

TART CHERRY REPORT

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The tart cherry crop in the 5 Great Lakes States is forecast at 139,500 tons, 8 percent more than last year's crop and nearly double the small 1967 crop. Four of the five States -- New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Michigan -- expect 1969 production to exceed the quantity sold or used last season. Wisconsin production prospects were severely reduced by winter injury and spring freezes. Production in the five Western States was forecast at 15,540 tons, as of June 1, -- much larger than last year's 8,304 tons.

Tart cherry production for the United States is forecast at 155,040 tons, 13 percent above last season and 76 percent above 1967.

Michigan's crop, at 110,000 tons, is 10 percent above last year and more than twice the 1967 production. For the first time since 1965 the Southwest area escaped frost damage. Bloom was heavy but pollination was hampered by cool weather. The West Central area was also frost free but pollination weather was poor. Prospects are below last year in the Northwest. Bloom was adequate but weather was not favorable for pollination.

New York's crop is forecast at 14,500 tons, 1 percent above last season but 34 percent below 1967. Bloom was excellent but heavy rains washed pollen from the blossoms and fruit set was light. Some blocks in low lying areas were damaged by frost when temperatures dropped to 31 degrees during bloom.

Pennsylvania's tart cherry crop at 10,000 tons is one-third larger than last year. Production in the south central area is expected to make a strong recovery after three consecutive short crops. Pollination weather was good. Northern areas, especially Erie County, suffered substantial frost damage in the spring.

Wisconsin production is forecast at 3,000 tons, half last year's crop and less than half the 1967 crop. Heavy winter damage occurred in the southern half of the cherry producing area. The northern half had fair bloom but freezing temperatures May 28 destroyed much of the cherry potential in that area.

Ohio production is expected to be 54 percent above last year and 4 times the 1967 crop, in spite of late frost May 26 and 27.

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State	Production			Percent processed	
	1967	1968	Ind. 1969	1967	1968
	Tons	Tons	Tons	Pct.	Pct.
New York	22,100	14,300	14,500	98	98
Pennsylvania	1,000	7,500	10,000)	72	81
Ohio	500	1,300	2,000)		
Michigan	44,000	100,000	110,000	98	98
Wisconsin	6,800	6,000	3,000	91	90
5 States	74,400	129,100	139,500	97	96
5 Western States 1/ 2/ ..	13,890	8,304	15,540	90	89
10 States	88,290	137,404	155,040	96	96

1/ Idaho, Colorado, Utah, Washington, and Oregon.

2/ June 1 forecast.

TART CHERRIES: Production and Utilization, 1967 and 1968 Crops

State	Production	Farm disposition		Utilization of sales			
		Home use	Sold	Fresh sales	Processed	Frozen	Brined
	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons
1967 Crop							
New York	22,100	100	22,000	300	6,150	15,550	
Pennsylvania & Ohio ..	1,500	100	1,400	320	755	325	
Michigan	44,000	100	43,900	1,000	16,600	26,300	
Wisconsin	6,800	120	6,680	500	3,150	3,030	
5 Western States 2/ ..	13,890	434	13,456	988	3,719	8,749	1/
10 States	88,290	854	87,436	3,108	30,374	53,954	1/
1968 Crop							
New York	14,300	50	14,250	290	3,760	10,200	
Pennsylvania & Ohio ..	8,800	106	8,694	1,599	4,950	2,145	
Michigan	100,000	200	99,800	1,700	35,100	63,000	
Wisconsin	6,000	110	5,890	500	3,095	2,295	
5 Western States 2/ ..	8,304	215	8,089	714	1,506	5,869	1/
10 States	137,404	681	136,723	4,803	48,411	83,509	1/

1/ Small quantities used for juice, jam, jelly, brining, are included with canning to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

2/ Idaho, Colorado, Utah, Washington, and Oregon.