

who produced apples). Between an apple dumpling and a cotton bale, a half starved soldier would not be long in choosing."

Apples also were included in the diversification movement after the War. However, due to poor management techniques, some orchards were not successful. In 1895, apples enjoyed widespread success in the state. Wagon loads were sold in major cities such as Atlanta, Albany and Columbus.

Commercial apple production was somewhat delayed until the railroad opened in north Georgia. However, H.R. Straight of Cornelia is said to have established the state's first commercial orchard in 1895.

EARLY 1900's

The apple industry experienced both ups and downs from 1900 to 1950. The 1910 census indicated 2,700,000 trees in the state. During the following 20 years, however, this number declined 50 percent to 1,400,000. Production during a good year was approximately 1,500,000 bushels which seemed to remain constant despite the decline in tree numbers.

Georgia's apple industry continues to be concentrated in a few counties in north Georgia and in addition has spread to some middle and North-east Georgia counties.