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Update Alert

The 2005-06 West Region and U.S. values for brown mushroom volume of sales and value of sales on page 5 were updated.

All Mushroom Sales Down 2 Percent, Value Up 7 Percent

Sales of the 2006-07 U.S. mushroom crop are 827 million pounds, down 2 percent from the 2005-06 season and 3 percent below two years ago. Value of sales for the 2006-07 U.S. mushroom crop is \$956 million, up 7 percent from the previous season and 5 percent above the 2004-05 season. The number of growers, at 279, is down 27 from last season. The average price is \$1.16 per pound, up 11 cents from 2005-06.

Sales reported by growers of Agaricus mushrooms for fresh market are 697 million pounds, down 1 percent from last season. Sales of Agaricus mushrooms for processing are 117 million pounds, 9 percent below last season. Value of sales for all Agaricus mushrooms totaled 915 million dollars, up 8 percent from the previous season and 6 percent above 2004-05.

(Agaricus and specialty highlights continued on page 12)

Agaricus and Specialty Mushrooms: Number of Growers, Volume of Sales, Price, and Value of Sales, July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2007

Year	Growers ¹	All Sales		
		Volume of Sales	Price per Pound ²	Value of Sales
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2004-05	296	853,154	1.070	908,733
2005-06	306	847,113	1.050	889,365
2006-07	279	826,666	1.160	955,799

¹ Number of growers counted once if growing both Agaricus and specialty mushrooms.

² Prices for mushrooms are the average prices producers receive at the point of first sale, commonly referred to as the average price as sold. For example, if in a given State, part of the fresh mushrooms are sold F.O.B. packed by growers, part are sold bulk to brokers or repackers, and some are sold retail at roadside stands, the mushroom average price as sold is a weighted average of the average price for each method of sale.

**Agaricus Mushrooms: Area, Sales, Price, and Value by State
and United States, July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2007**

State, Region, ¹ and Year	Area in Production		Volume of Sales	Price per Pound ²	Value of Sales
	Growing Area	Total Fillings			
	<i>1,000 Square Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Square Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
CA					
2004-05	4,100	20,525	118,648	1.450	172,465
2005-06	4,368	21,911	117,916	1.500	176,638
2006-07	4,367	22,549	117,851	1.590	187,473
PA					
2004-05	17,363	80,243	495,432	0.790	391,289
2005-06	16,752	78,975	492,426	0.767	377,702
2006-07	16,761	83,587	496,566	0.891	442,292
WA					
2004-05	365	2,267	11,103	1.430	15,877
2005-06 ³					
2006-07 ³					
Oth Sts					
2004-05 ⁴	7,077	40,058	212,900	1.330	282,561
2005-06 ⁵	7,302	41,664	223,335	1.320	294,496
2006-07 ⁶	7,051	37,225	199,432	1.430	285,596
East					
2004-05	20,089	98,792	594,848	0.868	516,351
2005-06	19,350	96,959	593,922	0.836	496,474
2006-07	19,053	97,188	573,013	0.949	543,837
Central					
2004-05	3,105	15,358	84,133	1.440	121,554
2005-06	3,174	15,651	82,618	1.500	123,785
2006-07	3,239	15,841	79,821	1.600	127,717
West					
2004-05	5,711	28,943	159,102	1.410	224,287
2005-06	5,898	29,940	157,137	1.450	228,577
2006-07	5,887	30,332	161,015	1.510	243,807
US					
2004-05	28,905	143,093	838,083	1.030	862,192
2005-06	28,422	142,550	833,677	1.020	848,836
2006-07	28,179	143,361	813,849	1.120	915,361

¹ Regions: East: CT, DE, FL, MD, NY, PA, TN, and VT. Central: IL, OK, TX, and WI. West: CA, CO, MT, OR, UT, and WA.

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³ Missing data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

⁴ CO, CT, DE, FL, IL, MD, MT, NY, OK, OR, TN, TX, UT, and WI.

