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1957

SEASON

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## MARKETING WESTERN NEW YORK PEARS

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Daily Market Reports on pears were issued from the Rochester Office of the Federal-State Market News Service located in the Genesee Valley Regional Market Administration Bldg., 900 Jefferson Rd., Rochester 23, N.Y. from September 3, 1957 through September 24, 1957. The information contained in this summary was obtained principally from these reports and others released by the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets and the Crop Reporting Board of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

#### UNITED STATES

Although the Nation's pear crop of 31,902,000 bushels was not quite up to early-season expectations, it was 7 percent above average and only 1 percent below last year's relatively large crop. Production of Bartletts in the three Pacific Coast States was slightly larger than in 1956, setting a new record in California and a near record in Oregon, Washington Bartlett production was above last year but sharply below average. Winter pear production in the three Pacific Coast States was 2 percent less than last year. Production of winter pears in Oregon was nearly up to the record high 1956 crop. In Washington, winter pear production was 6 percent above last year, but in California it was 12 percent less. The large total pear crop for the three Pacific Coast States, comprising 90 percent of the Nation's total, was partially offset by a generally small crop elsewhere. Production in the remaining States was 15 percent below last year and 27 percent below average.

In California, the 1957 season was unusually good for Bartletts. Weather the previous winter was favorable. Late spring rains provided a good moisture supply for sizing. Summer and fall weather were excellent for growth and harvest. Non-harvest for economic reasons amounted to 667,000 bushels of Bartletts and 100,000 bushels of other pears. There was some spring frost damage to both Bartletts and winter pears in Oregon, but the growing and harvesting seasons in that State featured excellent weather. In contrast, Washington Bartlett pear growers were plagued by a variety of misfortunes. Although trees came through the 1956-57 winter in good condition, damage from earlier winter injury continued to develop as the season progressed. The bloom was heavy but the set variable. Hail early in the season damaged the crop in local areas. There was a heavy infestation of pear psylla, and blight became increasingly serious.

#### NEW YORK STATE

Total production this season was estimated at 460,000 bushels, lighter than the last two seasons and less than the average production for the 10-year period 1946-55. It was a very unsatisfactory season from the standpoint of production. Freeze damage in January and poor pollination reduced the set. Subsequent dry weather hastened maturity and limited sizes, and as a result, harvest was completed earlier than in 1956.

F.o.b. prices during September when the bulk of the movement occurred on Bartletts, US#1, 2" minimum and up and bushel tubs ranged from \$3.50-4.00, slightly lower than the previous season when the range was \$3.75-4.25.

#### PROCESSING

Demand for processing was active during the harvest period both from local and Canadian processors. Prices paid this season by processors range mostly from 4-5¢ with a few sales late in the season high as 5½¢.

PRODUCTION OF PEARS IN THE UNITED STATES, 1957 WITH COMPARISONS

State	Production 1/			
	Average 1946-55	1955	1956	1957
		- 1,000 bushels -		
Connecticut	50	60	52	48
New York	521	700	510	460
Pennsylvania	190	140	70	100
Ohio	152	80	45	55
Illinois	176	90	120	115
Michigan	821	950	1,200	675
Missouri	128	50	55	110
Virginia	105	11	40	34
West Virginia	50	32	60	30
North Carolina	113	10	71	82
Georgia	196	15	80	86
Kentucky	75	10	65	36
Tennessee	91	5	130	110
Alabama	121	2/	42	66
Mississippi	153	5	107	103
Arkansas	93	5	86	49
Louisiana	95	15	35	36
Oklahoma	89	5	36	25
Texas	216	20	123	234
Idaho	72	110	110	100
Colorado	181	150	225	165
Utah	185	200	310	320
Washington, all	6,214	6,450	4,550	4,820
Bartlett	4,510	4,600	2,950	3,120
Other	1,704	1,850	1,600	1,700
Oregon, all	5,518	6,050	6,490	6,500
Bartlett	2,163	2,700	2,550	2,600
Other	3,356	3,350	3,940	3,900
California, all	14,039	14,459	17,710	17,543
Bartlett	12,310	12,876	15,627	15,710
Other	1,729	1,583	2,083	1,833
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>29,940</b>	<b>29,622</b>	<b>32,322</b>	<b>31,902</b>

1/ Bushels of 48 pounds in California and 50 pounds in all other States.

2/ Less than 500 bushels.

F. O. B. PRICES AT WESTERN NEW YORK SHIPPING POINT

1957	Delivered sales, shipping point basis and/or sales f.o.b. shipping point		
	Bartletts, US No 1	Seckels, US No. 1	
	Bushel tubs	1/2 Bushel baks.	
	2" min. & up	1 1/2" min.	1 3/4" min.

