



## SOUTH AUSTRALIA 2007

South Australia grew around 10% of the nation's crop in 2007 and was the third largest producer of pears growing around 4% of the nations crop.

An estimated 115 growers responded to the 2007 apple survey and 90 growers responded to the pear survey.

Apple production was around 27,529 tonnes in 2007 [up from 26,185 in 2006] and pear production was around 5,782 tonnes [up from 5,270 tonnes in 2006].

There are three main growing areas - the Adelaide Hills, the South East and the Riverland.

The South Australian industry has earned a reputation for pioneering innovation - it has led the way in growing new varieties on dwarfing root stocks to increase crop efficiency [such as Gala, Cripps Pink- from which fruit may be sold using the trade mark name PINK LADY™, Fuji and Cripps Red - from which fruit may be sold using the trade mark name SUNDOWNER™].

The apple and pear industries have played an important role in the history of South Australia - they were among the early industries established with the State's foundation in 1836.

The main varieties of apples grown in South Australia during 2007 were Cripps Pink [30%], Gala [21%] and Fuji [13%].

In order of production volumes, the main varieties were Cripps Pink [25%], Gala [16%] and Granny Smith [14%].

The main varieties making up new tree plantings in South Australia during 2007 were Cripps Pink [31%] and Gala [35%].