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SUMMARY OF THE 1944 SEASON

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MARKETING WESTERN NEW YORK PEACHES

BRIEF REVIEW OF THE 1944 SEASON

Market reports on peaches were issued from the Rochester office of the Federal-State Market News Service from September 11 through September 29, 1944. The information contained in this summary consists principally of material obtained from the daily reports issued at Rochester and excerpts from departmental releases from Washington and Albany.

The estimated peach crop for the United States for 1944 was 75,008,000 bushels compared with 41,931,000 bushels last year and 57,618,000 bushels for the ten year (1933-42) average. In the western states, record crops were produced in all of the important peach states except California where this year's crop was exceeded only in 1930. Because of the heavy production and shortage of labor more peaches than usual were not harvested. In all important North Atlantic and North Central States production turned out heavier than first indicated and was much larger than the short crops of last year and also larger than average. In Michigan, where the peach production was estimated at 3,600,000 bushels compared with 1,452,000 bushels last year, some peaches were unharvested because of the heavy peak supply of fruit and the shortage of facilities for handling.

In New York State, the 1944 crop was estimated at 1,824,000 bushels as compared with the light crop of 95,000 bushels in 1943. The crop last year was a near failure because of freeze damage. The ten year (1933-42) average for the State was 1,371,000 bushels. Fairly good weather prevailed from spring until the peaches were harvested, although in a few places some frost damage to buds was reported. Rains the last half of August and cool weather the first ten days of September helped in giving size and retarding ripening of the fruit with the result that a good crop was produced. In mid-September, hot-rainy weather prevailed which caused brown rot to develop, consequently the quality of the fruit during late harvesting was not as good as at the beginning of the season. In the western part of the State some stock was placed in cold storage at the peak of the season but because of the poor quality shippers moved it just as fast as possible.

As usual the canners took a large percentage of the crop and many orchards were contracted for before harvesting. The heavy movement for home-canning did not develop as anticipated earlier in the season because of a sugar shortage that developed about the peak of the season.

The harvesting of the early varieties was about completed on September 1 and then the growers began picking the Elberta crop which is the most important variety grown in this section.

Prices on Elbertas in bushel baskets, U.S. No. 1, 2 inch minimum, f.o.b. held mostly from \$3.00-3.50 during the first half of September and as supplies increased prices declined slightly and ranged from \$1.50-2.50 on September 21. After that date most of the movement was from cold storage and prices ranged from \$2.00-3.00 from then until the end of the season.

The movement by rail this season was 132 cars and while there is no actual figure on the truck movement it is generally agreed that the truck movement was much lighter than usual because of the shortage of this method of transportation.

PRODUCTION OF PEACHES IN THE UNITED STATES, SEASON 1938 to 1944 1/

PRINCIPAL STATES	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
	-Thousand Bushels-						
Alabama	1,705	1,705	700	2,464	1,595	649	1,380
Arizona	22	51	50	57	50	60	60
Arkansas	2,451	2,615	2,040	3,042	2,337	738	2,646
California, all varieties	20,501	24,293	23,585	22,752	3/28,752	24,961	32,919
4/ Clingstone	13,042	15,501	14,709	13,834	3/17,668	14,585	19,626
Freestone	7,459	8,792	8,876	8,918	11,084	10,376	13,293
Colorado	1,634	1,575	2,000	1,516	1,490	1,979	2,112
Connecticut	140	84	130	126	163	6	129
Delaware	304	422	465	530	396	93	605
Florida	68	33	66	90	123	66	121
Georgia	5,320	3,800	4,216	7,100	3/6,177	1,593	4,860
Idaho	181	136	207	249	279	198	442
Illinois	1,480	1,900	200	2,340	652	400	1,470
Indiana	144	378	58	688	112	157	674
Iowa	90	110	93	40	22	20	20
Kansas	43	154	183	44	22	2	15
Kentucky	352	562	258	1,625	183	366	878
Louisiana	325	409	442	334	335	176	390
Maryland	352	427	470	563	476	221	602
Massachusetts	88	74	76	48	51	1	48
Michigan	1,341	2,760	1,682	3,864	2,150	1,452	3,600
Mississippi	1,061	1,034	420	1,394	974	476	1,105
Missouri	116	1,140	528	1,120	512	68	315
Nebraska	72	70	58	4	14	2/	1
Nevada	6	6	5	5	2	5	8
New Hampshire	19	17	10	14	15	2/	21
New Jersey	1,172	1,435	1,494	1,195	1,228	918	1,193
New Mexico	51	73	120	152	110	134	122
New York	1,134	1,722	1,380	1,649	1,615	95	1,824
North Carolina	2,232	1,305	1,344	3,167	2,463	252	2,698
Ohio	481	1,212	443	1,148	678	300	1,095
Oklahoma	429	615	434	742	477	136	286
Oregon	327	391	365	422	535	418	606
Pennsylvania	1,842	2,460	2,500	1,845	1,771	1,176	1,886
Rhode Island	27	12	18	21	16	2/	20
South Carolina	1,515	1,636	2,158	4,095	3,500	392	2,460
Tennessee	610	1,470	264	2,270	466	294	686
Texas	964	1,972	2,036	2,475	1,610	900	1,517
Utah	573	564	600	754	340	846	850
Virginia	1,161	1,025	1,392	1,860	3/1,936	172	2,050
Washington	1,428	1,210	1,494	2,000	2,168	2,052	2,604
West Virginia	184	315	446	560	570	160	690
TOTAL UNITED STATES	51,945	61,072	54,430	74,364	66,365	41,931	75,008

