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BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET AVERAGE PRICES FOR THE 1984 SEASON

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BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET VOLUME FOR 1974 THROUGH 1984

SEASON	GROWER LOADS SEASON TOTAL	NUMBER OF PACKAGES SEASON TOTAL	DAY BUYER REGISTRATION
1974	28,077	1,538,611	2,428
1975	32,839	1,562,951	2,624
1976	22,984	1,174,989	2,005
1977	26,971	1,223,109	1,888
1978	22,563	1,115,986	2,145
1979	20,241	1,111,408	2,231
1980	20,570	1,157,760	2,354
1981	20,620	1,186,853	2,631
1982	23,028	1,296,984	3,016
1983	17,739	957,531	2,342
1984	19,460	1,085,332	2,429

THE FOLLOWING CHART IS A TABULATION OF THE COMMODITIES ON THE BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET DURING MOST OF THE 1984 SEASON. THE AVERAGE PRICES INCLUDE PACKED AND OPEN CONTAINERS OF ALL GRADES, SIZES, QUALITY, AND CONDITION OF ALL VARIETIES.

COMMODITIES	USUAL TYPE CONTAINER	NUMBER OF PACKAGES	SEASON AVERAGE PRICE	1983 SEASON AVERAGE PRICE
APPLES	Bushel	73,617	\$ 5.61	\$ 5.83
	3/4 Bushel	3,675	4.44	N/A
	Half Bushel	60,718	4.10	4.18
APPLE CIDER	Per Gallon	3,244	1.59	1.58
APRICOTS	8 Quart Flats	899	10.99	13.95
BEANS	Bushel-Round Green	10,459	8.83	9.98
	Half Bushel	N/A	4.23	N/A
	12 Quart -Romaine-Lima	2,778	5.53	5.92
BEETS	Half Bushel	N/A	5.34	5.04
BERRIES:				
Blackberries	12 Pint Flats	489	13.92	13.18
Blueberries	12 Pint Flats	19,799	8.09	10.57
	10 Pound Cartons	10,409	7.03	8.91
	5 Pound Cartons	N/A	4.06	5.09



BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET 1984 SEASON SUMMARY - continued

COMMODITIES	USUAL TYPE CONTAINER	NUMBER OF PACKAGES	SEASON AVERAGE PRICE	1983 SEASON AVERAGE PRICE
<u>BERRIES-CONTINUED</u>				
DEWBERRIES	12 Pint Flats	154	\$12.02	N/A
GOOSEBERRIES	12 Pint Flats	168	7.81	6.45
BLACK RASPBERRIES	12 Pint Flats	3,295	11.34	11.62
RED RASPBERRIES	12 Pint Flats	3,757	16.96	16.06
STRAWBERRIES	8 Quart Flats	38,964	5.15	6.62
	16 Quart Crates	53,887	9.23	11.66
BROCCOLI	Bushel	N/A	7.64	7.78
	Half Bushel	N/A	3.99	N/A
CABBAGE	Bushel	4,431	3.66	5.73
CANTALOUPS	Bushel	21,169	7.43	7.08
CAULIFLOWER	Bushel Cartons	2,516	7.10	6.25
<u>CHERRIES:</u>				
TART	8 Quart Flats	1,467	7.33	9.43
SWEET	8 Quart Flats	5,556	7.81	11.48
	20 Pound Cartons	1,618	9.51	N/A
<u>CORN:</u>				
SWEET	Bushel	9,962	1.03	Per Dozen 1.01
INDIAN	Per Dozen	16,182	2.20	2.30
POPCORN	Per Dozen	13,524	2.14	2.28
CUCUMBERS	Bushel Cartons (field run or better)	10,947	5.27	6.09
CURRENTS	8 Quart Flats	651	8.54	8.50
DILL-WEED	12 Bunches of 12	1,196	4.76	5.23
EGGPLANT	Bushel	950	5.51	6.51
GLADIOLUS	15 Bunches of 6	2,194	11.64	11.88
ORNAMENTAL GOURDS	Bushel	5,133	6.83	8.15
	Half Bushel	5,835	3.99	4.48
GRAPES	8-2 Quart Crates	23,199	7.60	6.84
	12 Quart Baskets	34,837	3.61	2.95
KOHLRABI	12 Quart Baskets	N/A	5.76	N/A
NECTARINES	Half Bushel	2,666	6.58	7.84
OKRA	12 Quart Baskets	N/A	6.10	6.95
PEAS - CROWDER	12 Quart Baskets	N/A	6.44	4.65
PEACHES	3/4 Bushel	11,026	6.01	9.41
	Half Bushel	128,290	4.73	6.12
PEARS	Bushel	7,120	4.59	5.97
	3/4 Bushel	4,234	5.92	6.54
	Half Bushel	27,059	3.65	4.92
PEPPERS	Bushel (California Wonder)	14,665	6.02	6.65
	Half Bushel	3,598	3.88	N/A
	12 Quart Baskets (Mostly Hots)	2,078	4.24	3.52
PICKLES	Bushel	1,442	8.00	6.51
	Half Bushel	1,492	3.76	4.49
	12 Quart Baskets	4,815	3.60	3.78
PLUMS	8 Quart Flats (Japanese type)	18,281	7.49	8.76
	Half Bushel (Prune-Plum)	3,007	5.26	5.38
<u>POTATOES:</u>				
	50 Pound	1,760	4.08	4.77
	Half Bushel	N/A	6.17	N/A
SWEET POTATOES	Half Bushel	N/A	4.06	4.20
PIE PUMPKINS	Bushel	2,355	4.29	4.60
SQUASH	Bushel (Mostly Winter)	17,054	4.87	5.99
	8 Quart Cartons (Summer)	14,638	2.11	2.22
	Half Bushel (Summer)	70,888	3.28	3.61
SUNFLOWERS	Bushel	175	4.75	4.21
TOMATOES	8 Quart Cartons (Mich #1)	82,684	2.82	2.42
	8-2 Quart Baskets (Mich #1)	3,872	7.28	5.97
	12 Pound Cartons (Mich #2)	14,588	1.80	1.59
	12 Quart baskets-various grades	38,522	4.69	3.50
	Cherry type 12 Pint Flats (Mich #1)	65,438	5.51	3.79
	25 Pound Cartons-Variou Grades	30,535	4.44	4.50
	20 Pound Cartons " "	20,799	4.77	5.00
	30 Pound Cartons " "	11,833	4.71	4.62
	Half Bushel	N/A	4.53	N/A
WATERMELON	Bushel	N/A	6.70	N/A

TOTAL NUMBER OF PACKAGES DELIVERED TO THE BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET FOR THE 1984 SEASON WAS 1,085,332 PACKAGES
 1983 SEASON WAS 957,531 PACKAGES

N/A - Not Available