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Daily Market Reports on peaches were issued from the Rochester office of the Federal-State Market News Service, 300 Terminal Building, Rochester 14, New York, from September 13 through October 13, 1950. The information contained in this summary was obtained from these reports and from releases by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture and from the Office of the State Agricultural Statistician in Albany.

UNITED STATES

Production in 1950 totaled 52,573,000 bushels, 30 percent below the 1949 crop of 74,818,000 bushels, 20 percent below the short 1948 crop of 65,352,000 and 25 percent below average. Production this year was shortest in the southern States, Washington, Oregon, Utah, Idaho and Colorado, where spring freezes or low winter temperatures killed the fruit buds. The crop in the Northeast was about average, while Michigan, Ohio and Missouri had above average crops. The other important Central States showed a production below last year and average.

The crop in New York and New England suffered damage from freezing in late February and early March. The crop in the Middle Atlantic States (N. J., Pa., Va., W. Va., Del. and Md.) was also damaged by late freezes. The production in these States in 1950 was 6,186,000 bushels, 21 percent less than the 1949 crop of 7,844,000 bushels but 3 percent above the 1948 crop of 6,031,000 bushels. Michigan had a good crop with a production of 4,080,000 bushels -- 17 percent above a year ago. Peaches not utilized this year because of low prices, shortage of labor and other factors amounted to 100,000 bushels in Michigan and 1,250,000 bushels of cling peaches in California.

NEW YORK STATE

Peaches in the Hudson Valley suffered severe damage from low temperatures in late February and early March. Many growers reported 100 percent of the buds killed on the Elberta variety with prospects of a light crop on some of the early varieties and in the Elberta orchards at a higher level. Spotty freeze damage to buds was also reported in western New York. Weather conditions were favorable for a good crop of large sized peaches in western New York during the growing period. There were indications of a fair size crop of excellent peaches until about August 1. Cool, rainy weather prevailed after August 25. There were only about 10 clear days from August 24 to October 12. Because of the weather conditions the fruit failed to mature properly and was damaged by excessive rains.

Cool, rainy weather prevailing at shipping points and cold weather in the terminal markets, caused a very light demand for fruit throughout the marketing period. Because of the light demand more stock was placed in cold storage than usual, only to be moved out at even lower prices than when it had been placed in storage.

F.o.b. prices at western New York shipping points on bushel baskets of Elbertas, US#1, 2" up and 2" minimum ranged from \$2.00-2.75 from September 13 through the 22nd. After that date to the end of the season prices declined slowly and ranged from \$1.15-2.15. This was slightly lower than prices for the previous season but about the same as in 1948.

Practically all of the crop moved by truck this season as only 7 cars were billed out by rail.

PROCESSING

The movement of peaches to processors increased somewhat this season over the past 2 or 3 years. Packers paid from $1\frac{1}{2}$ -3¢ per pound for the fruit as compared with $1\frac{1}{2}$ ¢ per pound during the 1949 season.

PRODUCTION OF PEACHES IN THE UNITED STATES, 1950 WITH COMPARISONS

State	Production 1/			
	Average 1939-48	1948	1949	1950
- Thousand bushels -				
New Hampshire	13	14	22	1
Massachusetts	56	68	75	16
Rhode Island	13	14	15	3
Connecticut	126	139	164	104
New York	1,330	1,114	1,428	1,023
New Jersey	1,416	1,175	1,948	1,810
Pennsylvania	1,987	2,182	2,451	2,194
Ohio	871	780	1,194	927
Indiana	453	559	794	296
Illinois	1,524	1,428	2,307	1,155
Michigan	3,606	3,250	3,500	4,080
Missouri	738	752	950	950
Kansas	73	160	185	117
Delaware	374	402	468	225
Maryland	544	533	714	563
Virginia	1,501	1,209	1,734	837
West Virginia	531	530	529	557
North Carolina	2,167	1,646	1,428	548
South Carolina	3,789	3,160	2,340	468
Georgia	5,044	2,812	2,040	975
Florida	89	92	66	56
Kentucky	650	462	702	179
Tennessee	925	428	324	108
Alabama	1,400	1,298	792	440
Mississippi	871	840	518	286
Arkansas	2,203	2,482	2,412	1,980
Louisiana	302	330	265	189
Oklahoma	444	280	679	378
Texas	1,743	1,140	2,400	783
Idaho	303	324	353	41
Colorado	1,901	1,922	2,109	1,219
New Mexico	181	74	172	39
Utah	754	821	778	130
Washington	2,276	2,210	2,772	135
Oregon	614	595	979	299
California, all	29,161	30,127	35,211	29,460
Clingstone 2/	18,151	20,835	24,085	19,668
Freestone	11,009	9,292	11,126	9,792
United States	3/ 70,090	65,352	74,818	52,573

1/ For economic abandonment.

