Cherry Production

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TART CHERRY PRODUCTION DOWN 41 PERCENT

U.S. tart cherry production is forecast at 211 million pounds, down 41 percent from last year and 6 percent less than 1986.

In Michigan, the largest producing State, the first forecast is 150 million pounds, down 43 percent from last year and 12 percent less than 1986. Severe spring freezes, drought and a high June drop have combined to reduce crop size. Rain, within the next few weeks, is needed for the remaining fruit to grow to a desirable size.

Production in New York is forecast at 23.0 million pounds, 34 percent less than last year. The crop is extremely variable with some blocks having about a 50 percent set. Harvest is expected to start about July 18.

Pennsylvania's tart cherry production is forecast at 7.50 million pounds, up 50 percent from last year. Good spring weather is the major reason for the increase. Rain is needed for the fruit to size properly. Harvest should begin about July 4.

The Wisconsin forecast of 9.00 million pounds is 36 percent less than last year's crop. There has been some hail damage but dry conditions are the major cause of the reduced crop. Without rain, the fruit will not size properly.

TART CHERRIES

STATE	PRODUCTION		
	TOTAL 1/		INDICATED
	1986	1987	1988
	MILLION POUNDS		
COLO 2/	0.9	2.5	1.0
MICH	170.0	265.0	150.0
N Y	13.0	35.0	23.0
OREG 2/	6.0	8.0	5.0
PA	12.0	5.0	7.5
UTAH 2/	18.5	29.0	15.0
WIS	3.7	14.0	9.0
U S	224.1	358.5	210.5

1/ INCLUDES UNHARVESTED PRODUCTION AND HARVESTED NOT SOLD (MILLION POUNDS): 1986 - 5.7; 1987 - 72.9. 2/ ESTIMATES FOR CURRENT YEAR CARRIED FORWARD FROM EARLIER FORECAST.

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SWEET CHERRY PRODUCTION DOWN 17 PERCENT

A sweet cherry crop of 175 thousand tons is forecast for the U.S. in 1988. This is 17 percent below the 1987 crop but 27 percent more than the 1986 crop. The production forecast for the Great Lakes States is down 29 percent while the western States forecast is down 14 percent from last year.

The first forecast of Michigan's crop, at 22.0 thousand tons, is 31 percent below last year's crop. Severe spring freezes, drought and a heavy June drop have combined to reduce the crop potential. Small fruit size will be a problem unless timely rain is received.

New York expects a crop of 1400 tons, 7 percent less than last year. The crop is nearly normal near Lake Ontario but moderate to light in the Hudson Valley. Bacterial canker is severe in some varieties. Harvest is expected to begin about July 5.

The Pennsylvania forecast of 800 tons, is 33 percent larger than last year. Frost and hail damage have been limited. Harvest will begin about June 23.

SWEET CHERRIES

STATE	PRODUCTION		
	TOTAL 1/		INDICATED
	1986	1987	1988
	TONS		
CALIF 2/	8,400	45,000	32,000
IDAHO 2/	2,300	2,100	2,300
MICH	20,000	32,000	22,000
MONT 2/	1,600	3,800	3,000
N Y	1,700	1,500	1,400
OREG 2/	38,000	50,000	45,000
PA	1,050	600	800
UTAH 2/	2,160	1,800	1,900
WASH 2/	62,500	74,000	67,000
U S	137,710	210,800	175,400

1/ INCLUDES UNHARVESTED PRODUCTION AND HARVESTED NOT SOLD (TONS): 1986 - 950; 1987 - 1,980. 2/ ESTIMATES FOR CURRENT YEAR CARRIED FORWARD FROM EARLIER FORECAST.

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