

Mushrooms

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All Mushroom Sales Down 3 Percent, Value Down 4 Percent

Sales of the 2009-2010 United States mushroom crop are 793 million pounds, down 3 percent from the 2008-2009 season. Value of sales for the 2009-2010 United States mushroom crop is \$925 million, down 4 percent from the previous season. The number of growers, at 312, is up 23 from last season. The average price is \$1.17 per pound, unchanged from 2008-2009.

Volume of sales reported by growers of Agaricus mushrooms for fresh market is 671 million pounds, down 1 percent from the 2008-2009 season. Volume of sales of Agaricus mushrooms for processing is 107 million pounds, down 13 percent from last season. Value of sales for all Agaricus mushrooms totaled \$886 million, down 3 percent from the previous year.

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Agaricus and Specialty Mushrooms: Number of Growers, Volume of Sales, Price, and Value of Sales, July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2010

Year	Growers ¹	All Sales		
		Volume of Sales	Price per Pound ²	Value of Sales
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2007-08	279	812,604	1.180	962,756
2008-09	289	819,775	1.170	958,896
2009-10	312	793,192	1.170	924,860

¹ Number of growers counted once if growing both Agaricus and specialty mushrooms.

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**Agaricus Mushrooms: Area, Sales, Price, and Value by State
and United States, July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2010**

State, Region, ¹ and Year	Area in Production		Volume of Sales	Price per Pound ²	Value of Sales
	Growing Area	Total Fillings			
	<i>1,000 Square Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Square Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
CA					
2007-08	4,399	21,764	118,811	1.600	189,615
2008-09	3,914	20,543	123,919	1.630	202,599
2009-10	3,794	19,260	112,522	1.640	184,031
PA					
2007-08	16,364	78,083	496,721	0.912	453,013
2008-09	16,635	80,869	524,587	0.881	461,936
2009-10	16,481	77,322	501,228	0.876	438,999
WA ³					
2007-08					
2008-09	310	1,146	12,744	1.680	21,357
2009-10	310	1,146	12,970	1.690	21,952
Oth Sts ⁴					
2007-08	6,201	36,164	181,816	1.510	274,979
2008-09	6,749	31,975	142,646	1.580	224,766
2009-10	7,014	32,833	151,194	1.590	240,810
East					
2007-08	17,901	90,922	564,759	0.969	547,468
2008-09	18,047	92,151	569,947	0.926	527,847
2009-10	18,113	90,053	553,285	0.931	515,177
Central					
2007-08	3,233	15,822	77,059	1.640	126,684
2008-09	3,178	15,302	74,355	1.700	126,107
2009-10	3,201	15,332	77,354	1.730	133,707
West					
2007-08	5,830	29,267	155,530	1.570	243,455
2008-09	6,383	27,080	159,594	1.610	256,704
2009-10	6,285	25,176	147,275	1.610	236,908
US					
2007-08	26,964	136,011	797,348	1.150	917,607
2008-09	27,608	134,533	803,896	1.130	910,658
2009-10	27,599	130,561	777,914	1.140	885,792

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³ Estimates began in the 2008-2009 season.

⁴ For 2007-2008, Other States include CO, CT, DE, FL, IL, MD, MT, NY, OK, OR, TN, TX, UT, and WI. For 2008-2009, Other States include CO, DE, FL, IL, MO, MT, NY, OK, OR, TN, TX, UT, and WI. For 2009-2010, Other States include CO, DE, FL, IL, MD, MO, MT, NY, OK, OR, TN, TX, UT, and WI.

