



Pacific Coast Producers 2023 CROP REPORT

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Tomatoes

Harvest complete!

Organics – Harvest completed for the season.

Pear tomatoes: currently harvesting!

Pear Tomatoes – Harvest continues and is going well. Fruit quality has been okay so far; however we might see a bit of mold due to the rain they experienced earlier this week. Field yields continue to be above average.

Woodland: Currently harvesting!

Conventional Tomatoes – Harvest is moving into the mid-season plantings/crop. It appears that the field yields are holding steady above average. Fruit quality is still looking good. Late season plantings/crop are coming along nicely and maturing as expected.



Peaches

Currently harvesting!

Modesto/Madera/Kingsburg – The Earlies are finally finished. We will come in at 102% of our block-by-block estimate for Earlies. We are 83% done with our Lates. The Ross variety is at 107% of our estimate. We are about 82% done with the Late Ross. Some Monacos, Lillilands and Starns started trickling in this week as well. Mixed maturity will continue to be a problem. We have been battling soft and small fruit in the ross and late ross. Tropical Storm Hilary brought rain to the area on Saturday and Monday. We allowed growers to pick on Sunday to either finish up an orchard or to get ahead because of the fear of brown rot. We are closely monitoring orchards for brown rot from the rain.

Marysville/Yuba City – Growers have sprayed the peaches to help prevent brown rot from Monday’s rain. Growers are worried about peaches dropping due to moisture, cooler early mornings with large peaches full of sugar. Late Ross will wrap up next week, finished estimates are at 110% above estimates. Growers have begun picking the Lilliland variety and will be joined by Starn this coming week.

Currently harvesting organics!

Organic – Madera – Finished the Klamath and Late Ross this week. Waiting for the Starns to ripen. Should start them early next week.



Apples

Harvest: Fall 2023

Apples harvest is moving forward with good size and clean fruit. We will have all the apple needed for our pack.



Apricots

Harvest complete!

Cherries

Harvest complete!

Grapes

Harvest complete!

Our first grower finished up harvest a week early and was over 800 tons short. The quality at the end was not good. Rot is starting to show up in all blocks, but our blocks south of Fresno that received over an inch of rain last weekend are deteriorating fast. Madera area growers still feel they have some extra, but the longer this season stretches out the less tonnage we will get. We did pick up a new grower who had an extra 100 tons in the Kingsburg area. Cold storage inventory is higher than it needs to be, but if we slow down the tonnage needed will not be there.



Pears

Currently harvesting!

River and Linden – Harvest is complete in both Districts.

Mendocino and Lake – Harvest is in full swing. Fruit size is much smaller than it was on the river. We have started running this fruit over the sizer and are producing the sizes we need for grade pack.

Pacific Northwest – PCP's northwest pears are 80% harvested. Like northwest cherries, the pears harvest is compressed. The pear maturity moved fast. The pears are clean with a few advanced maturity pears peppered in at the end of each orchards pick. The pears were cooled off fast and the maturity in cold storage will hold.



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Due to the unfavourable 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 a El Nino 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 go up another 32% by the end of 2023.

Our four main Thai factories have already shut down production for the summer, this is 4-6 sooner than we normally see.

- 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 expected to increase by 25-35%.
- Cup pricing expected to increase by 5-10%.

Indonesia

Pineapple output has dropped by 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.

Mandarins

Mandarin trees in China are in bloom, and a healthy harvest is expected. With it still being typhoon season in Zehjiang (the largest area for mandarins), this could all change at any moment. It will take another month to gain a better understanding of the mandarin season of 2023.