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Daily Market Reports on pears were issued from the Rochester office of the Federal-State Market News Service from September 8 through October 27, 1950. The information contained in this summary was obtained principally from these reports and from other releases by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, U. S. Department of Agriculture and from the Office of the State Statistician in Albany.

UNITED STATES

The pear crop is estimated at 31,263,000 bushels--14 percent less than last year but slightly more than average. Production in the 3 Pacific Coast States totaled 25,783,000 bushels, which is 13 percent less than the 1949 production but 12 percent above average. Bartletts for these States are estimated at 18,969,000 bushels and other pears at 6,814,000 bushels. These groups are both less than last year but above average. Low temperatures last winter in Washington and Oregon damaged many trees and reduced the Bartlett crop. The production of other pears in Washington was about one-tenth less than last year. Oregon produced a record crop of Anjous, which comprise more than two-thirds of the total fall and winter varieties. The crop of these varieties in Oregon is 6 percent above 1949. The New York crop of 1,066,000 bushels and the Michigan crop of 812,000 bushels are each above average but below last year.

NEW YORK STATE

New York State ranked fourth in the production of pears during 1950, exceeded only by the 3 Pacific Coast States; California, Oregon and Washington. This season the State produced a total of 1,066,000 bushels as compared with 1,195,000 bushels in 1949, 384,000 bushels in 1948, while the 10-year (1939-48) average for the State was 841,000 bushels.

Below normal temperatures during the first 3 weeks in March held back bud development which lessened the possibility of damage from April frosts. Growers reported very little winter or spring damage to the crop. Growing conditions were above average in the State and the crop was estimated at about 11 percent below last season but 25 percent above the 10-year average.

Harvesting of Bartletts started the first week of September in most sections. All varieties had been harvested by October 1 with the exception of Kieffers. Rainy weather during mid-September delayed orchard operations to some extent.

F.o.b. sales on bushel baskets of Bartletts, US#1, 2" minimum ranged from \$2.75-3.50 this season as compared with \$1.70-2.50 last season. Half bushel baskets of Seckels, US#1, 1½" minimum ranged from \$1.35-1.75 this season as compared with \$1.20-1.60 last season.

The movement to market by truck continues to increase. Dealers estimate that from 85-90 percent of the total production moved in this manner. This season only 20 cars moved by rail.

PROCESSING

While no official information is available, it has been estimated that from 75-80 percent of this season's crop moved to processors. This season processors paid from 3½-4¢ mostly 4¢ per pound for U. S. No. 1, canners grade as compared with 2¢ during the previous season.

PRODUCTION OF PEARS IN THE UNITED STATES, 1950 WITH COMPARISONS

State	Production 1/			
	Average 1939-48	1948	1949	1950
- Thousand bushels -				
Massachusetts	46	38	67	78
Connecticut	51	34	57	52
New York	841	384	1,195	1,066
Pennsylvania	360	255	385	359
Ohio	300	178	272	205
Indiana	168	142	182	134
Illinois	389	330	410	244
Michigan	766	300	1,200	812
Missouri	236	170	195	135
Kansas	102	135	112	102
Virginia	305	252	106	121
West Virginia	95	90	56	76
North Carolina	280	209	130	150
South Carolina	130	108	70	65
Georgia	388	385	187	234
Florida	171	214	176	140
Kentucky	168	118	104	42
Tennessee	200	86	51	40
Alabama	312	288	194	180
Mississippi	351	360	195	221
Arkansas	187	236	180	188
Louisiana	204	240	198	182
Oklahoma	162	142	229	176
Texas	374	236	484	270
Idaho	61	61	64	36
Colorado	184	155	204	142
Utah	161	140	170	30
Washington, all	7,070	5,555	7,030	5,872
Bartlett	5,238	3,780	5,175	4,216
Other	1,832	1,775	1,855	1,656
Oregon, all	4,592	4,825	6,166	5,660
Bartlett	1,868	1,861	2,681	1,960
Other	2,724	2,964	3,485	3,700
California, all	11,413	10,668	16,335	14,251
Bartlett	10,017	9,418	14,335	12,793
Other	1,396	1,250	2,000	1,458
United States	2/ 30,295	26,334	36,404	31,263

1/ For economic abandonment.

