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SUMMARY OF THE

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SEASON

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## MARKETING WESTERN NEW YORK PEARS - 1958 SEASON

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### UNITED STATES

The Nation's 1958 pear crop of nearly 28.8 million bushels was 9 percent below last year, and 4 percent under average. Total pear production in the three Pacific Coast States was 24.3 million bushels (594,000 tons), 15 percent below last year and 6 percent below average. Production in the rest of the Nation, 4.44 million bushels was 42 percent above last year and 12 percent over average. Both Michigan and New York, the principal pear-producing States outside the Pacific Coast area, had crops well above both last year and average.

Production of Bartlett pears in the three Pacific Coast States this year was 446,000 tons, 13 percent below last year and 4 percent under average. Pacific Coast Bartlett pears usually provide about 90 percent of the Nation's processed pear tonnage. Rainy weather during pollination in California and Washington, and frost damage plus some hail damage in Oregon, were factors holding down the 1958 production. In California the light set because of poor pollination occurred in the Sacramento River District and other early areas while late areas generally had good crops. Growing conditions in that State were good and the fruit sized well. In Washington, however, continued high temperatures affected sizing and some small fruit was not harvested because growers could not recover costs.

The 1958 production of fall and winter pears in the three Pacific Coast States was 148,000 tons, 20 percent less than last year and 12 percent below average. In Oregon the crop in both the Hood River and Medford areas turned out below early-season expectations. Hot weather slowed growth, and disease and insects took their toll. High temperatures also limited sizing of the Washington crop. California winter pear production was reduced by rain at bloom time.

In Allegan County, Michigan, a combination of dry weather and very heavy set resulted in many under-sized Bartletts. In other areas of the State, sizes were generally satisfactory, and Michigan's 1958 production was the highest of record. In New York, size and quality were good.

### NEW YORK STATE

Total production this season was estimated at 625,000 bushels as compared with 460,000 bushels in 1957, while the 10-year (1947-56 average) for the State was 514,000 bushels. Growing conditions were better than a year ago, and the crop in the Lake Ontario area was much larger but below last year in the Hudson Valley section. Rains at harvest time delayed harvesting in some sections.

F.o.b. sales this season were about the same as a year ago. Bushel tubs, US#1, 2 inch up Bartletts ranged from \$3.50-3.75 as compared with \$3.50-4.00 during the previous season. During the 1956 season, prices ranged from \$3.75-4.25.

### PROCESSING

Demand for processing was active during the harvest period both from local and Canadian processors. Prices paid this season by processors range mostly from 3-4 $\frac{1}{2}$ ¢.

PRODUCTION OF PEARS IN THE UNITED STATES 1958 WITH COMPARISONS

State	Production 1/			
	Average 1947-56	1956	1957	1958
- Thousand bushels -				
Connecticut	51	52	48	55
New York	514	510	460	625
Pennsylvania	169	70	100	115
Ohio	144	45	55	60
Illinois	166	120	115	88
Michigan	865	1,200	740	1,450
Missouri	119	55	110	75
Virginia	81	40	34	40
W. Virginia	48	60	30	65
N. Carolina	96	71	82	94
Georgia	169	80	86	98
Kentucky	71	65	36	50
Tennessee	91	130	110	140
Alabama	101	42	80	175
Mississippi	134	107	103	108
Arkansas	86	86	49	102
Louisiana	80	35	36	55
Oklahoma	80	36	25	80
Texas	191	123	234	250
Idaho	77	110	110	120
Colorado	195	225	165	225
Utah	204	310	320	370
Washington	5,780	4,550	4,890	4,700
Oregon	5,556	6,490	6,250	5,300
California	14,518	17,710	17,418	14,334
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>29,828</b>	<b>32,322</b>	<b>31,676</b>	<b>28,774</b>

1/ Bushels of 48 pounds in California and 50 pounds in all other States.

