

NASS Survey Training

Peach Production Inquiry-May 2023 (PEACH AP)



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General Survey Information

- Project Code: **134-Non-Citrus Fruit Survey**
 - Looking for **2023** *expected* production of Freestone and Clingstone peaches
- Questionnaires:
 - Mail date April 21
 - Web reporting option available.
- Release:
 - *Crop Production*
 - May 12, 2023 noon EST

California Peach Production

- Accounted for about 76% of the US peach production
- 36,800 bearing acres
 - 22,000 ac Freestone
 - 14,800 ac Clingstone
- Average yield of 13.7 tons/ac
 - 12.7 t/ac for Freestone
 - 15.3 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 **2023**?
 - 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 2023
 - 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 2023 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!