**Agaricus Mushrooms: Utilization, Volume of Sales, Price, and Value
by Region and United States, July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2010**

Year, State, Region ¹	Fresh Market			Processing		
	Volume of Sales	Price per Pound ²	Value of Sales	Volume of Sales	Price per Pound ²	Value of Sales
	<i>1,000 Lbs</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dols</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dols</i>
2007-08						
PA	404,971	0.987	399,706	91,750	0.581	53,307
Other East	59,134	1.490	88,378	8,904	0.683	6,077
East Total	464,105	1.050	488,084	100,654	0.590	59,384
Central Total	67,111	1.760	117,781	9,948	0.895	8,903
CA	115,366	1.620	186,893	3,445	0.790	2,722
Other West	33,104	1.480	48,995	3,615	1.340	4,845
West Total	148,470	1.590	235,888	7,060	1.070	7,567
US	679,686	1.240	841,753	117,662	0.645	75,854
2008-09						
PA	420,326	0.971	408,137	104,261	0.516	53,799
Other East	38,069	1.600	60,742	7,291	0.709	5,169
East Total	458,395	1.020	468,879	111,552	0.529	58,968
Central Total	64,995	1.810	117,524	9,360	0.917	8,583
CA	121,932	1.650	201,188	1,987	0.710	1,411
WA ³	12,684	1.680	21,309	60	0.800	48
Other West	22,322	1.440	32,121	609	1.030	627
West Total	156,938	1.620	254,618	2,656	0.785	2,086
US	680,328	1.240	841,021	123,568	0.564	69,637
2009-10						
PA	408,770	0.950	388,332	92,458	0.548	50,667
Other East	47,746	1.540	73,542	4,311	0.611	2,636
East Total	456,516	1.010	461,874	96,769	0.551	53,303
Central Total	69,967	1.810	126,563	7,387	0.967	7,144
CA	110,539	1.650	182,389	1,983	0.828	1,642
WA ³	12,640	1.720	21,741	330	0.640	211
Other West	21,143	1.430	30,307	640	0.966	618
West Total	144,322	1.620	234,437	2,953	0.837	2,471
US	670,805	1.230	822,874	107,109	0.587	62,918

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**Agaricus Mushrooms: Number of Growers, Volume, Price, and Value of All Sales
by Region and United States, July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2010**

Year, State, Region ¹	Growers	All Sales		
		Volume of Sales	Price per Pound ²	Value of Sales
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2007-08				
PA	69	496,721	0.912	453,013
Other East	7	68,038	1.390	94,455
East Total	76	564,759	0.969	547,468
Central Total	9	77,059	1.640	126,684
CA	18	118,811	1.600	189,615
Other West	8	36,719	1.470	53,840
West Total	26	155,530	1.570	243,455
US	111	797,348	1.150	917,607
2008-09				
PA	71	524,587	0.881	461,936
Other East	8	45,360	1.450	65,911
East Total	79	569,947	0.926	527,847
Central Total	9	74,355	1.700	126,107
CA	23	123,919	1.630	202,599
WA ³		12,744	1.680	21,357
Other West	6	22,931	1.430	32,748
West Total	29	159,594	1.610	256,704
US	117	803,896	1.130	910,658
2009-10				
PA	70	501,228	0.876	438,999
Other East	8	52,057	1.460	76,178
East Total	78	553,285	0.931	515,177
Central Total	9	77,354	1.730	133,707
CA	18	112,522	1.640	184,031
WA ³		12,970	1.690	21,952
Other West	7	21,783	1.420	30,925
West Total	25	147,275	1.610	236,908
US	112	777,914	1.140	885,792

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**Agaricus Mushrooms: Yield and Dollar Volume per Square Foot
of Growing Area, by State and United States,
July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2010**

State and Region ¹	Yield per Square Foot		
	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
PA	6.36	6.49	6.48
East	6.21	6.18	6.14
Central	4.87	4.86	5.05
CA	5.46	6.03	5.84
WA ²		11.12	11.32
West	5.31	5.89	5.85
US	5.86	5.98	5.96
	Dollar Volume per Square Foot		
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
PA	5.80	5.71	5.68
East	6.02	5.73	5.72
Central	8.01	8.24	8.72
CA	8.71	9.86	9.56
WA ²		18.64	19.16
West	8.32	9.48	9.41
US	6.75	6.77	6.78

¹ Regions:

East: DE, FL, MD, NY, PA, TN.

Central: IL, MO, OK, TX, and WI.

