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SUMMARY OF THE 1952 SEASON

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## MARKETING WESTERN NEW YORK PEACHES

### SUMMARY OF THE 1952 SEASON

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 8 through October 6, 1952.

#### UNITED STATES

The 1952 crop totaled 63,746,000 bushels--1 percent less than last year and 8 percent less than average. Production, excluding California clingstones, was 43,619,000 bushels this year--12 percent above last year but 10 percent below average. California clingstones are estimated at 19,127,000 bushels--22 percent less than last year and 2 percent less than average.

Production in the North Atlantic States is estimated at 5,180,000 bushels, and in the South Atlantic States at 10,445,000 bushels--down 13 percent and 24 percent respectively from the large crops of last year. The North Central States, with a crop of 7,122,000 bushels, had more than three times the very short production of 1951 but production was below average. South Central States, at 4,162,000 bushels were 45 percent above last year but 41 percent below average. In the Western States production was 35,837,000 bushels--8 percent below last year and 1 percent below average.

Some small-sized peaches in Georgia and Colorado were not utilized under restrictions of marketing agreements and there was some loss in Michigan following the hot spell in September when peaches ripened faster than they could be marketed. In California, where a marketing agreement was again in effect for clingstone peaches, about 15 percent of the clingstone crop was removed from the trees before maturity. In addition about 5 percent of the harvested production was not used under a minimum size restriction of the marketing agreement. Clingstones are grown mainly for canning.

#### NEW YORK STATE

The production of peaches this season was 5 percent more than during the 10-year (1941-50) average; 1,311,000 bushels as compared with 1,312,000 bushels in 1950, while the 10-year (1941-50) average was 1,247,000 bushels.

Winter injury was much lighter than last season. Trees bloomed satisfactorily resulting in a good set in most sections of the State. Dry weather during most of the growing period resulted in smaller sizes than usual. A considerable portion of the crop this season graded  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " minimum.

Harvesting of the Elberta crop began the first week in September and was completed by the end of the month. Demand and trading was very good for the early varieties. But, by the time the Elberta crop was ready for market, the demand was rather light from the terminal markets. Much of the fruit moved directly to cold storage at harvest time due to the light demand but processors were rather active throughout the season and took some stock from cold storage.

F.o.b. prices this season were somewhat lower than a year ago. This season the f.o.b. market opened in early September with prices ranging from \$2.40-2.75 for US#1, 2" minimum stock and during the remainder of the season ranged from \$2.00-2.65. Last season prices ranged from \$2.40-3.00.  $1\frac{3}{4}$ " minimum stock this season ranged from \$1.10-1.60 as compared with \$1.40-1.85 last season.

The movement by truck continues to increase each season. This year only 2 cars moved by rail, 3 cars in 1951, 8 cars in 1950, 7 cars in 1949, 6 cars in 1948, 28 cars in 1947, 93 cars in 1946, and 140 cars in 1945.

#### PROCESSING

Each season sees an increase in the movement to processors and this year was no exception. Some stock was contracted for before harvest time. But a considerable portion was purchased directly from growers at harvest time, and later out of cold storage. Processors paid mostly around  $2\frac{1}{2}$ -3¢ per pound this season for US#1, Cannery's grade, just about the same as last season.

PRODUCTION OF PEACHES IN THE UNITED STATES, 1952 WITH COMPARISONS

State	Production 1/			
	Average 1941-50	1950	1951	1952
	- Thousand Bushels -			
New Hampshire	10	1	9	6
Massachusetts	54	15	87	53
Rhode Island	13	4	21	15
Connecticut	127	96	148	152
New York	1,247	1,023	1,312	1,311
New Jersey	1,524	1,704	1,992	1,363
Pennsylvania	2,051	2,194	2,352	2,280
Ohio	918	808	907	836
Indiana	507	278	72	472
Illinois	1,787	1,344	224	1,610
Michigan	3,861	4,800	605	3,397
Missouri	613	500	304	673
Kansas	77	117	130	132
Delaware	261	90	148	99
Maryland	499	389	476	415
Virginia	1,458	707	1,771	1,909
West Virginia	531	531	581	574
North Carolina	1,867	324	1,806	1,648
South Carolina	3,226	360	4,980	3,286
Georgia	4,114	810	3,975	2,496
Florida	65	14	24	18
Kentucky	572	116	72	497
Tennessee	707	63	80	450
Alabama	1,036	220	256	585
Mississippi	702	183	255	432
Arkansas	2,027	1,650	1,044	1,539
Louisiana	201	54	63	66
Oklahoma	438	302	413	247
Texas	1,327	472	696	346
Idaho	284	41	350	402
Colorado	1,881	1,219	316	2,053
New Mexico	167	32	270	336
Utah	646	112	800	648
Washington	2,086	135	810	1,624
Oregon	576	250	400	647
California, all	30,698	29,669	35,878	30,127
Clingstone 2/	19,506	19,668	24,544	19,127
Freestone	11,193	10,001	11,334	11,000
United States	3/ 68,186	50,627	63,627	62,746

1/ For economic abandonment.

2/ Mainly for canning.

3/ United States average includes estimated production for Iowa, Nebraska, Arizona, and Nevada from 1941 through 1943. Estimates of production in those States were discontinued beginning with the 1944 crop.

