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PREFACE

This publication is a summary of the Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Appalachian District peach seasons. It includes peach production figures, shipments, F. O. B. sales, selected terminal market sales, and distribution records for the 1986 Peach Crop. Some of the information is preliminary and subject to revision. This information is provided for its historical interest, and for use in planning and marketing future crops.

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The Appalachian District is composed of the following areas:

- Virginia --Roanoke and nearby points, northward including the Shenandoah Valley and growing areas immediately east of the Blue Ridge.
- West Virginia --The four eastern counties of Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, and Hampshire.
- Maryland --The three eastern counties of Allegany, Washington, and Frederick.
- Pennsylvania --Primarily the southeastern counties of Franklin, Adams, York, Berks and Lehigh.

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PEACH PRODUCTION-AUGUST 1986
 (By Crop Reporting Board, Statistical
 Reporting Service, USDA)

PEACHES: U.S. peach production is forecast at 2.31 billion pounds (1.05 million metric tons), down 1 percent from June 1 but up 8 percent from last year. The Freestone crop, which excludes California Clingstone peaches that are mostly canned, is expected to total 1.38 billion pounds (627 thousand metric tons), down 2 percent from the June 1 forecast but 19 percent more than last year.

Production in the nine Southern States is forecast at 441 million pounds, down 8 percent from the June 1 forecast but 18 percent more than last year's crop. Increased production prospects in Arkansas and North Carolina could not offset drought-induced declines in Georgia and South Carolina.

Production of California Clingstone peaches is expected to total 930 million pounds (422 thousand metric tons), unchanged from the June 1 forecast but 6 percent below the 1985 level. Harvest is active throughout the State. There has been no major problems but growers are concerned about brown rot and shothole infestation.

PEACHES

CROP AND STATE	PRODUCTION		
	TOTAL 1/		INDICATED 1986
	1984	1985	
	MILLION POUNDS		
ALA	22.0	1.5	6.0
ARK	23.0	5.0	8.0
CALIF-FREESTONE	457.0	486.0	460.0
COLO	12.0	15.0	6.5
CONN 2/	2.7	3.0	3.0
DEL 2/	2.0	1.2	2.1
GA	150.0	90.0	105.0
IDAHO 2/	7.5	11.0	10.0
ILL	16.0	4/	20.0
IND 2/	.7	4/	4.0
KANS 2/	2.5	3.5	4.5
KY 2/	3.0	4/	4.0
LA 2/	7.0	6.5	.1
MD	19.0	1.0	21.0
MASS 2/	1.9	2.1	2.1
MICH	45.0	55.0	45.0
MISS 2/	5.0	2.5	.3
MO 2/	15.0	4/	13.0
N J	50.0	95.0	105.0
N Y	11.0	17.5	16.8
N C	43.0	2.0	25.0
OHIO 2/	4/	4/	2.5
OKLA 2/	9.0	8.0	7.0
OREG 2/	14.0	15.5	13.0
PA	85.0	40.0	100.0
S C	480.0	230.0	280.0
TENN 2/	10.0	4/	5.0
TEX	23.0	30.0	10.0
UTAH 2/	12.0	11.0	11.5
VA	34.0	2.0	32.0
WASH	38.0	29.0	38.0
W VA	17.0	4/	22.0
TOTAL ABOVE	1,617.3	1,163.3	1,382.4
CLINGSTONE 3/ CALIF	1,042.0	985.0	930.0
ALL U S	2,659.3	2,148.3	2,312.4

- 1/ INCLUDES UNHARVESTED PRODUCTION AND HARVESTED NOT SOLD (MILLION POUNDS): UNITED STATES, EXCLUDING CALIF CLINGSTONE PEACHES, 1984-115.4; 1985-33.4.
 2/ ESTIMATES FOR CURRENT YEAR CARRIED FORWARD FROM EARLIER FORECAST.
 3/ CALIF CLINGSTONE IS OVER THE SCALE TONNAGE AND INCLUDES CULLS AND CANNERY DIVERSIONS (MILLION POUNDS): 1984-76.0; 1985-67.5.
 4/ NO SIGNIFICANT COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION DUE TO FROST.

PEACHES

STATE	TOTAL PRODUCTION			UTILIZED PRODUCTION		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
MILLION POUNDS						
ALA	14.0	22.0	1.5	14.0	22.0	1.5
ARK	21.0	23.0	5.0	20.0	21.0	4.5
CALIF						
FREESTONE	435.0	457.0	486.0	435.0	457.0	486.0
COLO	10.0	12.0	15.0	9.5	12.0	15.0
CONN	2.6	2.7	3.0	2.6	2.7	3.0
DEL	2.0	2.0	1.2	2.0	1.6	1.2
GA	100.0	150.0	90.0	92.0	134.0	83.0
IDAHO	11.0	7.5	11.0	10.0	7.5	10.0
ILL	13.0	16.0	1/	13.0	16.0	1/
IND	5.5	.7	1/	5.5	.7	1/
KANS	5.0	2.5	3.5	4.0	2.5	3.0
KY	6.0	3.0	1/	6.0	3.0	1/
LA	6.0	7.0	6.5	6.0	7.0	6.0
MD	22.0	19.0	1.0	22.0	18.0	1.0
MASS	1.7	1.9	2.1	1.7	1.9	2.1
MICH	35.0	45.0	55.0	35.0	45.0	55.0
MISS	4.0	5.0	2.5	4.0	5.0	2.5
MO	12.0	15.0	1/	12.0	13.0	1/
N J	105.0	50.0	95.0	100.0	50.0	90.0
N Y	17.0	11.0	17.5	17.0	11.0	17.0
N C	12.0	43.0	2.0	12.0	35.0	2.0
OHIO	7.0	1/	1/	7.0	1/	1/
OKLA	7.5	9.0	8.0	7.5	9.0	8.0
OREG	14.0	14.0	15.5	12.0	13.0	14.5
PA	94.0	85.0	40.0	94.0	85.0	37.4
S C	95.0	480.0	230.0	80.0	400.0	220.0
TENN	4.0	10.0	1/	4.0	9.0	1/
TEX	27.0	23.0	30.0	23.0	21.0	26.0
UTAH	12.0	12.0	11.0	12.0	12.0	10.5
VA	24.0	34.0	2.0	24.0	32.0	1.7
WASH	29.0	38.0	29.0	29.0	38.0	29.0
W VA	19.0	17.0	1/	19.0	17.0	1/
TOTAL ABOVE	1,172.3	1,617.3	1,163.3	1,134.8	1,501.9	1,129.9
CALIF						
CLINGSTONE	683.0	1,042.0	985.0	619.0	966.0	917.5
U S	1,855.3	2,659.3	2,148.3	1,753.8	2,467.9	2,047.4

1/ NO SIGNIFICANT COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION DUE TO FROST.

