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MARKETING WESTERN NEW YORK PEACHES

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Daily Market Reports on peaches were issued from the Rochester office of the Federal-State Market News Service, 300 Terminal Building, Rochester 14, New York, from September 11 through October 5, 1951.

UNITED STATES

The 1951 peach crop totalled 70,265,000 bushels, 31 percent above the short 1950 crop and 1 percent below the 1940-49 average. All areas of the country, except the North Central, had larger peach crops this year than in 1950. The greatest increase was in the South Atlantic States where the crop was four times as large as last year. Production was up almost one-third over 1950 in the Middle Atlantic States and almost one-fourth in the Western States. It was down 66 percent in the North Central States.

This year's peach crop in the 10 Southern Peach States (N.C., S.C., Ga., Fla., Ala., Miss., Ark., La., Okla., and Texas) amounted to 18,600,000 bushels compared with the very short 1950 crop of 6,103,000 bushels. Weather conditions this season were generally favorable in the Carolinas and Georgia, the main producing States in the area, compared with last year when freezing weather in late March and April, following above average temperatures during the late winter months, damaged the crop severely. The Carolinas had bumper crops this year. In North Carolina 3,024,000 bushels were harvested compared with only 548,000 bushels last year and the average of 2,158,000 bushels. South Carolina had an unusually large crop of 6,474,000 bushels compared with only 468,000 bushels last year and the 10-year average of 3,799,000 bushels. The Georgia crop of 4,725,000 bushels was almost 5 times the crop of 1950 but was slightly below average. Arkansas, the fourth largest peach producing State in the South, had one-third fewer peaches than last year as the consequence of sub-zero weather about February 1.

Peach trees and buds in the Midwestern States were severely damaged by low temperatures in November 1950 and this year's crop was only about one-third as large as in 1950. Production in Michigan was only 728,000 bushels compared with 4,800,000 bushels in 1950 and the average of 3,607,000 bushels.

The total production of peaches in California was 35,670,000 bushels compared with last year's production of 29,668,000 bushels and the average of 30,169,000 bushels. The State's Clingstone crop totalled 24,544,000 bushels, compared with 19,668,000 bushels in 1950 and 19,010,000 bushels, the 10-year average. Of the 24,544,000 bushels of Clingstones produced this year, an estimated 1,209,000 bushels were unharvested under the terms of a marketing agreement.

California Freestone production was 11,126,000 bushels, up more than 1,000,000 bushels from 1950 but about the same as average.

NEW YORK STATE

Production in the State this year was estimated at 1,312,000 bushels as compared with 1,023,000 bushels in 1950; 1,428,000 bushels in 1949; while the ten year (1940-49) average for the State was 1,285,000 bushels.

Peach buds sustained spotty damage from winter freezes and spring frosts. However, the damage was not severe in any section and did not affect the crop materially. Most trees bloomed about normal and were in full bloom May 1. Low temperatures in December damaged some orchards in unfavorable locations both in the Hudson Valley as well as western New York. Frequent rains during July and August made it rather difficult for growers to spray properly. Dry weather in Niagara county, the Finger Lakes region and the Lake Erie area affected the size in many orchards. Harvesting was nearly completed by October 1. Seasonable temperatures prevailed, and the Elberta crop was harvested with the minimum of wastage.

F.o.b. prices this season were considerably higher than last season ranging from \$2.40-3.00 as compared with \$1.15-2.75 last season. From the beginning of the marketing period around September 10 until the end of that month prices this season ranged from \$2.40-3.00 whereas last season the range for that period was \$1.50-2.75. After October 1 until the end of the season this year prices held \$2.60-3.00 as compared with the same period a year ago of \$1.15-1.75 per bushel of U.S. No. 1, Elbertas, 2" minimum and up.

The movement by truck continues to increase as only 1 car was reported moving by rail this season.

PROCESSING

A good demand from processors prevailed this season, and growers received mostly $2\frac{1}{2}$ -3¢ per pound for best stock as compared with $1\frac{1}{2}$ -3¢ per pound during the 1950 season and 1 - $1\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ during 1949.