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**Agaricus Mushrooms: Utilization, Volume of Sales, Price, and Value
by Region and United States, July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2007**

Year, State, Region ¹	Fresh Market			Processing		
	Volume of Sales	Price per Pound ²	Value of Sales	Volume of Sales	Price per Pound ²	Value of Sales
	<i>1,000 Lbs</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dols</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dols</i>
2004-05						
PA	385,473	0.893	344,227	109,959	0.428	47,062
Other East	85,442	1.380	118,298	13,974	0.484	6,764
East Total	470,915	0.982	462,525	123,933	0.434	53,826
Central Total	72,485	1.560	112,915	11,648	0.742	8,639
CA	114,013	1.490	169,879	4,635	0.558	2,586
Other West	38,906	1.320	51,174	1,548	0.419	648
West Total	152,919	1.450	221,053	6,183	0.523	3,234
US	696,319	1.140	796,493	141,764	0.463	65,699
2005-06						
PA	390,887	0.866	338,508	101,539	0.386	39,194
Other East	90,106	1.260	113,439	11,390	0.468	5,333
East Total	480,993	0.940	451,947	112,929	0.394	44,527
Central Total	71,377	1.620	115,428	11,241	0.743	8,357
CA	114,180	1.530	174,695	3,736	0.520	1,943
Other West	38,034	1.350	51,468	1,187	0.397	471
West Total	152,214	1.490	226,163	4,923	0.490	2,414
US	704,584	1.130	793,538	129,093	0.428	55,298
2006-07						
PA	403,564	0.960	387,421	93,002	0.590	54,871
Other East	66,210	1.420	93,740	10,237	0.762	7,805
East Total	469,774	1.020	481,161	103,239	0.607	62,676
Central Total	69,696	1.690	118,038	10,125	0.956	9,679
CA	115,017	1.610	185,177	2,834	0.810	2,296
Other West	42,222	1.330	55,984	942	0.372	350
West Total	157,239	1.530	241,161	3,776	0.701	2,646
US	696,709	1.210	840,360	117,140	0.640	75,001

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**Agaricus Mushrooms: Number of Growers, Volume, Price, and Value of All Sales
by Region and United States, July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2007**

Year, State, Region ¹	Growers	All Sales		
		Volume of Sales	Price per Pound ²	Value of Sales
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2004-05				
PA	76	495,432	0.790	391,289
Other East	12	99,416	1.260	125,062
East Total	88	594,848	0.868	516,351
Central Total	7	84,133	1.440	121,554
CA	16	118,648	1.450	172,465
Other West	7	40,454	1.280	51,822
West Total	23	159,102	1.410	224,287
US	118	838,083	1.030	862,192
2005-06				
PA	76	492,426	0.767	377,702
Other East	13	101,496	1.170	118,772
East Total	89	593,922	0.836	496,474
Central Total	7	82,618	1.500	123,785
CA	20	117,916	1.500	176,638
Other West	7	39,221	1.320	51,939
West Total	27	157,137	1.450	228,577
US	123	833,677	1.020	848,836
2006-07				
PA	73	496,566	0.891	442,292
Other East	10	76,447	1.330	101,545
East Total	83	573,013	0.949	543,837
Central Total	7	79,821	1.600	127,717
CA	20	117,851	1.590	187,473
Other West	7	43,164	1.310	56,334
West Total	27	161,015	1.510	243,807
US	117	813,849	1.120	915,361

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**Agaricus Mushrooms: Yield and Dollar Volume per Square Foot
of Growing Area, by State and United States,
July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2007**

State and Region ¹	Yield per Square Foot		
	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
PA	6.17	6.24	5.94
East	6.02	6.13	5.90
Central	5.48	5.28	5.04
CA	5.78	5.38	5.23
West	5.50	5.25	5.31
US	5.86	5.85	5.68
	Dollar Volume per Square Foot		
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
PA	4.88	4.78	5.29
East	5.23	5.12	5.60
Central	7.91	7.91	8.06
CA	8.40	8.06	8.31
West	7.75	7.63	8.04
US	6.03	5.95	6.39

