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All Mushroom Sales Down 1 Percent, Value Up 5 Percent

Sales of the 2001-2002 U.S. mushroom crop were 851 million pounds, 1 percent below 2000-2001 and down 2 percent from two seasons ago. Value of sales of the U.S. mushroom crop was \$912 million, up 5 percent from the two previous seasons. The number of growers, at 262, is down 4 from last season. Average price was \$1.07 per pound, up 6 cents from 2000-2001.

Sales of Agaricus mushrooms for fresh market were a record high 695 million pounds, up less than 1 percent from the previous record high set last season. Sales of Agaricus mushrooms for processing were 143 million pounds, 7 percent below last season. Value of sales for all Agaricus Mushrooms totaled a record high \$875 million dollars, 6 percent higher than both 2000-2001 and 1999-2000 when the previous record was set.

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Agaricus and Specialty Mushrooms: Number of Growers, Volume of Sales, Price, and Value of Sales, July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2002

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>
1999-00	304	867,124	1.000	867,351
2000-01	266	860,093	1.010	867,737
2001-02	262	851,211	1.070	911,509

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

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, 1999 - June 30, 2002**

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					
1999-00	5,713	23,387	129,254	1.260	162,279
2000-01	5,247	22,898	129,168	1.260	162,988
2001-02	5,506	22,776	128,320	1.330	170,159
DE					
1999-00	201	802	2,828	0.706	1,996
2000-01 ³					
2001-02 ³					
FL					
1999-00	1,628	6,937	39,907	0.980	39,103
2000-01	1,252	7,182	42,962	0.951	40,842
2001-02	1,353	7,157	43,944	1.010	44,351
IN					
1999-00	469	2,528	15,227	1.130	17,201
2000-01 ³					
2001-02 ³					
MD					
1999-00	178	650	2,651	0.790	2,094
2000-01 ³					
2001-02 ³					
MI					
1999-00	326	2,767	11,637	1.280	14,923
2000-01 ³					
2001-02 ³					
OH					
1999-00	563	3,272	11,800	1.100	12,929
2000-01 ³					
2001-02 ³					

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**Agaricus Mushrooms: Area, Sales, Price, and Value by State
and United States, July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2002 (continued)**

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>
PA					
1999-00	21,343	75,674	442,615	0.763	337,835
2000-01	20,488	73,398	453,006	0.789	357,252
2001-02	21,350	79,286	459,593	0.849	390,302
WA					
1999-00	272	2,327	12,350	1.240	15,307
2000-01	367	2,252	11,512	1.230	14,160
2001-02	348	2,263	12,522	1.330	16,711
Oth Sts					
1999-00 ⁴	6,178	33,143	186,125	1.210	224,884
2000-01 ⁵	5,986	38,143	209,561	1.190	250,258
2001-02 ⁶	4,758	34,781	193,487	1.310	253,013
East					
1999-00	24,633	93,007	537,579	0.827	444,810
2000-01	23,150	90,943	550,953	0.841	463,277
2001-02	23,682	96,756	557,417	0.903	503,410
Central					
1999-00	4,354	24,008	126,997	1.240	157,494
2000-01	2,664	19,047	104,477	1.260	131,157
2001-02	2,476	18,048	103,855	1.390	144,097
West					
1999-00	7,884	34,472	189,818	1.190	226,247
2000-01	7,526	33,883	190,779	1.210	231,066
2001-02	7,157	31,459	176,594	1.290	227,029
US					
1999-00	36,871	151,487	854,394	0.970	828,551
2000-01	33,340	143,873	846,209	0.976	825,500
2001-02	33,315	146,263	837,866	1.040	874,536

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

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**Agaricus Mushrooms: Utilization, Volume of Sales, Price, and Value
by Region and United States, July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2002**

