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Daily market reports on pears were issued from the Rochester Office of the Federal State Market News Service from September 4 through October 17, 1947. The information contained in this summary was obtained from these reports and from information released by the Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture and from the State Agricultural Statistician, Albany, New York.

UNITED STATES

The production of pears in the United States during 1947 was a record large crop for the third successive year. It exceeded the 1946 crop by 3 percent and the 10-year average (1936-45) by 20 percent. This year the total production was estimated at 35,350,000 bushels as compared with 34,447,000 bushels in 1946; 33,042,000 bushels in 1945 and the 10-year average (1936-45) of 29,510,000 bushels. The three Pacific Coast States, Washington, Oregon and California produced a total of 28,280,000 bushels or 80 percent of the total United States crop. The Bartlett crop in these three States totaled 20,340,000 bushels in 1947 as compared with 20,253,000 bushels in 1946.

NEW YORK STATE

New York State continues to be the leading pear producing State in the East and fourth in the country exceeded only by Washington, Oregon and California. The estimated production during 1947 was 960,000 bushels as compared with 693,000 bushels in 1946; 288,000 bushels in 1945 and the 10-year average (1936-45) of 975,000 bushels.

The bloom was comparatively heavy on pears this season but there were only short periods of weather favorable for pollination, therefore, the set was somewhat irregular in the different sections of Western and Central New York. With more favorable weather after blossom time, the crop turned out better than earlier expectations, particularly the Bartletts in the Lake Ontario area. The fruit was clean but the cause of excessively hot weather in the first half of September ripened the fruit earlier than was expected causing a considerable portion of the Bartlett crop to be of smaller sizes than usual. F.o.b. sales on bushel baskets of Bartletts, U. S. No. 1, 2 inch minimum held fairly steady throughout the marketing period ranging mostly from \$3.00-3.25 which was somewhat lower than the previous year when prices ranged from \$3.45-4.00. Half bushel baskets, Seckels, 1 1/2 inch minimum ranged from \$1.75-2.10 this season.

Approximately 75 percent of this year's crop moved to market and processors by truck. The rail movement this season was 171 cars as compared with 80 cars during 1946.

PROCESSING

The movement to processors was somewhat lighter than usual because of the light demand for processed pears. Processors paid growers mostly 2 1/2-3 cents per pound this season although in a few cases slightly higher and lower prices were reported.

PRODUCTION OF PEARS IN THE UNITED STATES, 1947 WITH COMPARISONS

STATE	PRODUCTION 1/			
	Average 1936-45	1945	1946	1947
	Thousand bushels			
Maine	7	1	7	9
N. H.	8	1	8	13
Vt.	3	27	1	5
Mass.	52	15	44	73
R. I.	6	3	6	6
Conn.	58	24	42	48
N. Y.	975	288	693	960
N. J.	46	22	23	20
Pa.	430	130	345	262
Ohio	386	192	135	229
Ind.	198	159	142	154
Ill.	427	354	270	402
Mich.	976	140	696	564
Iowa	91	58	81	76
Mo.	260	222	148	216
Nebr.	21	12	27	27
Kans.	100	94	90	99
Del.	6	3	3	4
Md.	56	33	25	51
Va.	328	61	353	280
W. Va.	90	18	104	46
N. C.	298	233	299	298
S. C.	132	157	126	127
Ga.	380	454	396	385
Fla.	153	186	207	194
Ky.	188	163	115	134
Tenn.	230	240	120	183
Ala.	306	416	343	288
Miss.	354	351	347	350
Ark.	166	204	195	204
La.	183	228	235	207
Okla.	141	203	157	209
Tex.	389	407	407	402
Idaho	60	59	64	70
Colo.	192	282	87	232
N. Mex.	45	46	48	31
Ariz.	10	5	9	3
Utah	151	223	115	205
Nev.	4	4	6	4
Washington, all	6,780	7,770	8,890	8,305
Bartlett	4,905	5,800	6,750	6,156
Other	1,876	1,970	2,140	2,149
Oregon, all	4,074	5,372	6,120	5,724
Bartlett	1,700	2,250	2,335	1,975
Other	2,374	3,122	3,785	3,749
California, all	10,751	14,209	12,918	14,251
Bartlett	9,421	12,292	11,168	12,209
Other	1,329	1,917	1,750	2,042
U. S.	29,510	33,042	34,447	35,350