West: CA, CO, MT, OR, UT, and WA.

² Estimates began in the 2008-2009 season.

**Brown Mushrooms (Portabello and Crimini): Number of Growers, Volume of Sales,
and Value, by Region and United States, July 1, 2007-June 30, 2010 ¹**

Region and Year ²	Growers	Volume of Sales	Value	Region and Year ²	Growers	Volume of Sales	Value
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs</i>	<i>1,000 Dols</i>		<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Lbs</i>	<i>1,000 Dols</i>
East				West			
2007-08	26	79,095	86,865	2007-08	17	18,055	37,299
2008-09	26	81,836	88,121	2008-09	15	19,673	43,131
2009-10	28	86,977	92,477	2009-10	15	22,445	48,550
Central				US			
2007-08	7	8,096	20,094	2007-08	50	105,246	144,258
2008-09	8	9,552	24,159	2008-09	49	111,061	155,411
2009-10	8	10,884	27,023	2009-10	51	120,306	168,050

¹ Brown mushrooms are part of Agaricus mushrooms.

² Regions:

East: FL, NY, PA, and TN.

Central: IL, MO, OK, TX, and WI.

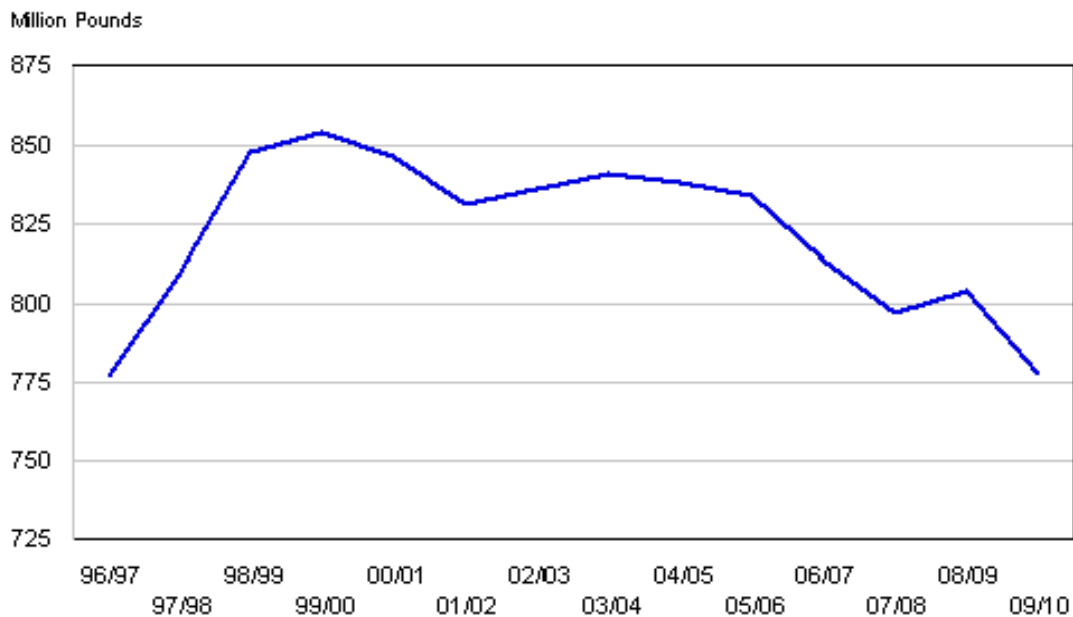
West: CA, CO, MT, OR, UT, and WA.

