



## SOUTH AUSTRALIA 2008

South Australia grew around 7% of the nation's crop in 2008 and was the third largest producer of pears, growing around 4% of the nations crop.

An estimated 103 growers responded to the 2008 apple survey and 89 growers responded to the pear survey.

Apple production was around 19,256 tonnes in 2008 [down from 27,529 in 2007] and pear production was around 4,935 tonnes [down from 5,782 tonnes in 2007].

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 2008 were Gala [23%], Granny Smith [12%] and Cripps Pink [30%].

In order of production volumes, the main varieties were Cripps Pink [26%], Gala [15%] and Granny Smith [15%].

The main varieties making up new tree plantings in South Australia during 2008 were Cripps Pink [32%] and Granny Smith [41%].