.00	4.00- 4.50	6.50- 7.00	5.00- 5.50
21	4.00- 5.00	5.50- 6.00	3.50- 5.50	7.00	5.00- 5.50
22	5.00	6.00- 6.50	4.00- 5.00	7.00- 8.00	5.00- 6.00
23	-	6.50- 7.00	4.50- 5.25	7.50- 8.00	5.50- 6.00
24	-	6.50- 7.00	4.50- 5.50	7.50- 8.00	5.50- 6.00
27	-	6.50- 7.00	4.00- 5.00	7.50	5.50- 6.00
28	-	6.50- 7.00	4.50- 5.00	7.50- 8.00	5.50- 6.00
29	-	6.50- 7.00	4.00- 5.00	7.50- 8.00	5.50- 6.00
30	-	6.00- 7.00	4.00- 5.00	7.00- 8.00	5.50- 6.00
31	-	6.00- 7.00	4.00- 5.00	7.50- 8.00	-
AUG 3	-	6.00- 6.50	4.00- 5.00	7.50- 8.00	5.50- 6.00
4	-	6.50- 7.00	4.50- 5.00	8.00	6.00
5	-	6.50- 7.00	4.50- 5.00	8.00- 8.50	5.50- 6.00
6	-	6.50- 7.00	4.50- 5.00	8.00- 8.50	-
7	-	7.00	4.50- 5.00	8.00- 8.50	-
10	-	7.50- 8.00	4.50- 5.00	9.00- 9.50	-
11	-	7.50- 8.00	5.00- 5.50	8.50- 9.00	-
12	-	7.50	5.00- 5.50	8.50- 9.00	-
13	-	7.50	4.50- 5.50	-	-
14	-	7.00	4.50- 5.00	-	-
17	-	7.00- 7.50	4.50- 5.50	-	-
18	-	7.00- 7.50	5.00- 5.50	-	-

NORTH CAROLINA F.O.B. SHIPPING POINT PRICES 1981

<u>DATE</u>	<u>2 1/4"</u>	<u>2"</u>	<u>2" - 2 1/4"</u>
June 16	8.00- 9.00	6.00	-
17	8.00	6.00	-
18	9.00	6.50- 7.00	-
19	9.00	6.50- 7.00	-
22	9.50-10.00	7.00- 7.50	-
23	*	-	-
24	9.50-10.00	-	-
25	*	-	-
26	10.00	-	-
29	10.00	-	7.50
30	10.00	-	7.50
July 1	10.00-11.00	-	7.50- 8.00
2	*	-	-
6	*	-	-
7	9.00	-	7.00
8	8.00	-	6.00
9	7.00	-	5.00- 5.50
10	6.50- 7.00	-	5.00
13	5.50- 6.00	-	-
14	5.50	-	-
15	5.00- 5.50	-	4.00
16	5.00- 5.50	-	4.00
17	5.00- 5.50	-	4.00
20	5.50- 6.00	-	4.00- 4.50
21	5.50- 6.00	-	4.00- 5.00
22	6.00- 6.50	-	4.50- 5.00
23	7.00	-	5.00
24	7.00	-	5.00
27	6.50- 7.00	-	4.50- 5.00
28	6.50- 7.00	-	4.50- 5.00
29	7.00	-	4.50- 5.00
30	-	-	-
31	6.50- 7.00	-	4.50
Aug 3	6.00- 7.00	-	4.50- 5.00
4	6.50- 7.00	-	4.50- 5.00
5	*	-	*
6	*	-	*

TERMINAL MARKET WHOLESALE PRICES -- SOUTH CAROLINA & NORTH CAROLINA PEACHES

Prices in the following tables represent sales in less than wholesale lots and are the weekly range in prices. Quotations cover fruit of U. S. Extra No. 1 quality, various varieties of yellow flesh, 3/4 bushel crates & cartons, up sizes unless otherwise stated.

