

CRANBERRIES  
INDICATED PRODUCTION  
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A cranberry crop of 1,296,000 barrels is forecast for 1965, 4 percent less than last year but 1 percent above the 1959-63 average. This forecast is based on conditions as of August 15. In Massachusetts, Wisconsin, and New Jersey production is expected to be less than last year, but larger crops are forecast for Washington and Oregon.

The Massachusetts crop is placed at 630,000 barrels, 5 percent less than last year and 3 percent below average. There was little winter injury or spring frost damage to the crop. Bloom and set was heavy and the set is evenly distributed on the vines. Rainfall has been below normal for the season and water reserves are very low or non-existent on much of the acreage. This has limited the size of the berries and reduced the potential size of the crop. Harvest is expected to get underway after Labor Day, a few days later than last year.

In New Jersey, a crop of 141,000 barrels is in prospect, down 8 percent from last year but more than 50 percent larger than average. Due to minimal spring frost damage another good crop is expected from marginal, poorly protected bogs. Dry weather and untimely rains caused a lighter bloom and set this year but larger berries are developing.

The Wisconsin crop is forecast at 400,000 barrels, 7 percent less than last year and 3 percent below average. Winter damage was about usual this year, but a late frost in the northern areas plus hail in the west has hurt the crop. The cool weather has limited the berry size. Harvest is expected to begin the last week of September, about a week later than normal.

In Washington and Oregon the crops are expected to be larger than last year. There was some winter damage in Washington and spring frosts caused some damage in both States. The Washington crop, at 85,000 barrels, is 27 percent larger than last year but 6 percent smaller than average. A crop of 40,000 barrels is expected in Oregon, up 16 percent from last year and 2 percent above average.

State	PRODUCTION OF CRANBERRIES (BARRELS)			
	5-year average:			
	1959-63	1963	1964	1965
	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels
Massachusetts .....	646,400	637,000	660,000	630,000
New Jersey .....	93,360	65,800	153,000	141,000
Wisconsin .....	412,400	400,000	430,000	400,000
Washington .....	90,340	111,000	67,000	85,000
Oregon .....	39,060	40,700	34,500	40,000
5 States .....	1,281,560	1,254,500	1,344,500	1,296,000

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