## CARLOT SHIPMENTS PEACHES CALENDAR YEARS 1945-51 BY STATES

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
California, N.D.	461	324	202	64	155	228	132
California, S.D.	40	29	12	26	15	4	9
California, 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.S.	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 CALENDAR YEAR 1952 BY STATES AND MONTHS

State	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	-	-	-	-	6
Arkansas	-	-	-	-	-	-	142	101	-	-	-	-	243
California, N.	-	-	-	-	-	-	73	99	15	3	-	-	190
California, C.	-	-	-	-	-	98	2,974	998	45	-	-	-	4,115
California, S.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1,132	1,198	12	-	-	2,343
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	396	644	189	-	-	-	-	1,229
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	63	144	-	-	-	207
Illinois	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	200	-	-	-	-	200
Indiana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	-	-	-	-	22
Kentucky	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	2
Maryland, Oth.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	2	-	-	-	23
Michigan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120	-	-	-	120
New York	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	4
North Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	1	165	209	-	-	-	-	375
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	37	-	-	-	37
Pennsylvania	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	211	174	-	-	-	385
South Carolina	-	-	-	-	-	105	2,112	646	-	-	-	-	2,863
Tennessee	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	4
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	120	230	-	-	-	350
Virginia, Oth.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	638	1	-	-	-	639
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	87	206	-	-	-	296
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	75	7	-	-	-	82
TOTAL U. S.	-	-	-	-	-	600	6,116	4,823	2,181	17	-	-	13,737

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WESTERN NEW YORK F.O.B. PRICES, SEASON 1952

1952	Sales f.o.b. shipping point and/or delivered sales, shipping point basis.		
	Bushel baskets, Elbertas, US#1		
	2" minimum	1 1/2" minimum	1 1/2" up
Sept. 8	2.40-2.75		
9	2.00-2.25	1.50-1.60	
10	2.00-2.40	1.50-1.60	
11	2.00-2.35	1.25-1.50	
12	2.00-2.25	1.25-1.50	
Sat. 13			
Sun. 14			
15	2.25-2.35	1.25-1.50	
16	2.35-2.50	1.25-1.60	
17	2.25-2.50	1.25-1.60	
18	2.25-2.65	1.20-1.50	
19	2.25-2.50	1.25-1.50	
Sat. 20			
Sun. 21			
22*	2.25-2.65	1.10-1.50	
23	2.25-2.60	1.10-1.60	1.75-1.85
24	2.25-2.60	1.10-1.50	1.60-1.85
25	2.25-2.60	1.10-1.50	1.60-1.85
26	2.25-2.50	1.10-1.50	
Sat. 27			
Sun. 28			
29	2.40-2.50	1.10-1.40	1.50-1.75
30	2.50-2.65	1.10-1.40	
Oct. 1	2.25-2.60	1.10-1.40	
2	2.25-2.50	1.10-1.40	
3	2.00-2.50	1.10-1.40	

\* Beginning September 22 stock from cold storage.

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## WHOLESALE PRICES OF NEW YORK STATE PEACHES IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

NEW YORK CITY			
Elbertas, US#1.			
1952	Eastern boxes	Bushel Baskets	
	2" min. & up	2" up	1 1/2" min. & up
Sept. 8	2.50-3.25		
9	2.50-3.50		
10	3.00-3.50		
11			
12			
Sat. 13			
Sun. 14			
15	3.00-3.25		
16			1.75
17			
18			
19		4.00	
Sat. 20			
Sun. 21			
22		4.25-4.50	
23		4.00	2.50
24	3.50-3.75	4.00-5.00	
25			
26		4.00-4.50	1.75-2.25
Sat. 27			
Sun. 28			
29			
30	4.00	4.00-4.50	2.50-2.75
Oct. 1		3.50-4.50	2.50
2		3.75-4.00	2.75
3		3.50-4.25	2.75

PHILADELPHIA			PITTSBURGH		
1952	Bushel Baskets, US#1.		Elbertas, US#1.		
	Elbertas		Bushel Baskets		Eastern Boxes
	2" min. & up		2" min. & up	1 1/2" up	2" min. & up
Sept. 8			2.50-2.75		
9			2.00-2.50		
10	3.00-3.25		2.00-2.75		
11			2.50-2.75	1.40-1.50	
12	3.25-3.50		2.50-2.75		
Sat. 13					
Sun. 14					
15	3.00-4.00		2.25-3.00	1.50-1.75	3.25-3.50
16	3.00-3.50			1.25-1.50	
17	3.50		2.75-3.50	2.00	
18	3.00-4.00		3.00-3.50		3.25
19	3.00-3.50		3.00	2.00	
Sat. 20					
Sun. 21					
22	3.50-4.25		2.50-3.25	1.75	3.50-3.75
23					
24	4.25-4.50		2.50-3.00	1.50	
25	4.00-4.25		2.50-3.00		3.50
26	3.50-4.00		2.50-3.00	1.50-1.75	
Sat. 27					
Sun. 28					
29				1.75	
30			3.00-3.25	1.65-2.00	
Oct. 1				1.50-2.00	
2				1.50-1.75	
3	3.00-3.25				