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2007 Cranberry Production Up Slightly

The forecast for the 2007 cranberry crop is 6.90 million barrels, up slightly from 2006 and 11 percent above 2005. Production is forecast to be up in New Jersey, Oregon, and Washington but down in Massachusetts and Wisconsin.

Production in Wisconsin is forecast at 3.90 million barrels, down 1 percent from the record high set last year but 7 percent above 2005. Winter damage and hail loss has been minimal. Growers reported a good berry set and anticipate an early season. Low water supplies due to lack of rain is a major concern.

The Massachusetts cranberry forecast is 1.80 million barrels, down 5 percent from 2006 but 26 percent above 2005. Some winter damage resulted from cold temperatures late in the season. Temperatures dipped below freezing on a number of nights during May and some growers ran their sprinkler systems to prevent frost damage. Warm, sunny weather during late June and early July aided pollination.

New Jersey expects a crop of 520,000 barrels, up 7 percent from 2006 but 2 percent below 2005. Winter kill was minimal, with growers rating bloom and fruit set as average to heavy. Fruit size is reported to be average, but the recent heat wave could result in some sun scald.

The Oregon cranberry forecast is 500,000 barrels, up 8 percent from last year and 14 percent above 2005. Weather was favorable resulting in a good bloom. Weed and insect pressures are greater this year, although still manageable.

The Washington crop is forecast at 180,000 barrels, 58 percent above last year but down 4 percent from 2005. Growing conditions this year have been better than in 2006. Many bogs are being replanted or renovated.

**Cranberries: Production by State and United States,
2005-2006 and Forecasted 2007¹**

State	Total Production		
	2005	2006	2007
	<i>Barrels</i>	<i>Barrels</i>	<i>Barrels</i>
MA	1,423,000	1,895,000	1,800,000
NJ	533,000	485,000	520,000
OR	440,000	465,000	500,000
WA	187,000	114,000	180,000
WI	3,660,000	3,940,000	3,900,000
US	6,243,000	6,899,000	6,900,000

¹ A barrel weighs 100 lbs.

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