



## VICTORIA 2007

Victoria is the major grower of apples and pears in Australia.

In 2007 it produced 43 per cent of Australia's apples and 89 per cent of the nation's pears.

An estimated 327 growers responded to the 2007 apple survey and 281 growers responded to the pear survey.

Victorian orchards produced around 115,584 tonnes of apples in 2007 [up from 103,731 in 2006] and 119,230 tonnes of pears [down from 123,350 in 2006].

The major growing areas in Northern Victoria are around Shepparton, Kyabram, Tatura and Cobram. The major growing areas in Southern Victoria are Bacchus Marsh, Harcourt, Yarra Valley, Gippsland [including Pakenham], Officer, Warragul, Drouin, East Gippsland [Bairnsdale], Mornington Peninsula and Portland.

The main varieties of apples grown in this state during 2007 were Cripps Pink [28% of total tree numbers] – from which fruit may be sold using the trade mark name PINK LADY™, Granny Smith [18%], Gala [18%] and Cripps Red [13%] – from which fruit may be sold using the trade mark name SUNDOWNER™.

In order of production volumes the main varieties were Granny Smith [24% of total production], Cripps Pink [21%] and Cripps Red [7%].

The main varieties making up new tree plantings in Victoria were Gala [31% of all new plantings], Cripp's Pink [18%] and Granny Smith [31%].