

Mushrooms

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All Mushroom Sales Up 1 Percent, Value Down 1 Percent

Sales of the 2008-09 U.S. mushroom crop are 817 million pounds, up 1 percent from the 2007-08 season. Value of sales for the 2008-09 U.S. mushroom crop is \$957 million, down 1 percent from the previous season. The number of growers, at 285, is up 6 from last season. The average price is \$1.17 per pound, down 1 cent from 2007-08.

Volume of sales reported by growers of Agaricus mushrooms for fresh market is 679 million pounds, virtually unchanged from a year ago. Volume of sales of Agaricus mushrooms for processing is 123 million pounds, up 4 percent from last season. Value of sales for all Agaricus mushrooms totaled \$909 million, down 1 percent from the previous year and the 2006-07 season.

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Agaricus and Specialty Mushrooms: Number of Growers, Volume of Sales, Price, and Value of Sales, July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2009

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>
2006-07	280	828,002	1.160	961,446
2007-08	279	812,604	1.180	962,756
2008-09	285	816,974	1.170	957,028

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, 2006 - June 30, 2009**

State, Region, 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					
2006-07	4,919	24,831	117,851	1.590	187,473
2007-08	4,399	21,764	118,811	1.600	189,615
2008-09	3,914	20,543	123,919	1.630	202,599
PA					
2006-07	16,761	83,587	496,566	0.891	442,292
2007-08	16,364	78,083	496,721	0.912	453,013
2008-09	16,635	80,869	524,587	0.881	461,936
Oth Sts					
2006-07 ⁴	8,221	37,325	199,432	1.430	285,796
2007-08 ⁵	6,201	36,164	181,816	1.510	274,979
2008-09 ⁶	5,666	32,677	153,017	1.600	244,543
East					
2006-07	19,053	97,188	573,013	0.949	543,837
2007-08	17,901	90,922	564,759	0.969	547,468
2008-09	17,951	91,719	568,219	0.926	526,404
Central					
2006-07	3,239	15,841	79,821	1.600	127,717
2007-08	3,233	15,822	77,059	1.640	126,684
2008-09	3,137	15,290	74,258	1.700	126,534
West					
2006-07	7,609	32,714	161,015	1.520	244,007
2007-08	5,830	29,267	155,530	1.570	243,455
2008-09	5,127	27,080	159,046	1.610	256,140
US					
2006-07	29,901	145,743	813,849	1.120	915,561
2007-08	26,964	136,011	797,348	1.150	917,607
2008-09	26,215	134,089	801,523	1.130	909,078

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³ Missing data not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

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**Agaricus Mushrooms: Utilization, Volume of Sales, Price, and Value
by Region and United States, July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2009**

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>
2006-07						
PA	403,564	0.960	387,421	93,002	0.590	54,871
Other East	66,210	1.420	93,740	10,237	0.762	7,805
East Total	469,774	1.020	481,161	103,239	0.607	62,676
Central Total	69,696	1.690	118,038	10,125	0.956	9,679
CA	115,017	1.610	185,177	2,834	0.810	2,296
Other West	42,222	1.330	56,184	942	0.372	350
West Total	157,239	1.530	241,361	3,776	0.701	2,646
US	696,709	1.210	840,560	117,140	0.640	75,001
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	36,548	1.620	59,389	7,084	0.717	5,079
East Total	456,874	1.020	467,526	111,345	0.529	58,878
Central Total	64,898	1.820	117,951	9,360	0.917	8,583
CA	121,932	1.650	201,188	1,987	0.710	1,411
Other West	35,006	1.530	53,430	121	0.917	111
West Total	156,938	1.620	254,618	2,108	0.722	1,522
US	678,710	1.240	840,095	122,813	0.562	68,983

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**Agaricus Mushrooms: Number of Growers, Volume, Price, and Value of All Sales
by Region and United States, July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2009**

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>
2006-07				
PA	73	496,566	0.891	442,292
Other East	10	76,447	1.330	101,545
East Total	83	573,013	0.949	543,837
Central Total	7	79,821	1.600	127,717
CA	20	117,851	1.590	187,473
Other West	7	43,164	1.310	56,534
West Total	27	161,015	1.520	244,007
US	117	813,849	1.120	915,561
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	7	43,632	1.480	64,468
East Total	78	568,219	0.926	526,404
Central Total	9	74,258	1.700	126,534
CA	23	123,919	1.630	202,599
Other West	6	35,127	1.520	53,541
West Total	29	159,046	1.610	256,140
US	116	801,523	1.130	909,078

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**Agaricus Mushrooms: Yield and Dollar Volume per Square Foot
of Growing Area, by State and United States,
July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2009**

