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MARKETING MICHIGAN PEACHES  
1933 SEASON

General market reports on peaches were omitted this season due to the near crop failure. Quotations on the Benton Harbor cash market and one or two nearby markets were carried to cover the light crop.

National Situation

The United States production of peaches in 1933 was estimated at 45,326,000 bushels, a total slightly above the 1932 crop of 42,443,000 bushels, but about 20 per cent below the 5-year average. The peach crop of the Central States was drastically reduced by low temperatures in February, and some crops in the South-eastern States were materially reduced by the same cold wave. Crops in the Western States were about average.

Michigan Situation

Michigan's 1933 peach harvest was almost a failure, due to bud injury by sub-zero temperatures in February. The State's peach crop amounted to only 9 per cent of normal, or 215,000 bushels, the smallest since 1918. A few orchards favorably located produced fair crops; others had a few peaches; while a great many had none. What peaches there were, were of fair to good quality, and good size. Carlot shipments were practically nil. Truck movement over the Benton Harbor cash market amounted to 36,550 bushels, or the equivalent of 91.31 cars. Elbertas, U.S.No.1 2" minimum in bushels ranged between \$2.00 and \$2.85, except for one day when quotations dropped to \$1.50 - \$2.00. Hales, U. S. No. 1 2 1/2" minimum in scant lots were reported at \$3.00. Lemon Frees were reported as sold between \$1.75 and \$2.00 for 2" minimum stock, and from \$1.35 to \$1.40 for 1-3/4" minimum stock. Distribution was very limited, practically all stock being used in nearby Michigan markets.

PRODUCTION OF PEACHES BY STATES PAST THREE SEASONS

STATE	1931	1932	1933	STATE	1931	1932	1933
N.H.	24	20	18	Ky.	1,280	79	232
Mass.	153	166	134	Tenn.	2,850	300	580
R.I.	40	44	26	Ala.	1,530	221	908
Conn.	210	215	172	Miss.	1,060	132	494
N.Y.	1,860	1,663	1,092	Ark.	3,000	352	672
N.J.	2,230	1,776	1,987	La.	310	91	158
Pa.	2,660	1,676	1,144	Okla.	360	280	102
Ohio	2,220	814	456	Tex.	1,500	792	782
Ind.	1,480	106	221	Ida.	170	178	40
Ill.	4,300	188	1,522	Colo.	1,130	1,201	578
MICH.	1,946	1,845	215	N.Mex.	101	44	13
Iowa	112	76	7	Ariz.	85	83	67
Mo.	1,500	102	204	Utah	550	748	62
Nebr.	50	58	4	Nev.	4	4	2
Kans.	330	50	14	Wash.	1,050	1,320	240
Del.	500	227	205	Oreg.	220	348	227
Md.	820	348	400	Calif.	24,127*	22,794*	22,752*
Va.	1,600	324	990	(Clingstone)	16,543*	14,168*	14,876*
W.Va.	1,030	143	396	(Freestone)	7,584	8,626*	7,876
N.Car.	3,428	1,645	2,080				
S.Car.	1,840	792	1,633				
Ga.	9,134	1,170	5,440				
Fla.	92	28	57	TOTAL U.S.	76,586*	42,443*	45,326*

Notes: Figures shown are in thousands of bushels, add 000 to each figure.  
\* Includes some quantities not harvested on account of market conditions as follows:  
1931, 8,065,000 bushels clingstone including 3,938,000 sold but left on the trees;  
1932, 6,376,000 clingstone and 334,000 freestone; 1933, 3,647,000 clingstone including 1,480,000 sold but left on the trees.

BENTON HARBOR CASH MARKET ON PEACHES - 1933 SEASON

Price range is for Wagonloads cash to growers, Bushel baskets, U.S.No.1 stock.

Date	Daily** Equivalents	Elbertas		Hales 2 1/2" min.	G. Drops 1 1/2" min.	Lemon Frees	
		2" & 1gr	1-3/4" min			2" min.	1-3/4" min.
Sept. 1	1.55						
2	Saturday, no market.						
3	Sunday, no market.						
4	2.71	2.45-2.85	1.85-2.25				
5	2.71	2.50-2.75					
6	1.28	2.50-2.75		3.00			
7	.75	2.35-2.75					
8	.76	2.00-2.50					
9	Saturday, no market.						
10	.42				1.50		
11	.12	#					
12	.69	#					
13	1.00	#					
14	.30	#					
15	.83	#					
16	Saturday, no market.						
17	.21						
18	.96	#					
19	.23	1.50-2.00				1.75-2.00	1.35-1.40
20	.13	#					
21	.66	#				1.75-2.00	
22	.22	#					
23	Saturday, no market.						
24	.47	#					

1.50 = Total to end of season.

17.50 = Total above dates.

91.31 = Total movement over market for season.

Notes: \*\* Daily equivalents are compiled on a basis of 400 bushels to the carload, figures shown are carlot equivalents. # indicates too few sales to quote.

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