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## TART CHERRY PRODUCTION DOWN 19 PERCENT

U.S. tart cherry production is forecast at 224 million pounds, down 19 percent from last year and 5 percent less than 1988.

In Michigan, the largest producing State, the forecast is 175 million pounds, down 8 percent from last year and 3 percent below the 1988 crop. Unseasonably warm weather, in March, got the crop off to a fast start. However, temperatures dropped and were below normal through much of April and May. Cold, wet weather during bloom discouraged bee activity which caused poor pollination resulting in a poor set. High winds during the bloom period also took many of the blossoms off the trees.

Production in New York is forecast at 20.0 million pounds, 35 percent less than last year. The crop exhibited good potential early in the season, in the Lake Ontario region. However, by the end of May, there were many reports of short stems, indicating a short crop. Harvest is expected to start mid-July.

The Wisconsin forecast of 3.80 million pounds, is less than half of last year's production. Frost damage, in May, sharply reduced crop potential.

Pennsylvania's crop is forecast at 3.00 million pounds, half of last year's production. The light crop is the result of early frosts. Harvest is expected to begin the first week of July.

### TART CHERRIES

STATE	PRODUCTION			INDICATED 1990
	TOTAL 1/			
	1988	1989		
	MILLION POUNDS			
CO 2/	1.3	0.5		1.0
MI	180.0	190.0		175.0
NY	22.0	31.0		20.0
OR 2/	4.0	15.0		7.0
PA	9.0	6.0		3.0
UT 2/	11.0	24.0		14.0
WI	8.9	8.2		3.8
U S	236.2	274.7		223.8

1/ INCLUDES UNHARVESTED PRODUCTION AND HARVESTED NOT SOLD (MILLION POUNDS):  
1988-2.7, 1989-31.1. 2/ ESTIMATES FOR CURRENT YEAR CARRIED FORWARD FROM  
EARLIER FORECAST.

**SWEET CHERRY PRODUCTION  
DOWN 22 PERCENT**

A sweet cherry crop of 152 thousand tons is forecast for 1990. This total is 22 percent less than 1989 and 18 percent less than 1988. Production in the Great Lakes States is down 21 percent from last year while the western States production is off 22 percent.

The first forecast of Michigan's crop, at 20.0 thousand tons, is 20 percent less than last year. Warm weather, in March, encouraged early development of the crop. Freezing early May temperatures caused extensive damage. Cold, wet weather hampered bee activity which resulted in poor pollination of the remaining blooms.

New York expects a crop of 1,100 tons which is 19 percent less than last year. Set was generally good except for Schmidt's. This factor followed by a heavy June drop, especially in eastern New York, lead to the decline. Harvest should begin in early July.

The Pennsylvania forecast is 200 tons, less than one-third of last year's crop. Early April freeze damage and poor pollination weather combined to reduce potential. Harvest should be about June 21.

SWEET CHERRIES

STATE	PRODUCTION		
	TOTAL 1/		INDICATED 1990
	1988	1989	
	TONS		
CA 2/	26,000	26,000	17,000
ID 2/	2,300	2,700	2,000
MI	28,000	25,000	20,000
MT 2/	3,300	3/	275
NY	1,400	1,350	1,100
OR 2/	60,000	53,000	50,000
PA	1,200	700	200
UT 2/	2,000	1,700	1,600
WA 2/	62,000	84,000	60,000
U S	186,200	194,450	152,175

1/ INCLUDES UNHARVESTED PRODUCTION AND HARVESTED NOT SOLD (TONS): 1988-1690; 1989-2520. 2/ ESTIMATES FOR CURRENT YEAR CARRIED FORWARD FROM EARLIER FORECAST 3/ NO SIGNIFICANT COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION DUE TO FROST.

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