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FINAL 1989 PRODUCTION ESTIMATE - DOWN 8 PERCENT

U.S. production of cranberries in 1989 totaled 3.75 million barrels, down 8 percent from the 1988 crop. The area harvested, at 27.5 thousand acres, increased 1 percent from the previous year. The average yield of 136 barrels per acre was down 9 percent from the 1988 average of 150 barrels per acre. The average price per barrel decreased \$3.10 to \$42.60. The value of production was down 14 percent to \$159 million, reflecting the decrease in the price per barrel.

1990 PRODUCTION FORECAST - UP 6 PERCENT

The forecast for the 1990 cranberry crop is 3.98 million barrels, up 6 percent from 1989 but 3 percent less than 1988.

The Massachusetts crop is forecast at 1.75 million barrels, down 4 percent from the previous year and 6 percent less than 1988. Plants were stressed by an extremely cold December, early flooding of bogs, and last year's heavy production. Bloom and set were average and berries appear to be about medium size. Heavy rains, in July, caused some flooding in Plymouth County which damaged some dikes. Some fruit was lost to rot.

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New Jersey expects a crop of 325 thousand barrels, up 11 percent from last year but 12 percent less than the record high crop of 1988. Favorable conditions during the bloom period resulted in an above average set. Timely rain, in July and early August, has resulted in larger than normal berries.

In Oregon, the crop is expected to be 190 thousand barrels, 3 percent more than last year and 23 percent more than 1988. Frost damage was limited along the southern coast. Some bogs in that area have been injured by the black vine weevil. In Clatsop County, there was some spring freeze damage, which combined with a cool May has reduced crop potential.

The Washington crop is forecast at 160 thousand barrels, 3 percent more than 1989 and 19 percent more than 1988. Crop conditions are mixed. The winter was mild with minimal frost damage. Heavy rains and cool temperatures in June delayed bloom and slowed bee activity. Some growers reported a heavy bloom and good set and expect berries to size nicely, if the hot weather continues. Other growers reported a fair bloom and small sized berries due to rain damage. The wet spring also brought a good weed crop. Weevil damage has been minimal to severe and there has been some fireworm damage. There are also some problems with fungal diseases.

Production in Wisconsin is expected to be 1.55 million barrels, up 19 percent from the previous year but 1 percent less than 1988. The season is a little later than normal this year because of the cool spring. Winter damage and hail damage have been limited. Most growers feel the crop condition is average.

CRANBERRIES

STATE	PRODUCTION			INDICATED 1990
	TOTAL 1/			
	1988	1989		
	BARRELS			
MA	1,861,000	1,815,000		1,750,000
NJ	370,000	292,000		325,000
OR	154,000	184,000		190,000
WA	135,000	156,000		160,000
WI	1,560,000	1,300,000		1,550,000
U.S.	4,080,000	3,747,000		3,975,000

**CRANBERRIES: AREA HARVESTED, YIELD, PRODUCTION AND UTILIZATION,
PRICE AND VALUE, BY STATE, 1988 AND 1989**

STATE AND YEAR	AREA HARVESTED	YIELD PER ACRE	PRODUCTION		
			TOTAL	UTILIZED	
	ACRES		BARRELS		
1988					
MA	12,300	151.3	1,861,000	1,861,000	
NJ	3,300	112.1	370,000	370,000	
OR	1,300	118.5	154,000	154,000	
WA	1,300	103.8	135,000	135,000	
WI	9,100	171.4	1,560,000	1,560,000	
U.S.	27,300	149.5	4,080,000	4,080,000	
1989					
MA	12,300	147.6	1,815,000	1,815,000	
NJ	3,200	91.0	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	141.0	1,300,000	1,300,000	
U.S.	27,500	136.3	3,747,000	3,747,000	
			UTILIZATION	PRICE	VALUE OF
			FRESH	PER	UTILIZED
			: PROCESSED	BARREL 1/	PRODUCTION
			: SHRINKAGE 2/	BARREL 2/	: 1,000 DOLLARS
	BARRELS			DOLLARS	
1988					
MA	151,000	1,678,000	32,000	46.30	86,164
NJ		363,000	7,000	45.10	16,687
OR	1,000	153,000		44.90	6,915
WA	19,200	114,800	1,000	44.90	6,062
WI	103,000	1,430,000	27,000	45.20	70,512
U.S.	274,200	3,738,800	67,000	45.70	186,340
1989					
MA	140,000	1,632,000	43,000	44.00	79,860
NJ		290,000	2,000	41.00	11,972
OR	1,000	183,000		40.70	7,489
WA	22,500	132,500	1,000	40.70	6,349
WI	91,000	1,170,000	39,000	41.40	53,820
U.S.	254,500	3,407,500	85,000	42.60	159,490

- 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.

