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Average Prices From The Benton Harbor Fruit Market For The 1988 Season

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BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET VOLUME FOR 1978 THROUGH 1988			
SEASON TOTAL	GROWER LOADS SEASON TOTAL	NUMBER OF PACKAGES SEASON TOTAL	DAY BUYER SEASON REGISTRATION
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
1985	20,577	1,161,004	2,698
1986	17,550	1,018,231	2,255
1987	19,574	1,120,239	2,493
1988	16,301	908,249	2,712

THE FOLLOWING CHART IS A TABULATION OF PRICES PAID TO GROWERS ON THE TRADING LANES AT THE BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET DURING THE 1988 SEASON. THESE AVERAGE PRICES INCLUDE PACKED AND OPEN CONTAINERS ON BENTON HARBOR FRESH MARKET NO. ONE GRADE OR BETTER.

COMMODITY	USUAL TYPE CONTAINER	NUMBER OF PACKAGES	1988 SEASON AVERAGE PRICE	1987 SEASON AVERAGE PRICE
APPLES	Bushel	43,324	\$ 7.70	\$ 5.23
	Half Bushel	66,109	5.04	3.98
APPLE CIDER	4 Gallon Case	5,168	1.78 per gal.	1.51 per gal.
APRICOTS	8 Qt. Flats	407	14.26	9.73
BEANS	Bushel Round Green	9,367	16.03	10.40
	12 Qt.Bkts. Lima/Shell	692	8.12	6.08
BEETS	Half Bushel	208	7.66	5.48

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JULY-OCTOBER



COMMODITY	USUAL TYPE CONTAINER	NUMBER OF PACKAGES	1988 SEASON AVERAGE PRICE B.H. FRESH MARKET NO.	1987 SEASON AVERAGE PRICE ONE OR BETTER
<b>BERRIES:</b>				
Blackberries	12 Pint Flats	209	\$18.10	\$11.25
Blueberries	12 Pint Flats	9,368	12.26	9.55
	10 Pound Carton	7,238	11.50	8.27
Gooseberries	12 Pint Flats	101	10.13	9.84
Black Raspberries	12 Pint Flats	1,877	16.02	13.00
Red Raspberries	12 Pint Flats	2,146	20.27	13.92
Strawberries	8 Qt. Flats	58,096	7.91	6.52
	16 Qt. Crates	25,137	13.20	12.00
BROCCOLI	Bushel	1,022	9.01	7.18
CABBAGE	Bushel	2,767	5.88	4.73
CANTALOUPE	Bushel	16,733	9.36	7.02
CAULIFLOWER	Bushel	694	8.22	7.70
<b>CHERRIES:</b>				
Sweet	8 Qt. Flats	4,095	8.92	10.92
Tart	8 Qt. Flats	286	8.31	7.04
<b>CORN:</b>				
Sweet	Bushel	5,633	1.75 per doz.	.94 per doz.
Indian	Per Dozen	10,860	3.75	2.58
Miniature Indian & Popcorn	8 Qt. Carton	5,135	3.49 per doz.	2.37 per doz.
CUCUMBERS	Bushel	19,705	6.93	5.30
CURRENTS	8 Qt. Flats	80	9.20	9.16
DILL WEED	12 Bunches of 12	921	6.80	5.99
EGGPLANT	Bushel	2,034	7.19	6.40
GLADIOLUS	15 Bunches of 6	3,315	11.97	12.00
GRAPES	8-2 Qt. Crates	13,458	8.41	7.50
	12 Qt. Bkts.	20,430	5.08	4.16
MINI-PUMPKIN GOURDS	12 Qt. Bkts.	347	8.18	N/A
NECTARINES	Half Bushel	4,360	10.55	7.92
OKRA	12 Qt. Bkts.	222	9.77	8.34
ORNAMENTAL GOURDS	Half Bushel	8,911	6.57	4.06
PEACHES	Half Bushel	122,881	5.58	4.46
PEARS	Half Bushel	15,939	5.11	4.63
PEPPERS	Bushel	23,031	7.57	6.78
PICKLES	Half Bushel	4,430	4.84	4.76
	12 Qt. Bkts.	7,108	4.83	4.15
PLUMS	8 Qt. Flat (Japanese type)	2,880	8.16	6.45
	Half Bushel (Prune-Plum)	18,458	5.04	5.12
POTATOES	50 Pound Packs	1,516	4.47	3.98
	Half Bushel	1,300	6.35	5.36
PIE PUMPKINS	Bushel	2,777	7.56	4.10
SQUASH	Bushel (mostly winter)	13,154	7.65	4.94
	8 Qt. Cartons (summer)	7,302	2.28	2.29
	Half Bushel (summer)	138,223	3.66	3.61
TOMATOES	8 Qt. Cartons	14,668	3.66	2.61
	12 Qt. Bkts.	31,993	5.33	4.23
	Cherry 12 Pint Flats	36,479	5.80	4.29
	25 Pound Cartons	45,557	6.36	5.14
WATERMELONS	Bushel	1,607	8.47	6.91
MISC. COMMODITIES	Various Containers	68,491	N/A	N/A
N/A - Not Available				