State and Region ¹	Yield per Square Foot		
	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09
	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>	<i>Pounds</i>
PA	5.94	6.36	6.49
East	5.90	6.21	6.20
Central	5.04	4.87	4.86
CA	4.75	5.46	6.03
West	4.92	5.31	5.87
US	5.58	5.86	5.98
	Dollar Volume per Square Foot		
	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>Dollars</i>
PA	5.29	5.80	5.71
East	5.60	6.02	5.74
Central	8.06	8.01	8.28
CA	7.55	8.71	9.86
West	7.46	8.32	9.46
US	6.28	6.75	6.78

¹ Regions:

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

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

**Brown Mushrooms (Portabello and Crimini): Number of Growers, Volume of Sales,
and Value, by Region and United States, July 1, 2006-June 30, 2009 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			
2006-07	35	75,160	84,911	2006-07	16	17,098	37,588
2007-08	26	79,095	86,865	2007-08	17	18,055	37,299
2008-09	26	81,836	88,121	2008-09	16	19,776	43,187
Central				US			
2006-07	7	6,930	17,400	2006-07	58	99,188	139,899
2007-08	7	8,096	20,094	2007-08	50	105,246	144,258
2008-09	7	9,345	23,820	2008-09	49	110,957	155,128

¹ Brown mushrooms are part of Agaricus mushrooms.

² Regions:

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

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

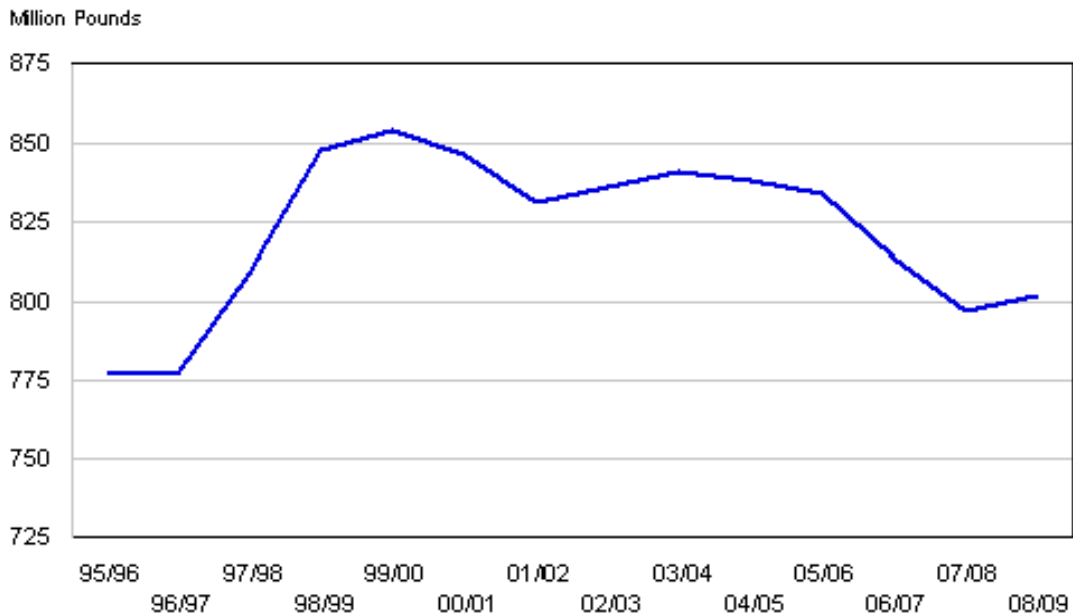
West: CA, CO, MT, OR, UT, and WA.

**Agaricus Mushrooms: Sales by Type and Percent of Total,
United States, 1995-2009 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>
1995-96	537,124	69	240,746	31	777,870
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	678,710	85	122,813	15	801,523