PRODUCTION OF PEACHES IN THE UNITED STATES, 1951 WITH COMPARISONS

State	Production 1/			
	Average 1940-49	1949	1950	1951
- Thousand bushels -				
New Hampshire	13	22	1	15
Massachusetts	58	75	16	87
Rhode Island	14	15	3	18
Connecticut	132	164	104	156
New York	1,285	1,428	1,023	1,312
New Jersey	1,498	1,948	1,810	2,116
Pennsylvania	2,029	2,451	2,194	2,352
Ohio	878	1,194	927	1,044
Indiana	490	794	298	72
Illinois	1,570	2,307	1,113	182
Michigan	3,607	3,500	4,800	728
Missouri	752	950	950	602
Kansas	79	185	117	130
Delaware	370	468	225	385
Maryland	563	714	563	722
Virginia	1,572	1,734	837	1,950
West Virginia	539	529	557	607
North Carolina	2,158	1,428	548	3,024
South Carolina	3,799	2,340	468	6,474
Georgia	4,790	2,040	975	4,725
Florida	90	66	56	95
Kentucky	656	702	179	88
Tennessee	804	324	108	134
Alabama	1,309	792	440	644
Mississippi	815	518	286	416
Arkansas	2,206	2,412	1,980	1,296
Louisiana	296	265	189	230
Oklahoma	471	679	378	507
Texas	1,777	2,400	783	1,189
Idaho	315	353	41	340
Colorado	1,954	2,109	1,219	312
New Mexico	189	172	39	322
Utah	763	778	130	983
Washington	2,387	2,772	135	810
Oregon	657	979	325	528
California, all	30,169	35,211	29,668	35,670
Clingstone 2/	19,010	24,085	19,668	24,544
Freestone	11,159	11,126	10,000	11,126
United States	3/ 71,150	74,818	53,485	70,265

1/For economic abandonment

2/Mainly for canning.

3/United States average includes estimated production for Iowa, Nebraska, Arizona, and Nevada from 1940 through 1946. Estimates of production in these States were discontinued beginning with the 1947 crop.

CARLOT SHIPMENTS PEACHES - 1945-51 BY STATES

CALENDAR YEAR

STATE	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951
Alabama	98	51	42	60	6	5	1
Arkansas	1,554	979	636	805	677	784	66
Calif., N. D.	461	324	202	64	155	228	132
Calif., S. D.	40	29	12	26	15	4	9
Calif., C. D.	2,781	3,678	3,076	3,186	3,239	4,319	3,589
Colorado	3,139	2,458	2,720	2,510	2,650	1,615	456
Delaware	8	7	-	2	8	1	5
Georgia	10,316	6,791	4,457	2,231	1,265	611	3,218
Idaho	300	250	304	221	209	-	236
Illinois	2,378	1,034	1,713	1,082	784	121	2
Indiana	263	68	210	106	70	16	-
Kentucky	169	43	112	89	29	-	-
Louisiana	4	1	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland, E. Shore	3	9	16	-	12	-	-
Maryland, Other	4	35	2	42	5	20	72
Michigan	1,419	865	501	342	93	391	-
Mississippi	-	1	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	12	3	7	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
New Mexico	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEW YORK	140	93	28	6	7	8	3
North Carolina	1,631	1,648	1,078	472	303	27	501
Ohio	37	16	14	6	5	3	3
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	28	63	76	67	81	43	45
Pennsylvania	412	688	347	287	219	227	526
South Carolina	9,106	9,396	8,324	3,715	1,610	249	5,060
Tennessee	126	21	21	14	3	-	-
Texas	82	22	4	-	41	1	18
Utah	728	650	599	572	393	57	792
Virginia	461	1,641	788	331	476	144	671
Washington	767	756	1,012	453	441	-	202
West Virginia	208	133	96	102	32	22	200
TOTAL U. S.	36,678	31,753	26,397	16,791	12,828	8,896	15,809