2/ Mainly for canning.

3/ United States average includes estimated production for Iowa, Nebraska, Arizona, and Nevada from 1939 through 1946. Estimates of production in those States were discontinued beginning with the 1947 crop.

CARLOT SHIPMENTS PEACHES - 1944-50 BY STATES

STATE	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
Alabama	40	98	51	42	60	6	5
Arkansas	1,370	1,554	979	636	805	677	784
Calif., N. D.	910	461	324	202	64	155	228
Calif., S. D.	19	40	29	12	26	15	4
Calif., C. D.	3,858	2,781	3,678	3,076	3,186	3,239	4,319
Colorado	2,760	3,139	2,458	2,720	2,510	2,650	1,615
Delaware	105	8	7	-	2	8	1
Georgia	5,267	10,316	6,791	4,457	2,231	1,265	611
Idaho	343	300	250	304	221	209	-
Illinois	1,319	2,378	1,034	1,713	1,082	784	121
Indiana	126	263	68	210	106	70	16
Kentucky	42	169	43	112	89	29	-
Louisiana	-	4	1	-	-	-	-
Maryland, E. Shore	254	3	9	16	-	12	-
*Maryland, Other	34	4	35	2	42	5	20
Michigan	684	1,419	865	501	342	93	391
Mississippi	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Missouri	2	12	3	7	-	-	-
New Jersey	3	1	-	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	-	2	-	-	-	-	-
NEW YORK	132	140	93	28	6	7	8
North Carolina	1,721	1,631	1,648	1,078	472	303	27
Ohio	30	37	16	14	6	5	3
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	55	28	63	76	67	81	43
Pennsylvania	412	412	688	347	287	219	227
South Carolina	4,074	9,106	9,396	8,324	3,715	1,610	249
Tennessee	38	126	21	21	14	3	-
Texas	19	82	22	4	-	41	1
Utah	754	728	650	599	572	393	57
Virginia	1,382	461	1,641	788	331	476	144
Washington	717	767	756	1,012	453	441	-
West Virginia	274	208	133	96	102	32	22
TOTAL U.S.	1/26,744	36,678	31,753	26,397	16,791	12,828	8,896

* Includes Maryland E. Shore. 1/ Includes 46 cars Government Purchases, (WFA Purchases* under support program) and 1,196 for manufacture. Subject to revision.

CARLOT SHIPMENTS OF PEACHES - JULY THRU OCTOBER AND TOTALS BY STATES
CALENDAR YEAR 1950

State	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Total
Alabama	5	-	-	-	5
Arkansas	465	314	-	-	784
Calif., N.D.	74	140	12	-	228
Calif., S.D.	-	4	-	-	4
Calif., C.D.	3,023	896	21	-	4,319
Colorado	-	1,454	150	11	1,615
Delaware	-	1	-	-	1
Georgia	370	9	-	-	611
Illinois	3	113	4	-	121
Indiana	-	16	-	-	16
Maryland	-	20	-	-	20
Michigan	-	23	368	-	391
New York	-	-	6	2	8
North Carolina	8	19	-	-	27
Ohio	-	-	3	-	3
Oregon	-	-	43	-	43
Pennsylvania	-	19	208	-	227
South Carolina	140	103	-	-	249
Texas	-	-	-	-	1
Utah	-	28	29	-	57
Virginia	-	144	-	-	144
West Virginia	-	20	2	-	22
TOTAL U.S.	4,088	3,323	846	13	8,896

