NASS Survey Training

Peach Production Inquiry - May 2024 (PEACH AP)

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General Survey Information

• Project Code: 134-Non-Citrus Fruit Survey
  – Looking for 2024 expected production of Freestone and Clingstone peaches

• Questionnaires:
  – Mail date April 22nd
  – Web reporting option available.

• Release:
  – Crop Production
  – May 10, 2024 noon EST
California Peach Production

- Accounted for about 76% of the US peach production
- 36,400 bearing acres
  - 22,500 ac Freestone
  - 13,900 ac Clingstone
- Average yield of 13.0 tons/ac
  - 11.8 t/ac for Freestone
  - 15.0 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 2024?
  – 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 2024
  – Quantity, unit, pounds per unit
• Same questions for Clingstone peaches except we are looking for total production in TONS or Tons/Acre
  • No other units are available to report for Clingstone
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 2024 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!