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, 1995/96 - 2008/09**

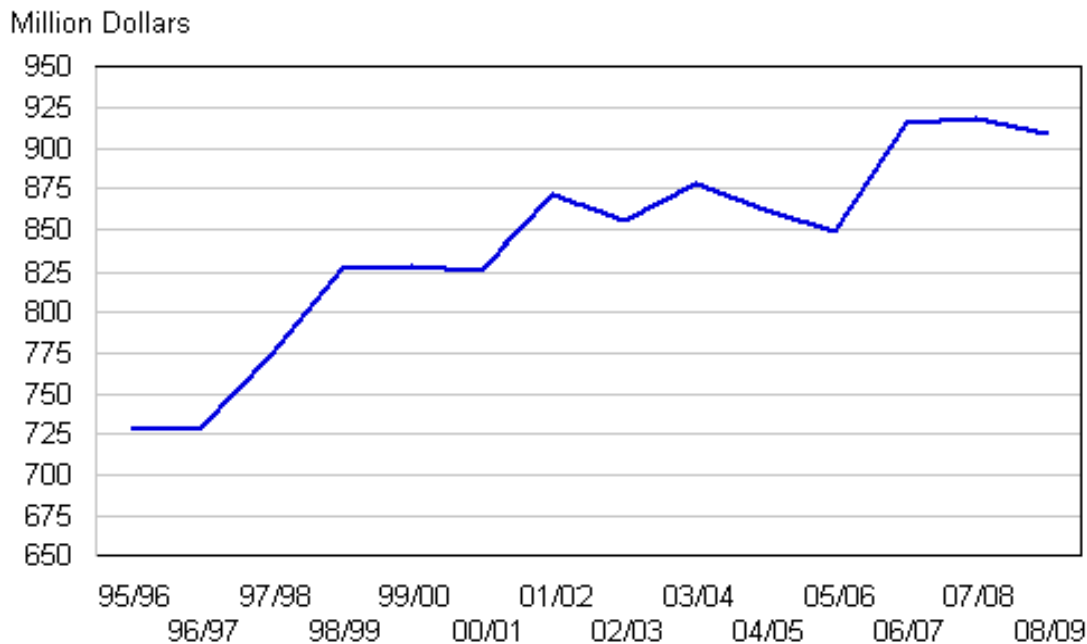


**Agaricus Mushrooms: Price and Value by Type of Sale,
United States, 1995-2009 ¹**

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>
1995-96	1.090	588,126	0.579	139,452	0.935	727,578
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, 1995/96 - 2008/09**



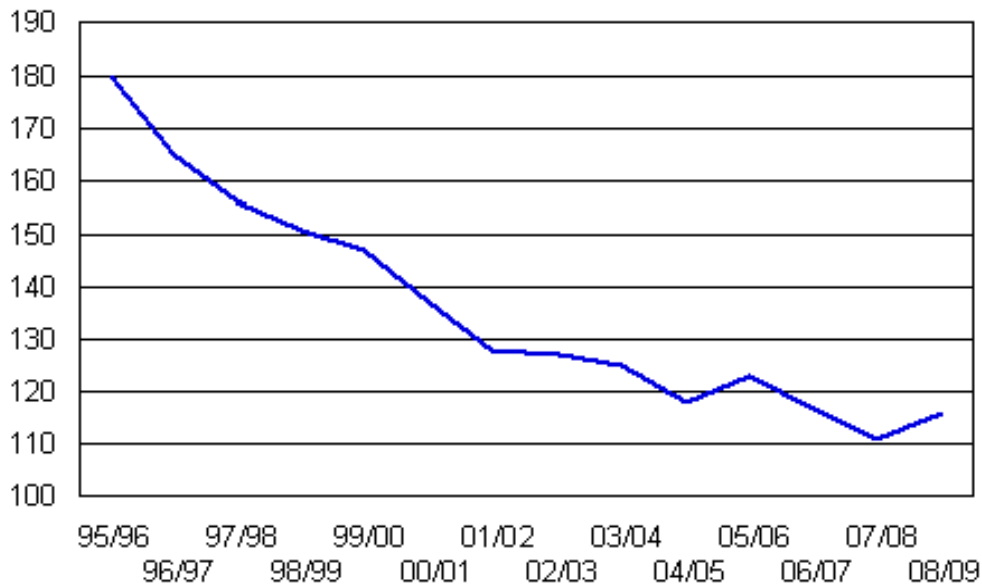
Agaricus Mushrooms: Number of Growers, Area in Production, Yield, and Dollar Volume per Square Foot, United States, 1995-2009

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>
1995-96	180	135,320	5.75	5.38
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	116	134,089	5.98	6.78

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

**Agaricus Mushrooms: Number of Growers
United States, 1995/96 - 2008/09**

Number of Growers



**Agaricus Mushrooms: Bed or Tray Area Intended for Production
by State and United States, July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010**

State and Region ¹	Intentions Jul 2009 - Jun 2010			
	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	20,493		20,493	100
PA	76,029	5,146	81,175	100
Oth Sts ²	32,845	40	32,885	101
East	86,999	5,186	92,185	101
Central	15,254		15,254	100
West	27,114		27,114	100
US	129,367	5,186	134,553	100

¹ Regions:

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

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

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

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

**Specialty Mushrooms: Number of Growers, Total Production, Volume
of Sales, Price, and Value of Sales, by Variety and United States,
July 1, 2006 - June 30, 2009¹**

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>
2006-07					
Shiitake	160	7,155	6,985	3.36	23,469
Oyster	62	5,265	5,055	2.41	12,185
Other	30	2,180	2,113	4.84	10,231
US ⁶	191	14,600	14,153	3.24	45,885
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	153	9,682	9,416	3.19	30,038
Oyster	67	5,383	5,056	2.46	12,442
Other	26	1,070	979	5.59	5,470
US ⁶	184	16,135	15,451	3.10	47,950

