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## Stone Fruit

## Production and Trade Update

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**Report Highlights:**

This report provides a statistical update of Canadian production and trade for fresh peaches, plums, apricots, and cherries.

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## Executive Summary

Canada is a minor producer of stone fruit but an important destination for U.S. stone fruit exports. During 2004, the combined value of Canadian imports of fresh peaches, plums, apricots, and cherries reached \$89 million. In recent years, despite increased competition from Southern Hemisphere suppliers, U.S. stone fruit exporters have generally maintained their share of the Canadian import market with the exception of plums.

Canada's important stone fruit areas are predominantly located in the southern regions of British Columbia and Ontario. Peaches are the No. 1 stone fruit crop with total annual production averaging near 30,000 metric tons. Canada depends heavily on fresh stone fruit imports, mostly from the United States, to supplement both fresh and processing supplies.

## Peaches

### Fresh Peaches and Nectarines

Units: Hectares; metric tons

	<u>2003</u>	<u>Prleim.</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>Fore.</u> <u>2005</u>
Total Area	3,353	3,333	3,320
Bearing Area	2,893	2,829	2,800
Total Production	29,220	29,808	30,000
Fresh Imports	66,579	63,435	65,000
TOTAL SUPPLY	95,799	93,243	95,000
Fresh Exports	146	126	130
For Processing	15,000	15,000	15,500
Fresh Domestic Consumption	80,653	78,117	79,370
TOTAL UTILIZATION	95,799	93,243	95,000

Source: StatCan and World Trade Atlas

**Plums****Fresh Plums**

Units: Hectares; metric tons

	<u>2003</u>	<u>Prleim.</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>Fore.</u> <u>2005</u>
Total Area	791	641	600
Bearing Area	647	599	560
Total Production	3,470	3,257	3,000
Fresh Imports	28,313	24,547	26,000
TOTAL SUPPLY	31,783	27,804	29,000
Fresh Exports	7	8	7
For Processing	50	45	40
Fresh Domestic Consumption	31,726	27,751	28,953
TOTAL UTILIZATION	31,783	27,804	29,000

Source: StatCan and World Trade Atlas

**Apricots****Fresh Apricots**

Units: Hectares; metric tons

	<u>2003</u>	<u>Prleim.</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>Fore.</u> <u>2005</u>
Total Area	235	219	200
Bearing Area	210	200	195
Total Production	1,220	1,250	1,200
Fresh Imports	4,619	4,575	4,700
TOTAL SUPPLY	5,839	5,825	5,900
Fresh Exports	4	26	5
For Processing	160	160	150
Fresh Domestic Consumption	5,675	5,639	5,745
TOTAL UTILIZATION	5,839	5,825	5,900

Source: StatCan and World Trade Atlas

**Cherries****Fresh Sweet Cherries**

Units: Hectares; metric tons

	<u>2003</u>	<u>Prleim.</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>Fore.</u> <u>2005</u>
Total Area	1,321	1,307	1,300
Bearing Area	1,085	1,072	1,055
Total Production	8,117	7,951	8,000
Fresh Imports	13,895	12,026	13,000
Total Supply	22,012	19,977	21,000
Fresh Exports	2,046	3,039	2,500
Domestic Consump./Processing	19,966	16,938	18,500

**Fresh Sour Cherries**

Units: Hectares; metric tons

	<u>2003</u>	<u>Prleim.</u> <u>2004</u>	<u>Fore.</u> <u>2005</u>
Total Area	1,060	1,085	1,100
Bearing Area	882	975	1,000
Total Production	5,391	4,527	5,200
Fresh Imports	658	179	200
Total Supply	6,049	4,706	5,400
Fresh Exports	-	-	-
Domestic Consump./Processing	6,049	4,706	5,400

Source: StatCan and World Trade Atlas

## Import Trade

Canada: Fresh Stone Fruit Imports, Quantity and Value and U.S. Market Share							
Units: metric tons; \$US million							
	2002 MT	2003 MT	2004 MT		2002 \$mil.	2003 \$mil.	2004 \$mil.
<b>Peaches</b>							
World	67,010	66,579	63,435		60.3	59.4	62.8
United States	60,062	58,375	54,721		51.6	49.7	52.2
Chile	6,530	7,809	8,499		8.4	9.4	10.4
All Others	418	395	215		0.4	0.4	0.3
U.S. Share	90%	88%	86%		86%	84%	83%
<b>Plums</b>							
World	29,466	28,313	24,547		28.8	27.9	28.5
United States	24,025	23,420	18,439		22.2	21.6	20.6
Chile	4,728	4,630	5,324		5.7	6.0	6.9
Italy	274	104	662		0.3	0.2	0.9
All Others	439	159	122		0.4	0.2	0.2
U.S. Share	82%	83%	75%		77%	77%	72%
<b>Apricots</b>							
World	4,601	4,619	4,575		5.8	5.7	6.0
United States	3,995	4,082	4,164		5.1	4.9	5.3
Chile	440	387	272		0.6	0.6	0.6
South Africa	0	36	77		0.0	0.1	0.0
New Zealand	38	83	38		0.0	0.1	0.1
All Others	128	32	24		0.1	0.0	0.1
U.S. Share	87%	88%	91%		87%	86%	87%
<b>Sweet Cherries</b>							
World	8,335	13,895	12,026		23.4	39.4	44.2
United States	7,862	13,014	11,538		22.2	36.7	41.4
Chile	392	820	419		1.1	2.5	2.5
All Others	81	61	69		0.2	0.1	0.3
U.S. Share	94%	94%	96%		95%	93%	94%
<b>Sour Cherries</b>							
World	729	658	179		1.6	1.6	0.7
United States	714	640	157		1.6	1.5	0.6
Chile	11	18	21		0.0	0.0	0.1
All Others	4	0	1		0.0	-	0.0
U.S. Share	98%	97%	88%		99%	97%	84%
Source: World Trade Atlas							

## Policy

### British Columbia Replant Program:

Early in 2005, the province of British Columbia provided C\$4.65 million to continue the Provincial Orchard Replant Program. Originally introduced in 1990, the replant program is designed to assist B.C. tree fruit industry with the removal of older plantings and replacement with new high-density plantings of higher value varieties. The program, which was scheduled to expire in 2005, has been highly successful for B.C.'s tree fruit industry. It is estimated that government assistance will have resulted in 10,625 acres replanted with new varieties in the 15 years ending 2005. According to provincial authorities, new varieties now account for more than 50 per cent of grower returns, especially for Gala apple and late season cherries.

### National Tree Fruit Replant Proposal

According to reports, the Apple and Tender Fruit Committee of Canadian Horticultural Council have developed a proposal for a National Tree Fruit Replant Program that would include apples and other tree fruit crops. The CHC is hopeful that a program can be put in place soon and has submitted a proposal to federal agriculture minister Andy Mitchell for consideration. The proposal calls for a per acre subsidy to replace existing plantings with new varieties of tree fruit. Provincial governments will also be asked to partner in the program.

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