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>
1999-00						
PA	310,590	0.845	262,449	132,025	0.571	75,386
Other East	85,093	1.190	101,107	9,871	0.594	5,868
East Total	395,683	0.919	363,556	141,896	0.573	81,254
Central Total	100,549	1.360	136,818	26,448	0.782	20,676
CA	116,756	1.320	154,118	12,498	0.653	8,161
Other West	55,553	1.110	61,451	5,011	0.502	2,517
West Total	172,309	1.250	215,569	17,509	0.610	10,678
US	668,541	1.070	715,943	185,853	0.606	112,608
2000-01						
PA	343,450	0.859	295,024	109,556	0.568	62,228
Other East	87,028	1.150	100,395	10,919	0.516	5,630
East Total	430,478	0.919	395,419	120,475	0.563	67,858
Central Total	87,183	1.370	119,137	17,294	0.695	12,020
CA	118,052	1.320	155,829	11,116	0.644	7,159
Other West	56,917	1.160	66,158	4,694	0.409	1,920
West Total	174,969	1.270	221,987	15,810	0.574	9,079
US	692,630	1.060	736,543	153,579	0.579	88,957
2001-02						
PA	353,219	0.952	336,264	106,374	0.508	54,038
Other East	87,149	1.240	108,338	10,675	0.447	4,770
East Total	440,368	1.010	444,602	117,049	0.502	58,808
Central Total	89,241	1.510	134,870	14,614	0.631	9,227
CA	118,838	1.380	163,996	9,482	0.650	6,163
Other West	46,090	1.210	55,938	2,184	0.427	932
West Total	164,928	1.330	219,934	11,666	0.608	7,095
US	694,537	1.150	799,406	143,329	0.524	75,130

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**Agaricus Mushrooms: Number of Growers, Volume, Price, and Value of All Sales
by Region and United States, July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2002**

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>
1999-00				
PA	86	442,615	0.763	337,835
Other East	11	94,964	1.130	106,975
East Total	97	537,579	0.827	444,810
Central Total	18	126,997	1.240	157,494
CA	21	129,254	1.260	162,279
Other West	11	60,564	1.060	63,968
West Total	32	189,818	1.190	226,247
US	147	854,394	0.970	828,551
2000-01				
PA	80	453,006	0.789	357,252
Other East	12	97,947	1.080	106,025
East Total	92	550,953	0.841	463,277
Central Total	14	104,477	1.260	131,157
CA	20	129,168	1.260	162,988
Other West	11	61,611	1.100	68,078
West Total	31	190,779	1.210	231,066
US	137	846,209	0.976	825,500
2001-02				
PA	78	459,593	0.849	390,302
Other East	10	97,824	1.160	113,108
East Total	88	557,417	0.903	503,410
Central Total	10	103,855	1.390	144,097
CA	20	128,320	1.330	170,159
Other West	11	48,274	1.180	56,870
West Total	31	176,594	1.290	227,029
US	129	837,866	1.040	874,536

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**Agaricus Mushrooms: Yield and Dollar Volume per Square Foot
of Growing Area, by State and United States,
July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2002**

State and Region ¹	Yield per Square Foot		
	1999-00	2000-01	2001-02
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
PA	5.85	6.17	5.80
East	5.78	6.06	5.76
Central	5.29	5.49	5.75
CA	5.53	5.64	5.63
West	5.51	5.63	5.61
US	5.64	5.88	5.73
	Dollar Volume per Square Foot		
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
PA	4.46	4.87	4.92
East	4.78	5.09	5.20
Central	6.56	6.89	7.98
CA	6.94	7.12	7.47
West	6.56	6.82	7.22
US	5.47	5.74	5.98

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Central: IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, OK, TX, and WI.
West: CA, CO, MT, ND, OR, UT, and WA.

**Brown Mushrooms (Portabello, Crimini): Number of Growers, Volume of Sales,
and Value, by Region and United States, July 1, 1999-June 30, 2002 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			
1999-00	34	49,989	49,364	1999-00	18	10,704	21,560
2000-01	36	66,735	62,941	2000-01	20	15,672	31,241
2001-02	34	74,331	74,156	2001-02	15	13,237	27,298
Central				US			
1999-00	13	6,590	15,844	1999-00	65	67,283	86,768
2000-01	12	5,591	12,572	2000-01	68	87,998	106,754
2001-02	9	5,322	13,284	2001-02	58	92,890	114,738

