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TART CHERRIES PRODUCTION DOWN

U.S. tart cherry production for 1985 is forecast at 268 million pounds (122 thousand metric tons), down 1 percent from last year but 73 percent more than 1983. The Great Lakes States expect to harvest 248 million pounds, 4 percent less than last year but double the 1983 crop.

In Michigan, the largest producing State, the first forecast is 215 million pounds, 2 percent more than last year and up sharply from the 1983 freeze damaged crop. Warm April temperatures got the crop off to a fast start and it escaped freeze damage. The crop is in good shape and maturing 10 to 14 days ahead of normal.

Production in New York is forecast at 16.0 million pounds, 38 percent below the 1984 production level. Drought and foliage stress, winter injury and spring freeze damage combined to reduce the crop.

Pennsylvania tart cherry production is forecast at 6.00 million pounds, down a third from last year. Winter kill and a colder than normal spring decreased the crop.

Wisconsin's forecast at 10.6 million pounds, is down 12 percent from 1984. Harvest is expected to begin 10 days ahead of normal.

TART CHERRIES

STATE	PRODUCTION		
	TOTAL 1/		
	1983	1984	IND 1985
	MILLION POUNDS		
COLO	2/ 1.6	.5	1.4
MICH	87.0	210.0	215.0
N Y	23.0	26.0	16.0
OREG	2/ 6.0	1.6	4.0
PA	8.5	9.0	6.0
UTAH	2/ 24.0	12.0	15.0
WIS	4.5	12.0	10.6
U S	154.6	271.1	268.0

1/ INCLUDES UNHARVESTED PRODUCTION AND HARVESTED NOT SOLD (MILLION POUNDS):
1983-1.7; 1984-15.7. 2/ ESTIMATES FOR CURRENT YEAR CARRIED FORWARD FROM
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SWEET CHERRY PRODUCTION DOWN

A sweet cherry crop of 132 thousand tons (120 thousand metric tons) is forecast for the U.S. for 1985. This is 27 percent less than both last year's and 1983's production. This production forecast for the Great Lakes States is down 2 percent from last year. Production in the Western States is expected to be 33 percent less than last year.

The first forecast of Michigan's crop, at 33.0 thousand tons, is the same size as last year's crop. Warm weather in April and May got the crop off to an early start with rapid maturing. Below normal temperatures for the first half of June slowed ripening. June moisture has been adequate for sizing. Some fruit cracking has occurred.

The Pennsylvania forecast, at 500 tons, is 44 percent less than last year. Colder than normal April and early May temperatures damaged fruit buds.

New York expects a crop of 2100 tons, 12 percent less than 1984. Winter kill and adverse spring weather reduced the prospects.

SWEET CHERRIES				
STATE		PRODUCTION		
		TOTAL 1/		IND
		1983	1984	1985
TONS				
CALIF	2/	16,800	37,200	25,000
IDAHO	2/	2,200	2,800	2,600
MICH	:	18,000	33,000	33,000
MONT	2/	1,800	2,300	2,700
N Y	:	3,200	2,400	2,100
OREG	2/	45,000	31,000	31,000
PA	:	800	900	500
UTAH	2/	4,400	4,200	2,500
WASH	2/	89,000	68,000	33,000
U S	:	181,200	181,800	132,400

1/ INCLUDES UNHARVESTED PRODUCTION AND HARVESTED NOT SOLD (TONS): U.S. SWEET CHERRIES 1983-11,885, 1984-17,550. 2/ ESTIMATES FOR CURRENT YEAR CARRIED FORWARD FROM EARLIER FORECAST.