1/ For some States in certain years, production includes some quantities unharvested on account of market conditions or scarcity of harvest labor. Estimates of such quantities were as follows (1,000 bu.) 1942 - Virginia, 36; California Clingstone, 167; Freestone, 42; 1943 - California Clingstone, 292; 1944 - New York, 36; California Clingstone, 1,250; Freestone 42.

2/ Production less than 1,000 bushels.

3/ Includes the following quantities harvested but not utilized due to excessive cullage (1,000 bu.) Virginia, 20; Georgia, 250; California Clingstone, 500.

4/ Mainly for canning.

CARLOT SHIPMENTS PEACHES - 1938-44 BY STATES

STATE	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Alabama	56	49	24	67	42	16	40
Arkansas	1,775	1,336	849	1,252	923	62	1370
California, Nor. District	3,403	3,597	2,749	1,083	1,626	690	910
California, Sou. District	6	33	6	4	32	17	19
California, Cen. District	2,272	3,148	2,865	2,628	2,958	3964	3858
Colorado	1,825	1,630	2,409	1,801	1,971	2609	2760
Delaware	18	32	138	68	1		105
Georgia	7,359	4,564	5,837	6,706	5,968	1836	5266
Idaho	137	51	134	66	136	214	343
Illinois	858	609	13	778	373	284	1321
Indiana	22	26		33		6	126
Kentucky	3	27	6	51		63	42
Louisiana		3	3	2			
Maryland, Eastern Shore	122	72	118	22	44		254
Maryland, Other	60	25	41	64	72	47	34
Michigan	6	259	13	683	79	26	663
Mississippi		1					
Missouri	3	2		6	3	1	2
New Jersey		49	26	8	3	1	3
NEW YORK	185	178	48	24	284	1	132
North Carolina	1,133	302	299	1,289	1,279	50	1721
Ohio	10	28		44	10	5	30
Oklahoma	2		9	9	2		
Oregon	33	27	51	21	39	18	55
Pennsylvania	197	139	337	292	264	271	412
South Carolina	1,737	2,242	2,729	4,085	4,577	444	4074
Tennessee	113	206	1	180	36	21	38
Texas	27	90	76	79	75	7	19
Utah	426	321	292	250	152	740	754
Virginia	389	376	340	334	779	54	1382
Washington	713	519	756	629	761	900	706
West Virginia	115	95	139	142	227	118	274
TOTAL UNITED STATES	23,005	20,036	20,308	22,700	22,716	12,465	26,713
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1/ Includes 21 cars for Government Relief.

2/ Includes 826 cars for Government Relief.

3/ Includes 225 cars for Government Relief.

4/ Includes 2,129 cars for Government Relief.

5/ Includes 922 cars for manufacture.

6/ Includes 46 cars Government Purchases (WPA Purchases under support program).

