

## TART CHERRY REPORT

June 15, 1967

June 20, 1967

Tart cherry production in the 5 Great Lakes States--New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, and Wisconsin--is forecast at 68,800 tons, 12 percent below last year's short crop and 58 percent less than the 1961-65 average. Adverse weather conditions since the first of the year in the Great Lakes area has resulted in a below average crop in all 5 States. In the Western States, tart cherry production was forecast at 11,950 tons as of June 1, down 3 percent from last year but 8 percent above average. The total forecast for the United States is 80,750 tons, down 11 percent from 1966 and 54 percent below average.

The Michigan crop is estimated at 42,000 tons, down 24 percent from last year and 62 percent less than average. During late March and early April temperatures in the tart cherry producing areas were warm enough to cause many buds to break dormancy. The next three weeks were cold with some sub-freezing temperatures, resulting in some damage to trees that bloomed during this period. Most tart cherries bloomed during mid-May but bee activity was limited during this period. On May 20 and 21, temperatures again dropped below freezing inflicting further damage on the crop. The southwest area will have more cherries than last year, the west central area slightly less, and the northwest less than in 1966. Prospects vary from orchard to orchard and are dependent upon the stage of development at the time of the freezes.

Tart cherry production in New York is forecast at 19,000 tons, more than triple last year's short crop but 24 percent less than average. New York is the only Great Lakes State expecting a crop larger than last year. Tart cherries bloomed later than last year in all areas. In the main producing area--Wayne County--there was light frost damage but a fair to good crop is expected. Substantial frost damage occurred in other areas. Pollination conditions were good in the Lake Ontario area but poor in the Hudson Valley.

Wisconsin expects a crop of 7,000 tons, the same as in 1966 but only one-half as large as average. Weather was cool during May and freezes during the latter part of May caused damage to the crop. The Pennsylvania crop is expected to total only 400 tons, the smallest crop of record. Unusually warm weather in mid-January followed by severe cold on February 6 and 7 and repeated spring freezes nearly wiped out the tart cherry crop this year in Pennsylvania. Ohio's production is estimated at only 400 tons also, less than one-half last year's small crop and about one-fourth as large as average.

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## TART CHERRIES

State	Production				Percent Processed		
	5-year				5-year		
	average:	1965	1966	Ind.	average:	1965	1966
	1961-65:			1967	1961-65:		
	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
New York .....	25,120	24,800	6,000	19,000	94	95	91
Pennsylvania .....	11,920	12,500	8,700	400)	83	83	84
Ohio .....	1,570	1,300	900	400)			
Michigan .....	110,700	120,000	55,500	42,000	88	88	97
Wisconsin .....	13,920	8,000	7,000	7,000	87	81	85
5 States .....	163,230	166,600	78,100	68,800	88	88	94
6 Western States 1/:	11,092	9,910	12,350	2/11,950	81	81	86
11 States .....	174,322	176,510	90,450	80,750	88	88	93

1/ Montana, Idaho, Colorado, Utah, Washington, and Oregon. Montana dropped beginning 1967. 2/ June 1 forecast.

TART CHERRIES: Production and Utilization, 1964 and 1965 Crops

State	Production		Farm disposition		Utilization of sales			
	Total	Having	disposition	Fresh	Processed	Canned	Frozen	Brined
	1/	value	Home	Sold	sales			
	1/	use	use	2/				
	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons	Tons
1965 Crop								
New York .....	24,800	24,100	130	23,970	490	7,980	14,275	1,225
Pennsylvania & Ohio:	13,800	13,490	308	13,182	1,742	5,545	5,895	2/
Michigan .....	120,000	107,000	200	106,800	1,300	47,500	57,500	500
Wisconsin .....	8,000	7,200	120	7,080	580	2,780	3,720	---
6 Western States 3/:	9,910	9,224	434	8,790	721	4,388	3,611	---
11 States .....	176,510	161,014	1,192	159,822	4,903	68,193	85,001	1,725
1966 Crop								
New York .....	6,000	5,810	100	5,710	250	2,650	2,810	2/
Pennsylvania & Ohio:	9,600	9,400	130	9,270	1,180	5,125	2,965	2/
Michigan .....	55,500	55,500	200	55,300	1,250	22,850	31,200	2/
Wisconsin .....	7,000	7,000	120	6,880	930	2,510	3,440	---
6 Western States 3/:	12,350	12,256	515	11,741	1,137	4,853	5,751	2/
11 States .....	90,510	89,966	1,065	88,901	4,747	37,988	46,166	2/

1/ Differences between production and production having value are economic abandonment.

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

3/ Montana, Idaho, Colorado, Utah, Washington, and Oregon.