CARLOT SHIPMENTS OF PEACHES - JULY THROUGH OCTOBER AND TOTALS BY STATES

CALENDAR YEAR 1951

STATE	July	August	September	October	Total
Alabama	-	-	-	-	1
Arkansas	59	3	-	-	66
Calif. N. D.	37	79	7	-	132
Calif. S. D.	-	4	5	-	9
Calif. C. D.	2,353	1,175	37	-	3,589
Colorado	-	266	185	5	456
Delaware	-	5	-	-	5
Georgia	1,443	5	-	-	3,218
Idaho	-	104	132	-	236
Illinois	1	1	-	-	2
Maryland, Other	-	65	7	-	72
New Jersey	-	-	2	-	2
NEW YORK	-	-	2	1	3
North Carolina	248	236	-	-	501
Ohio	-	-	3	-	3
Oregon	-	20	25	-	45
Pennsylvania	-	225	301	-	526
South Carolina	2,942	1,509	-	-	5,060
Texas	13	5	-	-	18
Utah	-	136	656	-	792
Virginia	-	654	17	-	671
Washington	-	88	114	-	202
West Virginia	-	141	59	-	200
TOTAL U. S.	7,096	4,721	1,552	6	15,809

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CARLOT SHIPMENTS AND WESTERN NEW YORK F.O.B. PRICES, SEASON 1951

1951	Carlot shipments			Sales f.o.b. shipping point and/or delivered sales, shipping point basis.	
	N.Y.	Cole.	Total U. S.	Bushel baskets, Elbertas, U. S. No. 1, 2 inch minimum	1 3/4 inch minimum
Sept. 10	0	1	95		
11	0	0	94	2.50-2.75	
12	0	0	71	2.50-2.75	
13	0	1	42	2.50-2.60	1.50-1.60
14	1	0	52	2.50	
Sat. 15	0	0	85		
Sun. 16	0	0	31		
17	0	0	20	2.40-2.50	1.40-1.60
18	0	0	19	2.55-2.65	1.50-1.60
19	0	0	14	2.65-3.00	1.50-1.75
20	0	0	10	2.75-3.00	1.50-1.75
21	0	0	9	2.75-3.00	1.50-1.65
Sat. 22	0	0	10		
Sun. 23	0	0	3		
24	0	0	6	2.50-3.00	1.65-2.00
25	0	0	4	2.75-3.00	
26	0	0	2	2.75-3.00	
27	0	0	2	2.75-3.00	
28	0	0	2	2.75-3.00	
Sat. 29	0	0	1		
Sun. 30	0	0	0		
Oct. 1	0	2	3	2.75-3.00	1.50-1.85
2	0	2	2	2.60-3.00	1.50-1.85
3	0	0	0	2.60-2.75	1.40-1.60
4	0	0	0		

WHOLESALE PRICES OF NEW YORK STATE PEACHES IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

PITTSBURGH		
1951	Bushel Baskets, Elbertas, US#1	
	2" min. & up	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " up
Sept. 10	2.50-2.75	
11	2.50-2.75	
12	2.25-2.65	
13	2.50-2.75	
14	2.25-2.75	1.25
Sat. 15		
Sun. 16		
17	2.25-3.00	
18	2.50-2.75	
19	2.50-3.00	1.75
20	3.00-3.50	2.50
21	3.00-3.25	
Sat. 22		
Sun. 23		
24	2.50-3.25	1.50-2.00
25	2.50-2.75	
26	2.50-2.75	
27	2.50-3.00	1.50-2.00
28		
Sat. 29		
Sun. 30		
Oct. 1	2.25-2.50	1.40-2.00
2		
3	2.50	1.50-1.75
4	2.50-2.75	

NEW YORK CITY		
1951	Bushel Baskets, Elbertas, US#1	
	2" min. & up	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ " min.
Sept. 10		
11		
12	3.00-3.50	1.50
13	2.50-3.50	
14	3.00-3.50	
Sat. 15		
Sun. 16		
17	3.50-4.00	
18	4.00-4.50	
19	3.50-4.50	
20	3.50-4.00	1.50
21		
Sat. 22		
Sun. 23		
24	3.00-3.75	
25	3.00-3.75	
26	3.50-4.50	
27		
28	3.00-4.50	2.50
Sat. 29		
Sun. 30		
Oct. 1		
2	3.50-4.00	2.00
3	3.50-4.00	
4	4.00-4.50	2.00

PHILADELPHIA	
1951	Bushel Baskets, Elbertas, US#1
	2" up
Sept. 10	
11	
12	
13	
14	
Sat. 15	
Sun. 16	
17	3.00-3.25
18	
19	3.00-3.50
20	3.50-3.75
21	
Sat. 22	
Sun. 23	
24	3.50-4.00
25	
26	3.50
27	3.75-4.00
28	
Sat. 29	
Sun. 30	
Oct. 1	
2	
3	
4	