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East: CT, DE, FL, MD, NY, PA, TN, and VT.
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**Brown Mushrooms (Portabello and Crimini): Number of Growers, Volume of Sales,
and Value, by Region and United States, July 1, 2004-June 30, 2007 ¹**

Region and Year ²	Growers	Volume of Sales	Value	Region and Year ²	Growers	Volume of Sales	Value
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs</i>	<i>1,000 Dols</i>		<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs</i>	<i>1,000 Dols</i>
East				West			
2004-05	36	79,524	84,644	2004-05	15	14,524	30,301
2005-06	37	95,872	104,809	2005-06	15	15,066	31,981
2006-07	35	75,160	85,155	2006-07	16	17,098	37,560
Central				US			
2004-05	7	6,480	15,222	2004-05	58	100,528	130,167
2005-06	7	6,359	15,248	2005-06	59	117,297	152,038
2006-07	7	6,931	17,418	2006-07	58	99,189	140,133

¹ Brown mushrooms are part of Agaricus mushrooms.

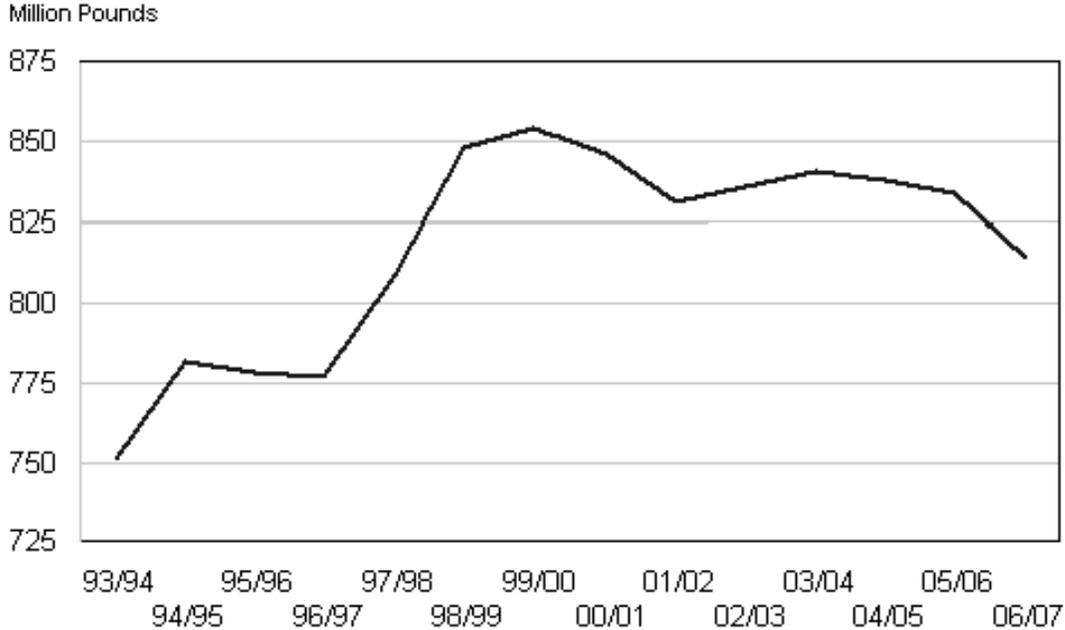
² Regions:
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West: CA, CO, MT, OR, UT, and WA.

