



WESTERN AUSTRALIA 2008

Western Australia made up 12 per cent of Australia's total apple production in 2008, and 6 per cent of total pear production. In 2008, Western Australia was the fourth largest apple producing state, and the second largest pear producing state.

An estimated 207 growers responded to the 2008 apple survey and 144 growers responded to the pear survey.

Apple production was around 31,528 tonnes in 2008 [down from 31,932 tonnes in 2007] and pear production was around 7,147 tonnes [down from 8,053 tonnes in 2007].

There are four key growing regions - Donnybrook, the Perth Hills, Manjimup and Dwellingup.

Western Australia has a good reputation internationally for growing quality fruit. It is currently regarded as supplying some of the best apple product in the world under the trade mark name of PINK LADY™ [this product must meet quality specifications and comes from the apple variety Cripps Pink].

The apple and pear industry has played an important role in the history of Western Australia. Two of the current industry leading varieties Cripps Pink [from which fruit may be sold using the trade mark name PINK LADY™] and Cripps Red [from which fruit may be sold using the trade mark name SUNDOWNER™] were bred in Western Australia.

The main varieties of apples grown in Western Australia during 2008 were Cripps Pink [34%], Gala [17%] and Granny Smith [17%].

In order of production volumes, the main varieties were Cripps Pink [34%] and Granny Smith [26%].

The main varieties making up new tree plantings in Western Australia during 2008 were Gala [25%] and Cripps Pink [21%].