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MARKETING WESTERN NEW YORK PEACHES

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Market Reports on peaches were issued by the Rochester office of the Federal-State Market News Service, 300 Terminal Building, Rochester 14, New York from September 7 through September 28, 1955.

UNITED STATES

The 1955 peach crop totaled 51,291,000 bushels--16 percent less than the 1954 crop and 25 percent less than average. The North Atlantic and Western Regions produced above average crops but production in each of the other areas was below average. The Southern crop was a near failure this year because of spring frost damage. California Clingstone peaches were estimated at 22,585,000 bushels--17 percent above last year and 5 percent above average. Clingstones are used primarily for canning. United States production other than California Clingstones totaled 28,706,000 bushels--32 percent less than last year and 39 percent below average. California Freestones were estimated at 11,834,000 bushels--1 percent below last year but 4 percent above average. Harvest in nearly all areas of the West was the latest in recent years. The Washington crop was the largest since 1949. The Colorado crop was smaller than last year but above average.

In the Northeast, production in each of the New England States was above average and above last year. The New York crop was about average in size. In the Middle Atlantic area, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and West Virginia were above average while Delaware, Maryland and Virginia were below average. Total production in the 10 Early Southern States totaled only 86,000 bushels compared with the average of 13,872,000 bushels. Most areas of the North Central States were damaged to some extent by spring freezes. The Michigan crop, at 2,150,000 bushels, was 57 percent of average. The Illinois crop was very short with a near-failure for the commercial crop in the southern part of the State.

NEW YORK STATE

Production in New York State this season was 29 percent larger than last year and 3 percent less than the 10-year (1944-53) average. The crop this season was estimated at 1,300,000 bushels as compared with 1,010,000 bushels in 1954, while the 10-year (1944-53) average for this State was 1,337,000 bushels.

Most trees reached full bloom nearly a week earlier than average and earlier than in any of the preceding five years. The June drop was not particularly heavy and some thinning was necessary. The crop developed reasonably well but lack of moisture retarded sizing in many areas. The August rains came soon enough to size the last crop of Elbertas very well.

The early varieties were practically cleaned up by the end of August and harvesting of Elbertas started about September 1 and was practically completed by the last week in September. Considerable quantities were placed in cold storage because of market conditions at harvest time. Prices varied very little after stock began moving from cold storage and most storages were cleaned up by the end of September.

F. O. B. prices at Western New York shipping points this season on bushel baskets US#1, 2 inch up, Elbertas ranged from \$2.25-2.75 as compared with \$2.00-2.50 during the previous season. Bushel baskets continue to be the principal container used although a few shippers are increasing the use of bushel boxes which this year brought a premium of about 25-50¢ over the bushel baskets. Practically all of the crop moved to market this season via truck as only 4 cars were reported moving by rail as compared with one car last season.

PROCESSORS

Processors were active the first part of the season taking a considerable portion of the early varieties as well as the late Elbertas. Prices paid growers ranged mostly from 2 to 3 cents per pound, the same as during the 1954 season.

PRODUCTION OF PEACHES IN THE UNITED STATES, 1955 WITH COMPARISONS

State	Production 1/			
	Average 1944-53	1953	1954	1955
	Thousand bushels			
New Hampshire	10	15	4	13
Massachusetts	65	88	59	77
Rhode Island	16	24	17	19
Connecticut	141	160	134	145
NEW YORK	1,337	1,247	1,010	1,300
New Jersey	1,629	1,886	1,910	1,870
Pennsylvania	2,189	2,080	2,550	2,250
Ohio	929	840	1,000	890
Indiana	509	434	546	101
Illinois	1,684	1,080	1,210	90
Michigan	3,744	2,870	2,550	2,150
Missouri	575	342	500	231
Kansas	104	52	130	108
Delaware	204	141	116	105
Maryland	480	379	502	448
Virginia	1,533	1,240	1,200	315
West Virginia	546	454	682	566
North Carolina	1,742	1,180	1,150	2/
South Carolina	3,592	3,536	3,350	2/
Georgia	3,612	3,312	2,800	2/
Florida	46	18	12	5
Kentucky	461	280	380	25
Tennessee	478	243	355	1
Alabama	786	1,000	1,130	2/
Mississippi	572	608	276	2/
Arkansas	1,901	1,836	984	2/
Louisiana	149	179	70	2/
Oklahoma	408	402	78	20
Texas	1,064	1,183	180	35
Idaho	302	196	265	400
Colorado	1,751	1,312	2,230	2,110
New Mexico	176	40	300	150
Utah	636	398	584	480
Washington	1,875	1,670	1,500	2,400
Oregon	572	496	300	568
California, all	32,948	33,252	31,252	34,419
Clingstone 3/	21,527	22,626	19,251	22,585
Freestone	11,422	10,626	12,001	11,834
UNITED STATES	68,767	64,473	61,316	51,291

1/ For economic abandonment.

2/ Less than 500 bushels.

3/ Mainly for canning.