**Agaricus Mushrooms: Sales by Type and Percent of Total,
United States, 1993-2007 ¹**

Year	Fresh Market		Processing		Total Volume of Sales
	Volume of Sales	Percent	Volume of Sales	Percent	
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>
1993-94	516,836	69	233,963	31	750,799
1994-95	532,232	68	250,108	32	782,340
1995-96	537,124	69	240,746	31	777,870
1996-97	553,780	71	222,897	29	776,677
1997-98	621,537	77	187,141	23	808,678
1998-99	657,833	78	189,927	22	847,760
1999-00	668,541	78	185,853	22	854,394
2000-01	692,630	82	153,579	18	846,209
2001-02	689,968	83	141,139	17	831,107
2002-03	697,248	83	139,150	17	836,398
2003-04	703,496	84	137,666	16	841,162
2004-05	696,319	83	141,764	17	838,083
2005-06	704,584	85	129,093	15	833,677
2006-07	696,709	86	117,140	14	813,849

¹ This table represents volume of sales at point of first sale. Mushrooms sold for fresh use, but used for processing are included under fresh market volume of sales.

**Agaricus Mushrooms: Volume of Sales
United States, 1993/94 - 2006/07**

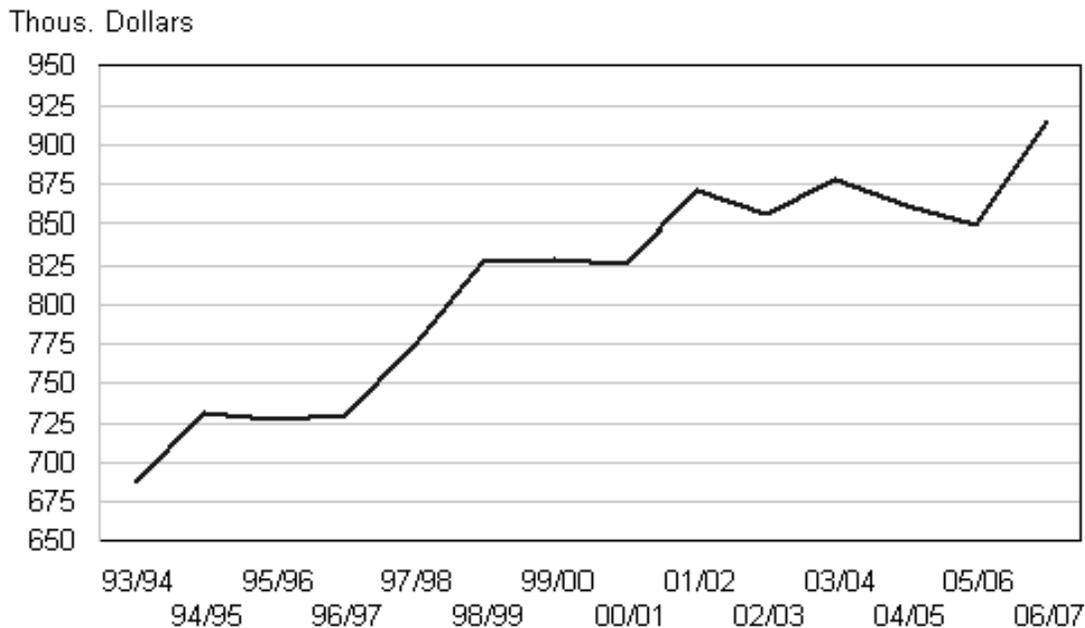


**Agaricus Mushrooms: Price and Value by Type of Sale,
United States, 1993-2007¹**

Year	Fresh Market		Processing		All Sales	
	Price per Pound	Value of Sales	Price per Pound	Value of Sales	Price per Pound	Value of Sales
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dols</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dols</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dols</i>
1993-94	1.030	532,863	0.662	154,810	0.916	687,673
1994-95	1.050	560,127	0.684	171,046	0.935	731,173
1995-96	1.090	588,126	0.579	139,452	0.935	727,578
1996-97	1.090	605,728	0.559	124,568	0.940	730,296
1997-98	1.080	670,168	0.553	103,449	0.957	773,617
1998-99	1.080	712,000	0.611	116,098	0.977	828,098
1999-00	1.070	715,943	0.606	112,608	0.970	828,551
2000-01	1.060	736,543	0.579	88,957	0.976	825,500
2001-02	1.150	796,522	0.525	74,051	1.050	870,573
2002-03	1.120	778,307	0.558	77,676	1.020	855,983
2003-04	1.140	805,200	0.532	73,205	1.040	878,405
2004-05	1.140	796,493	0.463	65,699	1.030	862,192
2005-06	1.130	793,538	0.428	55,298	1.020	848,836
2006-07	1.210	840,360	0.640	75,001	1.120	915,361

