

# CLINGSTONE PEACHES

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### CALIFORNIA CLINGSTONE CROP INCREASES

Production of Clingstone peaches in California is expected to total 1.30 billion pounds (590 thousand metric tons). This is 6 percent above last season's crop, but 14 percent below the 1977 level. The estimate includes peaches for all uses, although the bulk of the Clingstone crop is canned, averaging 86 percent of the total each of the last three seasons.

The average set per tree, adjusted for undersize fruit, is 1,391 compared with 1,155 in 1978 and 1,368 for 1977. The reference date size of 35.4 millimeters indicates an in-box harvest size of 68.0 millimeters. The 1978 harvest size was 68.1 millimeters and 68.3 for 1977.

Fruit is sizing well, with no disease problems to date. Bearing acreage is again down.

This production estimate is based on actual tree and fruit counts, measurements, and observations taken May 18 through June 20 in 70 percent of the orchards randomly selected as a representative sample for the State. Data collected from those orchards is in this report and information on the other blocks in the total sample will appear in the July 11 Crop Production report.

