



NEW SOUTH WALES 2007

New South Wales is Australia's second largest producer of apples growing 14 per cent of the nation's crop in 2007.

NSW [including the ACT] produced 37,387 tonnes of apples [down from 52,243 in 2006] of which 6,341 tonnes was for processing.

The major growing areas are Batlow and Orange, with smaller orchard districts at Bilpin, Forbes, New England and Picton.

An estimated 166 growers responded to the 2007 apple survey and 60 growers responded to the pear survey.

The main varieties of apples grown in NSW during 2007 were Cripps Pink [17%] - from which fruit may be sold using the trade mark name PINK LADY™, Gala [24%] Delicious Block Red [16%] and Fuji [14%].

In order of production volumes, the main varieties were Delicious Block Red [19%], Gala [18%] and Cripps Pink [11%].

The main varieties making up new tree plantings in NSW were Gala [24%], Granny Smith [21%], Cripps Pink [31%] and Fuji [22%].

The Granny Smith apple originated in the Ryde area of Sydney in the late 19th century.

Apple orchards were first established in Batlow by a schoolteacher who planted a small number of trees. The industry flourished during and after the gold rush.