

# Cranberries



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## 1993 Cranberry Production Down Slightly

The forecast for the 1993 cranberry crop is 4.16 million barrels, down 5,000 barrels from 1992 and 2 percent less than 1991. Decreased potential in New Jersey and Oregon do not offset increases in the other States.

The Massachusetts forecast at 1.91 million barrels is 1 percent above last year's production despite extended dry conditions in June and July. Recent moisture helped rejuvenate the crop. Excellent pollination conditions led to an average to heavy bloom and set, despite hot spells. The dry conditions have helped keep insect and disease pressure light, although scattered cases of fruitworm and rot were reported. Berry size was rated medium to large by growers. The crop has good potential, if adequate moisture is received from now until harvest.

New Jersey expects a crop of 445,000 barrels, 7 percent less than last year but 36 percent more than 1991. Prospects are good at this time. Bloom and set were average. Fruit size is medium. No significant weather damage was reported.

In Oregon, the crop is forecast at 240,000 barrels, down 17 percent from last year's record high level but 18 percent more than 1991. Rainy weather during pollination and excessive vine growth limited this year's production. The early blooming, higher yielding Stevens variety was most affected. The McFarland and Crowley varieties look much better. No abnormal pest pressure was reported.

A crop of 160,000 barrels is forecast for Washington, up 2 percent from 1992 and up 1 percent from 1991. The winter was extremely mild with little frost damage reported. A cool, wet, and cloudy spring encouraged excessive vine growth which adversely affected bloom and berry size for some growers. Other growers reported good to heavy bloom. Blackvine weevil problems continue to plague Washington's bogs.

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Production in Wisconsin is expected to be 1.40 million barrels, 4 percent more than 1992 but 10 percent less than 1991. The season is 7 to 14 days late, mainly the result of wet spring conditions. There was minimal winter and hail damage when compared with last year's damage.

### 1992 Production Down 1 Percent; Value Up 3 Percent

Production of cranberries in the United States in 1992 totaled 4.16 million barrels, down 1 percent from 1991. The area harvested, at 29,100 acres, increased 3 percent from the previous year. The average yield of 143.0 barrels per acre is down 6.1 barrels per acre from the previous year's average of 149.1 barrels per acre. The average price per barrel increased \$2.30 from 1991 to \$51.30. The value of production increased 3 percent to \$213 million as the increased price offset the decreased production.

Cranberries: Production, by State and United States, 1991-92 and Forecasted 1993

State	Total Production		
	1991	1992	1993
	Barrels		
MA	1,976,000	1,887,000	1,910,000
NJ	327,000	478,000	445,000
OR	203,000	288,000	240,000
WA	158,000	157,000	160,000
WI	1,555,000	1,350,000	1,400,000
US	4,219,000	4,160,000	4,155,000

Cranberries: Area Harvested, Yield, Production and Utilization,  
Price, and Value, by State and United States 1991-92

Year and State	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production		
			Total	Utilized	
Acres		Barrels			
1991					
MA	12,600	156.8	1,976,000	1,976,000	
NJ	3,200	102.2	327,000	327,000	
OR	1,400	145.0	203,000	203,000	
WA	1,400	112.9	158,000	158,000	
WI	9,700	160.3	1,555,000	1,555,000	
US	28,300	149.1	4,219,000	4,219,000	
1992					
MA	13,100	144.0	1,887,000	1,887,000	
NJ	3,300	144.8	478,000	478,000	
OR	1,500	192.0	288,000	288,000	
WA	1,400	112.1	157,000	157,000	
WI	9,800	137.8	1,350,000	1,350,000	
US	29,100	143.0	4,160,000	4,160,000	
Utilization			Price per Barrel	Value of Utilized Production	
Fresh : Processed : Shrinkage <sup>1/</sup>			<sup>2/</sup>		
Barrels			Dollars	1,000 Dols	
1991					
MA	75,000	1,869,000	32,000	49.80	98,405
NJ		320,000	7,000	47.70	15,598
OR		203,000		47.20	9,582
WA	14,500	142,000	1,500	47.20	7,458
WI	147,000	1,378,000	30,000	48.60	75,573
US	236,500	3,912,000	70,500	49.00	206,616
1992					
MA	100,000	1,757,000	30,000	53.30	100,577
NJ		474,000	4,000	48.40	23,135
OR		288,000		48.10	13,853
WA	23,500	132,000	1,500	48.10	7,552
WI	100,000	1,230,000	20,000	50.50	68,175
US	223,500	3,881,000	55,500	51.30	213,292

<sup>1/</sup> Cranberries paid for by processors and lost because of dehydration and berry breakdown after delivery.  
<sup>2/</sup> 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.

The next "Cranberries" report will be released in August 1994.