**Agaricus Mushrooms: Sales by Type and Percent of Total,
United States, 1996-2010 ¹**

Year	Fresh Market		Processing		Total Volume of Sales
	Volume of Sales	Percent	Volume of Sales	Percent	
	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>		<i>1,000 Pounds</i>
1996-97	553,780	71	222,897	29	776,677
1997-98	621,537	77	187,141	23	808,678
1998-99	657,833	78	189,927	22	847,760
1999-00	668,541	78	185,853	22	854,394
2000-01	692,630	82	153,579	18	846,209
2001-02	689,968	83	141,139	17	831,107
2002-03	697,248	83	139,150	17	836,398
2003-04	703,496	84	137,666	16	841,162
2004-05	696,319	83	141,764	17	838,083
2005-06	704,584	85	129,093	15	833,677
2006-07	696,709	86	117,140	14	813,849
2007-08	679,686	85	117,662	15	797,348
2008-09	680,328	85	123,568	15	803,896
2009-10	670,805	86	107,109	14	777,914

¹ This table represents volume of sales at point of first sale. Mushrooms sold for fresh use, but used for processing are included under fresh market volume of sales.

**Agaricus Mushrooms: Volume of Sales
United States, 1996/97 - 2009/10**

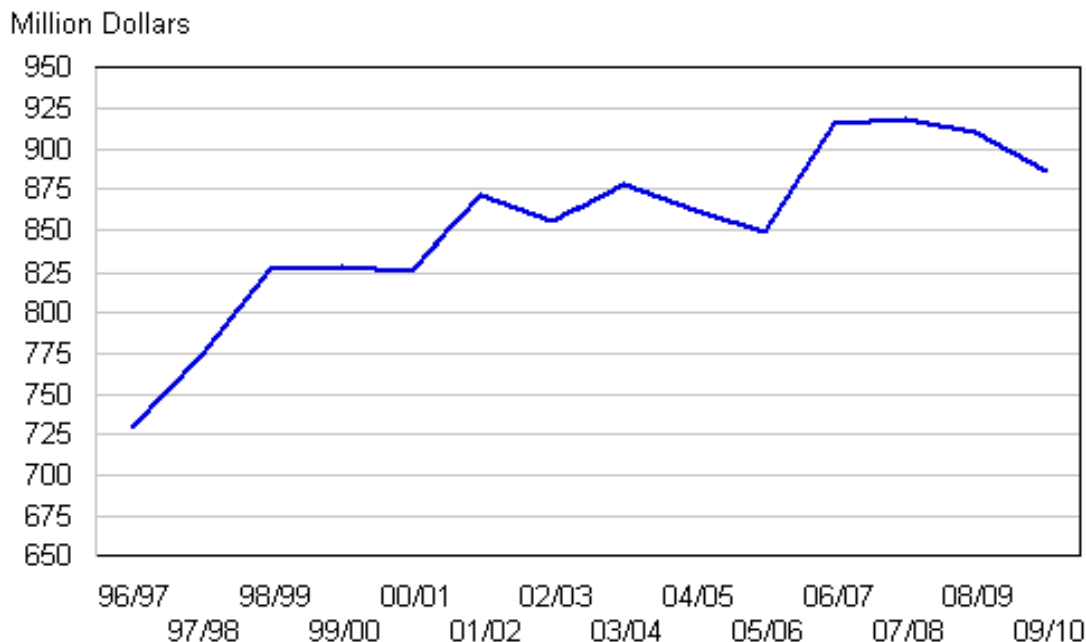


**Agaricus Mushrooms: Price and Value by Type of Sale,
United States, 1996-2010¹**

Year	Fresh Market		Processing		All Sales	
	Price per Pound	Value of Sales	Price per Pound	Value of Sales	Price per Pound	Value of Sales
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dols</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dols</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dols</i>
1996-97	1.090	605,728	0.559	124,568	0.940	730,296
1997-98	1.080	670,168	0.553	103,449	0.957	773,617
1998-99	1.080	712,000	0.611	116,098	0.977	828,098
1999-00	1.070	715,943	0.606	112,608	0.970	828,551
2000-01	1.060	736,543	0.579	88,957	0.976	825,500
2001-02	1.150	796,522	0.525	74,051	1.050	870,573
2002-03	1.120	778,307	0.558	77,676	1.020	855,983
2003-04	1.140	805,200	0.532	73,205	1.040	878,405
2004-05	1.140	796,493	0.463	65,699	1.030	862,192
2005-06	1.130	793,538	0.428	55,298	1.020	848,836
2006-07	1.210	840,560	0.640	75,001	1.120	915,561
2007-08	1.240	841,753	0.645	75,854	1.150	917,607
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**Agaricus Mushrooms: Value of Sales
United States, 1996/97 - 2009/10**