1/ For some States in certain years, production includes some quantities unharvested on account of economic conditions. In 1945 and 1947, estimates of such quantities were as follows (1,000 bu.): 1945-Washington Bartlett, 400; Oregon Bartlett, 40; California Bartlett, 333; 1947-New York, 19.

2/ Production less than 1,000 bushels.

PEARS - CARLOT SHIPMENTS, JULY THRU NOV. 1947

STATE	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.
Calif., N. Dist.	2392	1912	296	46	13
Calif., C. Dist.	168	429	236	129	136
Calif. (Boat)	2	2	2	1	-
Colorado	-	98	80	21	1
Idaho	-	20	3	-	-
Illinois	-	-	44	23	2
Michigan	-	-	17	13	-
<u>NEW YORK</u>	-	9	102	44	16
Ohio	-	-	-	2	-
Oregon	-	775	1759	618	378
Texas	-	1	-	-	-
Utah	4	95	88	2	-
Washington	203	1793	2416	1144	493
TOTAL U. S.	2769	5134	5043	2043	1039

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CARLOT SHIPMENTS OF PEARS, CALENDER YEARS 1941 to 1947 inc.

STATES	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calif, N.D.	4,120	3,949	6,208	3,814	5,955	4,500	4,739
Calif, S.D.	3	6	29	6	5	7	-
Calif, C.D.	334	475	915	794	1,355	1,201	1,219
Colorado	114	83	264	63	327	44	200
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	-	-	-	9	10	-	-
Idaho	17	12	2	27	23	26	23
Illinois	332	360	108	144	61	30	69
Indiana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iowa	5	1	-	1	-	-	1
Kansas	-	4	-	-	6	1	-
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mississippi	-	5	-	1	-	-	-
Michigan	113	87	37	194	10	70	31
Missouri	-	4	9	-	3	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>NEW YORK</u>	53	493	120	343	35	80	171
Ohio	6	19	7	16	6	1	2
Oregon	3,445	4,007	3,191	3,566	5,114	6,037	5,514
Texas	-	4	4	-	4	4	1
Utah	28	4	134	107	231	86	189
Washington	5,959	5,589	4,530	7,153	6,507	7,938	6,609
West Virginia	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	-	-	-	-	2	2	-
TOTAL U. S.	14,531	15,105	15,558	16,238	19,652	20,027	18,776*
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- 1/ Includes 149 cars for emergency relief.
- 2/ Includes 3787 cars for manufacture.
- 3/ Includes 2569 cars for manufacture.
- 4/ Includes 3213 cars for manufacture.
- * Includes 8 cars Calif. (Boat).