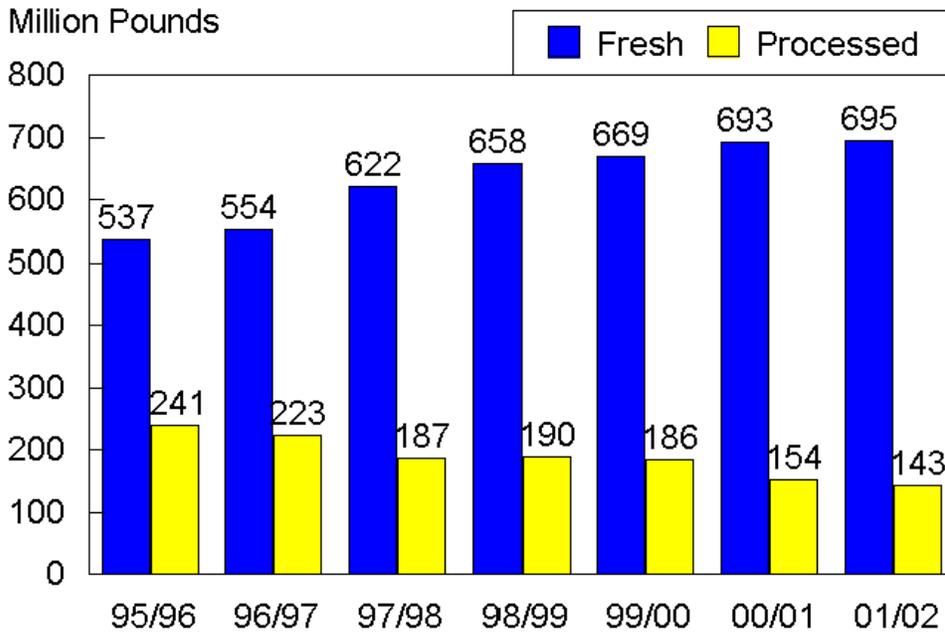
¹ Brown mushrooms are part of Agaricus mushrooms.

² Regions: East: CT, DE, FL, MD, NY, and PA.
Central: IL, IN, MI, MO, OH, OK, TX, and WI.
West: CA, CO, MT, ND, OR, UT, and WA.

**Agaricus Mushrooms: Sales by Type and Percent of Total,
United States, 1988-2002**

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>
1988-89	484,675	73	183,084	27	677,759
1989-90	511,904	72	203,088	28	714,992
1990-91	511,921	68	237,230	32	749,151
1991-92	496,959	67	249,873	33	746,832
1992-93	522,381	67	253,976	33	776,357
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	694,537	83	143,329	17	837,866

**Agaricus Mushrooms: Sales by Utilization
United States, 1995/96-2001/02**



**Agaricus Mushrooms: Price and Value by Type of Sale,
United States, 1988-2002 ¹**

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>
1988-89	0.979	474,657	0.665	121,663	0.893	596,338
1989-90	1.000	512,055	0.653	132,683	0.902	644,738
1990-91	0.981	501,967	0.615	145,948	0.865	647,915
1991-92	0.995	494,340	0.638	159,501	0.875	653,841
1992-93	0.998	521,566	0.582	147,832	0.862	669,398
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	799,406	0.524	75,130	1.040	874,536

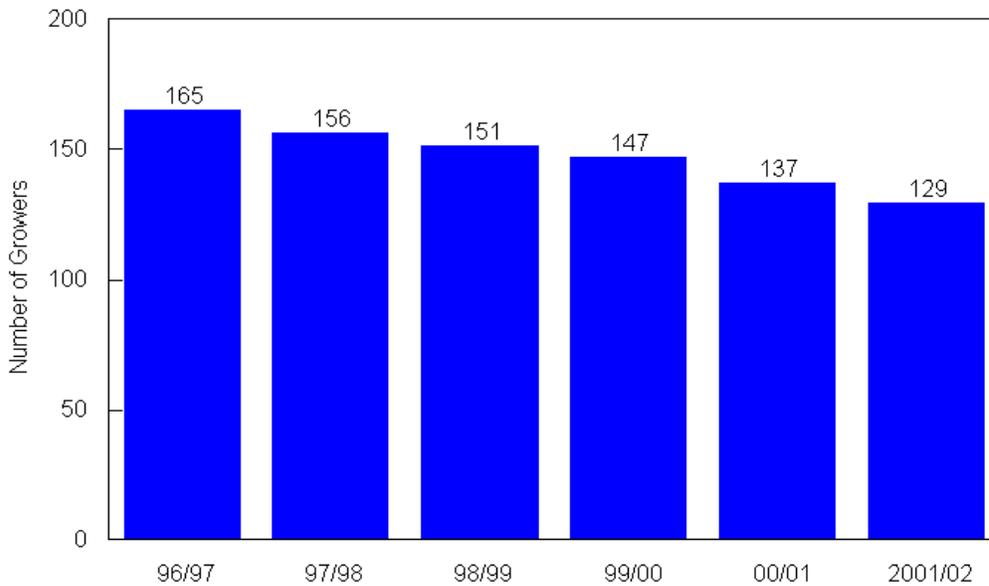
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**Agaricus Mushrooms: Number of Growers, Area in Production, Yield,
and Dollar Volume per Square Foot, United States, 1988-2002**

