

# Cherry Production



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## TART CHERRY PRODUCTION UP 10 PERCENT

U.S. tart cherry production is forecast at 261 million pounds, up 10 percent from 1988 but 27 percent less than 1987.

In Michigan, the largest producing state, the first forecast is 190 million pounds, 6 percent more than last year but 28 percent less than 1987. The crop is expected to be larger than last year, even with adverse growing conditions. The light crop in the northwest part of the State was off set by a tremendous crop in the southwest part of the State. June rains have caused disease problems, especially cherry leaf spot.

Production in New York is forecast at 31.0 million pounds, 41 per-cent more than last year. Fruit set was variable as windy, wet weather hampered pollination. Harvest should start in mid-July.

Pennsylvania's production is forecast at 5.00 million pounds, down 44 percent from 1987. The cold, wet spring reduced crop prospects. Harvest should begin about July 5.

The Wisconsin forecast of 9.20 million pounds is 3 percent more than last year. Frost damage was limited and fruit size is expected to be good.

## TART CHERRIES

STATE	PRODUCTION		
	1987	1988	IND 1989
	MILLION POUNDS		
COLO 2/	2.5	1.3	.5
MICH	265.0	180.0	190.0
N Y	35.0	22.0	31.0
OREG 2/	8.0	4.0	7.0
PA	5.0	9.0	5.0
UTAH 2/	29.0	11.0	18.0
WIS	14.0	8.9	9.2
U S	358.5	236.2	260.7

1/ INCLUDES UNHARVESTED PRODUCTION AND HARVESTED NOT SOLD (MILLION POUNDS): 1987 - 72.9; 1988 - 2.7. 2/ ESTIMATES FOR CURRENT YEAR CARRIED FORWARD FROM EARLIER FORECAST.

SWEET CHERRY PRODUCTION UP FRACTIONALLY

A sweet cherry crop of 187 thousand tons is forecast for 1989. This is fractionally more than 1988 but 13 percent less than 1987. Production for the Great Lakes States is down 11 percent from last year, while the Western States are up 3 percent.

The first forecast of Michigan's crop, at 25.0 thousand tons, is 11 percent below last year. Spring freezes and cold weather hindered pollination. Heavy rains have caused an outbreak of disease.

New York expects a crop of 1.30 thousand tons, down 7 percent from last year. Brown rot has been a problem in the Lake Ontario area. Harvest is expected to begin in early July.

The Pennsylvania forecast of 800 tons is down 33 percent from the previous year. Frosts and heavy rains have hurt crop prospects.

SWEET CHERRIES

STATE	PRODUCTION		
	TOTAL 1/		IND
	1987	1988	1989
TONS			
CALIF 2/	45,000	26,000	27,000
IDAHO 2/	2,100	2,300	2,600
MICH	32,000	28,000	25,000
MONT 2/	3,800	3,300	3/
N Y	1,500	1,400	1,300
OREG 2/	54,000	60,000	50,000
PA	600	1,200	800
UTAH 2/	1,800	2,000	2,400
WASH 2/	74,000	62,000	78,000
U S	214,800	186,200	187,100

1/ INCLUDES UNHARVESTED PRODUCTION AND HARVESTED NOT SOLD (TONS): 1987 - 1,980; 1988 - 1,690. 2/ ESTIMATES FOR CURRENT YEAR CARRIED FORWARD FROM EARLIER FORECAST. 3/ NO COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION DUE TO FROST.

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