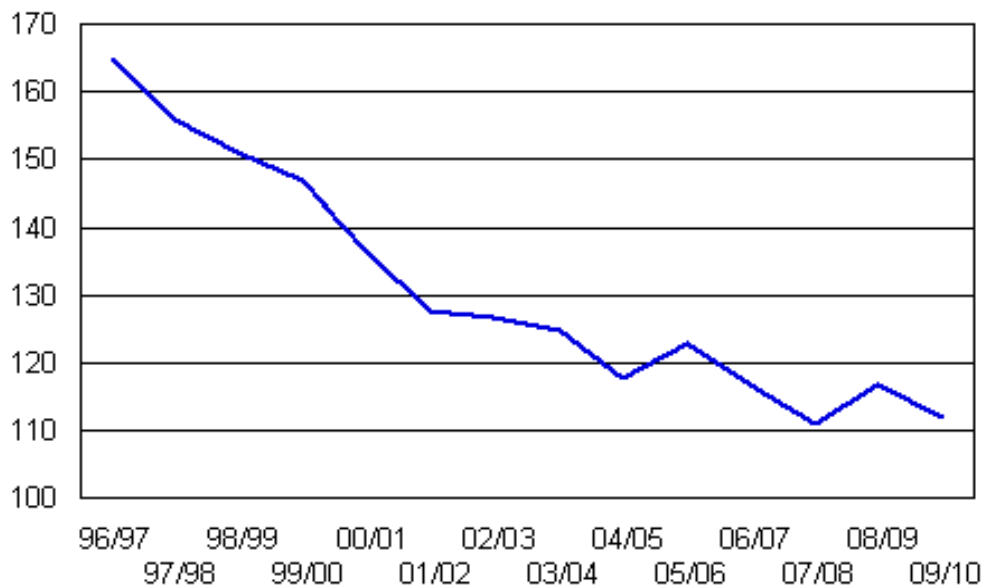
**Agaricus Mushrooms: Number of Growers, Area in Production, Yield,
and Dollar Volume per Square Foot, United States, 1996-2010**

Year	Growers ¹	Area in Production	Yield per Square Foot	Dollar Volume per Square Foot
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Square Feet</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
1996-97	165	136,461	5.69	5.35
1997-98	156	145,094	5.57	5.33
1998-99	151	150,017	5.65	5.52
1999-00	147	151,487	5.64	5.47
2000-01	137	143,873	5.88	5.74
2001-02	128	140,822	5.90	6.18
2002-03	127	141,844	5.90	6.03
2003-04	125	146,510	5.74	6.00
2004-05	118	143,093	5.86	6.03
2005-06	123	142,550	5.85	5.95
2006-07	117	145,743	5.58	6.28
2007-08	111	136,011	5.86	6.75
2008-09	117	134,533	5.98	6.77
2009-10	112	130,561	5.96	6.78

¹ Estimates are based on growers with sales and include all known growing facilities.

**Agaricus Mushrooms: Number of Growers
United States, 1996/97 - 2009/10**

Number of Growers



**Agaricus Mushrooms: Bed or Tray Area Intended for Production
by State and United States, July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011**

State and Region ¹	Intentions Jul 2010 - Jun 2011			
	Fresh Market	Processed Market	Total Fillings	Percent of Last Year
	<i>1,000 Square Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Square Feet</i>	<i>1,000 Square Feet</i>	<i>Percent</i>
CA	18,632		18,632	97
PA	70,822	3,761	74,583	96
WA	1,230		1,230	107
Oth Sts ²	32,612	423	33,035	101
East	83,299	4,184	87,483	97
Central	15,332		15,332	100
West	24,665		24,665	98
US	123,296	4,184	127,480	98

¹ Regions:

East: DE, FL, MD, NY, PA, and TN.

