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Daily Market Reports on pears were issued from the Rochester Office of the Federal-State Market News Service from September 2 through October 9, 1953. The information contained in this summary was obtained principally from these reports and from other releases by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture and from the Office of the State Statistician in Albany.

UNITED STATES

The 1953 pear crop was 29,065,000 bushels, 6 percent below last year and 4 percent below average. The Bartlett crop in the Pacific Coast States totaled 17,495,000 bushels compared with 20,373,000 bushels in 1952; the production of other varieties in these States was 7,130,000 bushels compared with 6,232,000 bushels last year.

The Hardy crop in California was especially heavy this year and as usual the bulk of it went to canners. A good production of Bosc and D'Anjous was harvested in Washington. In Oregon, the Bosc crop was above the 1952 outturn while D'Anjous fell below. The Bartlett variety in Washington was of very high quality and fruit was generally of good size. In Oregon, the Bartlett crop was of good quality but sizes averaged a little smaller than usual. In California, the quality of Bartletts was fair in most areas, although in a few localities the spring frosts resulted in some misshapen fruit.

The New York crop sized satisfactorily in most areas while in Michigan the drought retarded sizing of the crop.

NEW YORK STATE

The pear crop in New York State this season was estimated at 462,000 bushels, this is about 17% above the 396,000 bushels produced last season but was about 28% below the 10-year average 1942-51 of 643,000 bushels.

Pollination weather was favorable, although not as good for pears as other fruits, and the set was better than most growers expected. Hot, dry weather during August and early September reduced the crop from original estimates, especially in the Hudson Valley District. The June drop was moderately heavy.

The demand at harvest time was rather light and most growers preferred to store rather than sell. F.o.b. prices varied very little during the entire shipping season. Bushel baskets, U.S. #1, 2" minimum, Bartletts ranged from \$3.00 to \$3.50 as compared with \$2.50 to \$3.60 during the previous season. The movement by rail this season was 16 cars as compared with 4 during the 1952 season. The movement by rail has declined sharply in recent years due principally to two factors - trucks and an increased amount of fruit going to processors.

PROCESSING

Throughout the season processors were active paying from 3 to $4\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per pound for Bartletts US #1 Canners Grade as compared with 3 to $3\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per pound last season.

PRODUCTION OF PEARS IN THE UNITED STATES, 1953 WITH COMPARISONS

State	Production 1/			
	Average 1942-51	1951	1952	1953
	Thousand bushels			
Massachusetts	42	45	32	45
Connecticut	48	53	49	54
New York	643	486	396	462
Pennsylvania	262	200	186	151
Ohio	224	200	162	145
Indiana	123	100	81	70
Illinois	277	204	152	226
Michigan	690	966	1,036	1,106
Missouri	178	132	120	99
Kansas	82	78	49	34
Virginia	177	102	137	74
W. Virginia	67	59	63	36
North Carolina	179	154	172	134
South Carolina	86	64	36	59
Georgia	298	241	221	225
Florida	137	75	110	87
Kentucky	106	56	93	82
Tennessee	130	58	118	105
Alabama	211	99	99	117
Mississippi	245	126	162	189
Arkansas	143	94	56	102
Louisiana	158	70	110	110
Oklahoma	135	104	40	129
Texas	326	261	106	325
Idaho	56	58	72	52
Colorado	188	193	208	138
Utah	160	198	276	84
Washington, all	6,906	5,554	4,944	6,808
Bartlett	5,108	3,970	3,600	4,928
Other	1,798	1,584	1,344	1,880
Oregon, all	5,030	4,997	5,618	5,900
Bartlett	2,009	2,147	2,230	2,400
Other	3,021	2,850	3,388	3,500
California, all	13,038	15,001	16,043	11,917
Bartlett	11,451	13,001	14,543	10,167
Other	1,588	2,000	1,500	1,750
United States	2/30,396	30,028	30,947	29,065

1/ For economic abandonment.

2/ U. S. average includes estimated production for Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Iowa, Nebraska, Delaware, Maryland, New Mexico, Arizona, and Nevada for 1942 and 1943. Estimates of production in those States were discontinued beginning with the 1944 crop.

