

Peaches

The following table shows the monthly shipments of peaches in carloads during the three years.

MONTHLY SHIPMENTS OF PEACHES IN CARLOADS

Average 3 years 1924, 1925 and 1926

Origin State	Year Total	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Ga.	14,993	..	..	..	..	125	2,726	10,428	1,706	7	1	..	..
Tex.	932	..	..	..	..	1	9	813	109	..	..	..	..
Okla.	156	..	..	..	..	2	3	17	134	..	..	..	..
Calif. ..	12,488	..	..	..	..	5	106	4,357	5,598	2,404	18	..	..
S. C.	259	..	..	..	..	..	17	126	116	..	..	..	..
N. C.	1,946	..	..	..	..	3	73	758	1,111	1	..	..	..
Ark.	2,538	..	..	..	..	..	3	1,203	1,332	..	..	..	..
Tenn. ..	1,055	..	..	..	..	..	..	108	947	..	..	..	..
Md.	453	..	..	..	..	..	..	10	227	204	12	..	..
Del.	502	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	370	129	..	..	..
Va.	319	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	250	67	1	..	..
W. Va. ..	227	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	60	162	5	..	..
Wash. ..	941	..	..	..	..	..	..	14	797	129	1	..	..
Ill.	1,483	..	..	..	..	..	..	20	1,335	128	..	..	..
Ind.	153	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	112	35	4	..	..
Ohio ...	321	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	22	246	53	..	..
Mich. ...	348	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	307	34	..	..
Utah ...	659	..	..	..	..	..	3	2	326	328	..	..	..
Colo. ...	1,292	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	633	654	2	..	..
N. J.	1,218	..	..	..	..	..	..	39	591	580	8	..	..
Pa.	493	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	62	416	10	..	..
N. Y.	2,953	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	13	2,206	732	2	..
Other ..	506	..	..	..	..	..	71	197	187	49	2	..	..
U. S.	46,235	..	..	..	..	136	3,011	18,106	16,045	8,052	883	2	..

Total annual average shipments amounted to 46,235 carloads. Georgia supplied 14,993 cars, or 32.4 per cent; California, 12,488 cars, or 27 per cent, and New York State, 2,953 cars, or 6.4 per cent. Arkansas, North Carolina, Illinois, Colorado, New Jersey, and Tennessee all ship more than a thousand cars each.

The importance of the Atlantic Seaboard states in shipments of peaches is clearly indicated. Average annual shipments from these states amounted to 23,371 carloads, or over 50 per cent of the total for the United States. This may also be visualized by a study of the chart opposite. The Southern Atlantic states, Georgia, South Carolina, and North Carolina, furnished 17,193 cars; the Middle Atlantic states, consisting of Virginia, Maryland and Delaware (with which is included West Virginia), supplied 1,501 cars; the North Atlantic states, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and New York, contributed 4,664 cars. California peaches account for more than one-half of the shipments from the rest of the country.

The shipping season begins in Georgia in May. Shipments increase rapidly to a peak in July and then drop rapidly, the season except for a few belated shipments closing in August. Shipments from California begin lightly the latter part of May, increase rapidly to July and more slowly to a peak in August, then subside rapidly and by the end of September practically cease. The season in Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas and the Carolinas practically begins in June and ends in August. The other states begin shipping in July or August, the more northerly states beginning in the latter month.

For the United States as a whole, the shipping season extends over a period of six months, from May to October. The peak movement is in July, although nearly as many cars are shipped in August. During these two months 34,151 cars moved or nearly three-fourths of the annual total. All of the states make shipments in August and nearly all in July.

The heavy movement in July is due principally to large shipments from Georgia, California, Arkansas and Texas; that in August, to large shipments from California, Georgia, Illinois, Arkansas, North Carolina and Tennessee; while in September, it is due chiefly to large shipments from California and New York.

Although the foregoing statements relate to the shipments of peaches in the fresh state only, the importance of the canning industry and the dried peach industry should not be disregarded. According to the United States Department of Commerce, canned peaches in 1925 amounted to 9,899,000 cases, and dried peaches to 36,857,000 pounds.

MONTHLY SHIPMENTS OF PEACHES BY STATE GROUPINGS

Scale—Thousands of cars

