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## 1994 Cranberry Production Up 10 Percent

The forecast for the 1994 cranberry crop is 4.31 million barrels, 10 percent more than 1993 and 4 percent more than 1992. All cranberry producing States show an increase in production.

The Massachusetts forecast rose to 1.93 million barrels, 3 percent more than last year's crop and 2 percent more than the 1992 crop. Growers sanded a large amount of acreage last winter to rejuvenate vines. Bloom was average to heavy and set was average. Hot, humid weather during the last two months accelerated vine growth and promoted disease and insect damage. Dry conditions during the hot temperatures restricted crop development and kept berry size average. Water supplies are adequate.

New Jersey expects a crop of 440,000 barrels, 14 percent more than last year but 8 percent less than 1992. There was little winter or frost damage. Bloom was average to heavy and fruit set was average. Pollination was very good in some areas. Berry size is average at this time. No unusual disease problems were reported.

In Oregon, the crop is forecast at 255,000 barrels, 63 percent more than last year's crop but 11 percent less than the 1992 record crop. Black vine weevil and cranberry girdler pressure is higher than normal. Water concerns are common. High winds after bloom may reduce berry size in beds near the coastline.

A crop of 158,000 barrels is forecast for Washington, 15 percent more than last year and virtually the same as 1992. An extremely mild winter was followed by little or no frost damage. Weather has been favorable promoting a good bloom and fruit set. If the warm, dry, summer weather continues, berry size should be good, but is not expected to be exceptional. Black vine weevil continues to plague, particularly in the Grayland area. Fireworm and girdler are also a problem.

Production in Wisconsin is expected at 1.53 million barrels, 13 percent more than 1993 and 1992. Some winter damage was noted but in general, the crop is good. Growers reported good to very good set, good pollination, adequate water supply, and a slightly early season. Wisconsin seems to have the best growing conditions in several years.

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**1993 Production Down 6 Percent; Value Down 7 Percent**

Production of cranberries in the United States in 1993 totaled 3.92 million barrels, down 6 percent from 1992. The area harvested amounted to 29,500 acres, 1 percent above the previous year. Yields averaging 132.8 barrels per acre were 10.2 barrels per acre less than the previous year. The average price per barrel decreased 80 cents from 1992 to \$50.50. The combined lower production and price resulted in a 7 percent decrease in value to \$198 million.

Cranberries: Production, by State and United States,  
1992-93 and Forecasted 1994

State	Total Production		
	1992	1993	1994
	Barrels		
MA	1,887,000	1,880,000	1,930,000
NJ	478,000	386,000	440,000
OR	288,000	156,000	255,000
WA	157,000	137,000	158,000
WI	1,350,000	1,360,000	1,530,000
US	4,160,000	3,919,000	4,313,000

Cranberries: Area Harvested, Yield, Production and Utilization,  
Price, and Value, by State and United States 1992-93

Year and State	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production		
			Total	Utilized	
	Acres		Barrels		
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	
1993					
MA	13,200	142.4	1,880,000	1,880,000	
NJ	3,400	113.5	386,000	386,000	
OR	1,500	104.0	156,000	156,000	
WA	1,400	97.9	137,000	137,000	
WI	10,000	136.0	1,360,000	1,360,000	
US	29,500	132.8	3,919,000	3,919,000	
	Utilization			Price per Barrel	Value of Utilized Production
	Fresh	Processed	Shrinkage 1/	2/	
	Barrels			Dollars	1,000 Dols
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
1993					
MA	92,000	1,753,000	35,000	52.20	98,136
NJ		384,000	2,000	47.70	18,412
OR		156,000		47.10	7,348
WA	21,000	114,000	2,000	47.10	6,453
WI	86,000	1,212,000	62,000	49.80	67,728
US	199,000	3,619,000	101,000	50.50	198,077

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

2/ 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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