CARLOT SHIPMENTS AND SHIPPING POINT PRICES NEW YORK PEARS SEASON OF 1947

1947	Carlot shipments			Delivered sales, shipping pt. basis & sales f.o.b. shipping pt.				
	N.Y.	Mich.	Total U.S.	Bushel baskets, U.S. No. 1 Clapp Favorites 2" min.	Bushel baskets, U.S. No. 1 Bartletts 1 3/4" min.	Bushel baskets, U.S. No. 1 Bartletts 2" min.	Bushel baskets, U.S. Comb. grade 2" min.	1/2 bu. bskts. U.S. No. 1 Seckels 1 1/2" minimum
Sept. 3	1	-	215	2.00-2.25				
4	4	-	190					
5	4	-	198					
Sat. 6	9	-	265			3.00	2.25	
Sun. 7	-	-	31					
8	1	-	140			3.00-3.25	2.25-2.50	
9	5	-	242		2.25	3.00-3.25		1.75-2.00
10	5	-	106			3.00-3.50		1.75-2.00
11	8	-	218			3.00-3.25		1.75-2.00
12	1	-	240			3.00-3.25		
Sat. 13	1	-	313					2.00
Sun. 14	-	-	33					1 3/4" up
15	2	-	161			3.00-3.25		1.60-2.00
16	7	-	97			3.00-3.25		2.00
17	6	-	195	2.00-2.25		3.00-3.25		1.75-2.00
18	-	-	209			3.00-3.25	1.75-2.25	1.75-2.00
19	3	6	188			3.15-3.25		1.75-2.10
Sat. 20	5	1	178					
Sun. 21	-	-	59					
22	1	2	198			3.10-3.25		1.75-2.00
23	5	-	164	1.50-2.00		3.15-3.50		1.75-2.00
24	2	-	192			3.00-3.25		1.75-2.00
25	1	1	204					
26	3	1	157			3.00		1.75-2.00
Sat. 27	3	1	170					
Sun. 28	-	-	50					
29	1	-	161			3.00		2.00
30	1	-	166			3.00-3.25		2.00
Oct. 1	2	1	116			3.00-3.25		
2	-	-	154			3.00-3.25		
3	1	-	122			3.00-3.25		Bu. bskts. 1 1/2" min.
Sat. 4	1	-	103					2.00
Sun. 5	-	-	36					
6	1	-	82			3.00-3.25		1.75-2.00
7	1	-	92			3.00-3.25		
8	1	-	102			3.00-3.25	3.25	
9	1	-	89			3.00-3.25		1.75
10	-	-	91			3.00-3.25		
Sat. 11	-	-	104					Bu. bskts. 2" min.
Sun. 12	-	-	33					U.S. No. 1 Kiefers
13	1	-	64					1.75
14	3	-	64					2.00
15	-	2	51			3.25		2.00
16	3	1	43					

WHOLESALE PRICES NEW YORK STATE PEARS IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

NEW YORK CITY

1947	Bushel baskets			1/2 Bushel baskets		
	Bartletts	Clapp Favorites	Seckels	Bartletts	Clapp Favorites	Seckels
Sept. 3	2.00-2.75	2.50-3.25	2.50	1.25	1.25	1.00-1.75
4	2.00-3.00	2.50-3.25	2.00	1.25-1.50		1.25-1.75
5	2.50-3.00	2.50-3.00	2.00-2.50	1.25-1.75		1.25-2.00
Sat. 6						
Sun. 7						
8	2.50-3.50	2.50-3.00			1.25-1.35	1.00-2.00
9	2.25	3.00				
10	2.00-3.00	3.00				
11	2.00-3.00	2.75-3.00				
12		2.50-3.00				
Sat. 13						
Sun. 14						
15	2.25-3.00		3.50			
16	2.75-3.25					
17	2.50-3.00	2.50-3.00				2.00
18	3.00-3.50	3.00-3.25				
19	2.50-3.50	3.25				1.75-2.00
Sat. 20						
Sun. 21						
22	2.75-3.50	3.25-3.50	3.00-4.00			
23						
24						
25	3.00-4.00	3.50	3.50-5.50			2.00-2.50
26	3.50-4.00		3.25-5.00			1.75
Sat. 27						
Sun. 28						
29	3.25-4.00		4.00			2.25-2.50
30	3.00-4.00		4.00			2.00-2.50
Oct. 1	3.50-3.75		4.00			2.00
2	3.75-4.00					2.00-2.50
3	3.75-4.00		4.00-4.50			2.25-2.50
Sat. 4						
Sun. 5						
6	3.00-3.75		3.50-5.00			2.00-2.25
7			3.00-3.75			2.00-2.25
8						1.75-2.25
9						1.75-2.25
10			4.00-4.50			1.50-2.25
Sat. 11						
Sun. 12						
13						
14			4.00-4.50			2.00-2.25
15			3.50-4.50			
16						2.25-2.50

WHOLESALE PRICES NEW YORK STATE PEARS IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

