

## PEACHES

### **DID YOU KNOW?**



The peach is a member of the rose family and should have a pleasingly sweet fragrance when ripe.



Peaches are the third most popular fruit grown in America.



What better place to enjoy the fresh taste of peaches than in the Peach State!

### **PEACHES** – FRESH AND HEALTHY—

Peaches have a great combination of flavor and nutrition. This fruit can be enjoyed alone or served in an array of other dishes such as appetizers, entrees, and desserts.

Try a fresh Georgia peach today!

### Best Time to Buy: May - August

### Peaches Benefit U!

- Good source of vitamin C & potassium
- Source of vitamin A
- Low in calories & fat
- No sodium, cholesterol or saturated fat

### Medium peach = 60 calories



### Add Color to Your Meal

- Eat fresh as a sweet snack
- Add to a leafy green salad
- Blend in your favorite smoothie
- Grill lightly sprinkled with brown sugar
- Bake in bread, muffins, cobblers or pies



August is national peach month!

In 1995, the peach became the

a 32-cent peach stamp.

official GA state fruit. Three months

later, the U.S. Postal Service released



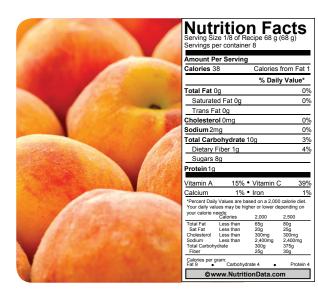
Fresh Georgia peaches are only available 16 weeks each year, from mid-May to mid-August.



### **Peach Salsa**

- 2 cups peeled & chopped peaches
- 3/4 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 1/4 cup seeded, chopped cucumber
- 1/4 cup sliced green onion
- 2 tablespoons honey 2 tablespoons lime juice
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped cilantro

Combine all ingredients. Cover & chill for several hours, stirring occasionally. Complement your chicken or pork with this tasty, tangy salsa.



### **FAST FACTS**

### **SELECTION**

Choose peaches with firm, fuzzy skins. Select wellripened fruit and handle carefully to prevent bruising.

### **STORAGE**

Place unripe peaches in a paper bag. When ripe, store at room temperature for use within 1-2 days.

### PREPARATION

Before eating or cooking rinse in cold water. To peel a peach, dip into boiling water for 30 seconds, then in cold water. The peeling should slide off easily. Note: To keep peaches from darkening, add lemon juice or ascorbic acid.

### PRESERVATION

**Sugar Pack Freezing:** To prevent browning, sprinkle ascorbic acid dissolved in water over the peaches before adding sugar. Add 2/3 cup sugar to 1 quart peaches and mix thoroughly. Stir until most of the sugar is dissolved or let stand 15 minutes. Put into containers, leaving headspace. Seal and freeze.



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