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Average Prices From The Benton Harbor Fruit Market For The 1990 Season

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BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET VOLUME FOR 1986 THROUGH 1990

SEASON TOTAL	GROWER LOADS SEASON TOTAL	NUMBER OF PACKAGES SEASON TOTAL	DAY BUYER SEASON REGISTRATION
1986	17,550	1,018,231	2,255
1987	19,574	1,120,239	2,493
1988	16,301	908,249	2,712
1989	16,526	953,278	2,726
1990	14,641	797,944	2,890

THE FOLLOWING CHART IS A TABULATION OF PRICES PAID TO GROWERS ON THE TRADING LANES AT THE BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET DURING THE 1990 SEASON. THESE AVERAGE PRICES INCLUDE PACKED AND OPEN CONTAINERS ON BENTON HARBOR FRESH MARKET NO. ONE GRADE OR BETTER.

COMMODITIES	USUAL TYPE CONTAINER	NUMBER OF PACKAGES	AVERAGE PRICES FOR THE SEASON		
			1990	1989	1988
APPLES	Bushel	37,611	\$ 8.06	\$ 6.46	\$ 7.70
	Half Bushel	56,428	5.53	4.83	5.04
APPLE CIDER	4 Gallon Case	3,722	1.69	1.63	1.78 per gal.
APRICOTS	8 Qt. Flats	211	14.78	11.23	14.26
BEANS	Bushel Round Green	10,544	13.25	12.62	16.03
	12 Qt. Bkts. Lima/Shell	578	7.90	7.61	8.12
BEETS	Half Bushel	N/A	7.61	6.37	7.66
BERRIES:					
Blackberries	12 Pint Flats	1,131	17.85	14.96	18.10
Blueberries	12 Pint Flats	13,857	10.63	10.44	12.26
	10 Pound Carton	10,419	8.98	8.93	11.50
Gooseberries	12 Pint Flats	233	9.54	8.48	10.13
Black Raspberries	12 Pint Flats	1,255	17.86	14.32	16.02
Red Raspberries	12 Pint Flats	3,694	19.37	20.36	20.27
Strawberries	8 Qt. Flats	24,687	8.30	7.53	7.91
BROCCOLI	Bushel	1,790	7.48	8.14	9.01
CABBAGE	Bushel	3,915	4.82	5.44	5.88

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BENTON HARBOR FRUIT MARKET 1990 SEASON SUMMARY - continued

COMMODITIES	USUAL TYPE CONTAINER	NUMBER OF PACKAGES	AVERAGE PRICES FOR THE SEASON		
			B.H. FRESH MARKET NO. 1990	ONE OR BETTER 1989	1988
CANTALOUPE	Bushel	12,298	8.04	7.34	9.36
CAULIFLOWER	Bushel	339	8.15	7.47	8.22
CHERRIES:					
Sweet	8 Qt. Flats	388	15.05	11.02	8.92
Tart	8 Qt. Flats	574	8.53	8.63	8.31
CHESTNUTS:	10 Pound Carton	N/A	1.39	N/A	N/A
CORN:					
Sweet	Bushel	11,273	1.36	1.61	1.75 per doz.
Indian	Per Doz (mostly tied 3's)	17,658	3.12	2.84	3.75 per doz.
Miniature Indian	8 Qt Ctn (mostly tied 3's)	N/A	2.57	2.65	3.49 per doz.
CUCUMBERS	Bushel	23,497	6.52	7.60	6.93
CURRANTS	8 Qt. Flats	216	10.20	8.80	9.20
DILL WEED	12 Bunches of 12	759	9.14	8.19	6.80
EGGPLANT	Bushel	3,224	6.97	7.65	7.19
GLADIOLUS	15 Bunches of 6	4,195	13.85	12.10	11.97
GRAPES	12 Qt. Baskets	8,847	6.66	5.83	5.08
MINI-PUMPKIN GOURDS	Half Bushel	2,322	7.16	6.75	8.18 (12 Qt)
NECTARINES	Half Bushel	5,395	10.47	11.65	10.55
OKRA	12 Qt. Baskets	N/A	10.32	9.77	9.77
ORNAMENTAL GOURDS	Half Bushel	5,178	5.34	5.36	6.57
PEACHES	Half Bushel	115,056	7.62	5.89	5.58
PEARS	Half Bushel	8,857	6.66	6.02	5.11
PEPPERS	Bushel (Bell)	29,200	7.19	9.05	7.57
	12 Qt. Baskets (Chile type)	1,234	5.71	N/A	N/A
PICKLES	Half Bushel	6,417	4.93	5.56	4.84
	12 Qt. Baskets	1,753	5.83	5.22	4.83
PIE PUMPKINS	Bushel	3,758	5.10	5.75	7.56
PLUMS	8 Qt. Flat (Japanese type)	3,612	9.06	9.30	8.16
	Half Bushel (Prune-Plum)	7,633	6.29	6.10	5.04
POTATOES	Half Bushel	2,351	7.49	8.79	6.35
SQUASH	Bushel (mostly winter)	14,703	6.19	6.91	7.65
	8 Qt. Cartons (summer)	4,201	2.20	2.55	2.28
	Half Bushel (summer)	120,977	3.78	4.25	3.66
SUNFLOWERS	Bushel	141	6.86	N/A	N/A
TOMATOES	25 Lb. Cartons	45,562	5.34	6.64	6.36
	8 Qt. Cartons (Mich#1)	15,599	2.52	2.90	3.66
	12 Qt. Baskets	10,784	5.05	4.42	5.33
	Cherry 12 pt flts (Mich#1)	47,745	5.32	4.62	5.80
TURNIPS	Bushel	N/A	12.32	N/A	N/A
WATERMELONS	Bushel	1,049	8.38	8.07	8.47
MISC. COMMODITIES	Various Containers	28,081	N/A	N/A	N/A

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