

Cherry Production



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TART CHERRIES PRODUCTION DOWN

U.S. tart cherry production for 1986 is forecast at 185 million pounds (83.9 thousand metric tons), down 35 percent from last year and 32 percent less than 1984. The Great Lakes States expect to harvest 166 million pounds, 36 percent less than last year and the 1984 crop.

In Michigan, the largest producing State, the first forecast is for 145 million pounds, 34 percent more than last year and down 31 percent from the 1984 crop. Warm early and mid-April temperatures got the crop off to a fast start. However, temperatures in the low 20's during late April and early May reduced production. Picking should start by late June.

Production in New York, is forecast at 9.00 million pounds, 60 percent below the 1985 production level. The crop was damaged by severe frost during bloom in the Lake Ontario region.

Pennsylvania tart cherry production is forecast at 8.00 million pounds, up 33 percent from last year. The crop is in generally good condition with fruit coloring well and sizing nicely. Birds have been a problem in some areas. Harvest is expected to start in late June and be complete by mid-July.

Wisconsin's forecast, at 3.5 million pounds, is down 59 percent from 1985. The crop was hit by a late frost in most major growing areas.

TART CHERRIES

STATE	PRODUCTION		
	1984	1985	IND 1986
	MILLION POUNDS		
COLO 2/	1.0	1.7	.5
MICH	210.0	220.0	145.0
N Y	26.0	22.5	9.0
OREG 2/	1.6	6.5	4.0
PA	9.0	6.0	8.0
UTAH 2/	12.0	21.0	15.0
WIS	12.0	8.5	3.5
U S	271.6	286.2	185.0

1/ INCLUDES UNHARVESTED PRODUCTION AND HARVESTED NOT SOLD (MILLION POUNDS): 1984-15.7; 1985-6.0. 2/ ESTIMATES FOR CURRENT YEAR CARRIED FORWARD FROM EARLIER FORECAST.

SWEET CHERRY PRODUCTION DOWN FRACTIONALLY

A sweet cherry crop of 133 thousand tons (120 thousand metric tons) is forecast for the U.S. for 1986. This is fractionally less than last year's and 27 percent less than 1984's production. The production forecast for the Great Lakes States is down 41 percent from last year. Production in the Western States is expected to total 13 percent more than last year.

The first forecast of Michigan's crop, at 17.0 thousand tons, is 45 percent below last year's crop. The crop got off to a good start with above normal temperatures in early and mid-April. However, temperatures in the low 20's in late April and early May caused significant crop damage. Picking is expected to begin in late June.

The Pennsylvania forecast, at 800 tons, is 60 percent more than last year. The crop is coloring nicely and harvest should begin about June 19 and will be completed in early July.

New York expects a crop of 2.10 thousand tons, 5 percent more than 1985.

SWEET CHERRIES

STATE	PRODUCTION		
	TOTAL 1/		IND 1986
	1984	1985	
TONS			
CALIF 2/	37,200	23,500	7,500
IDAHO 2/	2,800	2,200	2,000
MICH	33,000	31,000	17,000
MONT 2/	2,300	4,600	1,800
N Y	2,400	2,000	2,100
OREG 2/	31,000	29,000	33,000
PA	900	500	800
UTAH 2/	4,200	2,200	2,400
WASH 2/	68,000	37,900	66,000
U S	181,800	132,900	132,600

1/ INCLUDES UNHARVESTED PRODUCTION AND HARVESTED NOT SOLD (TONS): U.S. SWEET CHERRIES 1984-17,550, 1985-6,000. 2/ ESTIMATES FOR CURRENT YEAR CARRIED FORWARD FROM EARLIER FORECAST.

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