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FINAL 1988 PRODUCTION ESTIMATE - UP 23 PERCENT

U.S. production of cranberries in 1988 totaled 4.08 million barrels, up 23 percent from the 1987 crop. The area harvested, at 26.0 thousand acres, increased 2 percent from the previous year. The average yield of 157 barrels per acre was up sharply from the 1987 average of 130 barrels per acre. The average price per barrel increased \$0.40 to \$44.90. The value of production increased 24 percent to \$183 million reflecting the increased production and price per barrel.

1989 PRODUCTION FORECAST - DOWN 4 PERCENT

The forecast for the 1989 cranberry crop is 3.93 million barrels, down 4 percent from 1988 but 18 percent more than 1987.

The Massachusetts crop is forecast at 1.82 million barrels, 2 percent less than the previous year but 26 percent more than 1987. Conditions have been generally good this year. Producers were able to get the bees for needed good pollination, resulting in a good to heavy set. There was no major frost damage this spring and moisture has been plentiful. There is ample water, in the reservoirs, for frost protection and harvesting activities.

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New Jersey expects a crop of 340 thousand barrels, down 8 percent from last year's record crop but 21 percent more than 1987. Growing conditions have been good this year. Fruit set was average to heavy. Fruit size ranges from medium to large with some reports of small berries.

In Oregon, the crop is expected to total 155 thousand barrels, 1 percent more than 1988 and 9 percent more than 1987. Growing conditions have been excellent this spring and summer. There was limited frost damage in late April and early May. There has been some insect damage with fireworm populations being moderate to high. Fruit set and size is good. Harvest should begin the last week of September.

The Washington crop is forecast at 140 thousand barrels, 4 percent more than last year and 8 percent more than 1987. Bogs were protected by good snow cover during a late January and early February cold spell and suffered minimal damage during the winter. Bloom was two weeks later this year than last year and some bogs still had blooms after July 4. Bloom was average to heavy. Fruit set was good. There are some reports of insect damage.

Production in Wisconsin is expected to be 1.47 million barrels, down 6 percent from 1988 but 11 percent more than 1987. The crop is later than normal because of cool spring weather. Set was fairly good. Overall, the crop is in average to good condition.

CRANBERRIES

STATE	TOTAL PRODUCTION		
	1987	1988	INDICATED 1989
	BARRELS		
MA	1,449,000	1,861,000	1,820,000
NJ	280,000	370,000	340,000
OR	142,000	153,000	155,000
WA	130,000	135,000	140,000
WI	1,320,000	1,560,000	1,470,000
US	3,321,000	4,079,000	3,925,000

CRANBERRIES: AREA HARVESTED, YIELD, PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION,
PRICE AND VALUE, BY STATE, 1987 AND 1988

STATE AND YEAR	AREA HARVESTED	YIELD PER ACRE	PRODUCTION		
			TOTAL	UTILIZED	
	ACRES		BARRELS		
1987					
MA	11,800	122.8	1,449,000	1,449,000	
NJ	3,200	87.5	280,000	280,000	
OR	1,200	118.3	142,000	142,000	
WA	1,200	108.3	130,000	130,000	
WI	8,100	163.0	1,320,000	1,320,000	
US	25,500	130.2	3,321,000	3,321,000	
1988					
MA	11,800	157.7	1,861,000	1,861,000	
NJ	3,300	112.1	370,000	370,000	
OR	1,300	117.7	153,000	153,000	
WA	1,200	112.5	135,000	135,000	
WI	8,400	185.7	1,560,000	1,560,000	
US	26,000	156.9	4,079,000	4,079,000	
STATE AND YEAR	UTILIZATION			PRICE	VALUE OF
	FRESH	PROCESSED	SHRINKAGE 1/	PER BARREL 2/	UTILIZED PRODUCTION
	BARRELS			DOLLARS	1,000 DOLLARS
1987					
MA	143,000	1,277,000	29,000	44.40	64,336
NJ		279,000	1,000	45.10	12,628
OR	500	141,500		44.90	6,376
WA	16,800	111,500	1,700	45.00	5,850
WI	136,000	1,160,000	24,000	44.40	58,608
US	296,300	2,969,000	55,700	44.50	147,798
1988					
MA	151,000	1,678,000	32,000	46.30	86,164
NJ		363,000	7,000	44.00	16,280
OR	1,000	152,000		43.70	6,686
WA	19,200	114,800	1,000	44.00	5,940
WI	104,000	1,420,000	36,000	43.70	68,172
US	275,200	3,727,800	76,000	44.90	183,242

- 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.

