

Apple and Pear Industry Fact Sheets WESTERN AUSTRALIA 2004

Western Australia is the second major apple exporter in Australia after Tasmania. Around 26 per cent of the state's production was exported in 2004

The total apple crop for Western Australia in 2004 was around 37,745 tonnes (down from 38,368 tonnes in 2003) and the pear crop was around 9,708 tonnes (up from 9,135 tonnes in 2003)

Western Australia made up 15 per cent of Australia's total apple production in 2004, being the equal third largest producer along with Tasmania and 7 per cent of total pear production. Western Australia is the second largest pear producing state after Victoria

An estimated 276 growers responded to the 2004 apple survey and 180 growers responded to the pear survey

There are four key growing regions - Donnybrook is the largest, producing 33 per cent of the state's production in 2004. The Perth Hills, Manjimup and Dwellingup are also significant apple and pear growing areas

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 marked 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

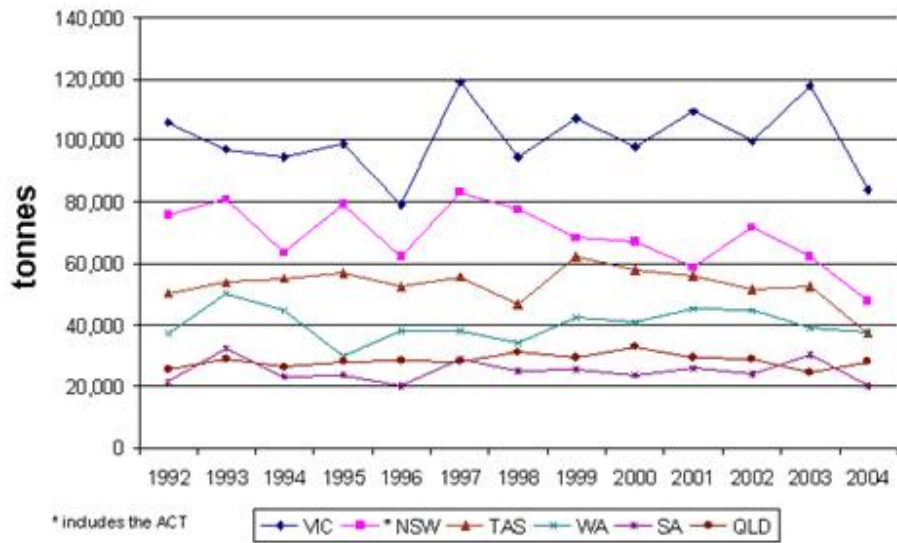
The main varieties of apples grown in this state during 2004 were Cripps Pink (33% of total tree numbers) – from which fruit may be sold using the trade mark name PINK LADY™, Granny Smith (16%), Galas (16%) and Cripps Red (11%) – from which fruit may be sold using the trade mark name SUNDOWNER™

In order of production volumes the main varieties were Cripps Pink (32% of total production) – from which fruit may be sold using the trade mark name PINK LADY™, Granny Smith (25%) and Galas (13%)

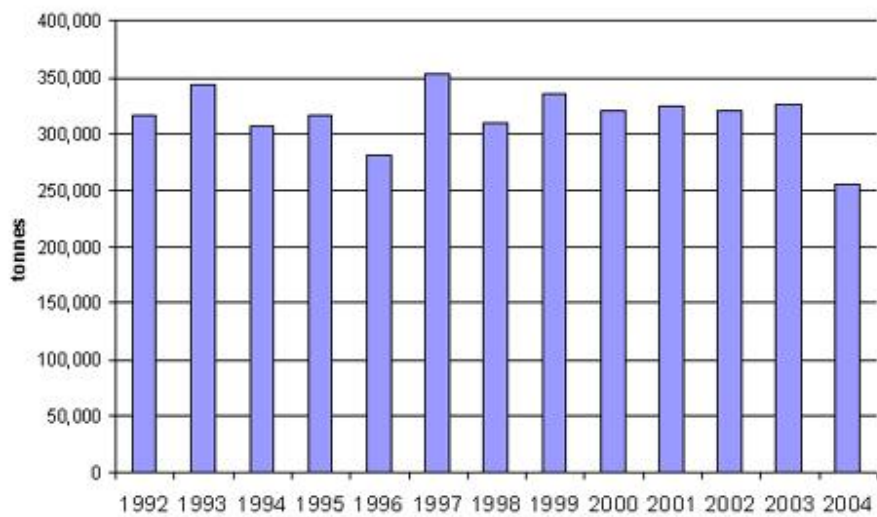
The main varieties making up new tree plantings in Western Australia were Cripps Pink (34% of all new plantings) – from which fruit may be sold using the trade mark name PINK LADY™, Granny Smith (33%) and Galas (22%)