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>
1988-89	279	132,659	5.03	4.50
1989-90	259	137,861	5.19	4.68
1990-91	238	139,922	5.35	4.63
1991-92	226	138,148	5.41	4.73
1992-93	195	141,909	5.47	4.72
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	129	146,263	5.73	5.98

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

Agaricus Mushrooms: Number of Growers
United States, 1996/97-2001/2002



**Agaricus Mushrooms: Bed or Tray Area Intended for Production
by State and United States, July 1, 2002 - June 30, 2003**

State and Region ¹	Intentions Jul 2002 - Jun 2003			
	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>	
CA	22,747	1,449	24,196	106
FL	7,157		7,157	100
PA	64,050	16,782	80,832	102
WA	2,263		2,263	100
Oth Sts ²	31,191	2,145	33,336	96
East	79,949	18,155	98,104	101
Central	17,148	713	17,861	99
West	30,311	1,508	31,819	101
US	127,408	20,376	147,784	101

¹ Regions:

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

Central: IL, IN, MI, OH, OK, TX, and WI.

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

² CO, CT, DE, IL, IN, MD, MI, MT, NY, OH, OK, OR, TN, TX, UT, and WI.

Specialty Mushrooms: Number of Growers, Total Production, Volume of Sales, Price, and Value of Sales, by Variety and United States, July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2002 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>
1999-00					
Shiitake	153	8,635	8,173	3.29	26,893
Oyster	68	3,573	3,346	2.16	7,218
Other	21	1,326	1,211	3.87	4,689
US ⁶	180	13,534	12,730	3.05	38,800
2000-01					
Shiitake	120	9,391	8,939	3.17	28,314
Oyster	54	3,817	3,629	2.13	7,745
Other	19	1,397	1,316	4.69	6,178
US ⁶	159	14,605	13,884	3.04	42,237
2001-02					
Shiitake	123	8,263	7,893	2.94	23,196
Oyster	51	4,265	4,028	2.00	8,050
Other	23	1,541	1,424	4.02	5,727
US ⁶	152	14,069	13,345	2.77	36,973

¹ Specialty mushroom estimates represent growers who have at least 200 natural wood logs in production or commercial indoor growing areas.

² Growers counted only once for US total if growing more than one specialty type mushroom. Growers growing Agaricus and Specialty 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 1999-00: AR, CA, CT, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IA, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, NH, NY, NC, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, VT, VA, WA, WV, and WI.

2000-01: AR, CA, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IA, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, NH, NY, NC, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, TX, VT, VA, WA, WV, and WI.

2001-02: AR, CA, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, NH, NY, NC, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, VT, VA, WA, WV, and WI.

**Specialty Mushrooms: Area in Production by Variety and United States,
July 1, 1999 - June 30, 2002 ¹**

Year and Variety	Area		
	Natural Wood Outdoor Logs	Natural Wood Undercover and Indoor Logs	All Other Production Media
	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000</i>	<i>1,000 Square Feet</i>
1999-00			
Shiitake ²	128	464	2,188
Oyster			604
Other			369
US ³	128	464	3,161
2000-01			
Shiitake ²	156	381	2,506
Oyster			603
Other			304
US ³	156	381	3,413
2001-02			
Shiitake ²	130	290	1,684
Oyster			626
Other			373
US ³	130	290	2,683

¹ Specialty mushroom estimates represent growers who have at least 200 natural wood logs in production or commercial indoor growing areas.

