

Cranberries



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1991 Cranberry Production Up 17 Percent

The forecast for the 1991 cranberry crop is 4.01 million barrels, up 17 percent from 1990 and 7 percent more than 1989.

The Massachusetts crop is forecast at 1.80 million barrels, up 32 percent from the previous year but 1 percent less than 1989. The bogs came through the winter and survived spring frosts with little damage. An average to heavy bloom experienced excellent pollination weather leading to fruit set ranging from average to heavy. Although dry conditions prevailed this summer, adequate irrigation water was available. Crop development is about a week ahead of normal and insect damage has been light. Berry size, as a result, is generally in the medium range.

New Jersey expects a crop of 375,000 barrels, 16 percent more than 1990 and 28 percent more than 1989. If realized, this crop will be 5,000 barrels more than the record high crop of 1988. Frost damaged some bogs but bloom and set were average to heavy. Berry size is average.

In Oregon, the crop is forecast at 205,000 barrels, 2 percent less than the 1990 crop but 11 percent more than the 1989 crop. Bloom was 10 to 14 days later than normal along the southern coast. Fruit set was fair to good. Recent weather has been good for fruit development, but growers are concerned about late set fruit reaching marketable size. Bogs are now rated as fair to excellent.

A crop of 162,000 barrels is forecast for Washington, up 5 percent from last year and 4 percent more than two years ago. Freeze damage was limited this year. The cool, wet spring delayed bloom about two weeks. The late bloom may limit berry size. Bloom was good to heavy despite the delay. There is some insect damage.

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Production in Wisconsin is expected to be 1.47 million barrels, an increase of 6 percent from 1990 and a 13 percent increase from 1989. The bogs came out of the winter in good shape and fruit set was good. The crop is developing a week or two ahead of normal. Growing conditions have been generally better in the central part of the State than the northern part. Although some areas are concerned about the lack of rain, water supplies have been adequate. Insect populations have been larger than normal in the central part of the State.

Final 1990 Production Estimates Down 8 Percent

U.S. production of cranberries in 1990 totaled 3.44 million barrels, down 8 percent from 1989. The area harvested, at 27,800 acres, increased 1 percent from the previous year. The average yield of 123.6 barrels per acre was down 9 percent from the 1989 average of 136.3 barrels per acre. The average price per barrel increased 50 cents from 1989 to \$44.50. The value of production was down 7 percent to \$153 million, as the increased price could not offset the decreased production.

Cranberries: Production, by State and U.S., 1989-91

State	Production			Indicated 1991
	Total			
	1989	1990		
	Barrels			
MA	1,815,000	1,363,000		1,800,000
NJ	292,000	323,000		375,000
OR	184,000	210,000		205,000
WA	156,000	155,000		162,000
WI	1,300,000	1,385,000		1,470,000
US	3,747,000	3,436,000		4,012,000

**Cranberries: Area Harvested, Yield, Production and Utilization,
Price and Value, by State, 1989-90**

Year and State	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production	
			Total	Utilized
	Acres		Barrels	
1989				
MA	12,300	147.6	1,815,000	1,815,000
NJ	3,200	91.3	292,000	292,000
OR	1,400	131.4	184,000	184,000
WA	1,400	111.4	156,000	156,000
WI	9,200	141.3	1,300,000	1,300,000
US	27,500	136.3	3,747,000	3,747,000
1990				
MA	12,400	109.9	1,363,000	1,363,000
NJ	3,200	100.9	323,000	323,000
OR	1,400	150.0	210,000	210,000
WA	1,400	110.7	155,000	155,000
WI	9,400	147.3	1,385,000	1,385,000
US	27,800	123.6	3,436,000	3,436,000

Year and State	Utilization			Price per Barrel <u>2/</u>	Value of Utilized Production
	Fresh	Processed	Shrinkage <u>1/</u>		
	Barrels			Dollars	1,000 Dols
1989					
MA	140,000	1,632,000	43,000	45.70	82,946
NJ		290,000	2,000	41.00	11,972
OR	1,000	183,000		42.80	7,875
WA	22,500	132,500	1,000	42.80	6,677
WI	91,000	1,170,000	39,000	42.50	55,250
US	254,500	3,407,500	85,000	44.00	164,720
1990					
MA	78,000	1,285,000		46.30	63,107
NJ		315,000	8,000	43.00	13,889
OR	1,000	209,000		42.70	8,967
WA	20,200	133,800	1,000	42.70	6,619
WI	117,000	1,254,000	14,000	43.50	60,248
US	216,200	3,196,800	23,000	44.50	152,830

1/ Cranberries paid for by processors and lost because of dehydration and berry breakdown after delivery. 2/ Equivalent returns at first delivery point, screened basis of utilized production.

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