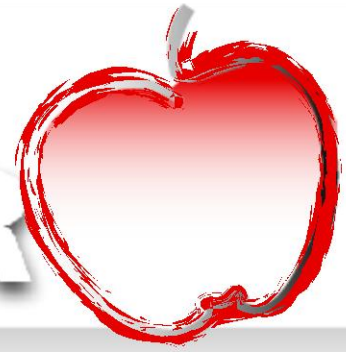


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2009 APPLE CROP

The February 15, 2010 Michigan Apple Committee Storage Report indicates there are 7.5 million bushels remaining in storage (4.8 million fresh and 2.7 million processing).

Processor activity has picked up to some degree but there does not appear to be any increase in pricing from Fall levels. **Growers are encouraged to sell their fruit if you have the opportunity.**

Fresh movement continues to be very good with prices relatively stable.

USDA GAP CLASSES

Six USDA GAP classes have been held so far with over 300 growers in attendance. A third class has been added on March 17, 9 am, Alpine Township Hall in Grand Rapids. Space is limited. Please call 1-800-292-2653 to make your reservation.

USDA ANNOUNCES BONUS BUY AWARDS

A flurry of USDA bonus buy awards were announced last week. Below is a recap of the awards:

Processor **# of Cases**

25,080 CASES OF 30 LB. FROZEN APPLE SLICES

Peterson Farms, Shelby, MI	17,160
Smeltzer Orchard Co., Frankfort, MI	7,920

Michigan processors received 100% of the award.

Processor **# of Cases**

257,275 CASES OF 8/64 OZ. APPLE JUICE

Indian Summer, Ludington, MI	183,475
*Integrated Solutions, Hartford, MI	12,300
*Marteen, Ludington, MI	13,325
*McGreevy's, Ludington, MI	13,325
National Fruit, Winchester, VA	34,850

Michigan processors received 80% of the award.

370,025 CASES OF 8/64 OZ. APPLE JUICE

Indian Summer, Ludington, MI	66,625
*Integrated Solutions, Hartford, MI	19,475
Knouse Foods, Ortanna, PA	27,675
Ludfords, Rancho Cucamong, CA	54,325
*Marteen, Ludington, MI	8,200
*Marteen, Hartford, MI	8,200
National Fruit, Winchester, VA	140,425
Yakama Juice, LLC, Selah, WA	45,100

Michigan processors received 27.7% of the award.

498,150 CASES OF 8/64 OZ. CHERRY APPLE JUICE

Burnette Foods, Hartford, MI	60,475
Indian Summer, Ludington, MI	182,450
*Integrated Solutions, Hartford, MI	10,250
Knouse Foods, Ortanna, PA	85,075
Ludfords, Rancho Cucamong, CA	133,250
*Marteen, Ludington, MI	10,250
*McGreevy's, Ludington, MI	4,100

Michigan processors received 55.1% of the award.



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Processor **# of Cases**

51,744 CASES OF 37/40 LB. FRESH APPLES

Vetsource Solutions, Wakefield, MA	3,696
Rice Fruit Co., Gardners, PA	2,772
Riveridge Produce, Sparta, MI	5,544
Crown Orchard, Batesville, VA	3,696
Jack Brown Produce, Sparta, MI	19,404
Rice Fruit Co., Gardners, PA	9,240
Riveridge Produce, Sparta, MI	6,468
Riveridge Produce, Sparta, MI	924

Michigan fresh shippers received 62.5% of the award.

96,360 CASES OF 30 LB. FROZEN SLICES

*Marteen, Coloma, MI	13,200
Peterson Farms, Shelby, MI	17,160
Smeltzer Orchard Co., Frankfort, MI	19,800
Coloma Frozen Foods, Coloma, MI	17,160
Indian Summer, Ludington, MI	19,800
Jewel Apple, Yakima, WA	9,240

Michigan processors received 90.4% of the award.

466,560 CASES OF 24/#300 APPLESAUCE

Cherry Central, Grawn, MI	21,060
*Ind. Food Proc, Sunnyside, WA	63,180
*Integrated Solutions, Harford, MI	6,480
*Marteen, Grawn, MI	4,860
*McGreevy's, Winchester, VA	6,480
National Fruit, Winchester, VA	361,260
Pacific Coast Producers, Yakima WA	3,240

Michigan processors received 6.9% of the award.

88,464 CASES OF 6/#10 CANNED APPLE SLICES

*Ind. Food Proc., Sunnyside, WA	3,648
*Integrated Solutions, Hartford, MI	1,824
Knouse Foods, Peach Glen, PA	55,632
*Marteen, Ludington, MI	2,736
*McGreevy's, Ludington, MI	2,736
Pacific Coast Prod., Yakima, WA	21,888

Michigan processors received 8.2% of the award.

Processor **# of Cases**

161,424 CASES OF 6/#10 APPLESAUCE

Cherry Growers, Grawn, MI	126,768
Ind. Food Proc., Sunnyside, WA	1,824
*Integrated Solutions, Hartford, MI	5,472
*Marteen, Grawn, MI	4,560
*McGreevy's, Grawn, MI	2,736
National Fruit, Winchester, VA	19,152
Pacific Coast Prod., Yakima, WA	912

Michigan processors received 86.4% of the award.

MSUE FOOD SAFETY MEETING

MSU Extension has scheduled a Food Safety/GAP Meeting on March 24, 8 am-5 pm at the Trever Nichols Research Complex. Registration is \$250 per person which includes all materials, breaks and lunch. If you have any questions or would like to register, call 269-561-5040.

Further reports will follow to keep you updated on industry issues. Contact the sales desk at 1-800-292-2653 if you have any questions.



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