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

Delivered sales, shipping point basis and/or sales, f.o.b. shipping point
Bushel tubs, US#1 2" up, Bartletts

Sept. 22	3.50
23	3.50-3.75
24	3.35-3.75
25	3.50-3.75
26	3.50-3.75
Sat. 27	
Sun. 28	
29	3.50
30	
Oct. 1	3.50
2	
3	
Sat. 4	
Sun. 5	
6	3.50
7	
8	3.50
9	3.50
10	

WHOLESALE PRICES NEW YORK STATE PEARS IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

		PHILADELPHIA					
1958		$\frac{1}{2}$ Bushel Baskets Seckels, U.S.#1			Bushel Baskets Bartletts		
		medium	2" min.	1 3/4" min.	1 1/2" min.	small-medium	large
Sept.							
	22	2.50-3.25	4.50-5.00	3.50-4.00	2.00-2.50		
	23		4.50-5.00	3.50-4.00	2.00-2.50		
	24						
	25						
	26	3.00-3.25					
Sat.	27						
Sun.	28						
	29						
	30	2.25-2.50					
Oct.							
	1						
	2	2.00-2.25				1.75-2.00	
	3						
Sat.	4						
Sun.	5						
	6	2.00-2.50				2.00	3.00-3.50
	7	1.50					
	8	1.75-2.00					
	9						
	10						

CARLOT SHIPMENTS OF PEARS, CALENDAR YEARS 1952-1957  
(Rail and Boat only)

State	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957
California, N.D.	5952	3049	5173	3040	3647	3895
California, C.D.	505	605	732	599	566	587
California, Boat	-	-	-	31	60	86
Colorado	163	130	208	80	157	91
Connecticut	-	-	-	1	-	-
Idaho	35	22	28	36	25	20
Illinois	1	8	3	-	-	-
Iowa	-	-	-	1	-	-
Michigan	6	13	17	-	12	-
New York	4	16	9	15	2	-
Oregon	4708	5328	4034	5222	4951	5197
Utah	161	3	187	31	111	96
Washington	3064	4069	3703	4220	1439	1826
TOTAL U. S.	14,682	13,062	1/14,121	13,276	10,970*	11,798

1/ Includes 19 cars U. S. D. A. Gov't Purchases.

\* Subject to revision.

CARLOT SHIPMENTS OF PEARS CALENDAR YEAR 1958 BY STATES AND MONTHS  
(Rail and Boat only)

State	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Calif. N. D.	3	2	3	4	9	8	619	1185	988	385	16	-	3222
Calif. C. D.	17	3	4	-	-	-	41	100	115	30	25	8	343
Calif. Boat	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	-	13
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	58	39	6	-	-	103
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	23	8	-	-	-	31
Michigan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	3
New York	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	3
Oregon	484	310	346	293	156	9	-	103	284	718	680	698	4081
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	20	29	-	-	-	49
Washington	94	97	140	88	75	6	-	230	149	133	192	128	1332
TOTAL	605	412	493	385	240	23	660	1719	1616	1276	917	834	9180

WHOLESALE PRICES NEW YORK STATE PEARS IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

		NEW YORK CITY		PITTSBURGH		
1958		Oswego Section	Western Section	Bushel Baskets		$\frac{1}{2}$ Bu. Baskets
		$\frac{1}{2}$ Bu. Baskets, Seckels US#1	medium-large	Bartletts, US#1	2" up	1 3/4" up
Sept.	22	2.50-2.75	2.25-3.00	3.75-4.00	2.50-2.75	1.75
	23		2.00-2.25	3.75-4.00	2.50-2.65	1.75-2.25
	24				2.50	2.00-2.25
	25	2.50	2.75	3.75-4.00	2.50-2.65	1.75-2.00
	26					
at.	27					
Sun.	28					
	29	3.00-3.25		3.75-4.00	2.25-2.50	1.50-2.00
	30	3.00-3.25				
Oct.	1	2.75-3.00	3.00	3.75-4.00	2.25-2.50	1.75
	2	3.00	3.00	3.75	2.25-2.50	
	3	2.75-3.00		3.50-3.75	2.25-2.50	
Sat.	4					
Sun.	5					
	6		2.75-3.00	3.50-3.75	2.00-2.25	
	7	2.25-3.00	3.00	3.50	2.00-2.25	
	8	2.75-3.25	3.00	3.50-3.75	2.00-2.35	
	9	2.50-3.00	2.50-3.00	3.25-3.50	2.00-2.25	
	10	2.75-3.00	2.00-2.50	3.50	1.75-2.00	