2/ United States average includes estimated production for Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Iowa, Nebraska, Delaware, Maryland, New Mexico, Arizona, and Nevada from 1939 through 1946. Estimates of production in those States were discontinued beginning with the 1947 crop.

CARLOT SHIPMENTS OF PEARS, CALENDAR YEARS 1944 TO 1950 INC.

STATES	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950
Alabama	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calif., N. D.	3,814	5,955	4,500	4,739	1,471	5,716	4,226
Calif., S. D.	6	5	7	-	-	-	-
Calif., C. D.	794	1,355	1,201	1,219	291	664	598
Colorado	63	327	44	200	126	111	168
Delaware	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Florida	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Georgia	9	10	-	-	-	-	-
Idaho	27	23	26	23	17	10	10
Illinois	144	61	30	69	44	14	23
Indiana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iowa	1	-	-	1	-	-	2
Kansas	-	6	1	-	1	-	-
Louisiana	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maryland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Mississippi	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Michigan	194	10	70	31	1	25	22
Missouri	-	3	-	-	1	-	-
Nebraska	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Mexico	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
NEW YORK	343	35	80	171	10	25	20
Ohio	16	6	1	2	-	-	-
Oregon	3,566	5,114	6,037	5,514	5,326	5,493	5,344
Texas	-	4	4	1	2	-	-
Utah	107	231	86	189	82	102	2
Washington	7,153	6,507	7,938	6,609	4,474	5,108	3,714
West Virginia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	-	2	2	-	-	1	-
TOTAL U. S.	1/ 16,238	19,652	20,027	2/ 18,776	3/ 11,846	* 17,270	14,129

1/ Includes 3,213 cars for manufacture

2/ Includes 8 cars Calif. (boat)

3/ Includes 103 USDA Govt. Purchases

* Includes 970 USDA Govt. Purchases and the following for manufacture - Calif., N.D. 97 cars, N.Y., 1 car, Oreg., 500 cars, Wash., 2,285 cars; Total 2,883
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CARLOT SHIPMENTS OF PEARS - JULY THROUGH OCTOBER AND TOTALS BY STATES
CALENDAR YEAR 1950

State	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Total
Calif., N.D.	1,547	1,876	726	16	4,226
Calif., C.D.	32	274	38	50	598
Colorado	-	67	66	35	168
Idaho	-	-	10	-	10
Illinois	-	-	19	4	23
Iowa	-	-	-	2	2
Michigan	-	-	21	1	22
New York	-	-	13	7	20
Oregon	-	263	1,348	1,080	5,344
Utah	-	2	-	-	2
Washington	-	204	1,520	1,211	3,714
TOTAL U.S.	1,579	2,686	3,761	2,406	14,129

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

1950	Carlot Shipments			Delivered sales, shipping point basis and sales f.o.b. shipping point		
	N. Y.	Mich.	Total U. S.	Bushel baskets Bartletts, US#1 2 inch minimum	1/2 Bushel baskets, Seckels, US#1, 1 3/4" minimum	1 1/2" minimum
Sept. 7	0	0	132	3.00-3.25		
8	0	1	149	3.00-3.25		
Sat. 9	1	0	132			
Sun. 10	0	0	30			
11	0	0	101	3.00-3.25		
12	0	1	121	3.00-3.25		
13	1	1	155	3.00-3.25		
14	1	1	166	3.00-3.50		
15	1	1	159	3.00-3.50		
Sat. 16	0	0	149			
Sun. 17	0	0	21			
18	0	3	154	3.00-3.50	1.75	1.40-1.60
19	0	3	142	3.00-3.25	1.75-1.85	1.40-1.60
20	1	3	150	3.00-3.25		1.40-1.65
21	1	2	155	3.00-3.25		1.40-1.75
22	1	0	157	3.00-3.25		1.40-1.60
Sat. 23	0	0	125			
Sun. 24	0	0	47			
25	0	0	147	3.00-3.25		1.40-1.75
26	0	0	160	3.00-3.25	1.85	1.40-1.75
27	0	0	119	3.00-3.25	1.85	1.40-1.75
28	2	0	145	3.00-3.25		
29	0	0	145	3.00-3.25		
Sat. 30	0	0	123			
Oct. 1	0	0	22			
2	0	0	98	3.00-3.35		
3	0	0	104	3.00-3.35		
4	0	0	96	3.00-3.25		
5	1	0	129	3.00-3.25	1.75	1.35-1.50
6	0	0	93			
7	0	1	96			
8	0	0	24			
9	0	0	97	3.00-3.25		
10	0	0	72	3.00-3.25		
11	0	0	120	3.00-3.25		
12	0	0	96	2.75-3.00		1.35
13	0	0	110			
Sat. 14	0	0	87			
Sun. 15	0	0	30			
16	0	0	90	2.75-3.00		
17	0	0	59	2.75-3.00		
18	2	0	83			
19	0	0	80	3.00		
20	1	0	86			
Sat. 21	0	0	71			
Sun. 22	0	0	11			
23	1	0	64	3.00		
24	0	0	75			
25	1	0	80			
26	0	0	87			
27	0	0	69			