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 2006-07: 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.
 2007-08: 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.
 2008-09: 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, 2006 - June 30, 2009 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>
2006-07			
Shiitake ²	176	58	1,317
Oyster			654
Other			593
US ³	176	58	2,564
2007-08			
Shiitake ²	122	60	1,436
Oyster			618
Other			419
US ³	122	60	2,473
2008-09			
Shiitake ²	100	53	1,384
Oyster			913
Other			329
US ³	100	53	2,626

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 2006-07: 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.
 2007-08: 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.
 2008-09: 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 802 million pounds, up slightly from the 2007-08 season but 2 percent below 2006-07. Pennsylvania accounted for 65 percent of the total volume of sales and second-ranked California contributed 15 percent. The value of the Agaricus crop was estimated at \$909 million dollars, down 1 percent from the 2007-08 season. Brown mushrooms, including Portabello and Crimini varieties, accounted for 111 million pounds, up 5 percent from last season and 12 percent above the 2006-07 crop year. Brown mushrooms accounted for 14 percent of the total Agaricus volume sold. The brown mushroom crop value of sales for the 2008-09 season is \$155 million dollars, 17 percent of the total Agaricus value.

The total number of Agaricus growers in the U.S., at 116, is 5 more growers than last season but 1 less than two seasons ago. Growers with sales exceeding 10 million pounds accounted for 71 percent of U.S. Agaricus production, or 570 million pounds. The number of growers by sales categories is as follows:

- Over 20.0 million pounds, 9 growers;
- 10.0 million to 19.9 million pounds, 19 growers;
- 5.0 million to 9.9 million pounds, 14 growers;
- 2.5 million to 4.9 million pounds, 23 growers;
- 1.0 million to 2.4 million pounds, 28 growers;
- 0.5 million to 1.0 million pounds, 3 growers;
- less than 0.5 million pounds of sales, 20 growers.

The growing area is 26.2 million square feet, down 3 percent from the previous season and 12 percent below 2006-07. Total fillings are 134 million square feet, down 1 percent from last season and 8 percent below 2006-07. Yields averaged 5.98 pounds per square foot, 2 percent above last season. Producers received an average return of \$6.78 per square foot, up 3 cents from last season and 50 cents above the 2006-07 season. U.S. fresh market production at 679 million pounds is virtually unchanged from the previous season, while processed production, at 123 million pounds, is 4 percent above the previous season. Growers reported U.S. fresh market production at 85 percent of total sales volume with processed production making up the remaining 15 percent. Grower total filling intentions for the 2009-10 crop are nearly identical to the 2008-09 season.

The 62 growers of Agaricus mushrooms in Chester County, Pennsylvania produced 364 million pounds of Agaricus mushrooms valued at \$312 million. The growing area in Chester County was 11.8 million square feet. Total fillings were 56.0 million square feet.

Specialty Mushrooms - Shiitake, Oyster, and all Other Exotics

Value of sales for commercially grown specialty mushrooms in 2008-09 is \$48.0 million, up 6 percent from the 2007-08 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 \$3.10, is up 14 cents from the previous season.

Volume of sales of Shiitake mushrooms totaled 9.42 million pounds for the 2008-09 season, down 3 percent from the previous season. Price per pound received by growers, at \$3.19 per pound, is up 50 cents from 2007-08. Sales volume of Oyster mushrooms, at 5.10 million pounds, is up 19 percent from the previous season. Price per pound received by growers, at \$2.46 per pound, is down 42 cents from the previous season. Volume of Sales of exotic mushrooms, other than Shiitake or Oyster, is 979 thousand pounds, down 26 percent from last season. Price per pound received by growers, at \$5.59 per pound, is up 43 cents from 2007-08.

Certified Organic Agaricus and Specialty Mushrooms

Growers produced 41.0 million pounds of mushrooms that were certified organic during the 2008-09 growing season, 3 percent above 2007-08. Out of the 41.0 million pounds, 12.0 million pounds, or 29 percent of the total were sold as certified organic mushrooms, while the rest were sold without the certified organic label. This compares with 13.2 million pounds, or 33 percent sold as certified organic during the 2007-08 crop year. Agaricus mushrooms accounted for 89 percent of the mushrooms sold as certified organic, while all specialty mushrooms made up the remainder. These certified organic sales represent 1 percent of the 2008-09 total mushroom sales. The number of certified organic mushroom growers totaled 42, unchanged from the previous season. These growers represent 15 percent of the 285 total mushroom producers.

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Monday, November 2, 2009**

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