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**Agaricus Mushrooms: Value of Sales
United States, 1993/94 - 2006/07**

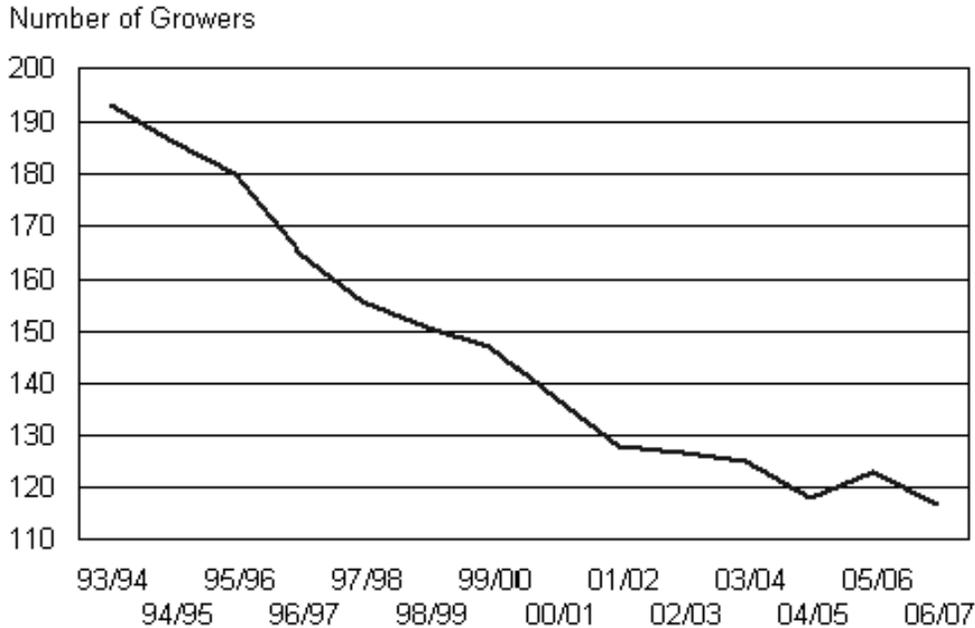


Agaricus Mushrooms: Number of Growers, Area in Production, Yield, and Dollar Volume per Square Foot, United States, 1993-2007

Year	Growers ¹	Area in Production	Yield per Square Foot	Dollar Volume per Square Foot
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Square Feet</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
1993-94	193	135,703	5.53	5.07
1994-95	186	139,617	5.60	5.24
1995-96	180	135,320	5.75	5.38
1996-97	165	136,461	5.69	5.35
1997-98	156	145,094	5.57	5.33
1998-99	151	150,017	5.65	5.52
1999-00	147	151,487	5.64	5.47
2000-01	137	143,873	5.88	5.74
2001-02	128	140,822	5.90	6.18
2002-03	127	141,844	5.90	6.03
2003-04	125	146,510	5.74	6.00
2004-05	118	143,093	5.86	6.03
2005-06	123	142,550	5.85	5.95
2006-07	117	143,361	5.68	6.39

¹ Estimates are based on growers with sales and include all known growing facilities.

**Agaricus Mushrooms: Number of Growers
United States, 1993/94 - 2006/07**



**Agaricus Mushrooms: Bed or Tray Area Intended for Production
by State and United States, July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2008**

State and Region ¹	Intentions Jul 2007 - Jun 2008			
	Fresh Market	Processed Market	Total Fillings	Percent of Last Year
	<i>1,000 Square Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Square Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Square Feet</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CA	21,551	525	22,076	98
PA	78,809	4,771	83,580	100
Oth Sts ²	35,571	1,797	37,368	100
East	92,198	5,044	97,242	100
Central	14,345	1,494	15,839	100
West	29,388	555	29,943	99
US	135,931	7,093	143,024	100

¹ Regions:

East: DE, FL, MD, NY, PA, TN, and VT.

