CRANBERRIES
INDICATED PRODUCTION
August 15, 1966

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A record cranberry crop of 1,557,800 barrels is forecast for 1966, 8 percent more than last year's crop and 20 percent above the 1960-64 average. This forecast is based on conditions as of August 15. Larger crops than last year are forecast for all the cranberry producing States except New Jersey.

The Massachusetts crop is placed at 800,000 barrels, 9 percent more than last year, 19 percent above average and only 5,000 barrels less than the record crop of 1960. Growing conditions were nearly ideal in all respects until about mid-July. The cranberry belt has been exceptionally dry since early July and earlier prospects have deteriorated.

In New Jersey, a crop of 141,000 barrels is in prospect, down 8 percent from the 1965 crop, but 34 percent larger than average. Water was drawn from the bogs later than usual because of cold weather in May. This reduced the bloom in some bogs but set was generally good. Hot, dry weather has limited sizing of berries.

The Wisconsin crop is forecast at a record 477,000 barrels, up 8 percent from last year's crop and 17 percent larger than average. Set was quite variable but overall was satisfactory. The season started late. Good July weather, however, has advanced berry development in the southern areas to about normal although the northern areas are still later than usual.

Washington bogs got off to a good start in the spring. The crop is expected to total 95,000 barrels, up 44 percent from last year and 15 percent larger than average. Generally the set was good even though cold, wet weather occurred during the early bloom period. The Oregon crop is forecast at 44,800 barrels, up 7 percent from last year and 26 percent above average. Although unprotected bogs were damaged by late spring frosts, growth in protected bogs has been favorable with a heavy set and good berry size indicated.

State	PRODUCTION OF CRANBERRIES (BARRELS)			
	5-year average: 1960-64	1964	1965	1966
	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels
Massachusetts	670,400	660,000	735,000	800,000
New Jersey	105,160	153,000	153,000	141,000
Wisconsin	406,200	430,000	441,000	477,000
Washington	82,740	67,000	66,000	95,000
Oregon	35,620	34,500	41,800	44,800
5 States	1,300,120	1,344,500	1,436,800	1,557,800