



## NEW SOUTH WALES 2008

New South Wales is Australia's second largest producer of apples growing 17 per cent of the nation's crop in 2008.

NSW [including the ACT] produced 44,986 tonnes of apples [up from 37,387 in 2007] 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 152 growers responded to the 2008 apple survey and 53 growers responded to the pear survey.

The main varieties of apples grown in NSW during 2008 were Cripps Pink [18%] - from which fruit may be sold using the trade mark name PINK LADY™, Gala [22%] and Delicious Block Red [16%].

In order of production volumes, the main varieties were Delicious Block Red [23%], Gala [17%] and Cripps Pink [15%].

The main varieties making up new tree plantings in NSW were Gala [35%], Granny Smith [21%], and Cripps Pink [26%].

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.