PEACHES - CARLOT SHIPMENTS IN 1944

BY MONTHS

State	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Total
Alabama	-	4	35	1	-	-	40
Arkansas	-	65	598	707	-	-	1370
California, N. D.	-	10	88	619	191	2	910
California, S. D.	-	-	1	13	5	-	19
California, C. D.	-	11	1797	1861	188	1	3858
Colorado	-	-	1	169	2560	30	2760
Delaware	-	-	1	103	1	-	105
Georgia	69	1754	3387	56	-	-	5266
Idaho	-	-	-	70	273	-	343
Illinois	-	10	5	1300	6	-	1321
Indiana	-	-	-	126	-	-	126
Kentucky	-	-	1	41	-	-	42
Maryland, E. Shore	-	2	12	199	41	-	254
Maryland, Other	-	-	1	17	16	-	34
Michigan	-	-	-	21	642	-	663
Missouri	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
New Jersey	-	-	-	3	-	-	3
New York	-	-	-	-	131	1	132
North Carolina	1	18	1620	82	-	-	1721
Ohio	-	-	-	-	30	-	30
Oregon	-	-	-	24	30	1	55
Pennsylvania	-	-	-	157	255	-	412
South Carolina	-	28	2957	1089	-	-	4074
Tennessee	-	-	26	12	-	-	38
Texas	-	8	11	-	-	-	19
Utah	-	-	-	151	603	-	754
Virginia	-	7	12	1353	10	-	1382
Washington	-	-	10	218	476	2	706
West Virginia	-	-	3	218	53	-	274

TOTAL U. S. 70 1917 10566 8612 5511 37 1/ 26713

1/ Includes 46 cars Government Purchases (WFA Purchases under support program)

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CARLOT SHIPMENTS AND F.O.B. PRICES NEW YORK PEACHES, SEASON 1944

Date	Carlot Shipments* (Important States)						Total U. S.	Sales f.o.b. shipping point and/or delivered sales, shipping point basis Bushel Baskets, U.S. No. 1, Elbertas	
	N. Y.	Colo.	Mich.	Pa.	Wash.	2" minimum		1 3/4" minimum	
SEPT.									
9	2	159	74	12	14	330	3.00-3.25		
10	0	112	60	3	10	230	Sunday		
11	2	70	60	1	19	213	3.00-3.50		
12	5	52	43	0	20	198	3.00-3.25		
13	6	38	17	1	20	171	3.00-3.66#		
14	13	28	18	0	18	157	3.00-3.25	2.25-2.75	
15	15	43	20	1	13	168	3.00-3.50		
16	29	35	24	4	22	159	2.75-3.25		
17	3	35	17	3	9	121	Sunday		
18	23	44	16	0	10	128	2.75-3.00	2.00	
19	4	45	8	2	12	111	2.75-3.25	2.00	
20	3	46	1	0	6	98	2.50-3.00		
21	5	43	3	0	9	96	1.50-2.50		
							<u>Cold Storage</u>		
22	3	41	0	0	15	77	2.00-3.00#		
23	2	37	2	0	11	65	2.25-3.00		
24	3	34	1	0	5	50	Sunday		
25	2	30	2	0	5	46	2.25-3.00		
26	2	28	0	1	7	42	2.25-3.00		
27	0	28	0	0	0	30	2.25-3.00		
28	2	18	0	0	0	22	2.25-3.00		
29	2	13	0	0	5	22			

* Carlot Shipments include Commercial, Manufacture and Government purchases.

Includes fine quality and condition.

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WHOLESALE PRICES OF NEW YORK PEACHES IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

NEW YORK CITY						CINCINNATI			
1944:	Carlöt	Truck	Elbertas	U.S. No. 1	U.S. No. 2	Carlöt	Elbertas	U.S. No. 1	
SEPT:	Unloads	Receipts	Bushel baskets	Bushel baskets	Bushel baskets	Arrivals	Bushel baskets	Bushel baskets	
	N.Y. Total:	N.Y. Total:	2"	1 3/4"	1 3/4"	N.Y. Total	2" up		
			Fair to good quality & condition						
11	6	12	55	3.37 ¹ / ₂ -4.69	2.75-3.00	3		3.25-3.40	
12	6	12	47	4.00-4.69	2.75-3.75	1			
13	1	16	34	3.75-4.97	2.25-3.75	2			
14	1	5	9	3.50-4.50	2.25-3.00	2			
15	6	18	35	3.25-4.75	2.25-3.50	4			
16	3	4	7			1			
18	0	0	6	4.00-4.50	3.25	1			
19	1	6	7	3.75-4.50	3.00-3.25	6			
20	7	12	13	3.00-5.00*	3.00-3.50	12			
21	2	3	13	2.50-5.00*		1			
22	3	4	13	3.75-4.75*	2.50-3.00	1		3.25-3.75	
23	1	1	1			1			
25	-	1	21	2.00-4.75*	2.50-3.00*	1	2	4.25#	
26	1	5	6	4.50-4.75	2.75-3.00	0	0		
27	0	0	5	3.50-4.75*	2.50-3.00*	1	2	4.50	
28	3	8	8	3.25-5.00*	2.50-4.00*	0	0	4.50	
29	2	4	6	3.00-4.25*		0	0	4.25-4.50	

Quotations above include some U.S. No. 1, & some U.S. No. 1, 2¹/₂ min., & U.S. No. 1, 1 3/4" min.
 * Includes some overripe, wasty and pale color; # best.