BALTIMORE		
	2 1/4"	2"
June 2-6	12.00-16.00	10.00-15.00
9-13	-	7.00-8.00
15-19	10.00	6.00-9.00
22-26	12.50-15.00	7.00-10.00
June 29-		
July 3	12.50-14.00	10.00-12.00
July 7-10	10.00-13.00	-
13-17	8.00-8.50	-
20-24	4.50-9.00	-
27-31	8.00-10.00	-
Aug 3-7	8.00-9.00	-
10-14	-	-
17-21	8.00-10.00	-
24-28	-	-

BOSTON		
	2 1/4"	2"
June 2-6	-	-
9-13	9.50-11.00	7.00-8.00
15-19	10.00-12.50	7.00-9.00
22-26	12.50-13.00	10.00-11.00
June 29-		
July 3	-	-
July 7-10	10.00-12.00	7.00-10.00
13-17	-	-
20-24	7.00-8.00	6.00-8.00
27-31	9.00-10.00	7.00-7.50
Aug 3-7	8.00-10.00	7.00-8.00
10-14	10.00-11.00	7.00-7.50
17-21	9.00-10.00	7.50-10.00
24-28	-	-

CHICAGO	
	2 1/4"
June 2-6	-
9-13	-
15-19	11.00-12.50
22-26	-
June 29-	
July 3	-
July 7-10	-
13-17	-
20-24	-
27-31	-
Aug 3-7	9.50-11.00
10-14	9.50-12.00
17-21	9.00-12.00
24-28	12.00

CLEVELAND		
	2 1/4"	2"
June 2-6	-	-
9-13	-	-
15-19	11.00-12.50	8.00-9.00
22-26	13.50	-
June 29-		
July 3	-	-
July 7-10	10.00-14.00	9.50-11.50
13-17	9.00-10.00	-
20-24	-	-
27-31	9.50-11.00	-
Aug 3-7	9.25-10.50	7.50-8.00
10-14	10.00-11.00	8.00
17-21	9.00-11.50	8.00
24-28	9.00-12.00	7.50-8.00

CINCINNATI		
	2 1/4"	2"
June 2-6	13.50-17.50	11.00-15.00
9-13	10.00-12.00	7.00-10.00
15-19	-	6.00-9.25
22-26	-	-
June 29-		
July 3	12.50-14.00	9.50-11.50
July 7-10	12.50-14.00	10.50-17.50
13-17	7.00-10.50	6.00-7.60
20-24	7.00-18.50	6.50-7.00
27-31	8.00-10.00	7.50-8.00
Aug 3-7	19.50-10.00	6.00
10-14	10.00-11.00	7.00-8.00
17-21	10.00-11.00	7.50-8.50
24-28	11.00-12.25	8.00

DETROIT		
	2 1/4"	2"
June 2-6	14.00-21.00	15.00
9-13	10.00-12.50	7.00-10.50
15-19	11.00-12.00	7.00-9.00
22-26	12.50-15.00	-
June 29-		
July 3	13.50-15.00	9.00-12.50
July 7-10	12.00-12.50	10.00-11.00
13-17	4.50-8.00	-
20-24	6.00-9.00	-
27-31	8.00-10.00	7.50-8.50
Aug 3-7	8.50-10.00	7.50-8.00
10-14	10.00-11.50	7.00-8.50
17-21	9.00-10.00	7.00-8.00
24-28	11.00-13.50	9.50-12.00

NEW YORK CITY		
	2 1/4"	2"
June 2-6	9.00-14.00	6.00-12.00
9-13	8.00-11.00	5.00-9.00
15-19	10.00-14.00	8.00-10.00
22-26	12.00-15.00	9.00-11.00
June 29-		
July 3	12.00-16.00	9.00-12.00
July 7-10	8.00-12.00	6.00-10.00
13-17	5.50-7.00	-
20-24	8.00-9.00	6.00-7.00
27-31	8.00-10.00	6.00-7.00
Aug 3-7	8.00-9.00	6.00-6.50
10-14	9.00-10.00	7.00-7.50
17-21	9.00-10.00	-
24-28	-	7.00