PEACHES

STATE	PRICE PER POUND			VALUE OF UTILIZED PRODUCTION		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
	CENTS			1,000 DOLLARS		
ALA	19.6	14.4	30.5	2,744	3,168	458
ARK	18.5	16.9	17.2	3,708	3,554	776
CALIF						
FREESTONE	11.3	9.8	11.4	49,041	44,798	55,179
COLO	23.1	25.4	26.0	2,195	3,048	3,900
CONN	46.0	40.0	41.0	1,196	1,080	1,230
DEL	20.1	22.0	26.2	402	352	314
GA	25.1	14.8	24.6	23,083	19,885	20,426
IDAHO	17.9	17.2	19.6	1,790	1,290	1,960
ILL	26.9	22.4	1/	3,493	3,577	1/
IND	31.4	34.2	1/	1,727	239	1/
KANS	29.2	32.0	25.1	1,168	800	753
KY	31.0	24.0	1/	1,860	720	1/
LA	37.0	35.0	33.0	2,220	2,450	1,980
MD	19.5	19.3	26.2	4,300	3,472	262
MASS	46.0	40.0	41.0	782	760	861
MICH	21.5	17.1	20.9	7,526	7,700	11,515
MISS	24.4	24.0	35.0	976	1,200	875
MO	22.0	17.0	1/	2,640	2,210	1/
N J	25.4	28.6	28.3	25,411	14,310	25,454
N Y	23.2	27.4	23.3	3,946	3,011	3,963
N C	26.2	13.7	25.0	3,144	4,810	500
OHIO	28.0	1/	1/	1,960	1/	1/
OKLA	23.4	24.0	23.3	1,755	2,160	1,864
OREG	23.0	28.5	29.0	2,755	3,710	4,199
PA	16.8	19.3	25.1	15,834	16,402	9,376
S C	20.1	13.4	20.2	16,115	53,464	44,524
TENN	22.0	21.0	1/	880	1,890	1/
TEX	28.0	26.0	28.0	6,440	5,460	7,280
UTAH	15.0	15.0	17.0	1,800	1,800	1,785
VA	18.0	14.4	22.1	4,330	4,611	376
WASH	21.5	24.3	26.9	6,244	9,239	7,797
W VA	13.8	17.1	1/	2,626	2,901	1/
TOTAL ABOVE	18.0	14.9	18.4	204,091	224,071	207,607
CALIF						
CLINGSTONE	9.0	10.0	11.0	55,710	96,600	100,925
U S	14.8	13.0	15.1	259,801	320,671	308,532

1/ NO SIGNIFICANT COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION DUE TO FROST.

PEACHES

USE AND STATE	FRESH AND PROCESSED UTILIZATION 1/					
	QUANTITY			PRICE PER POUND		
	1983	1984	1985	1983	1984	1985
	MILLION POUNDS			CENTS		
FRESH						
ALA	14.0	22.0	1.5	19.6	14.4	30.5
ARK	16.0	15.3	2.9	20.8	19.2	20.5
CALIF						
FREESTONE	303.0	313.0	315.0	12.7	11.0	13.5
COLO	9.5	12.0	15.0	23.1	25.4	26.0
CONN	2.6	2.7	3.0	46.0	40.0	41.0
DEL	2.0	1.6	1.2	20.1	22.0	26.2
IDAHO	10.0	7.5	10.0	17.9	17.2	19.6
IND	5.5	.7	3/	31.4	34.2	3/
KANS	4.0	2.5	3.0	29.2	32.0	25.1
KY	6.0	3.0	3/	31.0	24.0	3/
LA	6.0	7.0	6.0	37.0	35.0	33.0
MASS	1.7	1.9	2.1	46.0	40.0	41.0
MISS	4.0	5.0	2.5	24.4	24.0	35.0
MO	12.0	13.0	3/	22.0	17.0	3/
NC	12.0	1/	2.0	26.2	1/	25.0
OHIO	7.0	3/	3/	28.0	3/	3/
OKLA	7.5	9.0	8.0	23.4	24.0	23.3
PA	82.5	78.5	33.9	17.7	20.0	26.5
SC	75.0	369.0	208.0	20.9	13.8	20.8
TENN	4.0	9.0	3/	22.0	21.0	3/
TEX	23.0	21.0	26.0	28.0	26.0	28.0
UTAH	12.0	12.0	10.5	15.0	15.0	17.0
VA	20.6	28.9	1.7	19.5	15.0	22.1
W VA	18.3	16.7	3/	14.0	17.2	3/
OTH STS	308.9	335.6	275.5	24.6	20.2	26.2
U S	967.1	1,286.9	927.8	19.7	16.1	20.7
PROCESSED						
ARK	4.0	5.7	1.6	190.00	216.00	226.00
CALIF						
CLINGSTONE	619.0	966.0	917.5	180.00	200.00	220.00
FREESTONE						
2/	132.0	144.0	171.0	176.00	155.00	157.00
PA	11.5	6.5	3.5	214.00	215.00	224.00
SC	5.0	31.0	12.0	175.00	163.00	210.00
VA	3.4	3.1	1/	183.00	177.00	1/
W VA	.7	.3	3/	182.00	195.00	3/
OTH STS	11.1	24.4	14.0	138.00	163.00	195.00
US	786.7	1,181.0	1,119.6	177.00	192.00	209.00

1/ MISSING DATA INCLUDED IN OTHER STATES TO AVOID DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS.

2/ QUANTITY AND VALUE INCLUDING DRIED PEACHES, PRICE EXCLUDING DRIED PEACHES.

3/ NO SIGNIFICANT COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION DUE TO FROST.

WEEKLY PEACH SHIPMENTS INCLUDING EXPORT (RAIL, TRUCK, AND PIGGYBACK)

WEEKS ENDING APRIL 5, 1985 - OCTOBER 11, 1986

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

<u>WEEK</u> <u>ENDING</u>	<u>ARIZONA</u>	<u>CALIF</u>	<u>FLORIDA</u>	<u>GEORGIA</u>	<u>MICH</u>	<u>NEW</u> <u>JERSEY</u>	<u>NORTH</u> <u>CAROLINA</u>	<u>SOUTH</u> <u>CAROLINA</u>	<u>WASH</u>	<u>APLCHN</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
APRIL 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
19	-	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6
26	2	13	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	15
MAY 3	8	73	5	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	92
10	-	238	17	34	-	-	-	-	-	-	289
17	1	479	7	79	-	-	-	51	-	-	617
24	1	345	7	201	-	-	-	107	-	-	661
31	-	338	3	208	-	-	3	235	-	-	787
JUNE 7	-	490	-	161	-	-	14	301	-	-	966
14	-	481	-	206	-	-	15	391	-	-	1,093
21	-	428	-	177	-	-	15	411	-	-	1,031
28	-	466	-	67	-	-	15	358	-	-	906
JULY 5	-	462	-	103	-	-	14	339	-	-	918
12	-	445	-	136	-	-	24	466	-	2	1,073
19	3	568	-	62	5	54	19	318	10	17	1,056
26	-	521	-	76	14	115	7	324	20	54	1,131
AUG 2	-	485	-	57	-	147	6	342	44	55	1,136
9	-	425	-	12	81	200	12	351	41	112	1,234
16	-	370	-	3	109	237	6	255	74	127	1,181
23	-	212	-	-	121	321	-	133	61	133	981
30	-	240	-	-	139	348	-	58	117	196	1,098
SEPT 6	-	141	-	-	146	269	-	22	70	139	787
13	-	118	-	-	48	276	-	19	50	69	580
20	-	115	-	-	15	157	-	13	57	22	379
27	-	69	-	-	-	62	-	-	6	-	137
OCT 4	-	38	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	48
11	-	28	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	29
TOTAL	15	7,596	39	1,588	678	2,186	150	4,494	561	926	18,233

