

ENGROSSED SENATE
CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION NO. 16

By: Weedn of the Senate

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A Concurrent Resolution memorializing the U.S. Department of Agriculture to assist Oklahoma peach growers and others whose crops were damaged by the April 1997 freeze; and directing distribution.

WHEREAS, Oklahoma peach growers have been making steady progress, with production rising from 6.8 million pounds of peaches in 1975 to 30 million pounds in 1995. The value of Oklahoma peach production has risen from \$595,000 in 1970 to \$10,545,000 in 1995; and

WHEREAS, during the period April 11-13, 1997, Oklahoma was subjected to a sudden, late spring freeze that seriously damaged several Oklahoma crops. Two-thirds of the state's peach crop is currently rated in either poor or very poor condition. Peach trees in central and south central Oklahoma appear to be the hardest hit.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE 1ST SESSION OF THE 46TH OKLAHOMA LEGISLATURE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:

THAT the Oklahoma State Legislature memorializes the U.S. Department of Agriculture to assist Oklahoma peach growers and other Oklahoma farmers whose crops were damaged by the April 1997 freeze with an emergency crop disaster assistance program to mitigate economic hardship.

THAT a copy of this resolution be distributed to the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture and members of the Oklahoma Congressional Delegation.

Adopted by the Senate the 12th day of May, 1997.

President of the Senate

Adopted by the House of Representatives the ____ day of _____, 1997.

Speaker of the House of Representatives