PHILADELPHIA		
	2 1/4"	2"
June 2-6	8.00-17.00	7.00-10.00
9-13	8.00-10.00	5.00-8.00
15-19	10.00-11.00	5.00-9.50
22-26	11.00-12.50	7.50-8.50
June 29-		
July 3	11.50-15.00	8.50
July 7-10	6.00-13.00	5.00-8.00
13-17	4.00-7.50	4.50-6.50
20-24	6.00-9.50	5.50-6.50
27-31	7.50-9.50	6.00-7.50
Aug 3-7	7.50-9.50	6.00
10-14	8.00-10.00	-
17-21	9.50-10.00	8.00-8.50
24-28	-	-

PITTSBURGH		
	2 1/4"	2"
June 2-6	10.00	8.00-15.00
9-13	11.00-11.50	7.00-8.50
15-19	10.50-11.75	7.00-8.00
22-26	12.50-13.50	9.00-12.00
June 29-		
July 3	13.00-13.50	10.00-11.50
July 7-10	9.50-13.00	7.00-10.50
13-17	6.50-9.00	6.00-7.50
20-24	6.50-7.50	5.50-6.50
27-31	8.00-10.00	6.00-7.50
Aug 3-7	7.50-8.00	6.00-7.00
10-14	8.50-11.00	7.00-8.50
17-21	8.50-9.50	7.00-7.50
24-28	-	-

REVIEW OF THE APPALACHIAN 1981 PEACH SEASON

PRODUCTION & SHIPMENTS: The Crop Reporting Board of the U. S. Department of Agriculture estimated 1981 peach production in the Appalachian District at 129 million pounds. That was nearly 28% less than the 178 million pounds produced in 1980, and about 20% below the 1976-80 average of 161 million pounds. Pennsylvania's crop was reduced by 38%, followed by West Virginia--minus 23%, Maryland minus 11%, and Virginia minus 6%.

Fresh shipments of packed peaches amounted to 879 truckloads of 38,000 pounds for the Appalachian District compared with 1,161 loads in 1980, 927 in 1979 and 1,122 in 1978.

GROWING CONDITIONS: After a very dry 1980 summer, fall and winter, there was some relief by spring rains. However, frosts and freeze injury occurred in mid-April when peaches were blooming in Pennsylvania and the colder regions of Maryland and West Virginia. Low temperatures ranged from the low 20's to the low 30's. Some injury occurred in Virginia but not to the extent of other areas. Growing conditions were near normal in May and June but there were some hot periods in June. July was near normal in precipitation and temperatures but conditions became drier in August, and some record low temperatures were reported the week ending August 23.

VARIETIES & HARVESTING: Light shipments began in early July. Red Havens were being shipped from Virginia the week of July 20-25 and from other sections the following week. In the first week of August Sunhigh and Loring began in Northern sections with Blake and Loring in Virginia. These varieties continued until mid-August when Blakes became the predominant variety. During the later part of August ripening was slowed because of cool nights. The main varieties were Crest Haven, Jersey Queen and Red Skin. Harvest was completed the first week of September. The remaining varieties were mostly Crest Haven, Jersey Queen, Red Skin and Rio-Oso-Gem. Peak shipments occurred during the week ending August 22 with 192 truckloads (38,000 pounds) shipped. Shipments for the five-week period August 2-September 5 averaged 144 loads per week.

MARKETING & PACKAGING: The principal container was the 3/4-bushel carton. Some shippers packed two-or-three layer traypacks. The first F. O. B. prices were reported July 30, with 3/4-bushel cartons 2 1/2 inches up \$7.00-7.50. Good demand coupled with lighter national supplies moved prices upward to \$7.50-8.00 in early August then to \$8.50-9.00 on August 11. Prices declined the same week to \$8.00-8.50 and stayed in about the same range until August 24, when the market was \$8.50-9.00. Prices increased to \$11.00 by the end of August and closed at \$11.00-12.00 September 2.