COMBINED RAIL & TRUCK ARRIVALS IN 23 U. S. CITIES
APRIL THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1986
(38,000 POUND NET WEIGHT)

CITY	CA	FL	GA	MD	NJ	NC	PA	SC	VA	WV	OTHERS	TOTAL
Atlanta, GA	38	0	105	0	16	0	2	59	1	0	1	222
Baltimore, MD1/	40	6	21	8	18	18	19	104	2	7	20	263
Boston, MA	152	3	60	2	146	0	24	186	0	3	2	578
Buffalo, NY	19	0	23	0	20	8	0	31	0	12	15	128
Chicago, IL	195	4	31	0	59	15	8	103	0	0	75	310
Cincinnati, OH	74	0	29	0	8	0	1	46	4	1	10	173
Columbia, SC	2	1	1	0	7	0	3	244	1	0	0	260
Dallas, TX	164	0	10	1	5	0	0	11	4	1	22	218
Denver, CO	99	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	38	137
Detroit, MI	78	4	26	0	24	11	4	44	4	0	23	218
Los Angeles, CA	848	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	857
New Orleans, LA	55	0	7	0	0	0	0	27	2	0	1	92
New York, NY2/	261	18	33	0	173	24	16	173	0	0	3	701
Philadelphia, PA	52	1	38	1	133	2	8	88	1	2	1	328
Pittsburgh, PA	28	2	8	0	60	19	48	88	0	35	1	289
St. Louis, MO	106	-	14	0	3	1	0	30	0	0	55	209
San Francisco, CA3/	423	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	474
Seattle, WA 4/	61	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	104	165
TOTAL	2,695	39	406	12	672	98	133	1,234	19	61	431	5,622

1/ INCLUDES WASHINGTON, DC.

2/ INCLUDES NEWARK, NJ.

3/ INCLUDES OAKLAND, CA.

4/ INCLUDES TACOMA, WA.

5/ NEW ENGLAND: INCLUDES MAINE, MASSACHUSSETS, CONNECTICUT, NEW HAMPSHIRE, & VERMONT.

CANADA

	CA	GA	NJ	NC	SC	OTHER	TOTAL
MONTREAL	43	51	11	2	100	24	231
OTTAWA, ONT	13	1	1	1	11	25	52
TORONTO, ONT	288	32	29	0	18	31	398
VANCOUVER, B. C.	54	0	0	0	0	12	66
WINNEPEG, MAN.	<u>29</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>66</u>
TOTAL	427	84	41	3	129	99	783

REVIEW OF THE 1986 NORTH FLORIDA-SOUTH GEORGIA PEACH SEASON

Production: According to the United States Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Statistics Board, peach production in the state of Georgia for the 1986 crop is forecast at 105 million pounds. Although production is not broken down into shipping districts; industry officials, shippers, and growers indicate that during a normal season the South Georgia crop accounts for approximately twenty percent of the total state production. The main area of production is located in Brooks County. The 1986 estimate of 105 million pounds was slightly higher than the 90 million pounds that was produced in 1985. The 1986 estimate was 45 million pounds less than the 1984 production level of 150 million pounds.

Production figures for the state of Florida are not compiled as estimates could disclose individual operations. The major area of commercial production is located in Madison County.

Growing Conditions: The 1986 growing season was marked with extreme adversity, similar to the 1985 growing season, with production as an end result being reduced by about thirty percent. The season was progressing normally until March 23 when on that morning temperatures ranged from the mid twenties to low thirties. The peach crop was past the full bloom stage and temperatures were below the critical twenty-eight degree mark for about six hours. This late March freeze cut production prospects substantially in South Georgia, severely in North Florida. A month later producers were concerned with even lower production levels as the growing area was well behind normal moisture accumulations. Some orchards began to experience premature defoliation with many orchards not receiving rain and not experiencing fertilizer wash in. Water requirements are substantial during the last thirty days before maturity. From mid April thru early May hail storms were widely scattered but severe in some sections. The initial harvest began in late April when seasonal warm weather stimulated crop development.

Harvest: Initial harvesting got underway in the shipping district on April 25. Harvesting was about three days earlier than the previous season. As been the case for the past few seasons, the Florida King variety was the first peach variety to be harvested. Other early season varieties included Camden, Springcrest and Springbrite. The harvest of these early season varieties reached its peak stage during the week of May 4-10 when 53 truckloads were shipped. The week of May 11-17 marked the sharp decline of the early season varieties. Mid season peaches consist primarily of the June Gold variety but include Red Gold and Spring Gold varieties. During the week of May 11-17 shipping improved slightly to 55 truckloads. Mid season varieties peaked the week of May 18-24 when 66 truckloads were shipped. The majority of the harvest was over with the completion of the June Gold harvest in late May. Commercial shipments continued on an erratic basis into early July, u-pick operations ran into mid July. Late season varieties included Rio Grande and Suwanee.

Packaging and Marketing: The first F.O.B. shipping point report for South Georgia peaches was issued on May 19. North Florida peach prices were not collected due to insufficient volume. Moderate shipping had been underway for nearly two weeks prior to the first report but shipments were mostly consignment loads to northern terminal markets. F.O.B. purchases prior to May 19 were very few as most early season peach shipments were shipped as percentage grades of U.S. No. 1 quality, rather than the normal standard of the U.S. Extra No. 1 grade. Early season peaches were shipped in the half bushel carton which has been the case for many years. The transition to the three-quarter bushel carton generally takes place at the start of the June Gold harvest. Peaches in the three-quarter bushel carton on May 19, opened at \$12.00 for 2 inch and up size. Prices were lower the following day at \$10.00 and remained at or near that same level for the majority of the season. Peaches for 2 1/4 inch and up size were mostly at the \$14.00 level for the duration of the season. The final shipping point report was issued on May 27 when supplies reached light levels.

Peaches in Georgia are marketed under a Federal Marketing Agreement. This agreement does not apply to Florida peaches, consequently, they are not required to be federally inspected. Prices on a F.O.B. shipping point basis were generally for U.S. Extra #1 quality as certified by the Federal-State Inspection Service. Florida peaches were commonly marketed as no grade mark.