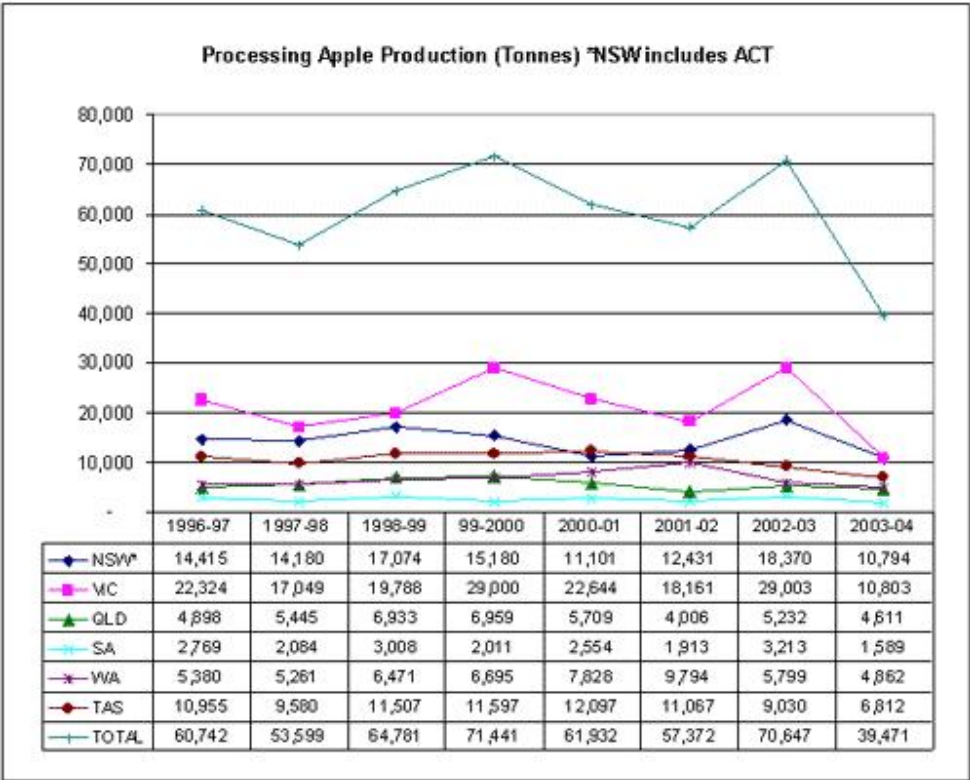
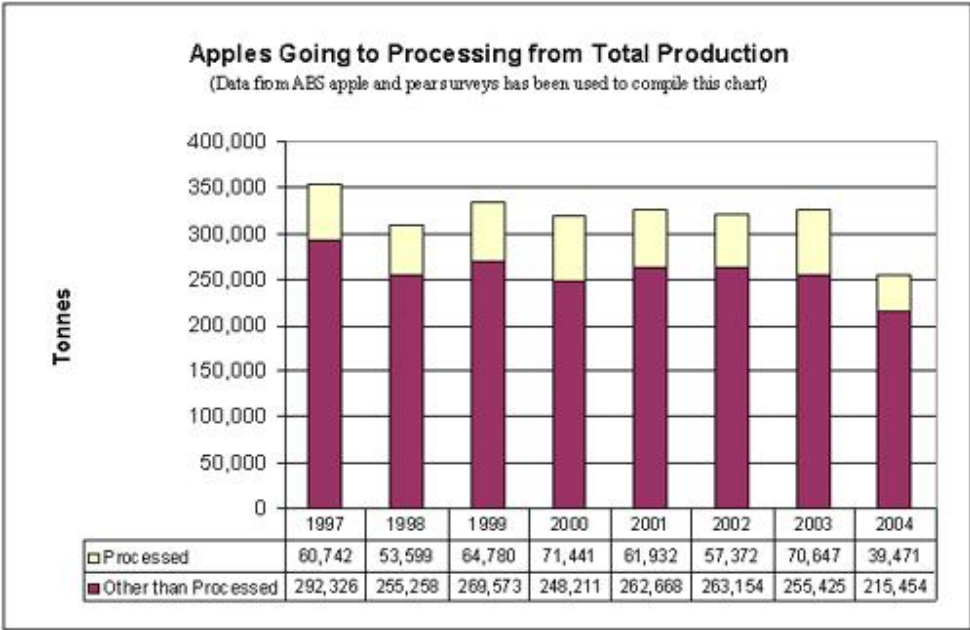
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Apple Production by State per Year



