

MARKETING MICHIGAN PEACHES
1934 SEASON

Market reports on peaches were issued from the Benton Harbor, Michigan office from August 20 to September 22, 1934 inclusive.

National Situation

The total peach crop for the United States was estimated at 45,404,000 bushels for 1934, which was about 1 per cent larger than the 1933 production, but 20 per cent less than the 5-year average 1927-1931. Winter injury to buds and trees curtailed the crop in the northeastern states, while dry and extremely hot weather reduced the early crop in the mid-west, especially Arkansas. Georgia and the other southeastern states had relatively better crops than other eastern peach sections. California's crop was slightly under average. Carlot shipments for the United States amounted to 26,224 cars for the 1934 season, as compared to 28,263 cars in 1933, and 20,751 cars in 1932.

Michigan Situation

Michigan's 1934 peach crop was almost a failure except for Berrien County, due to damage from a cold wave blasting buds during February. However, the set of fruit in Berrien County was fair. The state's production, largely in this county, was estimated at 423,000 bushels. This was about double that of 1933, but was only 36 per cent of average.

Both quality and size of peaches were excellent, however, most offerings were picked and packed too ripe to stand long shipment. Pre-season speculative demand was keen, and many crops were bought in advance. However, several factors caused prices to decline slightly from expected levels when the crop started moving. First, the Georgia and Arkansas crops were late and track and storage holdings of southern stock were heavy in terminal markets when Michigan stock started moving; second, the heavy September rains swelled the size of Michigan's crop until local supplies were heavier than anticipated; and third, Michigan peaches were packed hard-ripe for over-night truck hauls to nearby markets and were too soft to load and ship to eastern markets where jobbing prices were higher, or to place in cold storage for a late advance.

Truckload cash to grower prices over the Benton Harbor cash market were exceptionally favorable compared with returns on other fruits. U. S. No. 1, 2" minimum Elbertas ranged from \$1.40 to \$2.50, with most sales between \$1.75 and \$2.00; South Havens ranged from \$1.00 to \$2.50; Rochesters from \$1.00 to \$1.40; Prolifics from \$1.75 to \$2.00; and Hales from \$1.50 to \$2.75.

Rail shipments amounted to 67 cars, and boat shipments to 6 cars, making a total of 73 cars moving by rail and boat. Trucks moved practically all the crop. Approximately 801.12 cars were reported as moving over the Benton Harbor cash market, and in addition to this many crops moved direct from farms to markets via truck for which there is no count.

PRODUCTION OF PEACHES BY STATES PAST THREE SEASONS

Figures shown are for thousands of bushels, add 000 to each figure.

State	1932	1933	1934	State	1932	1933	1934
N. H.	20	18	--	Ky.	79	216	434
Mass.	166	134	2	Tenn.	300	580	2,325
R. I.	44	26	2	Ala.	221	908	1,089
Conn.	215	172	2	Miss.	132	494	781
N. Y.	1,863	1,092	41	Ark.	352	672	1,848
N. J.	1,776	987	22	La.	91	158	198
Pa.	1,676	1,144	442	Okla.	280	108	612
Ohio	814	456	228	Tex.	792	782	1,287
Ind.	106	221	192	Idaho	178	51	93
Ill.	188	1,522	528	Colo.	1,201	578	1,260
MICH.	1,845	215	423	N. Mex.	44	13	123
Iowa	76	7	53	Ariz.	83	67	48
Mo.	102	204	468	Utah	748	62	558
Nebr.	58	4	5	Nev.	4	2	6
Kans.	50	14	90	Wash.	1,320	240	1,200
Del.	227	205	64	Oreg.	348	227	314
Md.	348	400	82	Calif.	22,794*	22,085*	20,460*
Va.	324	990	414	(Clingstone)#	14,166*	14,626*	13,501*
W. Va.	143	396	110	(Freestone)†	8,626*	7,459	6,959
N. C.	1,645	2,112	2,312				
S. C.	792	1,633	1,610				
Ga.	1,170	5,440	5,610				
Fla.	28	57	68				
				TOTAL U. S.	42,443*	44,692*	45,404*

Notes: * includes some quantities not harvested on account of market conditions as follows: 1932 - 6,376,000 bushels clingstone and 334,000 bushels freestone; 1933 - 3,647,000 clingstone including 1,480,000 sold but left on the trees; 1934 - 2,208,000 clingstone. # mainly for canning. † mainly for drying.

