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Daily Market Reports on pears were issued from the Rochester Office of the Federal-State Market News Service from September 14 through October 11, 1948. The information contained in this summary was obtained principally from these reports and from releases by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, United States Department of Agriculture, Washington and from the Office of the State Statistician in Albany.

UNITED STATES

The total pear crop is estimated at 26,399,000 bushels, 25 percent less than last year and 13 percent less than average. Bartletts in the three Pacific Coast States totaled 15,135,000 bushels, 26 percent less than last year and 9 percent less than average. The Bartlett crops are down from last year by about a third in Washington, a fourth in California and about a tenth in Oregon. The Pacific Coast fall and winter pear crop is placed at 5,957,000 bushels, 25 percent less than last year, but 2 percent above average. Production of winter pears by States is 1,775,000 bushels in Washington, 2,932,000 bushels for Oregon and 1,250,000 bushels for California. These estimates compared with last year are 17 percent less for Washington, 22 percent less for Oregon, and 39 percent less for California. For the States other than Pacific Coast States, pear production totaled 5,307,000 bushels, 23 percent less than last year and 32 percent less than average.

NEW YORK STATE

In the eastern section of the country, New York State which ordinarily is in the lead in the production of pears, was exceeded this year by Georgia but only by a slight 1,000 bushels. New York State ranked fifth in the production this season exceeded only by the states of Washington, Oregon, California and Georgia. The production this season was estimated at 384,000 bushels as compared with 960,000 bushels in 1947 while the 10-year average (1937-46) for the State was 946,000 bushels.

The cool, wet weather during May resulted in spotted pollination which caused the set of fruit to vary from orchard to orchard. Frequent rains interfered with growers spraying making control of scab and other fungus diseases most difficult in New York State orchards. By the 1st of July, it was quite evident that the set was much lighter than had been anticipated in many orchards. Sockels and Kieffers had only light prospects but were better than the early varieties. Harvesting of the short crop was about completed by mid-October.

F.o.b. prices at western and central New York shipping points on bushel baskets of Bartletts, US#1, 2 inch up ranged from \$4.00-4.50 throughout the season from September 13 through October 5, as compared with \$3.00-3.50 during the previous season. Half bushel baskets of Sockels, US#1, 2½ inch minimum ranged from \$1.60-2.00 this season as compared with \$1.75-2.10 last season.

PROCESSING

Approximately 75-80 percent of this year's crop moved to market and processors by truck. Only 10 cars moved by rail during the season. Processors paid mostly around 4½¢ to 5½¢ per pound this season.

PRODUCTION OF PEARS IN THE UNITED STATES, 1948 WITH COMPARISONS

State	Production 1/			
	Average 1937-46	1946	1947	1948
	Thousand bushels			
Massachusetts	49	44	73	38
Connecticut	56	42	48	34
New York	946	693	960	384
Pennsylvania	415	345	262	255
Ohio	368	135	229	178
Indiana	198	142	154	142
Illinois	431	270	402	330
Michigan	916	696	650	336
Missouri	266	148	216	170
Kansas	106	90	99	135
Virginia	327	353	280	252
West Virginia	99	104	46	90
North Carolina	302	299	298	209
South Carolina	132	126	127	108
Georgia	379	396	385	385
Florida	158	207	194	214
Kentucky	193	115	134	118
Tennessee	223	120	183	86
Alabama	306	343	288	288
Mississippi	342	347	350	360
Arkansas	177	195	204	236
Louisiana	187	235	207	240
Oklahoma	156	157	209	142
Texas	394	407	402	236
Idaho	60	64	70	61
Colorado	179	87	232	140
Utah	149	115	205	140
Washington, all	7,056	8,890	8,305	5,933
Bartlett	5,156	6,750	6,156	4,158
Other	1,900	2,140	2,149	1,775
Oregon, all	4,314	6,120	5,724	4,741
Bartlett	1,775	2,335	1,975	1,809
Other	2,539	3,785	3,749	2,932
California, all	11,038	12,918	14,376	10,418
Bartlett	9,663	11,168	12,334	9,168
Other	1,375	1,750	2,042	1,250
Other States 2/	300	244	---	---
U.S.	30,222	34,447	35,312	26,399

1/ For some States in certain years, production includes some quantities unharvested on account of economic conditions. In 1947, estimates of such quantities were as follows (1,000 bushels): New York 19; Illinois 30; Washington, Bartlett 185; Other 86.