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CARLOT SHIPMENTS AND WESTERN NEW YORK F.O.B. PRICES, SEASON 1950

1950	Carlot shipments				Sales f.o.b. shipping point and/or delivered sales, shipping point basis.	
	N.Y.	Colo.	Mich.	Total U. S.	Bushel baskets, Elbertas, U. S. No. 1, 2" min. and 2" up	1 3/4" min.
Sept. 13	1	4	13	26	2.50-2.75	
14	0	3	28	37	2.50-2.75	
15	0	6	39	52	2.50-2.75	
Sat. 16	0	0	40	43		
Sun. 17	0	2	37	39		
18	0	3	32	37	2.50-2.60	1.50-1.75
19	0	0	18	19	2.00-2.50	
20	0	1	13	15	2.00-2.25	
21	0	1	17	19	2.00-2.25	1.25-1.50
22	0	0	6	6	2.00-2.25	1.25-1.50
Sat. 23	0	0	7	8		
Sun. 24	0	0	0	2		
25	1	0	4	5	1.85-2.15	1.25-1.50
26	1	0	5	6	1.75-2.00	1.25-1.40
27	1	0	3	4	1.50-2.00	1.25-1.40
28	1	2	1	4	1.50-2.00	1.00-1.25
29	1	3	1	5	1.50-1.90	1.00-1.25
Sat. 30	0	3	0	5		
Oct. 1	0	4	0	4		
2	0	3	0	3	1.40-1.75	1.00-1.25
3	0	1	0	1	1.25-1.75	
4	0	1	0	1	1.25-1.75	1.00-1.25
5	0	1	0	1	1.25-1.60	1.00-1.25
6	0	1	0	1	1.25-1.60	1.00-1.25
Sat. 7	0	0	0	0		
Sun. 8	0	0	0	0		
9	1	0	0	1	1.25-1.65	
10	0	1	0	1	1.15-1.50	
11	1	0	0	1		
12	0	0	0	0		

WHOLESALE PRICES OF NEW YORK STATE PEACHES IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

NEW YORK CITY			BALTIMORE	
1950	Bushel Baskets, Elbertas, US#1		Bushel Baskets, Elbertas, US#1	
	2" min. & up	1 ³ / ₄ " min.	2" min. & up	
Sept.	13			
	14			
	15			
Sat.	16			
Sun.	17			
	18	3.00-3.25		
	19	2.50-3.25		
	20	3.00-3.25		2.25
	21	2.75		
	22	2.75-3.00		2.50-3.25
Sat.	23			
Sun.	24			
	25			2.50-3.00
	26	2.50-3.00	1.50	2.50
	27	2.50-3.00		
	28	1.50-2.50		1.75-2.00
	29	1.50-2.75		1.75-2.00
Sat.	30			
Oct.	1			
	2	2.00-2.75	1.50-1.75	
	3	2.50-3.25		1.50-2.00
	4	2.50-3.25		
	5	2.00-2.50		1.50-2.00
	6	2.50-3.50		
Sat.	7			
Sun.	8			
	9	2.50-3.50		
	10	2.00-2.50	1.00-1.25	
	11	2.00-2.25	1.25	1.50-2.00
	12	2.00-2.50		1.50

PITTSBURGH			PHILADELPHIA	
1950	Bushel Baskets, Elbertas, US#1		Bushel Baskets, Elbertas, US#1	
	2" min. & up	1 ³ / ₄ " up	2" min.	
Sept.	13	3.00-3.25		
	14	2.65-3.00		
	15	2.75-3.00		
Sat.	16			
Sun.	17			
	18	2.25-2.50		3.25-3.50
	19	2.00-2.25		3.00-3.50
	20	1.75-2.25	1.75	2.50-3.25
	21	1.75-2.35		
	22	1.75-2.50		2.75-3.50
Sat.	23			
Sun.	24			
	25	2.00-2.50		2.50-3.00
	26	1.75-2.25		
	27	2.00-2.50	1.50-1.65	
	28	2.00-2.50	1.50	
	29	1.50-2.50	1.50-2.00	
Sat.	30			
Oct.	1			
	2	1.50-2.50	1.25-1.50	
	3	1.25-2.25		
	4	1.50-2.00	1.25	
	5	1.25-2.00	1.00	
	6	1.50-2.00	1.00-1.35	
Sat.	7			
Sun.	8			
	9	1.50-1.75	1.25	
	10	1.50-2.00	1.00	
	11	1.50-1.75	1.00	
	12	1.25-1.75	1.00-1.25	
	13	1.25-2.00		