PRIMARY DESTINATIONS CARLOT SHIPMENTS MICHIGAN PEACHES 1934 SEASON
(includes both rail and boat)

State & City	Cars	State & City	Cars	State & City	Cars
<u>ILLINOIS</u>		<u>NEW JERSEY</u>		<u>OHIO</u>	
Blue Island	3	Newark	4	Cincinnati	1
Chicago	6	<u>NEW YORK</u>		Columbus	2
Total	9	Albany	3	Total	3
<u>MICHIGAN</u>		Binghamton	1	<u>PENNSYLVANIA</u>	
Detroit	5	Buffalo	2	Pittsburgh	23
<u>MINNESOTA</u>		New York	1	<u>WISCONSIN</u>	
Hibbing	1	Rochester	3	Milwaukee rail	2
Willmar	1	Schenectady	1	Milwaukee boat	6
Total	2	Syracuse	2	Total	8
<u>MISSOURI</u>		Utica	1		
St. Louis	3	Watertown	2	TOTAL DESTINATIONS	73
		Total	16	TOTAL SHIPMENTS	73

CARLOT SHIPMENTS OF PEACHES IN MICHIGAN BY COUNTIES & STATIONS 1934##

County and Station	August	September	Total
Berrien.....Benton Harbor	4	54	58
Derby	-	4	4
Eau Claire	-	1	1
Scodus	-	3	3
Stevensville	-	1	1
Total	4	63	67
Boat Shipments	2	4	6
GRAND TOTAL	6	67	73

Note: ## subject to revision, issued Nov. 30, 1934.

BENTON HARBOR CASH MARKET ON PEACHES - 1934 SEASON

Price range is for Wagonloads cash to growers, Bushel baskets U.S.No.1, full size range as marketed. Equivalents are on a basis of 400 bushels per carload.

Dates	So. Havens	Elbertas	Rochesters	Hales	Engles	Equivalents
Aug. 20	1.50-1.75		1.00-1.10			27.55
21	1.35-1.90					27.60
22	1.25-2.10		1.25-1.40			22.70
23	1.50-2.00					25.86
24	1.25-1.95		1.25-1.35			17.51
25	Saturday, no market.					
26	1.35-2.00	2.00-2.25				14.93
27	1.40-2.25	2.40-2.50				12.53
28	1.75-2.10	2.10-2.25				20.35
29	1.75-2.00	1.90-2.35				16.91
30		1.50-2.25		2.25-2.75		23.44
31		1.85-2.25		2.25-2.85	1.50	23.50
Sept. 1	Saturday, no market.					
2	Sunday, no market.					
3		1.85-2.25				
4		1.50-1.75		2.25-2.75		55.62
5	Kalamazoos	1.35-1.90	Prolifics	2.25-2.50		67.94
6		1.25-1.75		2.00-2.50		72.30
7	1.00-1.35	1.20-1.75		2.10-2.50		60.78
8	Saturday, no market.					
9		1.25-1.75			1.60-1.75	42.50
10		1.25-1.85				27.79
11		1.25-2.00		Gold Drops	1.75-2.00	22.36
12		1.85-2.00	1.75			9.15
13	1.75	1.90-2.25	1.75	1.60-1.75		8.27
14	1.75-1.90	2.00-2.10		1.65-1.75		4.03
15	Saturday, no market.					
16	1.75-2.00	2.00-2.25	1.75-2.00	1.50-1.75		4.51
17	1.50-2.00	2.15-2.30	1.50-2.00	1.50-2.00		2.84
18			1.75-2.25	1.75-2.25		2.42

Total Carlot Equivalents for Entire Season - - -861.12

DAILY PRICE RANGE JOBBING SALES MICHIGAN PEACHES IMPORTANT MARKETS 1934

Sales are for bushel baskets, sizes shown are for minimum allowances, U.S.No.1 grade.

