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Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts



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These estimates were based on grower disposition surveys used to collect acreage, yield, production, and price data along with federal administrative data. Thanks to all who responded to our surveys.

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Key findings for the Southern Region:

Avocados: Florida's utilized production for 2023 totaled 10,550 tons, down 41 percent from 2022 while its associated value of production was down 25 percent to \$10.7 million.

Blueberries: Georgia's utilized production, at 99.1 million pounds, was up 43 percent from 2022. The value of utilized production was up 38 percent from 2022 to \$156 million. Utilized production of blueberries in Florida for 2023 was down 34 percent to 21.4 million pounds, while value of production decreased 28 percent to \$75.0 million.

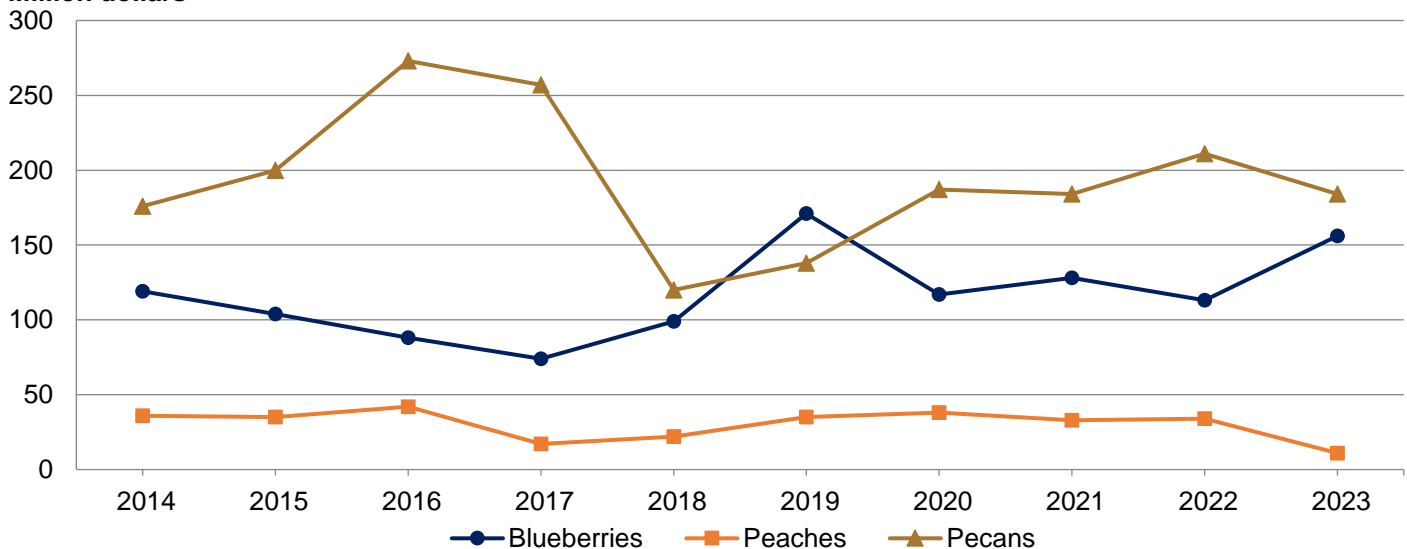
Peaches: Multiple freeze events during 2023 negatively impacted peach production in the Southern Region. In Georgia, utilized peach production for 2023 was the lowest on record since 1955. As a result, utilized production was down 78 percent to 4,790 tons, while value of production decreased 69 percent from 2022 to \$10.5 million. South Carolina's utilized production for 2023 was down 49 percent to 33,560 tons and its associated value of production decreased 40 percent to \$62.9 million.

Pecans: Utilized production of pecans in Georgia for 2023 was down 18 percent to 108 million pounds. Georgia's pecan production accounted for 35 percent of the Nation's total production. Value of utilized production was down 13 percent from 2022 to \$184 million.

Strawberries: Florida's utilized production of strawberries in 2023 totaled 295 million pounds, up 5 percent from 2022. The value of utilized production in 2023 was down 9 percent from 2022 to \$434 million.

Value of Utilized Production – Georgia Select Fruits and Nuts: 2014-2023

Million dollars



Pecan Bearing Acreage, Yield, Production, and Value by Crop – States and United States: 2022 and 2023

State	Bearing acres		Yield per acre ¹		Utilized Production		Price per pound		Value of utilized production	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023
	(acres)	(acres)	(pounds)	(pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Georgia	146,000	148,000	898	730	131,000	108,000	1.610	1.700	210,910	183,600
United States	442,000	436,000	652	704	288,350	306,750	1.800	1.680	520,177	515,086

¹ Yield is based on utilized production.

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2023 Summary](#), May 2024

Cultivated Blueberry and Strawberry Area Harvested, Yield, Production, and Value of Production – States and United States: 2022 and 2023

Item and State	Area harvested		Yield per acre		Production				Value of utilized production	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	Total		Utilized		2022	2023
					2022	2023	2022	2023		
	(acres)	(acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Blueberries....(pounds)										
Florida	6,900	6,100	4,720	3,650	32,600	22,300	32,370	21,410	104,042	75,021
Georgia	20,800	21,400	3,560	4,750	74,000	101,500	69,480	99,060	113,112	156,459
United States.....	104,900	103,000	6,480	6,290	680,000	648,000	671,470	642,210	1,096,115	1,028,992
Strawberries.....(cwt)										
Florida	12,800	14,100	220.0	210.0	2,820.0	2,960.0	2,820.0	2,951.2	477,332	433,556
United States.....	56,300	56,800	507.0	485.0	28,520.0	27,560.0	28,494.3	27,526.6	3,259,100	3,398,943

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - [Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2023 Summary](#), May 2024

Fruit Bearing Acreage, Yield, Production, and Value by Crop – States and United States: 2022 and 2023

Item and State	Bearing acres		Yield per acre ¹		Production				Value of utilized production	
	2022	2023	2022	2023	Total		Utilized		2022	2023
					2022	2023	2022	2023		
	(acres)	(acres)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Avocados										
Florida	4,400	3,900	4.10	2.73	18,050	10,650	17,870	10,550	14,289	10,697
United States.....	51,730	52,180	3.03	2.47	156,850	128,850	156,350	127,890	502,673	250,255
Peaches										
Georgia	7,300	7,700	3.30	0.64	24,100	4,930	21,380	4,790	33,518	10,534
South Carolina	17,500	15,500	4.10	2.50	71,800	38,800	65,550	33,560	105,008	62,928
United States.....	76,100	73,600	8.52	8.00	648,030	588,540	632,650	577,690	674,625	656,083

¹ Yield is based on total production.

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