

CHERRY UTILIZATION

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TART CHERRY CROP LOWER: Tart cherry production in the U.S. was 173 million pounds (78.3 thousand metric tons) in 1979, 5 percent below the 1978 crop and 18 percent lower than in 1977. Of the total, 105 million pounds were frozen, 38.0 million pounds were canned, 25.8 million pounds were used in other types of processing, and the balance was sold through fresh market channels. The crop was valued at 81.5 million dollars, 3 percent above last year's 79.3 million dollar crop. Average price per pound rose to 47.2 cents from the 43.8 cents received by growers in 1978.

The four Great Lakes States produced 87 percent of the total, or 150 million pounds, compared with 165 million pounds in 1978. Michigan's crop, the Nation's largest, was 102 million pounds, 20 percent below last year.

SWEET CHERRY CROP RECORD HIGH: The Nation's sweet cherry crop was a record 192 thousand tons (175 thousand metric tons) in 1979, 24 percent above last year and 11 percent above the previous record crop produced in 1976. Montana and Washington harvested record crops, while Pennsylvania had the largest crop since 1965. All but 150 tons of the U.S. production was utilized. Of the utilized production, 56 percent was used for processing and the balance for fresh market. The crop was valued at 119 million dollars, ten percent above 1978. Growers received an average \$617 per ton, down from the \$692 per ton received in 1978.

The crop totaled 149 thousand tons in the three Pacific Coast States, 37 percent higher than last year's 108 thousand tons. Washington's crop, the Nation's largest, was a record 68.0 thousand tons, 15 percent above 1978.

CHERRIES

CROP, YEAR AND STATE	PRODUCTION 1/		UTILIZATION 2/				PRICE PER POUND	VALUE OF UTILIZED PRODUCTION 1,000 DOLLARS
	TOTAL	UTILIZED	FRESH	PROCESSED				
				CANNED	FROZEN	OTHER 3/		
MILLION POUNDS							CENTS	1,000 DOLLARS
CHERRIES, TART								
1978								
COLO	1.3	1.3	.1				41.6	541
MICH	128.0	128.0	3.0	34.0	90.0	1.0	44.4	56,832
N Y	18.9	18.9	.2		13.6		42.9	8,108
OHIO	.2	.2	.2				60.0	120
OREG	3.8	3.8	.5				39.4	1,497
PA	6.2	6.2	.8	4.5			41.7	2,585
UTAH	11.3	11.3	.1		11.2		39.0	4,407
WIS	11.5	11.5	.1		8.1		45.6	5,244
TOTAL	181.2	181.2	5.0	47.5	126.3	2.4	43.8	79,334
1979								
COLO	1.8	1.8	.1				44.2	796
MICH	102.0	102.0	2.0	18.0	59.0	23.0	48.3	49,266
N Y	27.3	27.3	.2	6.3	20.2	.6	46.2	12,613
OHIO 4/								
OREG	3.5	3.5	.6				43.4	1,519
PA	6.3	6.3	.8	5.0			49.6	3,125
UTAH	17.0	17.0	.4		15.2	1.4	43.6	7,412
WIS	14.8	14.8	.2		7.5		45.9	6,793
TOTAL	172.7	172.7	4.3	38.0	104.6	25.8	47.2	81,524
CROP, YEAR AND STATE	PRODUCTION 1/		UTILIZATION 2/				PRICE PER TON	VALUE OF UTILIZED PRODUCTION 1,000 DOLLARS
	TOTAL	UTILIZED	FRESH	PROCESSED				
				CANNED	BRINED	OTHER 3/		
TONS							DOLLARS	1,000 DOLLARS
CHERRIES, SWEET								
1978								
CALIF	14,000	14,000	11,000			2,500	1,012	14,168
COLO	140	140	140				1,067	149
IDAHO	2,500	2,500	1,000		1,500		691	1,728
MICH	35,000	35,000	2,000	5,500	20,300	7,200	458	16,030
MONT	1,850	1,850	1,640			210	701	1,297
N Y	3,500	3,500	800		2,400		543	1,901
OREG	35,000	35,000	8,900	4,400	18,850	2,850	630	22,050
PA	750	750	750				948	711
UTAH	3,000	3,000	1,700				769	2,307
WASH	59,300	59,300	39,400	2,400	12,900	4,600	792	46,966
TOTAL	155,040	155,040	67,330	12,800	59,650	15,260	692	107,307
1979								
CALIF	42,700	42,700	18,000				856	36,551
COLO 4/								
IDAHO	3,000	3,000	1,100		1,900		549	1,647
MICH	27,000	27,000	1,500	2,800	21,700	1,000	407	10,989
MONT	2,950	2,950					698	2,059
N Y 5/	4,200	4,050	950		2,700	400	447	1,810
OREG	38,000	38,000	8,600	5,800	21,300	2,300	544	20,672
PA	950	950	950				1,122	1,066
UTAH	5,600	5,600					599	3,354
WASH	68,000	68,000	46,500	3,600	14,200	3,700	594	40,392
TOTAL	192,400	192,250	84,400	12,200	87,500	8,150	617	118,540

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/ ESTIMATES DISCONTINUED AFTER 1978 CROP. 5/ "OTHER" INCLUDES SMALL AMOUNT CANNED.