LOCATION: The Appalachian District is composed of the principal peach growing counties of Eastern West Virginia, Western Maryland, Southeastern Pennsylvania and Western Virginia.

TERMINAL MARKET WHOLESALE PRICES-APPALACHIAN DISTRICT

Prices in the following table represent sales in wholesale lot quantities and are the range in prices for the week. Quotations cover fruit in 3/4-bushel cartons, US Extra No. 1, various varieties of yellow flesh, up sizes unless otherwise stated.

BALTIMORE			BOSTON		
DATE	2 1/4" up		DATE	2 1/4" up	2" up
AUG 4	8.00- 9.00		AUG 4	10.00	7.00- 8.00
10	-		10	8.00- 8.50	6.00- 8.00
17	9.00		17	8.00- 8.50	6.00- 8.00
			24	10.00-13.00	8.00- 9.00
			31	12.00-13.50	9.00-10.50

CLEVELAND			CHICAGO		
DATE	2 1/4"	2"	DATE	2 1/4" up	2" up
AUG 4	9.50	-	AUG 4	10.00-10.50	8.00- 8.50
10	10.00-10.50	-	10	11.00	8.00- 8.50
17	9.50-11.00	7.75- 8.00	17	10.00-10.50	8.50
24	11.50-13.00	-	24	-	-
31	11.00	9.00	31	13.00-16.00	12.00-13.00

NEW YORK			PHILADELPHIA		
DATE	2 1/4"		DATE	2 1/4"	2"
AUG 4	-		AUG 4	-	-
10	9.00-10.00		10	7.00- 9.00	
17	9.50-10.00		17	7.50- 8.50	4.50- 7.50
24	10.00-12.00		24	-	-
31	12.50-14.00		31	10.00	-

PITTSBURGH		
DATE	2 1/4"	2"
AUG 4	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 8.00
10	9.00-10.00	7.00- 8.50
17	8.00- 9.50	7.00- 7.50
24	9.50-12.50	7.50-12.00
31	11.50-13.00	8.50-10.00

DAILY F. O. B. PRICES AT APPALACHIAN DISTRICT SHIPPING POINTS

The F. O. B. prices in the following table are for 3/4 bushel cartons various yellow flesh varieties, U. S. Extra #1 grade. Hydrocooling included.

DATE	2 1/4" up	2" up	2-2 1/4" up	2 1/2" up
August 3	7.00- 7.50	6.00- 6.50	5.50- 6.00	9.00
4	7.00- 8.00	5.50- 6.00	5.00- 5.50	8.50- 9.00
5	7.50- 8.00	5.75- 6.00	5.00- 5.50	8.50- 9.00
6	7.50- 8.00	5.50- 6.50	5.00- 5.50	8.75- 9.00
7	7.50- 8.00	5.50- 6.50	-	8.75- 9.00
10	8.50- 9.00	6.00- 6.50	-	9.50-10.00
11	8.50	6.00- 6.50	-	9.50-10.00
12	8.00- 8.50	6.00- 6.50	-	9.50
13	8.00- 8.50	5.50- 6.00	-	8.50- 9.00
14	8.00	5.50- 6.00	-	8.50- 9.00
17	7.50- 8.00	6.00- 6.50	-	8.50- 9.00
18	7.50- 8.00	6.00- 6.50	-	8.50- 9.00
19	7.50- 8.00	6.00- 6.50	-	8.50- 9.00
20	8.00- 8.50	6.00- 6.50	-	8.50- 9.00
21	8.00- 8.50	6.00- 6.50	-	8.50- 9.00
24	8.50- 9.00	7.00	-	-
25	9.00- 9.50	7.00	-	9.50-10.00
26	9.00- 9.50	7.00	-	10.00-10.50
27	9.50-10.00	7.50- 8.00	-	-
28	9.50-10.00	7.00- 8.00	-	-
31	11.00	8.50- 9.00	-	-
Sept 1	11.00-12.00	8.50- 9.00	-	13.00
2	11.00-12.00	8.50- 9.00	-	-