

U.S. Apple Situation

U.S. production of apples for the 2003 crop is estimated by NASS at 220,633 (1,000 42-lb. units), up 8 percent from the very low crop of last year. This represents the second lowest crop since 1988—behind last year’s crop, which was the lowest since then.

The switching of U.S. apple varieties grown continues. The production of red and golden delicious in the United States continues to fall. According to the U.S. Apple Association, the estimate for 2003 is for red and golden delicious to only account for 41 percent of the total. In 2000, these two varieties accounted for 50 percent of the total. Galas and Fujis continue to grow in popularity.

U.S. Apple Production			
		2003	
		USDA	5-Year
	2002	Forecast	Average
	(000 42-lb. Units)		
New York	16,190	24,286	23,833
Pennsylvania	8,810	10,476	10,595
Virginia	5,952	7,143	7,238
North Carolina	3,810	3,333	3,986
West Virginia	2,262	2,262	2,548
Massachusetts	786	1,095	1,043
Maine	1,155	1,095	1,196
New Jersey	833	1,071	1,167
Vermont	738	917	979
Maryland	762	881	853
New Hampshire	631	810	729
Connecticut	286	512	445
Georgia	238	262	267
South Carolina	214	143	533
Rhode Island	62	79	61
Total East	42,729	54,364	55,471
Michigan	11,905	34,095	21,095
Ohio	1,667	2,048	2,090
Wisconsin	1,381	1,643	1,640
Indiana	952	1,214	1,201
Illinois	1,024	1,000	1,105
Missouri	905	810	952
Minnesota	595	619	562
Iowa	202	231	212
Tennessee	155	214	224
Kentucky	133	200	192
Arkansas	107	131	129

Kansas	88	98	93
Total Midwest	19,114	31,302	29,496
Washington	122,619	116,667	132,381
California	11,190	12,143	15,790
Oregon	4,810	2,857	4,005
Idaho	1,905	2,024	2,500
Utah	167	714	667
Colorado	500	500	700
Arizona	624	62	985
New Mexico	48	NA	124
Total West	141,862	134,967	157,152
Total U.S.	203,705	220,633	242,120
Source: USDA, NASS, Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts Summary, various years and Crop Production, August 12, 2003.			

Total U.S. Apple Production by Variety

Varieties	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003 Forecast
	(000 42-lb. Units)					
Red Delicious	109,374	83,380	90,744	68,979	63,625	62,453
Golden Delicious	39,732	33,877	35,785	29,209	27,891	27,996
Gala 1/	12,211	14,736	15,784	20,289	18,960	20,391
Fuji	20,656	16,674	20,164	17,319	20,526	20,383
Granny Smith 1/	18,827	20,165	18,348	18,213	19,394	18,924
McIntosh	10,415	10,747	10,800	10,473	7,840	11,064
Rome	13,936	15,077	12,721	10,129	7,922	10,416
Idared	5,134	5,927	4,497	5,351	3,155	5,361
Jonathan	5,959	6,695	5,160	5,058	3,561	5,190
Empire	4,292	5,202	4,124	4,467	2,804	4,433
York	3,748	6,365	4,589	4,718	3,724	4,367
Cortland	2,387	2,458	2,228	2,282	1,750	2,437
Northern Spy	1,836	2,596	1,525	2,147	1,085	2,108
R.I. Greening	2,218	2,617	1,993	1,911	1,264	1,909
Stayman	1,587	1,989	1,559	1,493	1,268	1,433
Newtown	2,823	1,769	1,545	1,240	1,319	1,163
Winesap	925	1,031	652	656	431	625
Gravenstein	410	256	163	149	134	146
All Others	20,826	21,550	19,612	20,411	17,052	19,835
Total as Reported	277,295	253,112	251,993	224,493	203,705	220,633

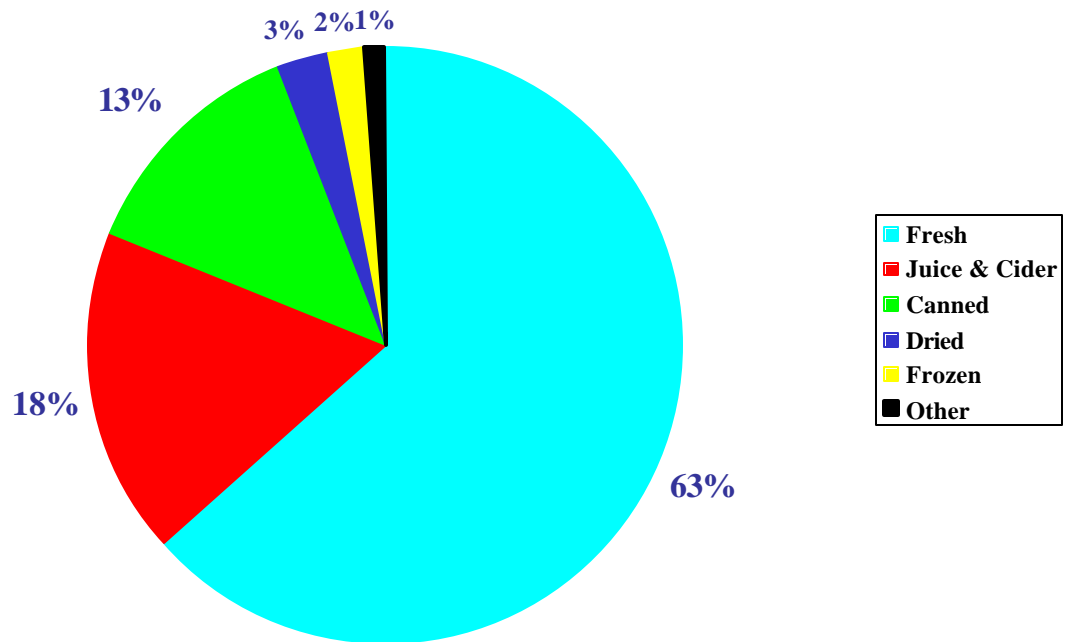
Source: U.S. Apple Association.

1/ Includes only Western production. Eastern and Midwest production is included in other varieties.

<Prior to 2001, Gala production for the East and Midwest was included in All Others.

Note: Sum of varieties may not add to total due to rounding of individual varieties.

Utilization of 2002 U.S. Apple Crop



Source: USDA-NASS. Includes Utilized Production.