Central: IL, MO, OK, TX, and WI.

West: CA, CO, MT, OR, UT, and WA.

² CO, DE, FL, IL, MD, MO, MT, NY, OK, OR, TN, TX, UT, and WI.

Specialty Mushrooms: Number of Growers, Total Production, Volume of Sales, Price, and Value of Sales, by Variety and United States, July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2010 ¹

Year and Variety	Growers ²	Total Production ³	All Sales		
			Volume of Sales ⁴	Price per Pound ⁵	Value of Sales
	<i>Number</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>1,000 Pounds</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dollars</i>
2007-08					
Shiitake	155	9,848	9,673	2.69	26,049
Oyster	61	4,371	4,253	2.88	12,232
Other	24	1,371	1,330	5.16	6,868
US ⁶	181	15,590	15,256	2.96	45,149
2008-09					
Shiitake	166	9,715	9,458	3.19	30,146
Oyster	67	5,384	5,057	2.46	12,448
Other	27	1,605	1,364	4.14	5,644
US ⁶	188	16,704	15,879	3.04	48,238
2009-10					
Shiitake	181	6,591	6,324	2.75	17,390
Oyster	77	6,236	5,782	2.55	14,769
Other	27	3,434	3,172	2.18	6,909
US ⁶	216	16,261	15,278	2.56	39,068

¹ Specialty mushroom estimates represent growers who have at least 200 natural wood logs in production or some commercial indoor growing area, and 200 dollars in sales.

² Growers counted only once for US total if growing more than one specialty type mushroom. Growers growing Agaricus and specialty mushrooms are included.

³ Total production includes all fresh market and processing sales plus amount harvested but not sold (shrinkage, cullage, dumped, etc.).

⁴ Virtually all specialty mushroom sales are for fresh market.

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⁶ 2007-08: AR, CA, CT, DE, FL, HI, IL, IN, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, NH, NY, NC, OH, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA, WA, WV, and WI.

2008-09: AR, CA, CT, FL, HI, IL, IN, KS, KY, ME, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, NY, NC, OH, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA, WV, and WI.

2009-10: AR, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, IL, IN, KS, KY, ME, MA, MN, MO, MT, NY, NC, OH, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA, WV, and WI.

**Specialty Mushrooms: Area in Production by Variety and United States,
July 1, 2007 - June 30, 2010 ¹**

Year and Variety	Area		
	Natural Wood Outdoor Logs	Natural Wood Undercover and Indoor Logs	All Other Production Media
	<i>1,000 Logs</i>	<i>1,000 Logs</i>	<i>1,000 Square Feet</i>
2007-08			
Shiitake ²	122	60	1,436
Oyster			618
Other			419
US ³	122	60	2,473
2008-09			
Shiitake ²	107	88	1,317
Oyster			648
Other			474
US ³	107	88	2,439
2009-10			
Shiitake ²	117	87	1,214
Oyster			593
Other			360
US ³	117	87	2,167

¹ Specialty mushroom estimates represent growers who have at least 200 natural wood logs in production or some commercial indoor growing area, and 200 dollars in sales.

² Includes small quantity of logs producing Oyster and Other mushrooms. These logs are not published separately to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

³ 2007-08: AR, CA, CT, DE, FL, HI, IL, IN, KS, KY, ME, MD, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, NH, NY, NC, OH, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA, WA, WV, and WI.
2008-09: AR, CA, CT, FL, HI, IL, IN, KS, KY, ME, MA, MI, MN, MO, MT, NY, NC, OH, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA, WV, and WI.
2009-10: AR, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, IL, IN, KS, KY, ME, MA, MN, MO, MT, NY, NC, OH, OR, PA, SC, TN, TX, VA, VT, WA, WV, and WI.

