

FRUIT

1984 APPLE PRODUCTION

Illinois commercial apple production totaled 90.0 million pounds (2,143,000 bushels, 42-pound equivalents) in 1984. Production was about on par with the previous year, and 2.0 million pounds above 1982. The total value of the 1984 crop is estimated at \$13,637,000, up 14% from 1983's \$11,936,000. The 1984 average price per pound is 15.2 cents, compared to 13.3 cents in 1983 and 1982.

The apple crop varied widely across the State in 1984 due to extremely variable weather conditions. The drought conditions in the summer of 1983, the extremely cold December 1983, and the late, wet spring of 1984 led to poor bloom and light set in many areas. The dry 1984 summer further cut production potential in some orchards. Harvest conditions were generally good until late in the season, when wet and humid weather caused some delays.

APPLES: Production, price and value, Illinois, 1975-84

Year	Production		Price per pound Cents	Value of utilized production 1,000 dollars
	Total - Million pounds -	Utilized		
1975	115.0	112.0	7.6	8,512
1976	86.0	86.0	10.2	8,772
1977	108.0	105.0	9.9	10,395
1978	89.0	89.0	12.8	11,392
1979	110.0	110.0	12.4	13,640
1980	101.0	101.0	12.1	12,176
1981	103.0	103.0	12.9	13,247
1982	88.0	88.0	13.3	11,682
1983	90.0	90.0	13.3	11,936
1984	90.0	90.0	15.2	13,637

1984 PEACH PRODUCTION

Peach production in Illinois totaled 16.0 million pounds (333,000 bushels, 48-pound equivalents), compared to production of 13.0 million in 1983, and no production in 1982 because of damage from extremely low winter temperatures. The value of the 1984 crop totaled \$3,577,000, up 2% from 1983's total value of \$3,493,000. The average price per pound in 1984 was 22.4 cents, down from 1983's 26.9 cents per pound.

Tree damage and loss from the extreme winter of 1982, and the cold temperatures of December 1983 continued to become apparent during the 1984 growing season. The cool, wet spring and dry summer of 1984 cut production potential in some areas, and there were some reports of reduced peach size in 1984. Harvest weather was generally good.

PEACHES: Production, price and value, Illinois, 1975-84

Year	Production		Price per pound Cents	Value of utilized production 1,000 dollars
	Total - Million pounds -	Utilized		
1975	27.0	27.0	13.8	3,726
1976	20.0	20.0	14.5	2,900
1977	9.0	9.0	16.4	1,476
1978	16.0	16.0	21.9	3,504
1979	15.0	15.0	18.5	2,775
1980	24.0	24.0	18.5	4,440
1981	22.0	22.0	21.4	4,710
1982	1/	1/	1/	1/
1983	13.0	13.0	26.9	3,493
1984	16.0	16.0	22.4	3,577

1/ No significant commercial production due to frost.