

# **United States Department of Agriculture National Agricultural Statistics Service**

### Southern Region News Release 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 was down 32 percent from 2019 and its associated value of production was down 41 percent. Drought and high winds early in the crop season contributed to the declining production for 2020.

**Blueberries:** Georgia's utilized production was down 25 percent and value of production was down 24 percent for 2020. Production in Florida was down 15 percent and value of production was down 17 percent.

**Peaches:** In Georgia, utilized production was down 11 percent while value of production was up 8 percent from 2019. South Carolina utilized production was up 6 percent and its associated value of production was up 18 percent.

**Pecans:** Georgia had a 102 percent increase in utilized production compared with 2019 and accounted for 48 percent of the Nation's total production. Favorable weather during the spring, summer and harvest periods supported the largest utilized production since 2007. Despite this large increase in production, value of production was up only 36 percent due to low prices.

**Strawberries:** Florida's utilized production was down 13 percent from last year and its associated value of production was down 22 percent.

#### Value of Utilized Production – Georgia Pecans and Select Fruits: 2011-2020

#### Million dollars 300 250 200 150 100 50 0 2012 2013 2020 2011 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 Blueberries Peaches Pecans

Pecan Production, Price, and Value - Georgia and United States: 2018-2020

Variety and State	Utilized production (In-shell basis)			Price per pound			Value of utilized production		
	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020	2018	2019	2020
	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(1,000 pounds)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Georgia	70,000	73,000	147,500	1.620	1.880	1.270	113,400	137,240	187,325
United States	240,930	255,600	305,360	1.750	1.840	1.430	421,531	470,999	435,279

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2020 Summary, May 2021

## Cultivated Blueberry and Strawberry Area Harvested, Yield, Production, and Value of Production – States and United States: 2019 and 2020

State	Area harvested		Yield per acre			Produ	Value of utilized production			
					Total				Utilized	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(acres)	(acres)			(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Blueberries(pounds) Florida Georgia	5,100 16,200	4,400 16,000	4,740 5,700	4,790 4,640	24,200 92,300	21,100 74,200	23,620 92,120	20,170 69,080	62,309 130,028	51,616 99,271
United States	97,100	91,400	6,970	7,090	676,600	648,200	670,710	637,460	904,751	903,786
Strawberries(cwt) Florida	9,400	9,900	215.0	180.0	2,020.0	1,780.0	2,020.0	1,750.0	307,200	239,780
United States	43,500	43,000	525.0	541.0	22,820.0	23,280.0	22,790.0	23,210.0	2,593,530	2,228,950

Source: USDA National Agricultural Statistics Service - Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2020 Summary, May 2021

#### Fruit Bearing Acreage, Yield, Production, and Value by Crop – States and United States: 2019 and 2020

	Bearing acres		Yield per acre <sup>1</sup>		_	Produ	Value of utilized production			
Fruit and State					Total				Utilized	
	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020	2019	2020
	(acres)	(acres)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(tons)	(1,000 dollars)	(1,000 dollars)
Avocados Florida	6,000	4,600	4.23	3.80	25,400	17,500	25,150	17,170	23,332	13,726
United States	52,920	52,720	2.56	3.92	135,220	206,610	134,310	205,610	398,304	426,632
Peaches Georgia South Carolina	8,400 15,000	8,800 15,000	4.60 5.00	3.80 5.10	38,600 75,000	33,400 76,500	33,350 63,750	29,760 67,330	37,294 85,898	40,450 101,189
United States	74,300	73,000	9.17	8.46	681,100	617,760	658,400	602,580	518,394	521,119

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Yield is based on total production.

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