

SPECIAL PEACH FORECAST  
(SUPPLEMENTAL)



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California Clingstone peach production is forecast at 1,366 million pounds, (683,000 tons), 5 percent below last year and 24 percent below the 1969 crop.

The forecast of production excludes fruit to be removed by the "green drop" program. Production figures quoted above include peaches used or to be used for pickles, drying, fresh shipment and on farm use, as well as for canning.

This special forecast for California is based upon objective measurement yield data collected in the field from May 19 through June 15, 1971. In addition, late May and early June grower reports of crop condition were evaluated.

Fruit set per tree was about 27 percent above last year. Harvest sizes are projected to be larger than last year. Bearing acreage is below last year.

This supplemental forecast for California Clingstones is 50 million pounds above the June 1 forecast of 1,316 million pounds. New data are not available at this time for other peach producing States but if this adjustment is applied to the U. S. total estimated as of June 1, the total peach forecast would be 2,957 million pounds, 2 percent below last season and 19 percent below the 1969 harvested production.