Transportation Trends: Trucks are the only commercial means to transport the North Florida-South Georgia peach crop. Total shipments in 1986 were 287 truckload equivalents. A truckload is considered by the peach trade to contain 1,000 38 pounds (3/4 bushel) cartons or 38,000 pounds, although it is common to pack 1,050 or more crates into a trailerload. Of the 287 truckload total, Florida accounted for 39 loads and South Georgia 248 loads. For comparison the 1985 crop totaled 371 truckloads, Florida accounted for 80 loads and South Georgia 291 loads. The peak of the shipping deal ran from May 4 to May 24 when 174 loads were shipped. This three week period accounted for 61 percent of the entire deal.

DAILY F.O.B. PRICES AT SOUTH GEORGIA SHIPPING POINTS - 1986

The F. O. B. prices in the following table are for various yellow flesh varieties, hydrocooled in 3/4 bushel cartons as specified. The grade is U. S. Extra No. 1 for South Georgia peaches.

DATE	2 1/4 inch up	2 inch up	1 7/8 inch up
3/4 BUSHEL CARTONS			
May 19	-	12.00	-
20	-	10.00	-
21	14.00-15.00	10.00	-
22	14.00	10.00	-
23	14.00	10.00	6.00
27	12.00-14.00	8.00- 9.00	-

1986 FLORIDA TERMINAL MARKET PRICES

Prices in the following tables represent sales in less than truckload quantities on the most active trading day of the week. Quotations cover fruit in generally good quality. Florida peaches are generally shipped in containers with no grade marks. Various varieties of yellow flesh peaches are covered. Up sizes are reported unless otherwise stated.

Date	2 1/2 inch	2 1/4 inch	2 Inch	1 7/8 Inch	1 3/4 Inch
1/2 Bushel Cartons					
BOSTON					
May 19	-	-	10.00- 12.00	5.00- 6.00	-
CHICAGO					
May 12	-	20.00- 22.00	13.00- 14.00	-	-
19	-	-	-	7.00- 8.00	5.00
DETROIT					
May 5	-	-	18.00	-	-
12	-	-	12.00- 14.00	10.00(min)	-
NEW YORK CITY					
May 5	23.00-25.00	-	14.00-18.00	-	10.00-12.00
12	-	-	10.00-12.00	8.00-10.00	6.00- 8.00
19	-	-	10.00-12.00	6.00- 9.00	5.50- 6.50
PHILADELPHIA					
May 12	25.00	18.00	-	-	-
ST. LOUIS					
June 2	-	-	-	6.00	-

REVIEW OF THE CENTRAL GEORGIA 1986 PEACH SEASON

GROWING CONDITIONS:

In the 1986 crop season, Peach production was reduced by freezing temperatures in the Spring months and drought conditions during most of the Harvest season.

HARVEST:

Harvest of the 1986 crop began in Central Georgia in early May. Most shippers were active by the last week of the month. The peak Georgia movement occurred the week ending June 14th. Shipments gradually declined and harvesting was nearly complete by the last of July.

PACKAGING AND MARKETING:

Marketing of the 1986 crop was generally successful throughout the season.

On May 29, FOB shipping point prices for 3/4 bushel cartons of 2-1/4 inches and up size, U.S. Extra No. 1 grade were \$12.00. The held this level through June 11th. Prices ranged mostly \$10.00-\$12.00 throughout the remainder of the Season.

The 3/4 bushel carton weighing 38 pounds was the principal type of shipping container. The most popular varieties included June Gold, Red Globe, Dixired Coronel, Loring, Harvester and Dixieland.

TRANSPORTATION TRENDS:

Trucks are the only commercial means to transport the Central and North Georgia peach crop. Shipments for Central Georgia as reported by the Georgia Peach Marketing Agreement and Order, in loads of 1,000 3/4 bushel cartons totaled 1,339 in 1986 compared to 1,195 in 1985. This represented an increase of 12 percent compared to 1985.

DAILY F.O.B. PRICES AT CENTRAL GEORGIA SHIPPING POINTS - 1986

The F.O.B. prices in the following table are for various yellow flesh varieties, hydrocooled in 3/4 bushel cartons. The grade is U.S. extra #1, up sizes, unless otherwise stated.

DATE	2 1/2 inch	2 1/4 inch	2 1/8 inch	2 inch	2-2 1/4 inch
May 19	-	-	-	12.00	-
20	-	-	-	10.00	-
21	-	14.00-15.00	-	10.00	-
22	-	14.00	-	10.00	-
23	-	14.00	-	10.00	-
27	-	12.00-14.00	-	8.00- 9.00	- 8.00
29	-	12.00	-	8.00	7.00
30	-	12.00	-	8.00	7.00
June 2	-	12.00	-	8.00	7.00- 8.00
3	-	12.00	-	8.00	7.00- 8.00
4	-	12.00	-	8.00	7.00- 8.00
5	-	12.00	-	8.00	7.00- 8.00
6	-	-	-	-	-
9	14.00	12.00	-	8.00	6.00- 8.00
10	14.00	12.00	-	8.00	6.00- 8.00
11	14.00	12.00	-	7.00- 8.00	6.00- 8.00
12	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-	7.00- 8.00	6.00- 8.00
13	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-	7.00- 8.00	6.00- 8.00
16	12.00	10.00	-	7.00	6.00- 7.00
17	12.00	10.00	-	6.00- 7.00	6.00- 7.00
18	12.00	10.00	-	6.00- 7.00	5.00- 6.00
19	12.00	10.00	-	6.00- 7.00	5.00- 6.00
20	11.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	-	5.50- 6.00	5.00
23	11.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	-	5.50- 6.00	5.00
24	12.00	10.00	-	-	5.00
25	12.00	10.00	-	-	5.00
26	12.00	10.00	-	-	5.00- 5.50
27	12.00	10.00	-	-	5.50- 6.00
30	12.00	10.00-12.00	-	-	6.00- 7.00
July 1	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-	-	6.00- 7.00
2	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-	-	6.00- 7.00
3	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	-	-	7.00- 8.00
7	14.00	12.00	-	-	7.00- 9.00
8	14.00	12.00	-	-	7.00- 9.00
9	13.00-14.00	12.00	-	-	7.00- 8.00
10	13.00-14.00	12.00	-	-	7.00- 8.00
11	13.00-14.00	12.00	-	-	8.00
14	13.00-14.00	12.00	-	-	8.00
15	13.00-14.00	12.00	-	-	7.00- 8.00
16	13.00-14.00	12.00	-	-	7.00- 8.00
17	13.00-14.00	12.00	-	6.00- 7.00(min)	-
18	13.00-14.00	12.00	-	6.00- 7.00(min)	-
21	13.00-14.00	12.00	-	6.00- 7.00(min)	-
22	13.00-14.00	12.00	-	6.00- 7.00(min)	-
23	13.00-14.00	12.00	-	6.00- 7.00(min)	-
24	13.00-14.00	12.00	-	6.00- 7.00(min)	-
25	13.00-14.00	12.00	-	6.00(min)	-
28	12.00	10.00	-	5.00(min)	-
29	10.00-12.00	8.00-10.00	-	5.00(min)	-
30	10.00	7.00- 8.00	-	4.00- 5.00(min)	-
31	-	-	-	-	-
Aug 1	-	-	-	-	-

1986 GEORGIA TERMINAL MARKET PRICES

Prices in the following tables represent sales in less than truckload quantities on the most active trading day of the week. Quotations cover fruit in generally good quality. Various varieties of yellow flesh peaches are covered. Up sizes are reported unless otherwise stated.