WHOLESALE PRICES NEW YORK STATE PEARS IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

NEW YORK CITY				PITTSBURGH		
1950	Bushel Baskets		$\frac{1}{2}$ Bu. Baskets	Bushel Baskets, US#1		$\frac{1}{2}$ Bu. Baskets
	Bartletts	Seckels	Seckels	Bartletts 2" min. & up	Bartletts 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " min. & up	Seckels No Grade Mark
Sept. 8	2.00-2.50	2.50-3.00	1.25-1.75	3.25		
Sat. 9						
Sun. 10						
11	3.00-3.25		1.75	3.25-3.50	1.75-2.50	
12				3.25-3.50	1.75	2.00
13	2.50-2.75	3.00		3.25-3.65		
14	2.75-3.00	3.00	2.00	3.00-3.50	1.75-2.00	1.50
15	2.25-2.75	3.00		3.25-3.50		1.25
Sat. 16						
Sun. 17						
18	2.00-3.00	3.00-4.00		3.00-3.75	2.00-2.25	1.25-1.50
19	2.50-3.00	3.50-4.00		3.00-3.50		1.25-1.50
20		3.50-4.00	2.00-2.75	3.00-3.25		1.25
21				3.00-3.25		1.25-1.50
22	3.75-4.00	3.50-4.00	1.75-2.50	3.00-3.50		1.00-1.50
Sat. 23						
Sun. 24						
25				3.00-3.50		1.25-1.75
26		3.00-4.00	2.00-2.50	3.00-3.25		1.25-1.50
27			2.00-2.50	3.00-3.50	2.25	1.25-1.50
28	3.50-4.00		2.00-2.50	3.00-3.50	2.00-2.25	1.25-1.50
29	3.50-4.00		2.00-2.50	3.00-3.50		1.25-1.50
Sat. 30						
Oct. 1						
2	3.75-4.00		2.00-2.25	3.00-3.50		1.00-1.50
3	3.75			3.25-3.50		1.25-1.50
4	4.00		2.00-2.25	3.25-3.50		1.25-1.75
5			2.00-2.50	3.50-3.75		1.25-1.65
6						
Sat. 7						
Sun. 8						
9			2.00-2.25	3.25-3.75	2.00	
10			1.75-2.00	3.25-3.75	1.75-2.00	1.25-1.50
11	4.00	3.50-4.00	1.75-2.25	3.25-3.50	1.75-2.00	1.00-1.25
12				3.00-3.75	2.50	1.00-1.50
13	3.50-4.00		2.00-2.25	3.25-3.75	1.75-2.25	1.00
Sat. 14						
Sun. 15						
16		3.00-3.50	2.00-2.50	3.50-3.75		
17	4.00		2.25-2.50	3.25		
18			2.00-2.25	3.25-3.50		1.50
19	3.50			3.25		
20			2.00-2.25	3.00		
Sat. 21						
Sun. 22						
23			1.75-2.25	3.00		
24			1.75-2.00			
25					1.75	
26						
27						

WHOLESALE PRICES NEW YORK STATE PEARS IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