Sept.			
	2		
	3	3.50-3.75	
	4	3.50-3.75	
	5	3.50-3.75	
	6	3.50-3.75	
Sat.	7		
Sun.	8		
	9	3.50-3.75	
	10	3.50-3.75	
	11	3.50-3.75	
	12	3.50	
	13	3.50-4.00	2.25-2.35
Sat.	14		
Sun.	15		
	16	3.75-4.00	
	17	3.75-4.00	
	18	3.75-4.00	
	19	3.75-4.00	
	20	4.00	3.20
Sat.	21		
Sun.	22		
	23	3.75-4.00	
	24	3.75-4.00	

CARLOT SHIPMENTS OF FEARS, CALENDAR YEARS 1951-1956  
(Rail and Boat only)

State	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
California, N.D.	4506	5952	3049	5173	3040	3647
California, C.D.	523	505	605	732	599	566
California, Boat	-	-	-	-	31	60
Colorado	193	163	130	208	80	157
Connecticut	-	-	-	-	1	-
Idaho	13	35	22	28	36	25
Illinois	22	1	8	3	-	-
Iowa	-	-	-	-	1	-
Michigan	12	6	13	17	-	12
New York	12	4	16	9	15	2
Oregon	4947	4768	5328	4034	5222	4951
Utah	104	161	3	187	31	111
Washington	3857	3084	4069	3703	4220	1439
TOTAL U. S.	1/ 14,180	14,882	13,062	2/ 14,121	13,276	10,970*

1/ Includes the following cars for manufacture: California 682, Oregon 1039, Washington 1713; TOTAL 3,434

2/ Includes 19 cars U. S. D. A. Gov't Purchases.

\* Subject to Revision.

CARLOT SHIPMENTS OF FEARS CALENDAR YEAR 1957 BY STATES AND MONTHS  
(Rail and Boat only)

State	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Calif. N.D.	2	2	-	4	6	2	1128	1488	889	332	35	9	3895
Calif. C.D.	16	1	10	3	1	-	-	145	123	115	116	57	587
Calif. (Boat)	8	-	-	-	-	-	1	16	8	25	20	8	86
Colorado	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	44	29	18	-	-	91
Idaho	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	18	2	-	-	-	20
Oregon	519	389	393	364	123	3	-	165	846	1038	651	706	5197
Utah	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	90	-	-	-	96
Washington	162	152	165	72	19	4	-	258	351	275	217	151	1826
TOTAL U.S.	707	544	568	443	149	9	1129	2138	2338	1803	1039	931	11798

WHOLESALE PRICES NEW YORK STATE PEARS IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

		NEW YORK CITY				
		Western Section		Hudson Valley		
1957		Seckels		Clapp Favorites	Seckels	Bartletts
		Bu. Baskets	$\frac{1}{2}$ Bu. Baskets	Bu. Baskets	$\frac{1}{2}$ Bu. Baskets	Bu. Baskets
		medium size				
Sept.	2					
	3			3.00-3.50	2.50-2.75	
	4			3.00-3.75	2.50-2.75	
	5				2.25-2.50	
	6			3.50-4.25	2.25	
Sat.	7					
Sun.	8					
	9	4.50-6.00	2.25-2.75	3.50-4.00	2.50-3.00	
	10			3.50-4.00	1.75-2.50	3.50
	11			3.75-4.00	1.25-1.50	
	12			3.50-4.00	2.00-2.25	
	13			3.50-4.00	2.50	3.50-4.00
Sat.	14					
Sun.	15					
	16					
	17		2.50-2.75	3.50-3.75		4.00
	18		2.50-2.75	3.75-4.00		4.00
	19			3.75-4.00	2.50-2.75	4.00-4.25
	20					
Sat.	21					
Sun.	22					
	23			3.00-3.50		3.50-4.00
	24		2.50-3.00	4.00-4.25		4.25

		PITTSBURGH		
		Bartletts		Seckels
		Bushel Baskets		$\frac{1}{2}$ Bushel baskets
		2-2 1/4" Min and up	1 3/4" minimum	1 3/4" minimum
Sept.	2			
	3	4.25		
	4	4.00-4.25		
	5	4.00-4.25		
	6	4.00-4.25		
Sat.	7			
Sun.	8			
	9	4.00-4.25	3.00-3.25	
	10	4.25		
	11	4.00-4.35	3.15-3.25	
	12	4.00	3.00-3.25	
	13			
Sat.	14			
Sun.	15			
	16	4.25	3.25	
	17			
	18	4.25-4.50	3.25-3.50	2.00-2.50
	19			
	20			
Sat.	21			
Sun.	22			
	23	4.50-4.75	3.50-3.75	
	24	4.00		

WHOLESALE PRICES NEW YORK STATE PEARS IN IMPORTANT MARKETS

		PHILADELPHIA					
1957		Seckels, U. S. No. 1 1/2 bushel baskets			Bartletts, U. S. No. 1 bushel baskets		
		2" up & min.	1 3/4"	1 1/2"	2 1/4" up	2" up & min.	1 3/4"
Sept.	2						
	3	4.00	3.50	2.50			
	4				4.00		
	5	4.00	3.50		4.00-4.25	4.00	
	6						
Sat.	7						
Sun.	8						
	9	4.00	3.50	3.00	3.50-4.00	3.00	
	10	4.00	3.50	3.00-3.25	3.75-4.00	3.50	3.00
	11	4.00	3.50		4.00	3.25-3.50	2.75
	12	4.00	3.50		3.75-4.00	3.25-3.50	2.50
	13			3.00			
Sat.	14						
Sun.	15						
	16						
	17						
	18						
	19						
	20	4.00					
Sat.	21						
Sun.	22						
	23	4.00		2.75-3.00			
	24						