PHILADELPHIA

1947	Bushel baskets		1/2 bushel baskets, Seckels, U.S. No. 1		
	Clapp Favorites	Bartletts	1 1/2" min.	1 3/4" min.	2" min.
Sept. 3					
4	2.50-3.00	2.50-3.50	1.75	2.00	2.25
5	2.25-3.00	1.25-3.00	1.25-1.50	2.00	
Sat. 6					
Sun. 7					
8	2.25-2.75	2.50-3.50	2.25	3.00	
9	2.00-2.50	2.50	2.25	3.00	
10	2.50	2.75	2.25	3.00	3.50
11	2.75	2.75-3.50	2.25	2.75-3.00	3.50
12	2.50	2.00-2.75	2.00-2.25	2.75-3.00	3.00-3.50
Sat. 13					
Sun. 14					
15	2.00-2.50	3.00-3.50	2.25	2.75	3.00
16	2.50	2.75	2.25	2.75	3.00-3.25
17	2.50-3.00	3.25-3.75	2.00-2.25	2.25-2.75	3.00
18	3.25	3.50	1.75-2.25	2.25-2.75	3.00
19	2.75-3.00	3.25-3.75			
Sat. 20					
Sun. 21					
22	2.50-3.00	3.00-3.75	2.00-2.25	2.25-2.75	3.00-3.25
23	2.50	3.75	2.00-2.25	1.75-2.75	3.00-3.25
24			2.00-2.25	1.75-2.75	3.00
25		3.50-3.75	2.00-2.25	1.75-2.75	3.00
26	2.50	3.50-3.75		2.25-2.75	3.00
Sat. 27					
Sun. 28					
29		3.00-3.75		2.25-2.75	3.00
30		3.00-3.50	1.75-2.25	2.25-2.75	3.00
Oct. 1			1.75-2.00	2.25-2.50	3.00
2					2.25-2.50
3		2.50-2.75		2.00-2.50	3.00
Sat. 4					
Sun. 5					
6		2.50-3.00	2.25	2.25-2.50	
7			1.75-2.00	2.50-2.75	2.75-3.00
8		2.25	1.75-2.00	2.25	
9		2.00-3.50			
10					
Sat. 11					
Sun. 12					
13					
14		2.25-3.25	1.75-2.00	2.00-2.50	2.50
15			1.50-2.25	2.25-2.50	3.25
16		3.50-3.75	1.50-1.75	2.50	

WHOLESALE PRICES NEW YORK STATE PEARS IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

1947		BALTIMORE		
		Bushel baskets		1/2 bushel baskets
		Clapp Favorites	Bartletts	Seckels
		US#1, 2" and 2" min.	US#1, 2" and 2" min.	US#1, 1 1/2" min. & 1 3/4" up
Sept.	3	2.25-2.50		
	4		2.00-2.35	
	5			
Sat.	6			
Sun.	7			
	8	3.25-3.50	4.00	
	9			
	10		3.50-4.00	2.50
	11	3.25	3.50-4.00	2.25-2.50
	12		3.50	
Sat.	13			
Sun.	14			
	15		3.25-3.50	
	16		3.25-3.50	2.25
	17		3.50	2.00
	18	3.25	3.50	2.00-2.25
	19	3.25		2.25
Sat.	20			
Sun.	21			
	22	2.75-3.25	3.00-3.25	2.00-2.40
	23	3.25	3.50	2.00-2.25
	24			
	25			2.00-2.50
	26		3.00-3.50	2.25-2.50
Sat.	27			
Sun.	28			
	29		3.00-3.75	1.50-2.25
	30		2.50-3.50	1.50-2.25
Oct.	1			
	2		3.75	
	3			
Sat.	4			
Sun.	5			
	6		3.25-3.50	2.00-2.75
	7			2.25-2.75
	8			
	9		2.50	2.00-2.25
	10			
Sat.	11			
Sun.	12			
	13			2.00-2.25
	14		2.75-3.00	1.50-2.00
	15		2.50-2.75	1.00-1.50
	16			