

**CRANBERRIES
INDICATED PRODUCTION
AUGUST 15, 1964**

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A cranberry crop of 1,298,700 barrels is forecast for 1964, four percent more than last year, and three percent above average. This forecast is based on conditions as of August 15. In Massachusetts, New Jersey, and Wisconsin, production is expected to be above last year but in Washington and Oregon prospects are for a smaller crop.

The Massachusetts crop is placed at 690,000 barrels, 8 percent larger than last year and average. There was a heavy bloom and conditions were good for pollination, however, these were partially offset by damage from spring frosts and by the vines being under water for extended periods when bogs were flooded for frost protection. Berries are well distributed deep down in the vines. Rainfall has been below normal from the first of May through mid-August. Below normal temperatures during the last six weeks of that period slowed berry development but helped conserve existing moisture supplies. Harvest is expected to start shortly after Labor Day.

In New Jersey, a crop of 99,000 barrels is in prospect, up 50 percent from the 1963 crop, and slightly larger than average. There was no winter damage to vines and very little spring frost damage. There was a heavy set of berries, but dry weather has limited sizing. Harvest is expected to begin about September 8.

The Wisconsin crop is forecast at 405,000 barrels, 1 percent more than last year but 1 percent less than average. Winter damage was slight but a sharp frost in mid-June came too quickly for full flooding protection, resulting in some damage in the southern areas. Set of berries was average to heavy. Harvest is expected to begin about the usual time.

In Washington and Oregon, production is expected to be down from last year due to poor pollinating weather, a poor set and a cool and damp growing season. The Washington crop at 67,000 barrels, is down 40 percent from last year and 16 percent less than average. A crop of 37,700 barrels is forecast for Oregon, 7 percent below last year's production but slightly above average.

State	PRODUCTION OF CRANBERRIES (BARRELS)			
	5-year average: 1958-62 Barrels	1962 Barrels	1963 Barrels	1964 Barrels
Massachusetts	638,600	778,000	637,000	690,000
New Jersey	98,000	103,000	65,800	99,000
Wisconsin	410,200	360,000	400,000	405,000
Washington	79,600	54,000	111,000	67,000
Oregon	37,380	29,500	40,700	37,700
<u>5 States</u>	<u>1,263,780</u>	<u>1,324,500</u>	<u>1,254,500</u>	<u>1,298,700</u>

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