PHILADELPHIA

1950		$\frac{1}{2}$ Bushel Baskets, Seckels, US#1			Bu. Bskts., Bartletts, US#1, 2"min.
		2" min. & up	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " min.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " min.	
Sept.	8	3.00-3.25	2.75-3.00	2.00	
Sat.	9				
Sun.	10				
	11				
	12	3.00	2.75	1.75	
	13	3.00	2.75	1.75	
	14	3.00	2.75	1.75	3.00-3.50
	15	3.00	2.50	1.75	3.50
Sat.	16				
Sun.	17				
	18	3.00	2.50-2.75		3.50-4.00
	19	3.00		1.50-1.75	4.25
	20	3.00	2.50-3.00	1.75	3.75-4.25
	21	3.00	2.50-3.00	1.75	
	22	3.00	2.50-2.75	1.25-2.00	3.75-4.25
Sat.	23				
Sun.	24				
	25	3.00	2.25-2.75	1.25-1.75	3.50-4.25
	26	2.75-3.00	2.50-2.75	2.00-2.25	3.50-4.00
	27	2.75-3.00	2.25-2.75	1.50-1.75	3.50-4.00
	28	2.75-3.00	2.50-2.75	1.50-2.00	3.50-4.00
	29	2.75-3.00	2.50-2.75	1.50-1.75	
Sat.	30				
Oct.	1				
	2	3.00	2.50	2.25-2.50	3.50-4.00
	3	3.00	2.50	2.25-2.50	3.50
	4	3.00	2.50	2.25-2.50	3.00-3.50
	5	3.00	2.50	2.25-2.50	3.25-3.50
	6	3.00	2.50	2.25-2.50	
Sat.	7				
Sun.	8				
	9	3.50		2.25-2.50	3.25-3.50
	10				3.50-3.75
	11	3.50			3.00-3.25
	12				
	13	3.50			
Sat.	14				
Sun.	15				
	16	3.50			3.50
	17	3.50			
	18	3.50			3.00
	19	3.50			
	20	3.50			
Sat.	21				
Sun.	22				
	23	3.50			
	24				
	25				
	26				
	27				

WHOLESALE PRICES NEW YORK STATE PEARS IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

		BALTIMORE				
		Bushel Baskets, US#1				$\frac{1}{2}$ Bu. Bskts.
1950		Clepp Favorites	Seckols	Bartletts 2" up	Bartletts No Grade Marks Or Size	Seckols
Sept.	8	2.75-3.00				2.25
Sat.	9					
Sun.	10					
	11	2.00				2.25-2.50
	12					2.25-2.50
	13			3.00-3.50		
	14		4.00-4.50	3.00-3.50		2.25-2.50
	15	2.50	4.00	3.00-4.00		2.00-2.50
Sat.	16					
Sun.	17					
	18		3.50-4.00	2.50-3.50		2.00-2.50
	19		3.50-4.00			2.00-2.50
	20		3.50-4.00	2.50-3.50		2.00-2.50
	21	2.75-3.00			2.50-3.50	2.00-2.50
	22		3.00-4.00		2.50-3.50	1.75-2.50
Sat.	23					
Sun.	24					
	25	3.00-3.25	3.00-4.00		2.50-3.50	1.75-2.00
	26		2.50-4.00		3.00-3.50	1.50-2.25
	27		2.50-3.00		3.00-3.50	1.50-2.00
	28		2.50-3.00		2.50-3.50	1.50-2.00
	29		2.00-3.50		2.50-3.50	1.50-2.25
Sat.	30					
Oct.	1					
	2	3.00-3.25	2.50-3.00		2.50-3.50	1.50-2.25
	3		2.50-3.00		2.50-3.50	1.50-2.00
	4		2.50-3.50		3.00-3.50	1.50-2.00
	5		1.75-2.00		3.00-3.50	1.00-1.25
	6					
Sat.	7					
Sun.	8					
	9					
	10					
	11				3.75	1.50-2.00
	12					
	13					1.75-2.00
Sat.	14					
Sun.	15					
	16				2.50	1.75-2.00
	17				2.00-2.50	1.75-2.00
	18					
	19					
	20					2.00-2.25
Sat.	21					
Sun.	22					
	23					1.75-2.00
	24					1.50-1.75
	25					1.50-2.00
	26					1.50-2.00
	27					