

# 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 22<sup>nd</sup>
  - 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!

