



VICTORIA 2008

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

In 2008 it produced 39 per cent of Australia's apples and 89 per cent of the nation's pears.

An estimated 315 growers responded to the 2008 apple survey and 269 growers responded to the pear survey.

Victorian orchards produced around 104,002 tonnes of apples in 2008 [down from 115,584 in 2007] and 113,308 tonnes of pears [down from 119,230 in 2007].

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 2008 were Cripps Pink [25% of total tree numbers] – from which fruit may be sold using the trade mark name PINK LADY™, Granny Smith [13%], Gala [22%] and Cripps Red [8%] – from which fruit may be sold using the trade mark name SUNDOWNER™.

In order of production volumes the main varieties were Cripps Pink [23%], Granny Smith [22% of total production] and Gala [15%].

The main varieties making up new tree plantings in Victoria were Gala [36% of all new plantings], Cripp's Pink [32%], and Granny Smith [20%].