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

³ 1999-00: AR, CA, CT, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IA, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, NH, NY, NC, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, VT, VA, WA, WV, and WI.

2000-01: AR, CA, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, ID, IL, IA, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, NH, NY, NC, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, TX, VT, VA, WA, WV, and WI.

2001-02: AR, CA, CT, DE, FL, GA, HI, IA, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, NH, NY, NC, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, VT, VA, WA, WV, and WI.

Agaricus Mushrooms

Agaricus mushroom sales totaled 838 million pounds, 1 percent below the 2000-2001 season and down 2 percent from 1999-2000. Pennsylvania accounted for 55 percent of the total volume of sales and second ranked California contributed 15 percent. The value of the Agaricus crop was estimated at \$875 million, up 6 percent from the 2000-2001 season. Brown mushrooms, including Portabello and Crimini varieties, accounted for 92.9 million pounds, 11 percent of total Agaricus volume sold. The value of sales of the Brown mushroom crop for the 2001-02 season was \$115 million, 13 percent of total Agaricus value.

The number of Agaricus growers in the U.S. totaled 129, down 8 from last season and 18 below two seasons ago. Growers with sales exceeding 10 million pounds accounted for 63 percent of U.S. Agaricus production, or 532 million pounds. The volume of sales groups are as follows:

- over 20.0 million pounds, 11 growers;
- 10.0 million and 19.9 million pounds, 14 growers;
- 5.0 million to 9.9 million pounds, 24 growers;
- 2.5 million to 4.9 million pounds, 28 growers;
- 1.0 million to 2.4 million pounds, 26 growers;
- 0.5 million to 1.0 million pounds, 8 growers;
- less than 0.5 million pounds of sales, 18 growers.

The growing area was 33.3 million square feet, virtually unchanged from the previous season but 10 percent below 1999-00. Total fillings was 146 million square feet, up 2 percent from last season but 3 percent below 1999-00. Yields averaged 5.73 pounds per square foot, down 0.15 pounds per square foot from 2000-2001. Producers received a record high average return of \$5.98 per square foot, up 24 cents from last season and 51 cents above the previous record of \$5.74 per square foot set during the 2000-01 season. U.S. fresh market production at 695 million pounds is virtually unchanged, while processed production, at 143 million pounds, is down 7 percent from 2000-01. U.S. fresh market production was 83 percent of total sales volume with processed making up the remaining 17 percent. For the 2002-03 crop, growers plan to increase their total fillings by 1 percent from the 2001-02 crop.

Specialty Mushrooms - Shiitake, Oyster, and all Other Exotics

Value of sales for commercially grown specialty mushrooms in 2001-02 was \$37.0 million, down 12 percent from the 2000-2001 season. A specialty grower is defined as having at least 200 natural wood logs in production or some commercial indoor growing area. The average price per pound received by growers, at \$2.77, is down 27 cents from the previous season.

Sales of Shiitake mushrooms totaled 7.89 million pounds for the 2001-02 season, down 12 percent from the previous season. Price per pound received by growers, at \$2.94, is down 23 cents from 2000-2001. Sales volume of Oyster mushrooms, at 4.03 million pounds, is up 11 percent from the previous season. Sales of exotic mushrooms, other than Shiitake or Oyster, were 1.42 million pounds, up 8 percent from last season.

Certified Organic Agaricus and Specialty Mushrooms

Growers sold 13.4 million pounds of mushrooms that were certified organic during the 2001-2002 growing season. Out of this total, 5.36 million pounds, or 40 percent were sold as certified organic mushrooms, while the rest were sold without the certified organic label. Agaricus mushrooms accounted for 73 percent of the mushrooms sold as certified organic, while all specialty mushrooms made up the remainder. These certified organic sales represent less than 1 percent of the 2001-2002 total mushroom sales. The number of certified organic mushroom growers totaled 29, unchanged from the previous season. These growers represent 11 percent of the 262 total mushroom producers.

The next "Mushrooms" report will be released in August 2003.

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