

Apple and Pear Industry Fact Sheets QUEENSLAND 2004

Queensland was Australia's fourth largest producer of apples and equal third largest producer of pears in 2004, growing 11 per cent of the nation's apple crop and 0.5 per cent of the pear crop

The industry is based around Stanthorpe - the area produces around 99.2 per cent of Queensland's apples and 96.6 per cent of the State's pear crop

Apple production was around 27,913 tonnes in 2004 (up from 24,570 tonnes in 2003) and pear production was around 724 tonnes (up from 687 tonnes in 2003)

An estimated 88 growers responded to the 2004 apple survey and 44 growers responded to the pear survey

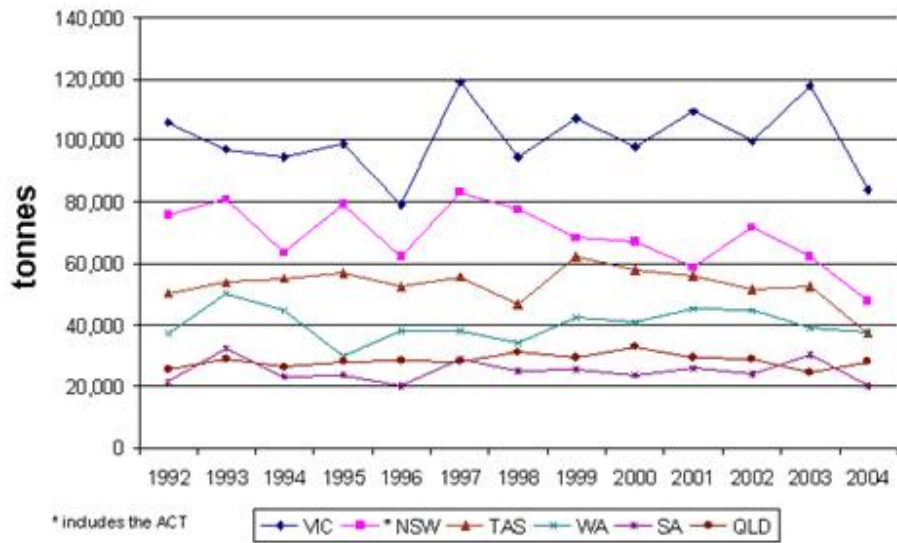
The Queensland industry has invested heavily in advanced cultivation techniques, hail netting, grading, packing facilities and drip reticulation systems and has increased yields from 13.5 tonnes per hectare to 45 tonnes per hectare in the last 20 years

The main varieties of apples grown in QLD during 2004 were Delicious - Striped + Block Red (25% of total tree numbers), Galas (24%), Granny Smith (17%) and Cripps Pink (15%) – from which fruit may be sold using the trade mark name PINK LADY™. In order of production volumes the main varieties were Delicious - Striped + Block Red (30% of total production), Granny Smith (27%), Gala (18%) and Cripps Pink (11%) – from which fruit may be sold using the trade mark name PINK LADY™.

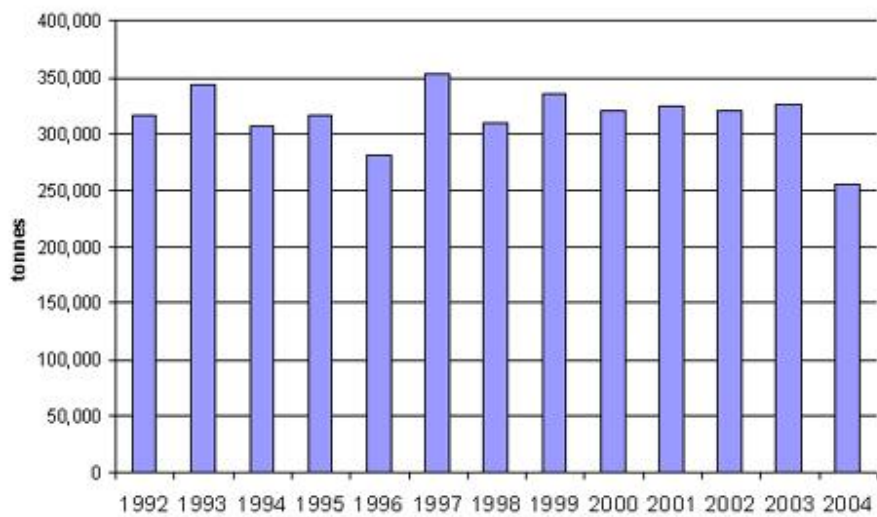
The main varieties making up new tree plantings in QLD during 2004 were Galas (35% of all new plantings), Cripps Pink (22%) – from which fruit may be sold using the trade mark name PINK LADY™ and Granny Smith (16%)