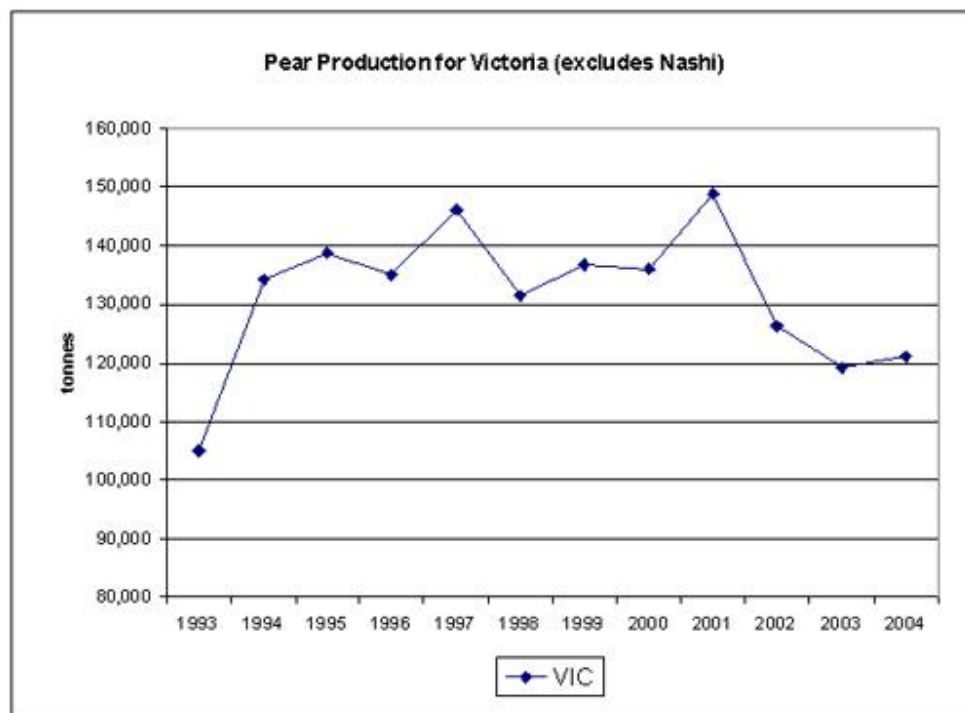
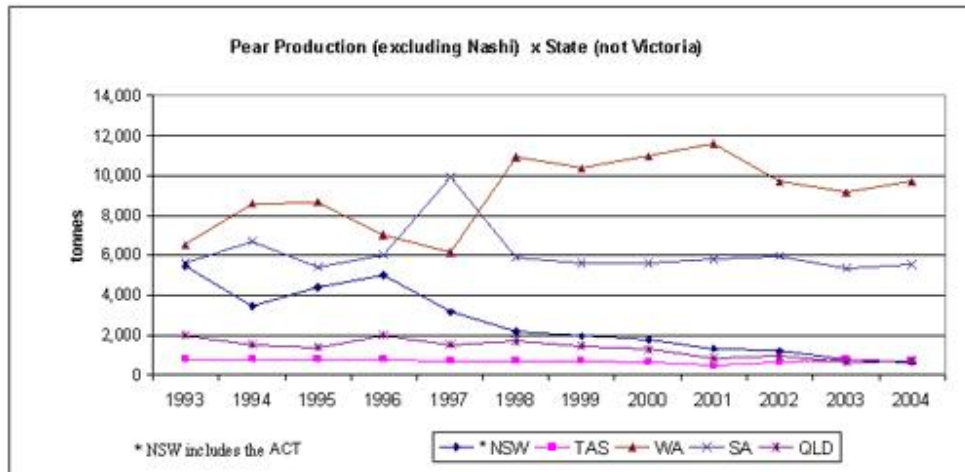
Apple Production Totals (tonnes)





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Pear Production in Tonnes (Annual Surveys 1992 to 2004)



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