Agaricus Mushrooms

Agaricus mushroom volume of sales totaled 778 million pounds, down 3 percent from the 2008-2009. Pennsylvania accounted for 64 percent of the total volume of sales and second-ranked California contributed 14 percent. The value of the Agaricus crop was estimated at \$886 million dollars, down 3 percent from the 2008-2009 season. Brown mushrooms, including Portabello and Crimini varieties, accounted for 120 million pounds, up 8 percent from last season. Brown mushrooms accounted for 15 percent of the total Agaricus volume sold. The brown mushroom crop value of sales for the 2009-2010 season is \$168 million dollars, 19 percent of the total Agaricus value.

The total number of Agaricus growers in the U.S., at 112, is five less growers than last season. Growers with sales exceeding 10 million pounds accounted for 69 percent of U.S. Agaricus production, or 540 million pounds. The number of growers by sales categories is as follows:

Over 20.0 million pounds, 8 growers;
10.0 million to 19.9 million pounds, 17 growers;
5.0 million to 9.9 million pounds, 16 growers;
2.5 million to 4.9 million pounds, 21 growers;
1.0 million to 2.4 million pounds, 29 growers;
0.5 million to 1.0 million pounds, 2 growers;
less than 0.5 million pounds of sales, 19 growers.

The growing area is 27.6 million square feet, virtually unchanged from the previous season. Total fillings are 131 million square feet, down 3 percent from last season. Yields averaged 5.96 pounds per square foot, down slightly from last season. Producers received an average return of \$6.78 per square foot, up 1 cent from last season. U.S. fresh market production of Agaricus mushrooms is at 671 million pounds, down 1 percent from the previous season, while processed production, at 107 million pounds, is 13 percent below the previous season. Growers reported U.S. fresh market production at 86 percent of total sales volume with processed production making up the remaining 14 percent. Grower total filling intentions for the 2010-2011 crop are 127 million square feet, 2 percent less than the total fillings in the 2009-2010 season.

The 62 growers of Agaricus mushrooms in Chester County, Pennsylvania produced 351 million pounds, of Agaricus mushrooms, down 3 percent from the 2008-2009 growing season. This production was valued at \$308 million, down 1 percent from the 2008-2009 growing season. The growing area in Chester County was 11.5 million square feet, down 2 percent from the 2008-2009 growing season. Total fillings were 53.5 million square feet, down 4 percent from the 2008-2009 growing season.

Specialty Mushrooms - Shiitake, Oyster, and all Other Exotics

Value of sales for commercially grown specialty mushrooms in 2009-2010 is \$39.1 million, down 19 percent from the 2008-2009 season. A specialty grower is defined as having at least 200 natural wood logs in production or some commercial indoor growing area, and \$200 dollars or more in sales. The average price per pound received by growers, at \$2.56, is down 48 cents from the previous season.

Volume of sales of Shiitake mushrooms totaled 6.32 million pounds for the 2009-2010 season, down 33 percent from the previous season. Price per pound received by growers, at \$2.75 per pound, is down 44 cents from 2008-2009. Sales volume of Oyster mushrooms, at 5.78 million pounds, is up 14 percent from the previous season. Price per pound received by growers, at \$2.55 per pound, is up 9 cents from the previous season. Volume of Sales of exotic mushrooms, other than Shiitake or Oyster, is 3.17 million pounds, up 1.81 million pounds from last season. Price per pound received by growers, at \$2.18 per pound, is down \$1.96 from 2008-2009.

Certified Organic Agaricus and Specialty Mushrooms

Growers produced 30.0 million pounds of mushrooms that were certified organic during the 2009-2010 growing season, 28 percent below 2008-2009 of 42.0 million. Out of the 30.0 million pounds, 17.0 million pounds, or 57 percent of the total were sold as certified organic mushrooms, while the rest were sold without the certified organic label. This compares with 12.4 million pounds, or 30 percent sold as certified organic during the 2008-2009 crop year. Agaricus mushrooms accounted for 74 percent of the mushrooms sold as certified organic, while all specialty mushrooms made up the remainder. The total certified organic sales of all mushrooms represent 2 percent of the 2009-2010 total mushroom sales. The number of certified organic mushroom growers totaled 51, up seven growers from the previous season. These growers represent 16 percent of the 312 total mushroom producers.

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