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!