

PEACHES

REGIONS OF COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION

Geographically, South Carolina's peach industry is divided into three general regions; the Upper State, the Ridge and the Coastal Plains. The location of each region is noted on the map below.

The Ridge continued to be the region with the largest number of peach trees in 1996. Edgefield County had the largest number of trees in that region and in the State. Approximately 50 percent of all trees were located in the Ridge with 47 percent of the region's trees in Edgefield County.

The Upper State region accounted for 35 percent of the trees in South Carolina. Spartanburg County ranked second in the State and accounted for 65 percent of the trees in the region.

In the Coastal Plains region, which had 16 percent of the State's trees, 94 percent of the trees were in Allendale, Barnwell, Hampton, and Orangeburg Counties.

For the State, the top five counties with the most trees ranked in descending order, are: 1 - Edgefield; 2 - Spartanburg; 3 - Saluda; 4 - Allendale; 5 - Aiken.