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TART CHERRY PRODUCTION UP SUBSTANTIALLY

U.S. tart cherry production for 1984 is forecast at 308 million pounds (140 thousand metric tons), almost twice as large as the 1983 crop but 1 percent less than the 1982 crop. The Great Lakes States expect to harvest 288 million pounds, over double last year but 3 percent less than 1982.

In Michigan, which normally accounts for about two-thirds of the U.S. total, the first forecast for the 1984 crop is 240 million pounds, up sharply from the 87.0 million pound freeze damaged crop of 1983, but 8 percent less than the large crop of 1982. The crop escaped a spring freeze. Bearing age tree numbers are increasing as the plantings of the late 1970's begin to produce.

Pennsylvania tart cherry production is estimated at 9.00 million pounds, up 6 percent from last year's crop. Weather conditions have been generally good despite the cold, wet spring which got the crop off to a slow start. Harvest is expected to begin about July 5.

Wisconsin's forecast, at 11.0 million pounds, is almost two and a half times greater than the freeze reduced crop of 1983.

TART CHERRIES

STATE	PRODUCTION		
	TOTAL 1/ 1982	1983	IND 1984
MILLION POUNDS			
COLO	2/: .4	1.6	1.4
MICH	: 260.0	87.0	240.0
N Y	: 21.0	23.0	28.0
OREG	2/: 5.0	6.0	2.5
PA	: 5.5	8.5	9.0
UTAH	2/: 9.0	24.0	16.0
WIS	: 10.0	4.5	11.0
U S	: 310.9	154.6	307.9

1/ INCLUDES UNHARVESTED PRODUCTION AND HARVESTED NOT SOLD (MILLION POUNDS): 1982-66.0; 1983-1.0. 2/ ESTIMATES FOR CURRENT YEAR CARRIED FORWARD FROM EARLIER FORECAST.

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SWEET CHERRY PRODUCTION UP

A sweet cherry crop of 187 thousand tons (169 thousand metric tons) is forecast for the U.S. for 1984. This is 4 percent more than last year's production and 20 percent more than 1982. The production forecast for the Great Lakes States is up 54 percent from last year, while the Western States expect a decrease in production of 3 percent.

The first forecast of Michigan's crop, at 30.0 thousand tons, is an increase of 67 percent from last year. A cold, wet, windy spring produced less than ideal pollination conditions but the crop escaped a damaging freeze.

The Pennsylvania forecast, at 900 tons, is 13 percent more than last year. The crop is a little late because of the cold, wet spring. Harvest is expected to begin about June 23.

New York expects a crop of 3000 tons, down 6 percent from 1983. Cold, wet weather during pollination reduced bee activity. The result was poor pollination and a variable set.

SWEET CHERRIES

STATE	PRODUCTION		
	TOTAL 1/		
	1982	1983	IND 1984
TONS			
CALIF	2/: 11,400	15,300	34,000
IDAHO	2/: 2,700	2,200	3,000
MICH	: 31,000	18,000	30,000
MONT	2/: 3,400	1,800	2,100
N Y	: 3,500	3,200	3,000
OREG	2/: 35,000	45,000	37,000
PA	: 600	800	900
UTAH	2/: 2,100	4,400	4,600
WASH	2/: 66,000	89,000	72,000
U S	: 155,700	179,700	186,600

1/ INCLUDES UNHARVESTED PRODUCTION AND HARVESTED NOT SOLD (TONS): U.S. SWEET CHERRIES 1982-21,990, 1983-12,435. 2/ ESTIMATES FOR CURRENT YEAR CARRIED FORWARD FROM EARLIER FORECAST.

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