PHILADELPHIA						BALTIMORE		
1944:	Carlöt	Truck	Elbertas	U.S. No. 1	U.S. No. 2	Carlöt	Elbertas	U.S. No. 1
SEPT:	Arrivals	Receipts	Bushel baskets	Bushel baskets	Bushel baskets	Arrivals	Bushel baskets	Bushel baskets
	N.Y. Total:	N.Y. Total:	2" up			N.Y. Total:	2" minimum	Rail
11	-	4	-	21	4.50	0	0	
12	0	0	-	17		0	0	
13	0	0	1	9	4.00-4.50	0	0	
14	-	3	-	7	4.25-4.50	0	0	
15	-	3	1	13	4.50	0	0	
16	1	2	-	14		0	0	
18	1	3	-	6	3.25-3.50*	1	1	4.25-4.35#
19	1	1	-	9	4.50	0	0	4.25-4.35*
20	1	2	3	9	3.00-4.00*	0	0	4.25-4.35*
21	2	7	2	11	2.75-4.50*	4	4	3.50-4.35*
22	1	2	1	7	3.00-4.50*	1	1	3.50-4.35*
23	-	1	1	8		2	2	
25	-	2	4	12	4.00-4.50*	0	0	
26	1	2	-	4		0	0	
27	-	2	-	1		0	0	
28	-	1	2	4	4.00-4.67*	0	0	
29	0	0	1	4	4.25*	0	0	
30	-	1	2	5		0	0	

* Includes fair quality, condition and some best. # Includes fine quality & condition. * best

WHOLESALE PRICES OF NEW YORK PEACHES IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

P I T T S B U R G H					C L E V E L A N D				
: Carlot		: Truck		: Elbertas, U.S. No. 1		: Carlot		: Elbertas	
: Arrivals		: Receipts		: Bushel baskets		: Arrivals		: Bushel baskets	
1944:	N.Y.	Total:	N.Y.	Total	: 2" minimum	N.Y.	Total :	2" and up	
SEPT:									
11	-	4	400	1800	3.50-4.00	-	4	3.00	
12	0	0	800	1600	3.75-4.00	-	3	3.00-3.25	
13	0	0	3100	6200	3.50-4.25	0	0	2.50-3.00	
14	0	0	2800	4600	3.50-3.75	0	0	2.50-3.00	
15	-	1	3200	3900	3.00-3.50	-	2	2.50-3.00	
16	-	1	2500	2800		-	3		
18	-	3	1200	2900	2.50-2.90	-	1	2.50-3.25 #	
19	1	1	1000	1300	2.75-3.00	0	0	3.00-3.25	
20	-	3	1600	2900	2.50-2.75	-	2	2.50-3.25 *	
21	0	0	600	2400	2.50-3.00	0	0	2.75-3.00	
22	-	1	300	1500		0	0	3.25-3.50	
23	-	2	300	500		-	1		
25	-	1	1400	2500	3.00-3.75	-	3	3.00-3.50	
26	-	1	---	300		0	0	3.00-3.50	
27	0	0	400	700		0	0	2.75-3.00	
28	-	1	600	600	3.50-3.90	-	1	3.00-3.75	
29	0	0	1500	1500	3.00-3.50	# 0	0		

#Includes fair qual & cond.
*Starting Sept. 20 include ordinary to fair quality & condition.

B O S T O N									
: Carlot		: Truck		: Elbertas, U.S. No. 1		: Elbertas			
: Arrivals		: Receipts		: Bushel baskets		: Bushel baskets, U.S. No. 1			
1944:	N.Y.	Total:	N.Y.	Total	: 2" minimum	: 2" minimum	: 1 3/4" minimum		
SEPT:								Truck Receipts Street Sales	
11	-	14	---	500					
12	-	3	000	000					
13	-	4	000	000					
14	1	4	000	000					
15	-	1	000	114					
16	0	0	1164	1164					
18	3	8	000	000	4.66				
19	2	3	275	275	4.25*	4.50		3.00-3.25	
20	4	7	000	000	3.50-4.00*	4.00			
21	1	4	425	425	3.50-4.50#	3.50-4.00*			
22	3	4	450	450					
23	-	2	000	000					
25	1	7	300	300	3.00-3.50*	3.75		2.75-3.00	
26	1	4	000	000	4.50#				
27	-	6	000	000					
28	-	3	000	000					
29	-	4	000	000					
30	-	4	000	000					

* Includes ordinary to fair quality and condition.
Includes best.