Date	2 1/2 Inch	2 1/4 Inch	2 Inch	1 7/8 Inch	1 3/4 Inch
1/2 Bushel Cartons					
ATLANTA					
May 19	-	-	10.00-12.00	-	-
27	-	-	10.00-12.00	-	-
June 2	-	-	6.00- 7.00	-	-
BOSTON					
May 5	-	-	18.00-19.00	-	-
CHICAGO					
May 19	-	-	9.00	-	-
CINCINNATI					
May 12	22.00	-	20.00	16.00	-
DETROIT					
May 5	-	-	-	16.00(min)	-
12	-	-	-	-	-
19	-	-	10.00	-	-
NEW YORK CITY					
May 5	23.00-25.00	-	14.00-18.00	-	10.00-12.00
12	-	-	10.00-12.00	8.00-10.00	6.00- 8.00
19	-	-	10.00-12.00	6.00- 9.00	5.50- 6.50
PHILADELPHIA					
May 12	-	15.00-18.00	-	-	-
19	-	-	12.00-15.00(min)	-	-
ST. LOUIS					
May 19	-	-	11.00-14.00	8.00-10.00	7.00- 7.50
3/4 Bushel Cartons					
ATLANTA					
May 19	-	-	14.00	-	-
27	-	-	12.00-14.00	-	-
June 2	-	16.00	7.50- 8.00	-	-
9	-	14.00	8.00-10.00	-	-
16	15.00	12.50-13.00	8.00	-	-
23	14.00	12.00	8.00- 8.50	-	-
30	14.00	12.00	8.00- 9.00	-	-
July 7	16.00	14.00	9.00	-	-
14	14.00-16.00	14.00	10.00	-	-
21	-	14.50-15.00	10.00	-	-
28	15.00	13.00-14.00	10.00	-	-
BALTIMORE					
May 27	-	15.00	12.00	-	-
June 2	-	13.00-14.00	8.00-10.00	-	-
9	-	-	10.00	-	-
16	16.00	14.00	10.00-12.00	-	-
23	14.50	13.00	7.00	-	-

1986 GEORGIA TERMINAL MARKET PRICES

CONTINUED

Date	2 1/2 Inch	2 1/4 Inch	2 Inch	1 7/8 Inch	1 3/4 Inch
3/4 Bushel Cartons					
BOSTON					
May 27	-	17.00	10.00-13.00	-	-
June 2	-	15.00-16.00	8.00-10.00	-	-
9	-	17.00	-	-	-
16	14.00-16.00	12.00-13.00	-	-	-
23	-	12.00-14.00	8.00	-	-
30	-	-	-	-	-
July 7	19.00-20.00	16.00-18.00	12.00-14.00	8.00	-
CHICAGO					
May 19	-	-	11.00-13.00	11.00	-
27	-	16.00	11.50-13.00	-	-
June 2	-	16.00	10.00-12.00	-	-
9	-	-	-	10.00	-
16	-	15.50-16.00	12.00	-	-
23	-	12.00-13.00	7.00- 8.00	-	-
30	-	-	8.00	-	-
July 7	-	-	-	-	-
14	-	16.00	12.50	-	-
CINCINNATI					
May 27	-	17.50-18.50	13.50	14.00	-
June 2	-	-	13.00	-	-
9	-	16.00	-	-	-
16	-	-	-	-	-
23	15.50	13.00	8.00	-	-
30	-	-	10.00	-	-
DETROIT					
May 19	-	-	15.00-16.00	12.00(min)	-
27	20.00	18.00	10.00-12.00	11.00(min)	-
June 2	15.00-15.50	14.50	-	-	-
9	-	-	-	-	-
16	-	12.50-15.00	10.00-11.00	-	-
23	-	12.00-13.00	7.00- 8.00	-	-
NEW YORK CITY					
June 2	-	-	8.00-10.00	-	-
9	-	-	-	-	-
16	14.00-16.00	12.00-14.00	8.00-10.00	5.00- 6.00	-
23	13.00-18.00	10.00-12.00	5.00- 6.00	4.00- 5.00	-
30	-	-	-	-	-
July 7	20.00-22.00	16.00-19.00	12.00	8.00- 9.00	-
PHILADELPHIA					
May 27	-	-	10.00-14.00	-	-
June 2	-	10.00-13.00	9.00-10.00	3.50- 4.00	-
9	-	16.00-18.00	10.00-12.00	6.50- 7.50	-
16	-	14.00-16.00	-	7.00- 8.00	-
23	-	10.00	5.00- 6.00	-	-
PITTSBURGH					
May 27	-	-	10.00-11.00	5.00- 7.00(min)	3.00- 5.00
June 2	-	13.00-16.00	-	6.00- 6.50(min)	-
9	-	-	-	-	-
16	-	-	-	-	-
23	13.00	-	7.00	-	-
30	-	-	-	-	-
July 7	17.00-18.00	-	-	-	-
14	12.00-13.00	12.00-13.00	-	-	-
21	-	-	7.50- 8.00	-	-
ST. LOUIS					
June 2	-	15.00-16.00	10.00-12.00	-	-
9	-	14.00-15.00	10.50-11.50	6.50- 7.50	-
16	-	12.75	-	-	-
23	-	10.00-12.00	7.00- 8.00	-	-
30	-	-	-	-	-
July 7	-	-	-	-	-
14	16.50	14.50-15.00	11.50	-	-
21	-	15.00	9.00- 9.50	-	-

REVIEW OF THE 1986 SOUTH CAROLINA PEACH SEASON

PRODUCTION

Peach production continued light in 1986, The U.S. Department of Agriculture, Crop Reporting Board indicated production for 1986 was 250 million pounds compared to 230 million pounds for the small 1985 crop, an increase of less than 9 percent, far below the 1984 production of 480 million pounds.

GROWING CONDITIONS:

The 1986 South Carolina peach crop was reduced by freezing in the Spring months, followed by severe drought conditions during the Summer. Heavy irrigation was necessary throughout this period to salvage the crop. Losses by cullage and undersized fruit were much heavier than usual.

HARVEST:

Initial picking started the week of May 12th, about the same as the preceding season. Shipments exceeded 300 loads per week from June 8th through August 9th, with peak shipments the week ending July 12th. Lighter volume continued into the first week of September.

