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Daily market reports on pears were issued from the Rochester office of the Federal-State Market News Service, 300 Terminal Building, Rochester 4, New York, from September 11, through October 30, 1946.

THE NATIONAL SITUATION

The pear production in 1946 was a record high of 35,488,000 bushels -- 4 percent more than the previous record last year and 22 percent larger than average. The Western States, which usually produce about three-fourths of the Nation's pears, had a total crop 1 percent larger than last year and 35 percent above average. For the rest of the country, production was 20 percent above the short crop of last year but 11 percent below average.

In the three Pacific Coast States, Bartletts totaled 20,209,000 bushels -- 1 percent less than last year but 33 percent above average. Production of other varieties in these States was a record high of 7,803,000 bushels -- 10 percent above 1945 and 45 percent above average. Production of Anjous was very heavy in both the Hood River and Rogue River Valleys of Oregon, while the Bosc crop was about the same as in 1945 in both of these important areas.

THE STATE SITUATION

Nominally, New York State is the leading pear producing state in the east. This year's production was estimated at 656,000 bushels, about 62 percent of the ten year (1935-44) average of 1,025,000 bushels. The crop proved to be disappointing in most areas of the State. Trees bloomed very heavily but the set was light, particularly in the Lake Ontario area. In the Hudson Valley conditions were generally better than the other sections of the State. By varieties, the Bartlett crop was the shortest and the Kieffer crop the best this season. Weather conditions during September were favorable and harvesting was completed in an orderly manner.

F.o.b. sales this season started around September 10, when bushel baskets of U.S. No. 1, 2 inch minimum, Bartletts sold from \$3.75-4.00 and held within the range of \$3.50-4.00 until mid-October. 1/2 bushel baskets of Seckels, U.S. No. 1, 1 1/2 inch minimum \$1.75-2.25 throughout the marketing period.

The movement by rail this season was 80 cars. Although there are no official figures on the movement by truck, the trade estimated approximately 75 percent of the production moved by truck to market and to processors.

PROCESSING

The demand from the processors was very good through-out the season and they used the bulk of the Bartlett crop, paying from 3 1/2 to 5 cents, mostly around 4 cents per pound. Some complaints were heard about the quality of the Bartlett crop because of worms etc and inasmuch as the greater portion of this crop is usually taken by the canners it would be well for growers to exert every effort possible to produce a good clean crop both for market and processing.

PRODUCTION OF PEARS IN THE UNITED STATES, 1946 WITH COMPARISONS

State	PRODUCTION 1/			
	Average 1935-44	1944	1945	1946
	Thousand bushels.			
Maine	7	10	1	5
N. H.	9	10	1	7
Vt.	3	3	2/	1
Mass.	54	48	10	29
R.I.	7	7	3	6
Conn.	67	77	37	67
N. Y.	1,025	1,157	272	656
N. J.	58	52	37	41
Pa.	482	464	120	318
Ohio	454	373	238	141
Ind.	231	157	146	134
Ill.	472	335	354	270
Mich.	1,109	1,193	178	1,032
Iowa	100	55	58	80
Mo.	330	175	370	275
Nebr.	24	10	12	27
Kans.	120	63	124	122
Del.	7	7	3	3
Md.	57	52	23	17
Va.	367	428	61	378
W. Va.	85	132	18	90
N. C.	324	354	360	390
S. C.	134	160	191	158
Ga.	359	500	502	454
Fla.	139	176	157	174
Ky.	209	135	248	182
Tenn.	264	188	467	226
Ala.	282	312	416	343
Miss.	349	354	401	389
Ark.	172	228	231	218
La.	171	245	228	235
Okla.	140	96	203	168
Tex.	421	502	496	503
Idaho	60	69	59	64
Colo.	190	157	282	87
N. Mex.	47	50	54	53
Ariz.	10	10	5	12
Utah	135	170	223	115
Nev.	4	6	4	6
Wash., all	6,612	8,665	7,770	9,090
Bartlett	4,736	6,885	5,800	6,750
Other	1,877	1,780	1,970	2,340
Oregon, all	3,893	4,354	5,439	6,005
Bartlett	1,617	1,794	2,250	2,292
Other	2,275	2,560	3,189	3,713
Calif., all	10,017	10,417	14,209	12,917
Bartlett	8,805	9,167	12,292	11,167
Other	1,212	1,250	1,917	1,750
U. S.	29,002	31,956	34,011	35,488