CARLOT SHIPMENTS OF PEARS, CALENDAR YEARS 1946-1952

State	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952
California, N.D.	4500	4739	1471	5716	4226	4506	5952
California, C.D.	1201	1219	291	664	598	523	505
Colorado	44	200	126	111	168	193	163
Idaho	26	23	17	10	10	13	35
Illinois	30	69	44	14	23	22	1
Iowa	"	"	"	"	2	"	"
Michigan	70	31	1	25	22	12	6
New York	80	171	10	25	20	12	4
Oregon	6037	5514	5326	5493	5344	4947	4768
Utah	86	189	82	102	2	104	161
Washington	7938	6609	4474	5108	3714	3857	3064

TOTAL U. S. 20,027 1/ 18,776 2/ 11,846 3/ 17,270 4/ 14,133 5/ 14,190 14,662

- 1/ Includes 8 cars California (boat).
- 2/ Includes 103 USDA Government Purchases.
- 3/ Includes 970 cars USDA Government Purchases and the following for mfr. - California N.D. 97 cars, New York 1 car, Oregon 500 cars, Washington 2285 cars; TOTAL 2883.
- 4/ Includes the following cars for manufacture; California 705, Oregon 909, Washington 1671; TOTAL 3285
- 5/ Includes the following cars for manufacture; California 682, Oregon 1039, Washington 1713; TOTAL 3434.

CARLOT SHIPMENTS OF PEARS CALENDAR YEAR 1953 BY STATES AND MONTHS

State	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
California N.	27	-	1	-	-	6	805	1218	769	191	9	23	3049
California C.	12	4	8	-	-	-	15	69	113	69	125	90	505
California B.	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	4	-	-	-	9
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	62	43	25	-	-	130
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	10	-	-	-	22
Illinois	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	3	-	-	8
Michigan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	6	-	-	-	13
New York	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	6	-	-	-	16
Oregon	409	371	289	114	45	-	-	139	1311	1251	588	721	5238
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
Washington	204	69	20	-	-	-	-	387	1337	1416	345	291	4069
TOTAL U.S.	652	444	318	114	45	6	821	1911	3604	2955	1067	1125	13062

F. O. B. PRICES AT WESTERN NEW YORK SHIPPING POINTS

1953		Delivered sales, shipping point basis and sales f.o.b. shipping point.		
		Bushel Baskets	Bushel Boxes	1/2 Bushel Baskets
		US #1, 2" min.	US #1, 2" min.	US #1, 1 1/2" min.
		Bartletts	Bartletts	Seckels
Sept.	1	3.00	3.25	
	2	3.00	3.25	
	3	3.00		
	4	3.00-3.25		
Sat.	5			
Sun.	6			
	7			
	8	3.25		
	9	3.25		
	10	3.25		
	11	3.00-3.35		
Sat.	12			
Sun.	13			
	14	3.00-3.25	3.40	
	15	3.00-3.25	3.35-3.40	
	16	3.00-3.25		1.75
	17	3.00-3.25		
	18	3.00-3.25		
Sat.	19			
Sun.	20			
	21*	3.00-3.50		
	22	3.25-3.50		
	23	3.25-3.50		1.75
	24	3.25-3.50		
	25	3.00-3.50		
Sat.	26			
Sun.	27			
	28	3.25		
	29	3.25		1.75
	30	3.25		
Oct.	1	3.25-3.50		
	2	3.25		
Sat.	3			
Sun.	4			
	5	3.25	3.35-3.50	
	6	3.25		
	7	3.25		
	8	3.25		

* Beginning September 21 stock from cold storage

WHOLESALE PRICES NEW YORK STATE PEARS IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

		NEW YORK CITY			BALTIMORE	
1953		Bartletts, US #1		Seckels	Bartletts	Seckels
		Bushel Boxes 2" min.	Bushel Baskets 2" min.	½ Bu. Baskets medium-large	Bu. Baskets 2" min	½ Bu. Basket 1½" min.
Sept.	1					
	2	3.25-3.50		2.50-2.75		
	3	3.00-3.50	3.50	2.50		
	4	2.75		2.50		
Sat.	5					
Sun.	6					
	7					
	8			2.50-2.75	2.50-4.00	2.75-3.00
	9		3.25		3.50-4.00	
	10					2.75-3.00
	11				2.50-4.00	2.75-3.00
Sat.	12					
Sun.	13					
	14				2.50-4.00	2.50-3.00
	15		3.00-3.50	2.00-2.75	2.50-4.00	2.50-3.00
	16		3.00-3.50	2.50-2.75	2.50-4.00	2.50-3.00
	17		3.75-4.00	2.00-2.75	2.50-4.00	2.75
	18			2.50		2.00-3.00
Sat.	19					
Sun.	20					
	21				2.25-4.00	2.50-2.75
	22				2.50-4.00	2.50-2.75
	23			2.50	2.50-4.00	2.50-3.00
	24			2.25-2.50	2.50-4.00	2.25-2.75
	25			2.50	4.00	2.00-2.75
Sat.	26					
Sun.	27					
	28			2.50	2.50-3.50	2.00-2.75
	29			2.50	2.50-3.50	2.00-2.50
	30			2.50	2.50-3.50	1.50-2.50
Oct.	1			2.50	2.50-3.50	
	2		3.00	2.50-2.75		
Sat.	3					
Sun.	4					
	5		3.00-3.25	2.50-2.75		
	6			2.50		
	7			2.50-3.00		
	8			2.50-2.75	2.25-3.50	