2/ "Other States" totals include Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Iowa, Nebraska, Delaware, Maryland, New Mexico, Arizona, and Nevada. Estimates of pear production for those States discontinued beginning with the 1947 crop.

CARLOT SHIPMENTS OF PEARS -- JULY THRU OCTOBER 1948 AND TOTALS
BY STATES CALENDAR YEAR 1948

STATE	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	1948 Total
Calif. N. Dist.	103	483	654	208	1471
Calif. C. Dist.	--	24	53	50	291
Colorado	--	45	59	22	126
Idaho	--	3	14	--	17
Illinois	--	2	29	13	44
Kansas	--	--	--	1	1
Michigan	--	1	--	--	1
Missouri	--	--	1	--	1
New York	--	--	6	4	10
Oregon	--	12	1036	1171	5326
Texas	1	1	--	--	2
Utah	--	22	59	1	82
Washington	--	227	1497	1313	4474
TOTAL U. S.	104	820	3408	2783	1/ 11846

1/ Includes 103 cars USDA Govt. Purchases.

CARLOT SHIPMENTS OF PEARS, CALENDAR YEARS 1942 to 1948 inc.

STATES	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948
Alabama	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Calif, N. D.	3,949	6,208	3,814	5,955	4,500	4,739	1,471
Calif, S. D.	6	29	6	5	7	--	--
Calif, C. D.	475	915	794	1,355	1,201	1,219	291
Colorado	83	264	63	327	44	200	126
Delaware	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Florida	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Georgia	--	--	9	10	--	--	--
Idaho	12	2	27	23	26	23	17
Illinois	360	108	144	61	30	69	44
Indiana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Iowa	1	--	1	--	--	1	--
Kansas	4	--	--	6	1	--	1
Louisiana	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Maryland	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Mississippi	5	--	1	--	--	--	--
Michigan	87	37	194	10	70	31	1
Missouri	4	9	--	3	--	--	1
Nebraska	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
New Mexico	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
NEW YORK	493	120	343	35	80	171	10
Ohio	19	7	16	6	1	2	--
Oregon	4,007	3,191	3,566	5,114	6,037	5,514	5326
Texas	4	4	--	4	4	1	2
Utah	4	134	107	231	86	189	82
Washington	5,589	4,530	7,153	6,507	7,938	6,609	4474
West Virginia	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Wisconsin	--	--	--	2	2	--	--
TOTAL US	15,105 1/	15,558 2/	16,238 3/	19,652	20,027	18,776 4/	11,846 5/

- 1/ Includes 3787 cars for manufacture.
 2/ Includes 2569 cars for manufacture.
 3/ Includes 3213 cars for manufacture.
 4/ Includes 8 cars Calif. (boat).
 5/ Includes 103 cars USDA Govt. Purchases

CARLOT SHIPMENTS AND SHIPPING POINT PRICES NEW YORK PEAR SEASON OF 1948

1948	Carlot Shipments			Delivered sales, shipping point basis and sales f.o.b. shipping point.			
	N.Y.	Mich.	Total U.S.	Bushel baskets, U.S. No. 1,		1/2 bushel baskets, U.S. No. 1.	
				Bartlett's 2 inch up		Seckels 1 1/2" min.	1 1/4" min.
Sept. 13	1	--	131	4.00-4.50			
14	2	--	160	4.00-4.50			
15	--	--	128	4.00-4.50		1.75-1.80	1.50
16	1	--	152	4.00-4.50		1.65-1.80	1.40-1.50
17	--	--	139	4.00-4.50		1.60-1.80	1.40-1.60
Sat. 18	1	--	142				
Sun. 19	--	--	33				
20	2	--	115	4.00-4.50			
21	2	--	130	4.00-4.50		1.75-2.00	1.50-1.60
22	--	--	141	4.00-4.50		1.75-2.00	1.50-1.60
23	1	--	124	4.50		1.75-2.00	
24	--	--	127	4.50		1.75-2.00	
Sat. 25	--	--	139				
Sun. 26	--	--	33				
27	--	--	112	4.50		1.60-1.75	
28	--	--	130	4.50		1.75-2.00	
29	--	--	135	4.50		1.75-2.00	
30	--	--	156	4.50			
Oct. 1	--	--	131				
Sat. 2	--	--	148				
Sun. 3	--	--	69				
4	--	--	128				
5	--	--	161	4.50			
6	--	--	128				
7	--	--	160				
8	--	--	137				

WHOLESALE PRICES NEW YORK STATE PEARS IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

