

FRUIT

1979 APPLE PRODUCTION

Illinois commercial utilized apple production totaled 110 million pounds (2,619,000 bushels, 42-lb. equivalents) in 1979, up 24% from 1978. Quality and size of the fruit were good to excellent throughout the State. No widespread losses were encountered from either weather conditions or pest-related problems. Golden Delicious was the leading variety, accounting for 33% of the total crop. Jonathan ranked second with 30%, and Red Delicious was third at 24%. Price per pound was estimated at 11.4 cents in 1979, compared with 12.8 cents per pound in 1978.

1979 PEACH PRODUCTION

Illinois peach production for 1979 was estimated at 15 million pounds (313,000 bushels, 48-lb. equivalents), 6% below the 1978 production of 16 million pounds. Severe winter weather damaged peach production for the third consecutive year. Weather damage ranged from very little to complete crop loss, dependent upon the local weather conditions. Value of the 1979 crop totaled \$2,775,000 compared to \$3,504,000 the previous year. Price per pound decreased from 1978's 21.9 cents to 18.5 cents per pound in 1979.

APPLES AND PEACHES: Production, price and value, Illinois, 1975-79

Year	Production		Price per pound Cents	Value of utilized production 1,000 dollars
	Total - Million pounds -	Utilized		
<u>APPLES</u>				
1975	115.0	112.0	7.60	8,512
1976	86.0	86.0	10.20	8,772
1977	108.0	105.0	9.90	10,395
1978	89.0	89.0	12.80	11,392
1979	110.0	110.0	11.40	12,540
<u>PEACHES</u>				
1975	27.0	27.0	13.80	3,726
1976	20.0	20.0	14.50	2,900
1977	9.0	9.0	16.40	1,476
1978	16.0	16.0	21.90	3,504
1979	15.0	15.0	18.50	2,775

APPLE VARIETIES: Production in commercial orchards, Illinois, 1975-79

Variety	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979
<u>Million pounds</u>					
Red Delicious	26.0	19.0	25.0	22.0	26.0
Golden Delicious	36.0	28.0	35.0	29.0	36.0
Jonathan	33.0	25.0	32.0	25.0	33.0
Rome Beauty	5.0	4.0	4.0	3.5	4.5
Winesap	1.0	1.0	1/	1/	1/
Other	14.0	9.0	12.0	9.5	10.5
Total	115.0	86.0	108.0	89.0	110.0

1/ Included with "Other" varieties.