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The Fruit Belt

Because of Lake Michigan's moderating effect, a narrow coastal strip from Indiana to Grand Traverse Bay, three hundred miles north, is blessed by a climate uniquely suited to fruit growing. This fact was observed by the 1840s when peaches already were being shipped from Berrien County to Chicago. Apples, cherries, berries, grapes, pears, and plums added to the fame of the "fruit belt." One of the world's great fruit markets has developed here in Benton Harbor to provide an outlet for these bountiful crops.

Significant Date:

Statehood Era (1815-1860)

Registry Year: 1957 **Erected Date:** 1958

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Marker Location

Address: Territorial Road

City: Benton Harbor

State: MI **ZipCode:**

County: Berrien

Township: Benton

Lat: 42.12340100 / **Long:** -86.41304400

Web URL: