

SPECIAL PEACH FORECAST



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California Clingstone peach production is now forecast at 1,340 million pounds (670 thousand tons), 9 percent above the 1972 crop of 1,224 million pounds (612,000 tons). 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 measurements of yield data collected in the field from May 15 through June 15, 1973.

Fruit set per tree is about 15 percent below last year and about 3 percent below the 1967-1971 average. Harvest sizes are expected to be larger than last year. Bearing acreage is nearly 2,300 acres above last year.

This supplemental forecast for California Clingstone peaches is 40 million pounds (20 thousand tons) above the June 1 forecast of 1,300 million pounds (650,000 tons).

