

# CHERRY UTILIZATION

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## SWEET CHERRY OUTPUT DOWN

The U. S. sweet cherry crop totaled 147,100 tons in 1977, off 15 percent from last year's record output. Of the total production, 145,800 tons were utilized, compared with 167,680 tons in 1976. This utilized tonnage was about equally divided between fresh market and processing channels and was valued at \$77.2 million, up from last season's \$64.5 million. The average price received by growers was \$530 per ton compared with \$384 in 1976.

Production in the three Pacific Coast States, at 110,800 tons, was 21 percent below the tonnage utilized in 1976. In Washington, the Nation's largest producer, the crop totaled 46,300 tons compared with last year's record 54,300 tons.

## TART CHERRY CROP INCREASES

Tart cherry output in the United States totaled 213.1 million pounds this year, 45 percent above the 1976 freeze-damaged crop. Of the total, 138.3 million pounds were frozen, 62.8 million pounds were canned, and the remainder was processed in other forms or sold fresh. The value of the crop, at \$62.2 million, was up 69 percent from last year's \$36.8 million. The average price received by growers was 29.2 cents per pound compared with 25.1 cents per pound received for the short 1976 crop.

The Great Lakes States produced 192.5 million pounds in 1977, a 63 percent increase over last year. In Michigan, the leading producer, output totaled 162.0 million pounds compared with 1976's 90.0 million pounds.

# CHERRIES

CROP, YEAR, AND STATE	PRODUCTION 1/		UTILIZATION 2/				PRICE	VALUE OF
	TOTAL	UTILIZED	FRESH	PROCESSED			PER POUND 4/	UTILIZED PRODUCTION
				CANNED	FROZEN	OTHER 3/		
			MILLION POUNDS				CENTS	1,000 DOLLARS
CHERRIES, TART:								
1976								
COLO	3.3	3.3	.2				19.8	653
MICH	90.0	90.0	2.0	24.0	62.0	2.0	25.4	22,860
N Y	14.3	14.3	.2		10.0		24.6	3,518
OHIO	.3	.3					33.3	100
OREG	8.2	8.2	.6				26.3	2,157
PA	7.6	7.6	1.0				25.8	1,961
UTAH	17.0	17.0					23.7	4,029
WIS	5.9	5.9	.2		5.1		25.9	1,528
TOTAL	146.6	146.6	6.0	37.2	98.2	5.2	25.1	36,806
1977								
COLO	2.3	2.3	.1				24.3	559
MICH	162.0	162.0	4.0	46.0	110.0	2.0	29.5	47,790
N Y	11.8	11.8	.1		3.9		29.5	3,481
OHIO	.2	.2	.2				50.0	100
OREG	8.0	8.0	.5				29.2	2,336
PA	6.4	6.4	1.0				29.8	1,907
UTAH	10.3	10.3	.6				24.8	2,554
WIS	12.1	12.1	.1		8.8		28.9	3,497
TOTAL	213.1	213.1	6.6	62.8	138.3	5.4	29.2	62,224
CHERRIES, SWEET:								
	PRODUCTION 1/		UTILIZATION 2/				PRICE	VALUE OF
	TOTAL	UTILIZED	FRESH	PROCESSED			PER TON 4/	UTILIZED PRODUCTION
			TONS				DOLLARS	1,000 DOLLARS
1976								
CALIF	51,000	46,700	32,000		14,000		456	21,295
COLO	500	500					596	298
IDAHO	3,000	2,450					439	1,076
MICH	13,500	13,500	500	2,100	9,000	1,900	373	5,036
MONT	2,650	2,650	2,350			300	415	1,100
N Y	2,500	2,120	860				394	835
OREG	39,000	39,000	9,500	4,700	22,400	2,400	350	13,650
PA	460	460					792	364
UTAH	6,000	6,000	4,320		1,000		337	2,022
WASH	54,300	54,300	43,300	3,600	2,700	4,700	346	18,788
TOTAL	172,910	167,680	95,110	11,220	51,390	9,960	384	64,464
1977								
CALIF	27,000	27,000	20,600		5,500		765	20,655
COLO	550	550	550				680	374
IDAHO	2,200	2,050	1,200		850		460	943
MICH	23,000	23,000	1,500	2,300	17,600	1,600	410	9,430
MONT	2,600	2,550	2,300			250	482	1,229
N Y	1,800	1,800	700				552	994
OREG	37,500	37,500	7,000	4,800	22,400	3,300	428	16,050
PA	350	350	350				836	293
UTAH	5,800	4,700	3,400		900		461	2,167
WASH	46,300	46,300	34,600	3,200	3,300	5,200	542	25,095
TOTAL	147,100	145,800	72,200	11,140	51,610	10,850	530	77,230

1/ DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TOTAL AND UTILIZED IS EXCESS CULLAGE AND QUANTITIES NOT HARVESTED FOR ECONOMIC REASONS. 2/ SOME UTILIZATION BY STATES NOT PUBLISHED TO AVOID DISCLOSURE OF INDIVIDUAL OPERATIONS. 3/ TART CHERRIES INCLUDES JUICE, WINE, JAM, ETC. SWEET CHERRIES INCLUDES FROZEN, JUICE, JELLY, ETC. 4/ FOR CALIF PRICE REPRESENTS RETURNS AT FIRST DELIVERY POINT; FOR OREG & WASH EQUIVALENT RETURNS AT PACKINGHOUSE DOOR.