Central: IL, OK, TX, and WI.

West: CA, CO, MT, OR, UT, and WA.

² CO, DE, FL, IL, MD, MT, NY, OK, OR, TN, TX, UT, VT, WA, and WI.

Specialty Mushrooms: Number of Growers, Total Production, Volume of Sales, Price, and Value of Sales, by Variety and United States, July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2007 ¹

Year and Variety	Growers ²	Total Production ³	All Sales		
			Volume of Sales ⁴	Price per Pound ⁵	Value of Sales
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2004-05					
Shiitake	164	9,085	8,616	3.25	28,005
Oyster	76	5,428	5,128	2.35	12,035
Other	27	1,436	1,327	4.90	6,501
US ⁶	193	15,949	15,071	3.09	46,541
2005-06					
Shiitake	178	8,014	7,685	3.25	24,942
Oyster	67	4,765	4,563	2.15	9,827
Other	24	1,377	1,188	4.85	5,760
US ⁶	206	14,156	13,436	3.02	40,529
2006-07					
Shiitake	153	6,865	6,698	3.36	22,508
Oyster	60	4,958	4,748	2.41	11,424
Other	28	1,418	1,371	4.75	6,506
US ⁶	179	13,241	12,817	3.16	40,438

¹ Specialty mushroom estimates represent growers who have at least 200 natural wood logs in production or some commercial indoor growing area, and 200 dollars in sales.

² Growers counted only once for US total if growing more than one specialty type mushroom. Growers growing Agaricus and specialty mushrooms are included.

³ Total production includes all fresh market and processing sales plus amount harvested but not sold (shrinkage, cullage, dumped, etc.).

⁴ Virtually all specialty mushroom sales are for fresh market.

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⁶ 2004-05: AR, CA, CT, DE, FL, HI, IL, IN, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, NH, NY, NC, OH, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA, WA, WV, and WI.
2005-06: AR, CA, CT, FL, HI, IN, KS, KY, ME, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, NY, NC, OH, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA, WV, and WI.
2006-07: AR, CA, FL, HI, IL, IN, KS, KY, ME, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, NY, NC, OH, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA, WV, and WI.

**Specialty Mushrooms: Area in Production by Variety and United States,
July 1, 2004 - June 30, 2007 ¹**

Year and Variety	Area		
	Natural Wood Outdoor Logs	Natural Wood Undercover and Indoor Logs	All Other Production Media
	<i>1,000 Logs</i>	<i>1,000 Logs</i>	<i>1,000 Square Feet</i>
2004-05			
Shiitake ²	360	62	1,585
Oyster			637
Other			459
US ³	360	62	2,681
2005-06			
Shiitake ²	182	64	1,517
Oyster			489
Other			404
US ³	182	64	2,410
2006-07			
Shiitake ²	173	68	1,323
Oyster			633
Other			228
US ³	173	68	2,184

¹ Specialty mushroom estimates represent growers who have at least 200 natural wood logs in production or some commercial indoor growing area, and 200 dollars in sales.

² Includes small quantity of logs producing Oyster and Other mushrooms. These logs are not published separately to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ 2004-05: AR, CA, CT, DE, FL, HI, IL, IN, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, NH, NY, NC, OH, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA, WA, WV, and WI.
 2005-06: AR, CA, CT, FL, HI, IN, KS, KY, ME, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, NY, NC, OH, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA, WV, and WI.
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Agaricus Mushrooms

Agaricus mushroom sales totaled 814 million pounds, down 2 percent from the 2005-06 season and 3 percent below 2004-05. Pennsylvania accounted for 61 percent of the total volume of sales and second ranked California contributed 14 percent. The value of the Agaricus crop was estimated at \$915 million, up 8 percent from the 2005-06 season. Brown mushrooms, including Portabello and Crimini varieties, accounted for 99.2 million pounds, down 15 percent from last season and 1 percent lower than the 2004-05 crop year. Brown mushrooms accounted for 12 percent of the total Agaricus volume sold. The brown mushroom crop value of sales for the 2006-07 season is \$140 million, 15 percent of the total Agaricus value.

