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Average Prices From The Benton Harbor Fruit Market For The 1992 Season

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BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET VOLUME FOR 1988 THROUGH 1992

SEASON TOTAL	GROWER LOADS SEASON TOTAL	NUMBER OF UNITS SEASON TOTAL	DAY BUYER SEASON REGISTRATION
1988	16,301	908,249	2,712
1989	16,526	953,278	2,726
1990	14,641	797,944	2,890
1991	14,514	713,601	2,782
1992	11,872	660,428	2,770

THE FOLLOWING CHART IS A TABULATION OF PRICES PAID TO GROWERS ON THE TRADING LANES AT THE BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET DURING THE 1992 SEASON. THESE AVERAGE PRICES INCLUDE PACKED AND OPEN CONTAINERS ON BENTON HARBOR FRESH MARKET NO. ONE GRADE OR BETTER.

COMMODITIES	USUAL TYPE CONTAINER	NUMBER OF UNITS	AVERAGE PRICES FOR THE SEASON		
			1992	1991	1990
APPLES	Bushel	25,338	\$ 8.54	\$ 9.50	\$ 8.06
	Half Bushel	50,415	5.60	6.02	5.53
APPLE CIDER	4 Gallon Case	3,051	1.73/gal.	1.93	1.69
APRICOTS	8 Qt. Flats	11	18.75	13.15	14.78
BEANS	Bushel Round Green	11,047	12.88	14.28	13.25
	12 Qt.Bkts. Lima/Shell	510	8.39	8.67	7.90
BEETS	Half Bushel	290	7.90	8.05	7.61
BERRIES:					
Blackberries	12 Pint Flats	632	20.46	15.77	17.85
Blueberries	12 Pint Flats	8,208	13.16	10.41	10.63
	10 Pound Carton	10,892	11.69	9.19	8.98
Currants	8 Qt. Flats	155	9.96	10.17	10.20
Gooseberries	12 Pint Flats	244	8.56	8.72	9.54
Black Raspberries	12 Pint Flats	687	19.26	17.92	17.86
Red Raspberries	12 Pint Flats	2,323	21.96	19.88	19.37
Strawberries	8 Qt. Flats	29,992	8.94	7.85	8.30
BROCCOLI	Bushel	1,800	8.71	8.10	7.48

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BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET 1992 SEASON SUMMARY - continued

COMMODITIES	USUAL TYPE CONTAINER	NUMBER OF UNITS	AVERAGE PRICES FOR THE SEASON		
			B.H. FRESH MARKET NO. 1992	ONE OR BETTER 1991	1990
CABBAGE	Bushel	2,420	\$ 5.10	\$ 6.92	4.82
CANTALOUPE	Bushel	8,537	11.13	10.10	8.04
CAULIFLOWER	Bushel	2,640	8.19	8.93	8.15
CHERRIES:					
Sweet	8 Qt. Flats	3,173	11.57	16.44	15.05
Tart	8 Qt. Flats	392	9.93	12.55	8.53
CORN:					
Sweet	Bushel	40,725 dz.	1.45/dz.	1.63	1.36
Indian	Various (mostly tied 3's)	14,085 dz.	3.96/dz.	3.26	3.12
Miniature Indian	8 Qt Ctn (mostly tied 3's)	1,575	2.78/dz.	2.95	2.57
CUCUMBERS	Bushel	12,104	8.85	7.63	6.52
DILL WEED	12 Bunches of 12	736	8.78	9.84	9.14
EGGPLANT	Bushel	6,782	7.41	7.40	6.97
MIXED FLOWERS	10 to 15 Bunches	5,253	12.13	14.91	13.85
GRAPES	12 Qt. Baskets	6,605	7.85	5.83	6.66
MINI-PUMPKIN GOURDS	Half Bushel	2,554	7.52	7.84	7.16
NECTARINES	Half Bushel	4,953	11.31	9.93	10.47
OKRA	Half Bushel	31	11.97	13.35	10.32 (12 qt.)
ORNAMENTAL GOURDS	Half Bushel	3,553	6.87	5.27	5.34
PEACHES	Half Bushel	95,291	6.48	7.48	7.62
PEARS	Half Bushel	13,209	6.62	7.55	6.66
PEPPERS	Bushel (Bell)	13,035	7.17	8.59	7.19
	12 Qt. Baskets (Chili type)	388	5.95	6.01	5.71
PICKLES	Half Bushel	6,418	6.64	5.19	4.93
	12 Qt. Baskets	1,164	7.11	5.38	5.83
PIE PUMPKINS	Bushel	3,599	6.98	5.18	5.10
PLUMS	8 Qt. Flat (Japanese type)	2,288	9.68	10.37	9.06
	Half Bushel (Prune-Plum)	7,595	6.44	6.93	6.29
POTATOES	Half Bushel	3,619	7.88	8.71	7.49
SNAP & SNOW PEAS	Half Bushel equivalents	559	12.81	10.34	N/A
SQUASH	Bushel (mostly winter)	8,126	7.40	6.66	6.19
	8 Qt. Cartons (summer)	2,613	3.15	2.52	2.20
	Half Bushel (summer)	106,901	4.22	4.33	3.78
SUNFLOWERS	Bushel	213	7.04	6.33	6.86
SWEET POTATOES	Bushel equivalents	7	12.00	9.64	N/A
TOMATOES	25 Lb. Cartons	46,111	6.22	6.66	5.34
	8 Qt. Cartons (Mich#1)	4,187	2.52	3.21	2.52
	12 Qt. Baskets	2,439	5.40	5.27	5.05
	Cherry 12 pt flts (Mich#1)	34,335	5.82	4.98	5.32
TURNIPS	Half Bushel equivalents	151	7.76	7.00	12.21 (BU)
WATERMELONS (Ice Box)	Bushel	266	8.72	9.47	8.38
MISC. COMMODITIES	Various Containers	15,532	N/A	N/A	N/A
N/A - Not Available					

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