PITTSBURGH

1948	Bushel baskets			1/2 Bushel baskets		
	Bartletts 2 inch up 2 inch min.	Clapp Favorites 2 inch up	Seckels, no grade or size marks, medium	Seckels, US#1, 1 1/2 inch min.	Seckels, no grade or size marks, medium	Seckels, US#1, 1 1/2 inch min.
Sept. 13		4.00-4.25				
14						
15	4.25-4.50					
16		4.00-4.25	2.25-2.50			
17	4.50		3.50		2.25-2.50	
Sat. 18						
Sun. 19						
20			3.75-4.00		2.25	2.00-2.25
21			4.50-4.75		2.00-2.25	
22			4.00-4.50		1.50-2.00	
23						
24						
Sat. 25		Bartletts	Sheldons,			
Sun. 26		US#1, 1 3/4	US#1, 2			
27		inch min.	inch min.			1.90-2.00
28	4.50	4.50-4.75	3.25	3.75		
29			3.25-3.50	3.75		
30	4.25-4.50			3.75		1.90-2.00
Oct. 1	4.25-4.50					
Sat. 2						
Sun. 3						
4						
5						
6						
7						
8						

BALTIMORE

1948	Bushel baskets			1/2 bushel baskets	
	Bartletts, no grade marks, or size	Seckels, 1 1/2" min.	Seckels, 1 1/4 inch 1 1/4 inch up	Seckels, U.S.#1, 1 1/2" up, 1 1/2" min.	
Sept. 13	3.50-4.50			2.25-3.00	
14	2.50-3.00				
15	2.50-3.75				
16				2.00-2.25	
17	4.50	3.50-4.00		2.25-2.50	
Sat. 18					
Sun. 19					
20	2.00-2.50			2.00-2.25	
21				2.00-2.25	
22		3.50-4.00		2.00-2.25	
23				2.00-2.25	
24			2.50-3.00	2.00-2.25	
Sat. 25			2.50-3.00		
Sun. 26					
27			2.50	2.00-2.25	
28					
29				2.25	
30					
Oct. 1				2.25	
Sat. 2					
Sun. 3					
4					
5					
6					
7					
8		4.00		2.25	

WHOLESALE PRICES NEW YORK STATE PEARS IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

		PHILADELPHIA				Seckels, U.S. No. 1	
		1/2 bushel baskets, Seckels, U.S. No. 1				1 bushel baskets, Seckels, U.S. No. 1	
1948		2 3/4" min.	1 1/2" min.	2" min.	1 3/4" min.	1 3/4" min.	1 1/2" up, 1 1/2" min.
Sept.	13		2.00-2.25	3.50	2.75-3.00		3.25-3.50
	14		1.75-2.00	3.25-3.50	2.75-3.00		
	15	2.50-2.75	1.75-2.00	3.25-3.50			
	16	2.75					
	17		1.50-1.75	3.00-3.50	2.50-2.75		
Sat.	18						
Sun.	19						
	20			2.50-3.25	2.50-2.75		
	21			2.50-3.25	2.50-2.75	4.00-4.25	3.00-3.50
	22		1.00-1.75		1.75-2.75		
	23		1.25-1.75		1.75-2.00	3.00	
	24			3.25-3.50	2.00-2.75		
Sat.	25						
Sun.	26						
	27		1.50-2.00	3.25	1.75-2.75	3.75-4.00	3.00-3.25
	28		1.50-1.75		1.75-2.50	3.75-4.00	3.00-3.25
	29						
	30						
Oct.	1						
Sat.	2						
Sun.	3						
	4						
	5		2.25				
	6						
	7			3.50-4.00			
	8						

		NEW YORK CITY (WNY)			
		Bushel baskets		1/2 Bushel baskets	
1948		Clapp Favorites	Bartletts	Seckels	Seckels
Sept.	13				
	14				
	15				
	16				
	17				
Sat.	18				
Sun.	19				
	20	4.50			2.50
	21		5.00		2.50
	22	4.00-4.50		4.00-4.50	
	23		5.00		2.25-2.50
	24		5.00	4.00-4.25	2.00-2.25
Sat.	25				
Sun.	26				
	27		5.00		2.00-2.75
	28		5.00		2.00-2.50
	29		5.00		2.50-2.75
	30		5.00		2.25-2.50
Oct.	1				2.25-2.50
Sat.	2				
Sun.	3				
	4			4.00-4.50	
	5				
	6				
	7				2.50
	8			4.00-4.50	2.25-2.50