WHOLESALE PRICES NEW YORK STATE PEARS IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

PHILADELPHIA

1953	Bu. Baskets, US#1, 2" up & min		$\frac{1}{2}$ Bushel Baskets		
	Bartletts	Clapp Favorities	Seckels 2" min.	Seckels $1\frac{1}{2}$ " min.	Seckels $1\frac{1}{4}$ " min.
Sept. 1					
2					
3	3.00-3.50	3.00			
4	2.75-3.75	3.50			
Sat. 5					
Sun. 6					
7					
8	3.75	3.75			
9	3.50-3.75		3.50	3.00	2.50
10			3.50	3.00	2.50
11	3.50-3.75		3.50	3.00	2.25-2.50
Sat. 12			3.50	3.00	2.25-2.50
Sun. 13					
14	3.50-3.75				
15			3.50	3.00	2.25-2.50
16	3.75-4.00		3.50	3.00	2.25-2.50
17			3.50	3.00	2.25-2.50
18			3.50	3.00	2.25-2.50
Sat. 19				2.50-3.00	1.75-2.00
Sun. 20					
21	3.50-4.25	3.50	3.00-3.50	2.75-3.00	1.75-2.25
22	4.25		3.00-3.50	2.50-3.00	2.25
23	3.50-4.00				
24	3.25-4.00	4.00	3.00-3.50	2.50-3.00	1.75-2.25
25	3.75-4.00			3.00	
Sat. 26					
Sun. 27					
28	3.25-4.00	4.00		3.00-3.25	
29	3.00-4.00				
30	3.00-3.50	3.00-3.50	4.00	3.25	
Oct. 1	4.00	3.50		3.25	
2					
Sat. 3					
Sun. 4					
5	3.50-4.00			3.00-3.25	
6	3.50-4.00		4.00	3.25	
7	4.00		4.00	3.25	
8			4.00	3.25	

WHOLESALE PRICES NEW YORK STATE PEARS IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

		PITTSBURGH		
1953	Bushel Baskets, US#1	1/2 Bushel Baskets		Boxes - Bartletts
	Bartletts 2" min. & up	Bartletts 1 3/4" min	Seckels 1 1/2" min.	US Fancy 2" up
Sept. 1				
2				
3	3.25-3.50			
4	3.25-3.50			
Sat. 5				
Sun. 6				
7				
8	3.25-3.50	2.25-2.75	2.50	3.25-3.50
9	3.00-3.50	2.25-2.50	2.50	3.25-3.50
10	3.35-3.50	2.25-2.50	2.25	3.50
11	3.75-4.00			
Sat. 12				
Sun. 13				
14	3.25-3.75	2.25		3.50-3.75
15	3.00-3.50	2.25-2.75		3.50
16	3.25-3.75			3.50-3.75
17	3.00-3.75	2.25-2.35		3.50-3.75
18	3.00-3.50			3.50
Sat. 19				
Sun. 20				
21	3.00-3.50	2.25-2.35		
22	3.00-3.65	2.25-2.50		
23	3.00-3.50	2.25-2.50		
24	3.00-3.50	2.25-2.40	1.75-2.25	
25	3.00-3.50	2.00-2.25	2.00	
Sat. 26				
Sun. 27				
28	3.25-3.50	2.00-2.25	2.25	3.50-3.75
29	3.00-3.25	2.00	2.25	
30	3.00-3.50	2.00-2.40	2.00-2.25	
Oct. 1	3.00-3.50	1.75-2.25		
2	3.50-3.75	1.75-2.25		
Sat. 3				
Sun. 4				
5	3.25-3.50	1.75-2.25	2.25	
6	3.00-3.50			
7	3.25-3.50	2.00-2.25	2.00-2.25	
8	3.00-3.50	2.00		