CARLOT SHIPMENTS OF PEACHES, CALENDAR YEARS 1948-1954 BY STATES
(Rail and Boat only)

State	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954
Alabama	60	6	5	1	6	47	46
Arkansas	805	677	784	66	243	436	98
California N.D.	64	155	228	132	190	86	78
California S.D.	26	15	4	9	1	2	2
California C.D.	3186	3239	4319	3589	4115	3541	3473
Colorado	2510	2650	1615	456	2343	1704	2528
Delaware	2	8	1	5	-	-	-
Georgia	2231	1255	611	3218	1229	2224	1632
Idaho	221	209	-	236	207	110	164
Illinois	1082	784	121	2	200	209	160
Indiana	106	70	16	-	22	8	15
Kentucky	89	29	-	-	2	-	5
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland, E.S.	-	12	-	-	-	-	4
Maryland, Other	42	5	20	72	23	10	29
Michigan	342	93	391	-	120	51	61
Mississippi	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Missouri	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
New Jersey	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
NEW YORK	6	7	8	3	4	3	1
North Carolina	472	303	27	501	375	164	84
Ohio	6	5	3	3	-	-	-
Oklahoma	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
Oregon	67	81	43	46	37	29	24
Pennsylvania	287	219	227	526	385	282	298
South Carolina	3715	1610	249	5060	2863	2979	2050
Tennessee	14	3	-	-	4	3	-
Texas	-	41	-	18	-	41	4
Utah	572	393	57	792	350	192	199
Virginia	331	476	144	671	639	287	100
Washington	453	441	-	202	296	288	223
West Virginia	102	32	22	200	82	41	73
TOTAL U. S.	16,791	12,828	8,896	15,809	13,737	12,737	11,352

CARLOT SHIPMENTS OF PEACHES CALENDAR YEAR 1955 BY STATES AND MONTHS
(Rail and Boat only)

State	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
California N.	-	-	-	-	-	19	39	31	-	1	-	-	90
California S.	-	-	-	-	-	3	3	3	1	2	-	-	12
California C.	-	-	-	-	-	134	2532	2049	55	7	-	-	4777
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	129	2008	18	-	-	2155
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	377	10	-	-	391
Maryland E.S.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Maryland, Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-	-	-	5
Michigan	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	-	-	-	6
New York, Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	4
Oregon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	27	5	-	-	32
Pennsylvania	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	57	20	-	-	-	77
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	81	187	-	-	-	268
Virginia, Other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-	-	5
Washington	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	22	389	25	-	-	436
W. Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	29	-	-	-	-	29
TOTAL U.S.	-	-	-	-	-	156	2575	2415	3074	68	-	-	8288

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WESTERN NEW YORK PEACHES F. O. B. PRICES

1955	Sales, f. o. b. shipping point and/or delivered sales, shipping pt. basis Elbertas, U. S. No. 1		
	Bushel tubs & baskets		Bushel boxes
	2" up	1 3/4" up	2" up
Sept. 5			
6	2.50		
7	2.40-2.65	1.50	
8	2.25-2.75		
9	2.50-2.75		
Sat. 10			
Sun. 11			
12	2.50-2.75		2.85-3.00
13	2.50-2.75	1.50	2.90-3.00
14#	2.35-2.65		2.85-3.00
15	2.25-2.65		2.85
16	2.35-2.55		2.85-3.00
Sat. 17			
Sun. 18			
19	2.35-2.60	1.40-1.60	3.00
20	2.40-2.65		3.10
21	2.35-2.65		2.85-3.00
22	2.15-2.50	1.75	
23	2.25-2.65		
Sat. 24			
Sun. 25			
26	2.25-2.65	1.50-1.75	
27	2.25-2.60		2.75
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Beginning September 14 stock from cold storage

WHOLESALE PRICES OF NEW YORK STATE PEACHES IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

		NEW YORK CITY		PITTSBURGH	
1955		- Western Section - Elbertas		Elbertas	
		Bushel baskets, 2" up		Bushel baskets, U.S.#1	
		Some US#1, mostly no grade marks		2" up	1 3/4" up
Sept.	5				
	6				
	7		2.50	2.15-2.25	1.90-2.00
	8		2.50-3.50	2.50-3.25	
	9		2.50-3.50		
Sat.	10				
Sun.	11				
	12		2.50-3.25	2.25-3.00	1.50-2.00
	13		2.25-3.00	2.25-2.75	1.50-1.75
	14		2.50-3.00	2.50-3.25	1.75
	15		2.00-3.00	2.50-3.25	1.50-1.75
	16		2.00-3.00	2.50-3.25	1.75
Sat.	17				
Sun.	18				
	19		2.50-3.00	2.75-3.25	1.75
	20		2.50-3.00	2.50-3.25	1.75-2.00
	21		3.00-4.00	2.50-3.25	1.75-1.85
	22		3.00-3.50	2.75-3.25	1.50-2.00
	23		2.50-3.00	2.50-3.00	1.75
Sat.	24				
Sun.	25				
	26		2.00-3.00		
	27		2.50-2.75		
	28		3.50	2.25-3.00	1.50-2.00

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