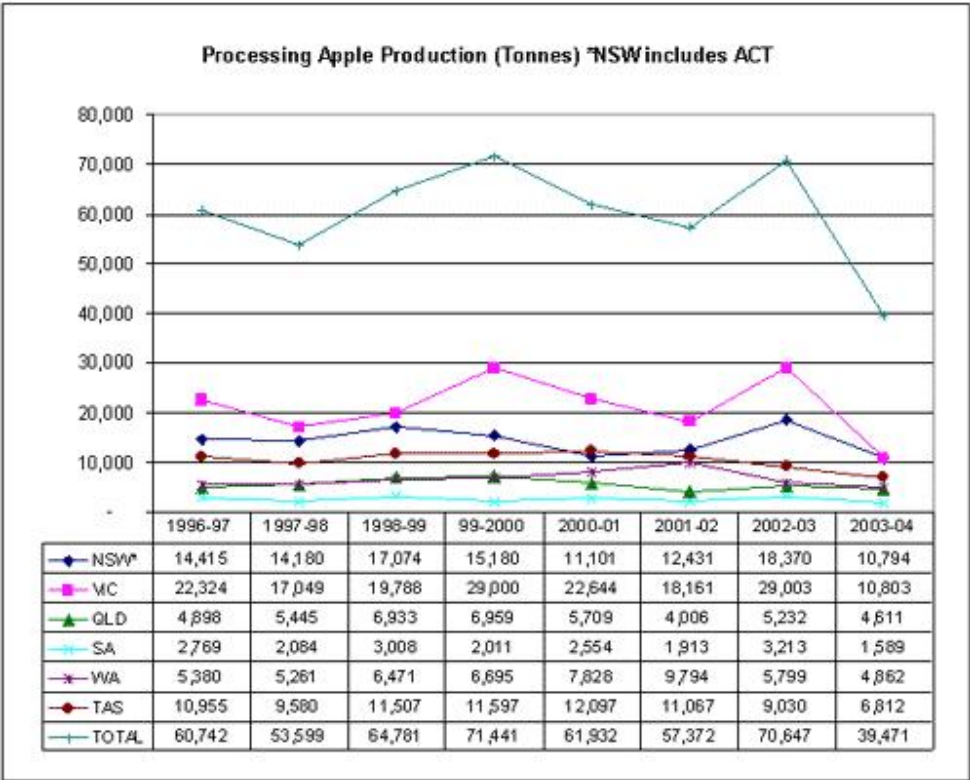
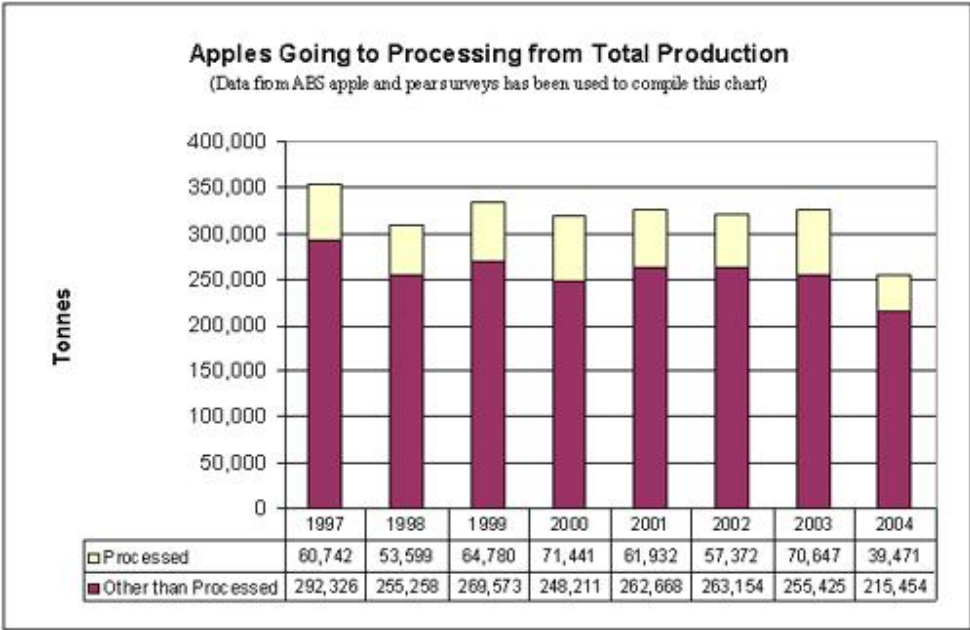
Apple Production in Tonnes (Annual Surveys 1992 to 2004)

