

Cranberries

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1999 Cranberry Production Up 6 Percent

The forecast for the 1999 cranberry crop is a record high 5.81 million barrels, up 6 percent from both 1998 and 1997. Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon, and Wisconsin are forecasting increases from a year ago while Washington is expecting a decrease.

Production in Wisconsin is forecast at a record high 2.6 million barrels, 2 percent above 1998 and 13 percent above 1997. Growers reported very little winter damage. Berry set was good to excellent and a wet July provided a good water supply. Some growers expressed concern about excessive moisture causing fruit rot.

The Massachusetts crop is forecast at 2.1 million barrels, up 12 percent from 1998 but unchanged from 1997. A mild winter caused little winter damage plus very few insect and disease problems were reported. Growers indicated that the crop had good pollination and set with medium berry size.

New Jersey expects a crop of 580,000 barrels, up 11 percent from 1998 but down slightly from 1997. Growers reported good pollination, bee activity, and fruit set. Fruit size was reported as average.

In Oregon, the crop is forecast at 370,000 barrels, 4 percent above last year's crop and 6 percent above 1997. This year's crop had a slow start due to a cool spring. Pollination was good and fruit set was fair. No abnormal problems with pests were reported.

The Washington crop is forecast at 160,000 barrels, 5 percent below last year and 3 percent below 1997. Washington had a mild winter with little frost damage. A cool spring hampered pollination and set. Insect and weed problems also contributed to the decreased production.

1998 Production and Value Down

Production of cranberries in the United States in 1998 totaled 5.46 million barrels, down 1 percent from 1997. The area harvested, at 36,600 acres, increased 3 percent from the previous year and set a new record. The average yield of 149.1 barrels per acre was 4.9 barrels below 1997. The average price per barrel decreased \$22.10 per barrel from 1997 to \$41.60. Value of production decreased to \$227 million, 35 percent below the previous season's record high.

**Cranberries: Production by State and United States,
1997-98 and Forecasted 1999 ¹**

State	Total Production		
	1997	1998	1999
	<i>Barrels</i>	<i>Barrels</i>	<i>Barrels</i>
MA	2,100,000	1,872,000	2,100,000
NJ	582,000	521,000	580,000
OR	350,000	355,000	370,000
WA	165,000	168,000	160,000
WI	2,300,000	2,540,000	2,600,000
US	5,497,000	5,456,000	5,810,000

¹ A barrel weighs 100 lbs.

**Cranberries: Area Harvested, Yield, Production, Utilization,
Price, and Value by State and United States, 1997-98**

Year and State	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production		
			Total	Utilized	
	<i>Acres</i>	<i>Barrels</i>	<i>Barrels</i>	<i>Barrels</i>	
1997					
MA	14,600	143.8	2,100,000	2,100,000	
NJ	3,900	149.2	582,000	582,000	
OR	2,000	175.0	350,000	350,000	
WA	1,500	110.0	165,000	165,000	
WI	13,700	167.9	2,300,000	2,300,000	
US	35,700	154.0	5,497,000	5,497,000	
1998 ¹					
MA	14,400	130.0	1,872,000	1,872,000	
NJ	3,900	133.6	521,000	521,000	
OR	2,200	161.4	355,000	355,000	
WA	1,600	105.0	168,000	168,000	
WI	14,500	175.2	2,540,000	2,540,000	
US	36,600	149.1	5,456,000	5,456,000	
	Utilization			Price per Barrel ³	Value of Utilized Production
	Fresh	Processed	Shrinkage ²		
	<i>Barrels</i>	<i>Barrels</i>	<i>Barrels</i>	<i>Dollars</i>	<i>1,000 Dols</i>
	1997				
	MA	93,000	1,946,000	61,000	66.20
NJ		579,000	3,000	56.60	32,941
OR		350,000		55.70	19,495
WA	22,000	143,000		55.70	9,191
WI	110,000	2,054,000	136,000	65.00	149,500
US	225,000	5,072,000	200,000	63.70	350,147
1998 ¹					
MA	91,000	1,749,000	32,000	37.50	70,200
NJ		518,000	3,000	33.40	17,401
OR		355,000		32.10	11,396
WA	24,000	144,000		32.10	5,393
WI	125,000	2,390,000	25,000	48.20	122,428
US	240,000	5,156,000	60,000	41.60	226,818

¹ Revised

² Cranberries paid for by processors and lost because of dehydration and berry breakdown after delivery.

³ Weighted average of co-op and independent sales. Co-op prices represent pool proceeds excluding returns from non-cranberry products and before deductions for capital stock and other retains.

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