PACKAGING AND MARKETING:

Market prices for peaches 2 1/4 inches and up sizes in 38 pound cartons generally ranged \$10.00-\$12.00 from late May through July 28th. The market held at \$6.00-\$8.00 for the remainder of the season, ending in early September. Varieties continued about the same as previous seasons. Junegold and Dixiered were popular early varieties and were followed by Red Haven, Coronets, Lorings, Redglobes, Blakes, Jeffersons, and Rio-Oso-Gems. The main container was the 3/4 bushel carton containing 38 pounds.

TRANSPORTATION TRENDS:

Trucks moved practically all peaches shipped in 1986. Transportation was generally adequate through the season. The majority of South Carolina peaches were inspected by the Federal-State Inspection Service. Commercial Shipments of 4,458 loads (1,000 38-pound cartons per truck) were moved in 1986, compared to 37,501 loads in 1985, and 5,905 loads in 1984.

REVIEW OF THE NORTH CAROLINA SEASON

The North Carolina peach crop in 1986 was very light due to the Spring freezing temperatures and drought during the Summer months. There was only light scattered commercial shipments.

DAILY F.O.B. PRICES AT SOUTH CAROLINA SHIPPING POINTS-1986

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

DATE	2 1/2 INCH	2 1/4 INCH	2 INCH	2 INCH (HEAVY TO MINIMUM SIZE)
MAY 27	--	12.00-14.00	8.00-9.00	8.00
MAY 28	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
MAY 29	--	12.00	8.00	7.00
MAY 30	--	12.00	8.00	7.00
JUNE 2	--	12.00	8.00	7.00-8.00
JUNE 3	--	12.00	8.00	7.00-8.00
JUNE 4	--	12.00	8.00	7.00-8.00
JUNE 5	--	12.00	8.00	7.00-8.00
JUNE 6	--	12.00	8.00	7.00-8.00
JUNE 9	14.00	12.00	8.00	6.00-8.00
JUNE 10	14.00	12.00	8.00	6.00-8.00
JUNE 11	14.00	12.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-8.00
JUNE 12	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-8.00
JUNE 13	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	7.00-8.00	6.00-8.00
JUNE 16	12.00	10.00	7.00	6.00-7.00
JUNE 17	12.00	10.00	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00
JUNE 18	12.00	10.00	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00
JUNE 19	12.00	10.00	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00
JUNE 20	12.00	10.00	6.00-7.00	5.00-6.00
JUNE 23	11.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	5.50-6.00	5.00
JUNE 24	12.00	10.00	--	5.00
JUNE 25	12.00	10.00	--	5.00
JUNE 26	12.00	10.00	--	5.00-5.50
JUNE 27	12.00	10.00	--	5.00-6.00
JUNE 30	12.00	10.00	--	6.00
JULY 1	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	--	6.00-7.00
JULY 2	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	--	6.00-7.00
JULY 3	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	--	7.00-8.00
JULY 7	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	--	7.00-9.00
JULY 8	12.00-14.00	11.00-12.00	--	7.00-9.00
JULY 9	12.00-14.00	11.00-12.00	--	7.00-8.00
JULY 10	12.00-14.00	12.00	--	8.00
JULY 11	12.00-14.00	12.00	--	8.00
JULY 14	13.00-14.00	12.00	--	8.00
JULY 15	13.00-14.00	12.00	--	7.00-8.00
JULY 16	13.00-14.00	12.00	--	7.00-8.00
JULY 17	13.00-14.00	12.00	--	6.00-7.00
JULY 18	13.00-14.00	12.00	--	6.00-7.00
JULY 21	13.00-14.00	12.00	--	6.00-7.00
JULY 22	13.00-14.00	12.00	--	6.00-7.00
JULY 23	13.00-14.00	12.00	--	6.00-7.00
JULY 24	13.00-14.00	12.00	--	6.00-7.00
JULY 25	13.00-14.00	12.00	--	6.00-7.00
JULY 28	12.00	10.00	--	5.00-6.00
JULY 29	10.00-12.00	8.00-10.00	--	5.00
JULY 30	10.00	7.00- 8.00	--	4.00-5.00
JULY 31	8.50-10.00	6.00- 8.00	--	3.75-5.00
AUG. 1	8.00-10.00	6.00- 8.00	--	3.00-4.50
AUG. 4	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 7.00	--	3.00-4.00
AUG. 5	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 7.00	--	3.00-4.00
AUG. 6	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 7.00	--	3.00-4.00
AUG. 7	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 7.00	--	3.00-3.50
AUG. 8	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 7.00	--	3.00-3.50
AUG. 11	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 7.00	--	3.00-3.50
AUG. 12	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 7.00	--	3.00-3.50
AUG. 13	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 7.00	--	3.00-3.50
AUG. 14	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 7.00	--	3.00-3.50
AUG. 15	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 7.00	--	3.00-3.50
AUG. 18	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 7.00	--	3.00-3.50
AUG. 19	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 7.00	--	3.00-4.00
AUG. 20	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 6.50	--	3.00-4.00
AUG. 21	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 7.00	--	3.00-4.00
AUG. 22	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 7.00	--	3.00-4.00
AUG. 25	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 7.00	--	3.00-4.00
AUG. 26	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 7.00	--	3.50-4.00
AUG. 27	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 7.00	--	4.00
AUG. 28	9.00	7.00	--	4.00
AUG. 29	9.00	6.00- 7.00	--	--
SEPT. 2	9.00-10.00	7.00- 8.00	--	--
SEPT. 3	9.00-10.00	7.00- 8.00	--	5.00

1986 SOUTH CAROLINA TERMINAL MARKET PRICES

Prices in the following tables represent sales in less than truckload quantities and represent weekly ranges in prices. Quotations cover fruit in generally good quality. Various varieties of yellow flesh peaches are covered. Up sizes are reported unless otherwise stated.

BOSTON				
DATE	2 1/2 INCH	2 1/4 INCH	2 INCH	1 7/8 INCH
May 20 (1st. Report)	--	--	--	--
27	--	--	--	--
June 9	--	17.00	12.00	--
16	--	--	--	--
23	--	12.00-14.00	8.00	--
30	--	16.00-18.00	12.00-14.00	--
July 7	20.00-22.00	16.00-18.00	12.00-14.00	8.00
14	--	--	--	--
21	--	15.00-16.00	8.00-10.00	--
28	17.00	14.00-15.00	--	--
Aug. 4	8.00-10.00	8.00-10.00	4.00- 6.00	--
11	11.00-12.00	8.00- 9.00	--	--

CHICAGO				
DATE	2 1/2 INCH	2 1/4 INCH	2 INCH	1 7/8 INCH
May 20 (1st. Report)	--	--	14.00-15.00	--
27	--	--	--	--
June 9	--	--	14.00-15.00	--
16	20.50	13.50-15.00	10.00-12.00	10.00
23	--	10.00-12.00	8.00- 9.00	--
30	--	--	--	--
July 7	--	17.00	--	7.00- 9.00
14	10.00	16.00-18.00	16.00	--
21	16.00	14.00-15.00	10.00-11.00	8.00
28	16.00	14.00-15.00	10.00-12.00	--
Aug. 4	12.00-14.00	10.00-12.00	7.00- 8.50	6.00
11	10.00	8.00- 8.50	6.00- 7.00	--
18	8.00-10.00	7.00- 7.50	6.00- 7.00	6.00- 6.50

PHILADELPHIA				
DATE	2 1/2 INCH	2 1/4 INCH	2 INCH	1 7/8 INCH
May 20 (1st. Report)	--	--	10.00-11.00	--
27	22.00	17.00-18.00	14.00	4.50- 5.00
June 9	--	--	10.00-11.00	--
16	18.00	14.00-16.00	12.00	--
23	--	--	--	--
30	22.00	--	--	--
July 7	--	--	--	--
14	17.00	--	--	--
21	--	--	6.00- 7.00	--
28	--	--	--	--

DETROIT				
DATE	2 1/2 INCH	2 1/4 INCH	2 INCH	1 7/8 INCH
May 20 (1st. Report)	--	--	14.00	--
27	--	18.00	--	--
June 9	--	16.00	12.00-13.00	--
16	--	13.50-14.00	10.00-10.50	--
23	16.00	11.00	9.00	--
30	18.00	--	12.00	9.00
July 7	22.00-23.00	18.00	12.00-13.00	--
14	17.00-18.00	14.50-15.50	--	9.00
21	19.00-20.00	15.00-16.50	10.00	11.00
28	17.00	13.00-14.00	10.00	--
Aug. 4	10.00-11.00	8.00- 9.00	5.00- 6.00	--
11	--	5.50- 6.50	4.00- 6.00	--
18	10.00	7.50	--	--
25	--	11.00	--	--

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PITTSBURGH

DATE	2 1/2 INCH	2 1/4 INCH	2 INCH	1 7/8 INCH
May 20 (1st. Report)	--	--	--	--
27	--	--	--	--
June 9	--	15.00	10.00-12.00	--
16	13.00-16.00	13.00-15.00	9.00-10.00	--
23	--	12.00-13.00	7.00- 9.00	6.00
30	--	--	--	--
July 7	--	19.00	17.00-19.00	--
14	--	12.00-14.00	10.00	5.00
21	--	(1 lot) 15.00	9.00	--
28	--	11.00-12.00	7.00- 9.00	--
Aug. 4	10.00	8.50	--	--
11	10.00	--	6.00	--

NEW YORK

DATE	2 1/2 INCH	2 1/4 INCH	2 INCH	1 7/8 INCH
May 20 (1st. Report)	--	--	10.00-12.00	--
27	20.00	16.00-18.00	13.00-15.00	--
June 9	18.00-20.00	18.00	12.00	7.00- 9.00
16	14.00-16.00	12.00-14.00	8.00-10.00	5.00- 6.00
23	13.00-15.00	10.00-12.00	5.00- 6.00	4.00- 5.00
30	20.00-22.00	14.00-17.00	8.00-10.00	--
July 7	20.00-22.00	16.00-19.00	12.00	8.00- 9.00
14	13.00-14.00	--	7.00- 9.00	5.00- 7.00
21	18.00-20.00	14.00-16.00	8.00-10.00	5.00- 6.00
28	16.00-17.00	13.00	7.00	--
Aug. 4	8.00-10.00	6.00- 7.00	3.00- 5.00	--
11	8.00-10.00	6.00- 7.00	3.00- 4.00	--
18	8.00-10.00	6.00- 7.00	3.00- 4.00	--

CINCINNATI

DATE	2 1/2 INCH	2 1/4 INCH	2 INCH	1 7/8 INCH
May 20 (1st. Report)	--	--	--	--
27	--	--	--	--
June 9	--	15.50-16.00	11.50	--
16	--	15.50-17.00	10.50-11.00	--
23	14.00	13.00	8.00-10.50	--
30	--	--	10.00	--
July 7	--	17.50-18.00	10.00-13.50	--
14	--	15.75	12.75	--
21	--	13.00-13.25	8.00- 8.50	--
28	17.00	14.00-15.00	8.00-10.00	--
Aug. 4	14.00	10.00-11.00	6.00- 7.00	--
11	--	12.00	--	--
18	--	9.00	6.00- 6.50	--

BUFFALO

DATE	2 1/2 INCH	2 1/4 INCH	2 INCH	1 7/8 INCH
May 20 (1st. Report)	--	--	--	--
27	--	--	--	--
June 9	--	12.50	--	--
16	--	--	--	--
23	14.00-15.00	12.00-12.50	8.00- 9.50	--
30	--	11.50-12.50	7.00- 8.00	5.00- 5.50
July 7	--	--	--	--
14	--	--	--	--
21	17.00-18.00	15.00-16.00	10.00-11.00	--
28	17.00-18.00	15.00-16.00	8.00- 9.00	--
Aug. 4	15.00-16.00	14.00-15.00	8.00- 9.00	--
11	--	--	6.05- 7.00	--

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ST. LOUIS

DATE	2 1/2 INCH	2 1/4 INCH	2 INCH	1 7/8 INCH
May 20 (1st. Report)	--	--	--	--
27	--	--	--	--
June 9	--	--	--	--
16	16.50-17.50	12.50-13.00	--	--
23	12.00-13.50	11.50-12.50	7.00- 8.50	--
30	12.50-14.50	--	7.00- 8.00	--
July 7	--	--	--	--
14	16.50	--	--	--
21	--	11.00-14.50	8.00- 9.75	--
28	--	13.75-14.75	8.50- 9.00	--
Aug. 4	--	9.50-10.00	7.00	--
11	--	9.50-10.50	7.00- 8.00	--

BALTIMORE

DATE	2 1/2 INCH	2 1/4 INCH	2 INCH	1 7/8 INCH
May 20 (1st. Report)	--	--	--	--
27	--	15.00	12.00	--
June 9	--	--	--	--
16	16.00	14.00	10.00-12.00	--
23	14.50	13.00	7.00	--
30	24.00	17.00	--	--
July 7	16.00-18.50	--	--	--
14	--	--	--	--
21	19.00	15.00	--	--
28	--	12.00-12.50	--	--
Aug. 4	--	--	--	--
11	10.00	8.00- 8.50	6.00- 7.00	--

ATLANTA

DATE	2 1/2 INCH	2 1/4 INCH	2 INCH	1 7/8 INCH
May 20 (1st. Report)	--	--	--	--
27	--	--	--	--
June 9	--	14.00	8.00-10.00	--
16	15.00	12.50-13.00	8.00	--
23	14.00	12.00	8.00- 8.50	--
30	14.00	12.00	8.00- 8.50	--
July 7	16.00	14.00	9.00	--
14	14.00-16.00	14.00	10.00	--
21	14.50-15.00	--	10.00	--
28	15.00	13.00-14.00	10.00	--
Aug. 4	12.00	9.50-10.00	7.00- 7.50	--
11	--	--	--	--
18	11.50-12.00	8.00-10.00	--	--
25	--	9.00	7.00	--

