



Pacific Coast Producers 2023 CROP REPORT

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Tomatoes

Currently harvesting!

Organics – Still experiencing triple digit daytime temperatures, and it seems to be more of the same next week as well. Good news so far is that our grower has been able to keep drip irrigation running during the extreme heat and thus keeping the organic tomato plants healthy. Harvest began on Sunday, 7/23/23.

First day of pear tomato harvest: 8/18/2023

Pear Tomatoes – The crop continues to mature and is growing very nicely. So far, the extreme heat has shown little effect on the crop. We'll continue to monitor.

Woodland harvest: Currently harvesting!

Conventional Tomatoes – Early crop continues to look good despite the high temperatures during the day. It's possible to begin harvest at a very slow rate late next week. Mid and late season plantings seem to be hanging in there with the extreme heat we're experiencing this week. Daytime temperatures are predicted to be in the triple digits next week as well.



Peaches



Currently harvesting!

Modesto/Madera/Kingsburg – We continue to encourage growers to two-pick their orchards due to uneven ripening. The outside edges of the orchards prove to have quality issues but as they move further into the orchard, quality improves. We are seeing split-pits in the Stanislaus variety. The recent warmer than average temperatures didn't help any either. We are pushing growers to start picking earlier to avoid receiving soft fruit. The Kader, Andross and Klamath varieties are starting to show color. All cultural practices continue.

Marysville/Yuba City- Growers continue to prepare for the season. The north-peach district will see six days straight of over 100 degrees heat in the coming week, which will help to move ripening along. The best estimate for the start of the Loadel peach variety harvest is still the week of July 17th.

Currently harvesting organics!

Organic – Selma – Finished up the Big Bens. Finished the first pick of the Stanislaus and will start the second pick on Saturday. Kingsburg Kling will start next week. Irrigation and all cultural practices continue. Madera – Continue picking the Stanislaus and should finish by the end of the week. Still waiting for the Vilmos and Kader to ripen. Irrigation and cultural practices continue.

[View more on the first week of peach harvest!](#)

Apricots

Harvest complete!

Apricot harvest concluded on July 7th. We estimated to have 7k tons, and ended with 7.1k!

Cherries

Currently harvesting!

Cherry harvest volumes will be high for the next two weeks. Fresh packing will peak over the weekend and be strong for the next two weeks. Packing house deliveries to us will increase next week and continue till the middle of August.



Grapes

First day of harvest: ~8/5/2023

We still look to be about 12 days behind last year. We have a few more days of extreme heat until temperatures should return to normal for this time of year. The extreme heat will not help speed up ripening, it will slow it down. We are still anticipating an August 7th start date. There is a chance we could go a few days earlier, if necessary, but Brix will be on the low side. Irrigations and cultural practices continue in both districts.



Pears

Currently harvesting!

River and Linden – Fruit has grown considerably since last week but is still on the smaller size. Fruit brought to the “Pear Punch” passed, however growers are waiting until Monday the 24th to start delivering to the fresh market in hopes of gaining some size this week. Field deliveries to PCP won’t start until the following week.

Mendocino and Lake – Fruit is developing.

Growers anticipate making their full estimated tons. Harvest will start in the middle of August.

Pacific Northwest- Pacific Northwest pears remain at a full crop potential with good quality. The orchards are being irrigated and managed for heat stress. Fresh Bartlett harvest estimated to start August 10-12.



Apples

Harvest: Fall 2023 (late September)

Pacific Northwest apple crop covers many regions, elevations and varieties. There has so far been great weather and no issues to reduce the quantity or quality of the crop. It will be the largest apple crop in the past several years! We expect our first apple production to commence on or around October 10th, 2023.

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Due to the unfavorable climate impact in Southeast Asia, there is a 50% chance that El Niño will develop by the end of 2023. This is twice the normal likelihood of an El Niño happening.

Papaya and **Pineapple**

Thailand

Pineapple output has dropped approximately 33% from the same time last year. (Similar to 2020)

Minimum wage has risen by 68% and with the new election results in Thailand, minimum wage is expected to increase another 32% by the end of 2023.

Our four main Thai factories have already shut down production for the summer. This is 4-6 weeks sooner than we normally see and winter production is set to start 3-4 weeks later than normal.

Still experiencing shortage in papaya, expected to last another full cycle.

-Can pricing is expected to increase by 25-35%

-Cup pricing is expected to increase by 5-10%

Indonesia

Pineapple output has dropped 7.35% compared to last year. They are expected to be down 50 MT by the end of 2023.

Choice grade production is expected to be down following the decrease in tonnage.

Use of bio-organic fertilizer, mobile irrigation, and diffing of water lagoon has also affected the increase in pricing.

Diseased papaya causing shortages in fresh and canning market.