Peach Orchard Notes

June, 2024



2024 Peach Harvest Timing

Peach harvest can be predicted fairly accurately by the temperatures in the first 30 days following bloom. Other factors such as weather near harvest, soil, tree nutrition, and water status can also have some effect on harvest date. On average, we accumulate about 6,000 growing degree hours (GDH) during the first 30 days after bloom. Accumulation of much more than 6,000 GDH in the first 30 days after bloom leads to earlier harvest dates and smaller fruit size under normal thinning practices. More information on growing degree hours and peach harvest prediction can be found at the UC Davis Fruit & Nut Information Center.

This table provides full bloom dates for Sutter-Yuba Counties and growing degree hours 30 days after bloom (GDH₃₀). It also includes the general harvest timing from 2004-2023 and the prediction for 2024.

Year	Full Bloom	GDH ₃₀	Harvest Timing Prediction
2024	Mar 12	5,909	Normal
2023	Mar 13	4,518	Later Than Normal
2022	Mar 4	6,634	
2021	Mar 8	5,249	
2020	Mar 3	4,726	Later Than Normal
2019	Mar 19	6,950	Late
2018	Mar 12	6,403	Slightly Early
2017	Mar 10	7,315	Slightly Early
2016	Feb 26	6,352	Very Early
2015	Mar 8	7,955	Very Early
2014	Mar 14	6,510	Slightly Early
2013	Mar 13	7,397	Early
2012	Mar 8	4,621	Later Than Normal
2011	Mar 14	4,963	Later Than Normal
2010	Mar 12	5,060	Later Than Normal
2009	Mar 16	6,117	Slightly Later Than Normal
2008	Mar 10	5,548	Normal
2007	Mar 9	7,420	Early
2006	Mar 14	4,375	Very Late
2005	Mar 3	6,153	Normal
2004	Mar 9	7,788	Very Early

Note: Sutter County Verona CIMIS weather station was used to calculate GDH₃₀ for 2013-2024. Colusa CIMIS station was used to calculate 2012 and Nicolaus CIMIS station was used to calculate 2004-2011.