Date	CHICAGO				MILWAUKEE		
	South Havens 2"	1-3/4"	Rochesters 1-3/4"	Hales 2 1/2"	So. Havens 1-3/4"	Elbertas 2"	1-3/4"
Aug. 20	1.85-2.00	1.25-1.50	1.25-1.50		1.50		
21	1.50-2.00	1.15-1.25			1.50		
22			1.00-1.25				
23	1.75-2.00	1.15-1.50	1.25				
24	1.75-2.00						
25	1.75-2.00						
26	Sunday						
27	2.00-2.25	1.00-1.50		2.50-2.75	1.50		
28	2.00-2.25	Elbertas 2"	1-3/4"		1.50		
29	2.00-2.50	2.25-2.65					
30		2.00-2.50				2.25	
31		2.25-2.50		2.75		2.25	
Sept. 1		2.25-2.50		2.75		2.25	
2	Sunday Holiday						
3							
4		2.00-2.35	1.50-1.75			2.25	
5		1.75-2.25	1.25-1.50	2.50		2.25	
6		1.75-2.00	1.25-1.50			1.85	
7		1.50-2.00				1.85	
8		1.50-2.00				1.85	
9	Sunday						
10		1.50-2.00	1.25-1.50	1.75-2.25		1.75-2.15	1.50-1.60
11		1.75-2.25	1.00-1.50	2.50-2.75		1.75-2.15	1.50-1.60
12		1.50-2.10	1.25-1.50	2.50-3.00		2.25	
13		2.00-2.25		2.75-3.00		2.25	
14		2.00-2.25		2.75-3.00		2.25-2.35	
15		2.00-2.25		2.75-3.00		2.25-2.35	
16	Sunday						
17		2.00-2.50		2.75-3.00		2.25	
18		1.90-2.50		2.50-3.00		2.25	
19		1.90-2.50		2.50-3.25		2.25	
20		2.00-2.50		2.75-3.25		2.25	
21		2.00-2.50		3.25-3.50		2.25	
22		2.00-2.50		3.25-3.50		2.25	

Date	DETROIT		ST. LOUIS		CINCINNATI		PITTSBURGH
	Elbertas 2"	Hales 2 1/2"	Elbertas 2"	Hales 2-3/4"	Elbertas 2"	1-3/4"	Elbertas 2"
Sept. 4	2.25-2.65		2.50				
5	1.85-2.25		2.50-2.75				
6			2.00-2.65				
7	1.75-2.00	2.75-3.00	2.15-2.50		2.00-2.25		
8	1.75-2.00	2.75-3.00	2.15-2.50		2.00-2.25		
9	Sunday						
10	2.00-2.10	2.50	2.00-2.50	2.75-3.00		1.35-1.50	
11	2.00-2.25	2.50-2.75	2.00-2.50	2.50-2.75	1.75		2.25-2.50
12	1.75-2.00				2.00-2.25		2.15-2.25
13	2.15-2.25		2.00-2.65				2.00-2.50
14	2.65-2.75		2.50				2.00-2.25
15	2.65-2.75		2.50				2.00-2.25
16	Sunday						
17	2.35-2.50		2.50				2.00-2.50
18			2.25-2.75				2.25-2.50
19	2.65-2.75						
20	2.25-2.65	3.00-3.25	2.25				
21	2.50-2.65	2.75-3.00	2.50				
22	2.50-2.65	2.75-3.00	2.50				
23	Sunday						

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