REVIEW OF THE 1986 APPALACHIAN DISTRICT PEACH SEASON

PRODUCTION:

According to the United States Department of Agriculture Crop Reporting Service, indicated peach production in the Appalachian District for the 1986 crop is 175 million pounds. This is 13 percent more than the 1984 crop of 153 million pounds and 16 percent more than the 1983 crop of 147 million pounds. (The 1985 peach crop was nil due to freeze damage and as a result 1985 data is not used for comparison purposes.) The three-year average of 158.3 million pounds is well below this year's crop estimate. Production by state is estimated at 21.0 million pounds for Maryland, 22.0 million pounds for West Virginia, 32.0 million pounds for Virginia, and 100.0 million pounds for Pennsylvania. These production figures include fresh commercial shipments as well as peaches for processing and other uses.

GROWING CONDITIONS:

The growing season was plagued with well below normal precipitation. Temperatures during the period were extremely high and this enhanced premature ripening of fruit. Early peach varieties were small and later varieties were normal in size. The area packed more 2 1/2 inch peaches than normal and the quality was excellent in spite of dry conditions. However, overall volume was approximately 25 percent below early estimates.

HARVEST AND VARIETIES:

Harvest in Virginia began in mid-July which is near "normal" initial harvest time. Hot dry weather slowed ripening and caused early varieties to be smaller than normal in size. Later varieties sized well due to some late season showers. Harvesting was nearly completed by mid-September which is also normal. General quality was good.

Shipment of Red Haven variety began in Virginia the last week of July. Other varieties followed progressively according to the time of harvest and include Loring, Sunhigh, Glohaven, Red Globe, Blake, Cresthaven, Red Skin, Jersey Queen and Rio-Oso-Gem.

PACKAGING AND MARKETING:

Most packed peaches were in 3/4-bushel-cartons which weigh 38 pounds. A few shippers packed two-layer and three-layer traypack cartons. As usual, a significant volume of fruit was sold to local truckers in field crates. The first F. O. B. prices were reported on August 5, 1986. Peaches measuring 2 1/4 inch up opened at \$8.00-9.00, but dropped slightly to \$7.00-8.00 by August 11, and \$6.00-7.00 by August 18. They raised on August 26 to \$7.00-8.00. Prices then increased again to \$9.00-10.00 for the Labor Day Weekend and remained there thru the close of reporting on September 11. On August 5, 2 inch & up peaches opened at \$5.00-6.00, and then dropped to \$4.50-5.00 on August 12. The price increased again on September 3, to \$5.00-5.50 and remained at that price thru September 11.

Demand was light to moderate the entire season. The week before the Labor Day holiday showed the best movement. The peak week for peach shipments was September 24-30, when 745 loads were moved. This coincided with the time when mid and late season varieties were maturing at the same time. The last day shipments were reported was September 20.

TRANSPORTATION TRENDS:

Trucks are the only commercial means to transport the Appalachian District Peach Crop. Commercial shipments for the Appalachian area in loads of 1,000 3/4-bushel cartons totaled 3,528 in 1986. There were no truck shipments of peaches reported from the area in 1985 due to the freeze damage of the crop.

LOCATION:

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

DAILY F. O. B. PRICES AT APPALACHIAN DISTRICT SHIPPING POINTS 1986

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 1/2" up	2 1/4" up	2" up	2" minimum
August 4	9.00-10.00	8.00- 9.00	5.00- 6.00	3.50- 4.50
5	10.00	8.00- 9.00	5.00- 6.00	3.50- 4.50
6	10.00-11.00	8.00- 9.00	5.00- 6.00	3.50- 4.50
7	9.00-11.00	7.00- 9.00	5.00- 6.00	4.00- 4.50
8	9.00-10.00	7.00- 9.00	5.00	4.00
11	9.00	7.00- 8.00	5.00	4.00
12	9.00	7.00- 8.00	4.50- 5.00	3.50- 4.00
13	8.00- 9.00	7.00- 8.00	4.50- 5.00	3.50- 4.00
14	8.00- 9.00	7.00- 8.00	4.50- 5.00	4.00
15	9.00	7.00- 8.00	4.50- 5.00	4.00
18	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 8.00	4.50- 5.00	3.50- 4.00
19	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 8.00	4.50- 5.00	3.50- 4.00
20	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 7.00	4.50- 5.00	4.00
21	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 7.00	4.50- 5.00	4.00
22	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 7.00	4.75- 5.00	4.00
25	8.00- 9.00	6.00- 7.00	4.50- 5.00	4.00
26	9.00-10.00	7.00- 8.00	4.50- 5.00	4.00
27	9.00-10.00	7.00- 8.00	4.50- 5.00	-
28	9.00-10.00	7.00- 8.00	4.50- 5.00	-
29	9.00-10.00	8.00	4.50- 5.00	-
SEPT 2	10.00-11.00	8.00- 9.00	5.00	4.50- 4.75
3	10.00-11.00	8.00- 9.00	5.00- 5.50	4.50- 4.75
4	10.00-11.00	8.00- 9.00	5.00- 5.50	4.75
5	10.00-12.00	8.00- 9.00	5.00- 5.50	-
8	10.00-12.00	8.00- 9.00	5.00- 6.00	-
9	11.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	5.00- 5.50	-
10	11.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	5.00	-
11	11.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	5.00	-
12	11.00-12.00	9.00-10.00	-	-

TERMINAL WHOLESALE MARKET 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.

<u>BALTIMORE</u>			<u>PITTSBURGH</u>			
DATE	2 1/4"		2 1/2"	2 1/4"	2"	2" min
AUG 4	4.00- 5.00	AUG 4	-	10.00	- 6.00	
11	-	11	-	7.00- 9.50	6.00	4.50- 6.00
18	4.00- 5.00	18	-	7.00-10.00	-	4.50- 6.00
		25	8.00- 8.50	7.50- 9.00	5.00- 5.50	-
		SEPT 2	9.00-12.00	8.50-10.00	6.00- 8.00	6.50
		8	11.00	9.50-12.00	5.00- 6.00	7.50
		15	12.00-14.00	13.00	7.00- 8.00	4.50- 5.00

<u>ATLANTA</u>			<u>CINCINNATI</u>			
DATE	2 1/2"	2 1/4"	DATE	2 1/2"	2 1/4"	2"
SEPT 15	14.00	10.00	AUG 18	-	11.00	-
			25	-	10.00-11.00	-
			SEPT 2	-	-	-
			8	12.00-15.00	8.00-11.00	6.00 US#1
			15	15.00	8.00	6.00 US#1