

SPECIAL PEACH FORECAST
(SUPPLEMENTAL)

June 23, 1967

California Clingstone peach production for the 1967 season is now forecast at 1,676.0 million pounds (838,000 tons), slightly less than last year's production of 1,678.0 million pounds (839,000 tons) but 12 percent above the 1961-65 average of 1,493.6 million pounds (746,800 tons).

This forecast includes total production on trees and makes no allowances for a "green drop" program. All of the 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 29 through June 17, 1967. In addition, an evaluation was made of grower reports of condition which were reported in late May and early June.

Fruit set per tree was well below the 1962-66 average. However, a substantial increase in expected fruit size at harvest along with an increase in bearing acreage indicates a crop nearly equal to last year.

This supplemental forecast for California Clingstones is 76 million pounds above the June 1 forecast of 1,600 million pounds. New data are not available at this time for the other peach producing States but if this adjustment is made in the U. S. total estimated as of June 1, the U. S. forecast would be 3,029.1 million pounds, 11 percent below the 3,407.4 million pounds harvested in 1966 and 15 percent less than the 1961-65 average.

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