Apple Production by State per Year



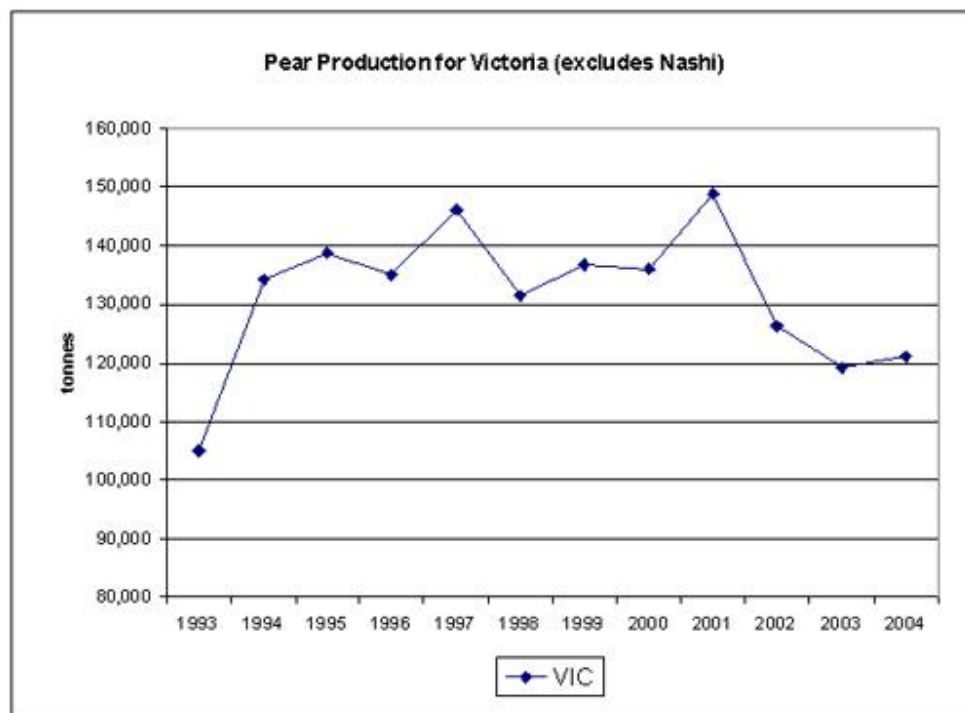
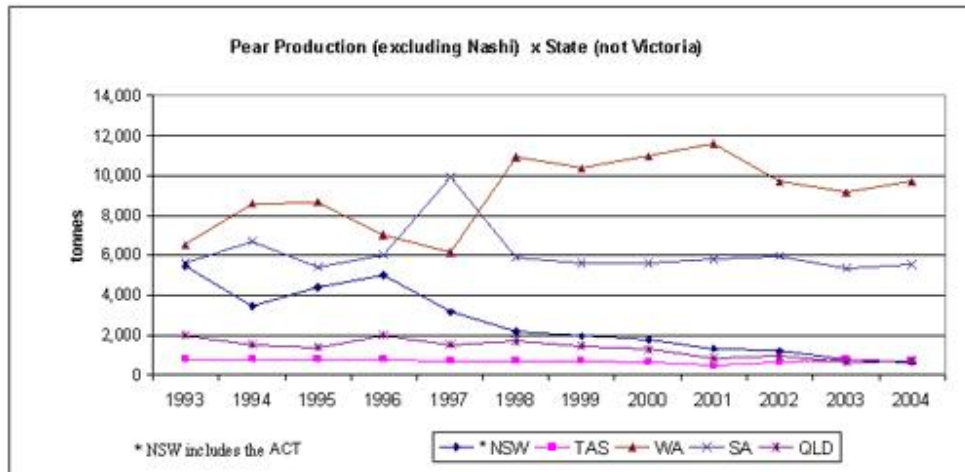
Apple Production Totals (tonnes)





Data from ABS apple and pear surveys has been used to compile this chart

Pear Production in Tonnes (Annual Surveys 1992 to 2004)



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