The number of Agaricus growers in the U.S. totaled 117, 6 fewer than last season and 1 less than two seasons ago. Growers with sales exceeding 10 million pounds accounted for 63 percent of U.S. Agaricus production, or 514 million pounds. The number of growers by sales categories are as follows:

- Over 20.0 million pounds, 9 growers;
- 10.0 million to 19.9 million pounds, 16 growers;
- 5.0 million to 9.9 million pounds, 21 growers;
- 2.5 million to 4.9 million pounds, 27 growers;
- 1.0 million to 2.4 million pounds, 24 growers;
- 0.5 million to 1.0 million pounds, 3 growers;
- less than 0.5 million pounds of sales, 17 growers.

The growing area is 28.2 million square feet, down 1 percent from the previous season and 3 percent below 2004-05. Total fillings are 143 million square feet, up 1 percent from last season and slightly above 2004-05. Yields averaged 5.68 pounds per square foot, down 3 percent from last season. Producers received an average return of \$6.39 per square foot, up 44 cents from last season and 36 cents above the 2004-05 season. U.S. fresh market production at 697 million pounds is down 1 percent from the previous season, while processed production, at 117 million pounds, is 9 percent below the previous season. Growers reported U.S. fresh market production at 86 percent of total sales volume with processed production making up the remaining 14 percent. Grower total filling intentions for the 2007-08 crop are virtually unchanged from the 2006-07 crop.

The 62 growers of Agaricus mushrooms in Chester County, Pennsylvania produced 348 million pounds of Agaricus mushrooms valued at \$309 million. The growing area in Chester County was 11.9 million square feet. Total fillings were 59.3 million square feet.

Specialty Mushrooms - Shiitake, Oyster, and all Other Exotics

Value of sales for commercially grown specialty mushrooms in 2006-07 is \$40.4 million, virtually unchanged from the 2005-06 season. A specialty grower is defined as having at least 200 natural wood logs in production or some commercial indoor growing area, and 200 dollars in sales. The average price per pound received by growers, at \$3.16, is up 14 cents from the previous season.

Sales of Shiitake mushrooms totaled 6.70 million pounds for the 2006-07 season, down 13 percent from the previous season. Price per pound received by growers, at \$3.36, is up 11 cents from 2005-06. Sales volume of Oyster mushrooms, at 4.75 million pounds, is up 4 percent from the previous season. Price per pound received by growers, at \$2.41, is up 26 cents from the previous season. Sales of exotic mushrooms, other than Shiitake or Oyster, are 1.37 million pounds, up 15 percent from last season. Price per pound received by growers, at \$4.75, is down 10 cents from 2005-06.

Certified Organic Agaricus and Specialty Mushrooms

Growers sold 36.2 million pounds of mushrooms that were certified organic during the 2006-07 growing season, 11 percent above 2005-06. Out of the 36.2 million pounds, 8.57 million pounds, or 24 percent of the total were sold as certified organic mushrooms, while the rest were sold without the certified organic label. This compares with 8.78 million pounds, or 27 percent sold as certified organic during the 2005-06 crop year. Agaricus mushrooms accounted for 78 percent of the mushrooms sold as certified organic, while all specialty mushrooms made up the remainder. These certified organic sales represent 1 percent of the 2006-07 total mushroom sales. The number of certified organic mushroom growers totaled 38, up 5 from the previous season. These growers represent 14 percent of the 279 total mushroom producers.

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