1/For some States in certain years, production includes some quantities unharvested on account of economic conditions. In 1944 and 1945 estimates of such quantities were as follows (1,000 bu) 1944 N. Y. 23, Pa. 10; Ohio 10; Wash. Bartlett, 287; Calif. Bartlett 125; 1945 Wash. Bartlett, 400 Oreg. Bartlett 40; Calif. Bartlett 333.2/

**PEARS - CARLOT SHIPMENTS IN 1946**  
**BY STATES & MONTHS**

STATE	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Calif. N.D.	12	8	8	1	-	20	1226	2347	642	124	92	20	4500
Calif. S.D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	-	-	7
Calif. C.D.	41	11	15	1	-	-	40	375	267	79	236	136	1201
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	23	2	1	-	44
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	8	-	-	-	26
Illinois	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	1	-	-	30
Kansas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Michigan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	36	30	4	-	-	70
New York	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	20	39	17	2	80
Ohio	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Oregon	299	389	185	143	-	-	-	333	1981	1401	593	713	6037
Texas	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	4
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	73	13	-	-	-	86
Washington	264	140	49	-	-	-	9	1855	1824	2430	727	640	7938
Wisconsin	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	2
TOTAL U. S.	616	548	258	145	-	20	1277	5058	4840	4086	1666	1513	20027
<b>IMPORTS</b>													
Argentina	-	200	12	145	14	167	-	-	-	-	-	-	538
Australia	-	-	10	-	-	47	21	-	-	-	-	-	78
Canada	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Chili	-	-	-	-	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	7
<b>TRUCK SHIPMENTS (Incomplete)</b>													
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	30	10	2	-	-	42
Subject to revision	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

**CARLOT SHIPMENTS OF PEARS, CALENDER YEARS 1940 to 1946 inc.**

STATES	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calif. N. D.	4,641	4,120	3,949	6,208	3,814	5,955	4,500
Calif. S. D.	1	3	6	29	6	5	7
Calif. C. D.	1,073	334	475	915	794	1,355	1,201
Colorado	84	114	83	264	63	327	44
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	20	17	12	-	9	10	-
Illinois	267	332	360	2	27	23	26
Indiana	-	-	-	108	144	61	30
Iowa	1	5	1	-	-	-	-
Kansas	2	-	4	-	1	-	-
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	6	1
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mississippi	2	-	5	-	-	-	-
Michigan	42	113	87	37	1	-	-
Missouri	4	-	4	9	194	10	70
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEW YORK	251	53	493	120	343	35	80
Ohio	7	6	19	7	16	6	1
Oregon	4,482	3,445	4,007	3,191	3,566	5,114	6,037
Texas	12	-	4	4	-	4	4
Utah	27	28	4	134	107	231	86
Washington	4,602	5,959	5,589	4,530	7,153	6,507	7,938
West Virginia	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL U. S.	15,519	14,531	15,105	15,558	16,238	19,652	20,027
Includes 1/	1,202	2/	149	cars for emergency relief.			
3/	Includes 3787 cars for manufacture.						
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CARLOT SHIPMENTS AND SHIPPING POINT PRICES, NEW YORK PEARS SEASON OF 1946

1946	Carlot Shipments			Delivered sales, shipping point basis & sales f.o.b. shipping pt.		
	N.Y.	Mich.	Total U.S.	Bushel Baskets US#1, 2" minimum Bartletts	Bushel Baskets US#1, 1½" minimum Seckels	1/2 Bushel Baskets US#1, 1½" minimum Seckels
Sept.						
10	1	-	152	3.85		2.00-2.25
11	1	1	137	3.75-4.00		2.00-2.25
12	-	-	141	3.75-4.00		2.00-2.25
13	1	-	185	3.50-4.00		2.00
14	4	-	183			
15	-	-	72			
16	1	1	163	3.50-4.00		2.00-2.25
17	1	-	183	3.50-4.00		1.75-2.00
18	2	2	180	3.50-4.00		2.00
19	1	-	131	3.50-4.00		1.75-2.25
20	1	-	165	3.45-4.00		1.75-2.25
21	1	1	158			
22	-	-	59			
23	1	-	173	4.00		
24	-	1	155			1.75-2.00
25	-	-	201	4.00		1.90-2.00
26	1	-	121	4.00		1.90-2.00
27	-	-	162			
28	1	-	148			
29	-	-	36			
30	-	-	164			2.00
Oct.						
1	-	-	172		4.00	
2	1	-	180			
3	-	1	158			
4	-	-	198			
5	2	-	169			
6	-	-	23			
7	5	-	208			
8	5	-	196			
9	2	1	183			
10	1	-	176	3.50-3.75		
11	-	-	135			

