

Peaches



◆ Peaches originated in China and have been cultivated at least since 1000 BC.

◆ The peach tree is considered to be the tree of life and peaches are symbols of immortality and unity. Peach blossoms are carried by Chinese brides.

◆ The French introduced them to Louisiana.

The English took them to their Jamestown and Massachusetts colonies.

◆ Columbus brought peach trees to America on his second and third voyages.

◆ California produces more than 50% of the peaches in the US and grows 175 different varieties.

◆ So many peaches are grown in Georgia that it became known as the Peach State.

◆ The term, “you’re a real peach” originated from the tradition of giving a peach to the friend you liked.

◆ There are over 700 varieties of peaches.

◆ The World’s Largest Peach is located in Gaffney, South Carolina, and weighs over 10,000 pounds. The city of Gaffney, near Greenville, built this water tower in the shape of a peach back in 1981.

