NASS Survey Training

Peach Production Inquiry-May 2021
(PEACH AP)

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General Survey Information

• Project Code: 134-Non Citrus Fruit Survey
• “Essentially” an Ag Yield survey for California Peaches
  – Looking for 2021 expected production of Freestone and Clingstone peaches
• Questionnaires:
  – Mailed out around April 22
  – Web reporting option available.
• Release:
  – Crop Production
  – May 12, 2021 noon EST
2019 California Peach Production

• Accounted for about 73% of the US peach production

• 36,200 bearing acres
  – 20,000 ac Freestone
  – 16,200 ac Clingstone

• Average yield of 13.8 tons/ac
  – 11.7 t/ac for Freestone
  – 16.3 t/ac for Clingstone
It’s The Pits

• Freestone Peaches: Flesh separates easily from the stone.
  – When the fruit is cut in half, there is easy separation at the pit and the pit can be removed by hand
    • May be preferred for eating, easier to utilize in home canning

• Clingstone Peaches: Flesh that clings to the stone
  – When cut in half, very difficult to separate the two halves because the flesh is stuck to the pit
    • Used for commercial canning and are mechanically separated
Screening for Fruit Tree Acres

• Any peach tree acres in **2021**?
  – If “**NO**”, Will have peach tree acres in future?
    • Yes, No, DK, all lead to Conclusion

• No additional screening questions at this point, so good notes about the operation’s status are **vital**
  – No agricultural activity? New operator? Another other info?
Survey Questions

• Any Freestone Peach tree acres?
• Total acres of Freestone peaches
  – Of these, how many were bearing age this year
• Expected total production for 2021
  – Quantity, unit, pounds per unit
• Same questions for Clingstone peaches
  – Except: we are looking for total production in TONS
    • No other units are available to report in
Things to Watch Out For

• Bearing acres cannot be greater than total acres
• Bearing acres reported but no production reported
• No bearing acres but production reported
• Yield seems high or low
  – Total production/bearing acres (in pounds)
Conclusion

• Referring to 2021 crop year *expected* production
• Watch the decimal points:
  – Acres, pounds per unit
• Leave notes explaining any odd situations
• Practice some examples on your iPad
• Ask your supervisor or RFO if you have any questions
• Have a “Peachy” Survey!