

CLINGSTONE PEACHES

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CALIFORNIA CLINGSTONE CROP

Production of Clingstone peaches in California is expected to total 1.34 billion pounds (608 thousand metric tons). This is 4 percent below last season's crop, but 9 percent above the 1978 level. The estimate includes peaches for all uses, although the bulk of the Clingstone crop is canned.

The average set per tree, adjusted for undersize fruit, is 1,212 compared with 1,391 in 1979, and 1,155 in 1978. The reference date size of 37.8 millimeters indicates an in-box harvest size of 68.4 millimeters. The 1979 harvest size was 65.7 millimeters and 68.1 for 1978.

Fruit is sizing well, with no disease problems to date. Bearing acreage is up slightly from last year.

This production estimate is based on actual tree and fruit counts, measurements, and observations taken May 23 through June 20 in 76 percent of the orchards randomly selected as a representative sample for the State. Data collected from these orchards and other blocks in the total sample will be used to make the production forecast appearing in the July 11 Crop Production report.

