

# CHERRY UTILIZATION



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TART CHERRY CROP SMALLEST IN 36 YEARS: Tart cherry production in the U.S. was 138 million pounds (62.6 thousand metric tons) in 1981. This was 37 percent below the 1980 crop, 19 percent less than the 1979 crop, and the lowest production since 1945. All except 400 thousand pounds were utilized. Most of the utilized production was processed, with 87.5 million pounds frozen, 44.2 million pounds canned, and 1.9 million pounds going to other types of processing. The balance was sold for fresh market consumption. The 1981 average price per pound at 44.5 cents was 24.3 cents above the 1980 average. This increase more than offset the decreased production and gave a crop value of 61.3 million dollars, 41 percent above the value of the 1980 crop.

The four Great Lake States produced 85 percent of the total or 117 million pounds, compared with 198 million pounds in 1980. Michigan, the Nation's leading tart cherry State, produced 92.0 million pounds, down 39 percent from a year ago. New York, which is normally the second largest producer, had a crop of 8.4 million pounds compared with 30.4 million pounds in 1980.

SWEET CHERRY CROP SMALLER: The Nation's sweet cherry crop totaled 154 thousand tons (140 thousand metric tons) in 1981, 10 percent less than the 1980 crop and 15 percent below the 182 thousand ton record crop of 1979. There were 6.90 thousand tons of this production that was not utilized due to unfavorable weather at harvest. Rains in Washington, Oregon and New York caused the fruit to split while hail damaged the Idaho crop. Of the 147 thousand tons utilized, 49 percent was sold for fresh market and 51 percent was processed. A 40 percent increase in the price per ton, to 771 dollars, counter-balanced the decreased production and the value of utilized production increased 24 percent from last year to 114 million dollars.

Washington, the leading producing State, had 48.0 thousand tons, a decline of 8 percent from last year. Oregon rose to second place as production increased by 18 percent to 39.0 thousand tons. California slipped from second to third as production fell 26 percent to 32.6 thousand tons. The three Pacific Coast States produced 78 percent of the 1981 total crop. The Michigan crop, at 23.0 thousand tons, was down 21 percent from a year ago.

CHERRIES

| CROP, YEAR AND STATE   | PRODUCTION 1/  |          | UTILIZATION 2/ |           |        |          | PRICE PER POUND | VALUE OF UTILIZED PRODUCTION |
|------------------------|----------------|----------|----------------|-----------|--------|----------|-----------------|------------------------------|
|                        | TOTAL          | UTILIZED | FRESH          | PROCESSED |        |          |                 |                              |
|                        |                |          |                | CANNED    | FROZEN | OTHER 3/ |                 |                              |
|                        | MILLION POUNDS |          |                |           |        |          | CENTS           | 1,000 DOLLARS                |
| <b>CHERRIES, TART</b>  |                |          |                |           |        |          |                 |                              |
| 1980                   |                |          |                |           |        |          |                 |                              |
| COLO                   | 2.0            | 1.8      | .2             |           |        |          | 14.1            | 254                          |
| MICH                   | 150.0          | 149.0    | 4.0            | 52.0      | 91.0   | 2.0      | 20.4            | 30,396                       |
| N Y                    | 30.4           | 30.4     | .1             | 10.5      | 19.3   | .5       | 19.1            | 5,806                        |
| OREG                   | 5.0            | 5.0      | .7             |           | 3.2    |          | 20.3            | 1,015                        |
| PA                     | 5.6            | 5.6      | .8             | 4.7       |        |          | 27.5            | 1,540                        |
| UTAH                   | 13.0           | 12.9     | .3             |           | 12.3   | .3       | 18.9            | 2,438                        |
| WIS                    | 12.1           | 11.5     | .2             |           | 8.6    |          | 18.6            | 2,139                        |
| TOTAL                  | 218.1          | 216.2    | 6.3            | 71.1      | 135.4  | 3.4      | 20.2            | 43,588                       |
| 1981                   |                |          |                |           |        |          |                 |                              |
| COLO                   | 1.6            | 1.6      | .1             |           |        |          | 30.2            | 483                          |
| MICH                   | 92.0           | 92.0     | 2.0            | 31.0      | 58.0   | 1.0      | 46.4            | 42,688                       |
| N Y                    | 8.4            | 8.4      | .1             |           | 4.6    |          | 45.1            | 3,788                        |
| OREG                   | 5.0            | 5.0      | .5             |           | 3.6    |          | 31.3            | 1,565                        |
| PA                     | 8.0            | 8.0      | .5             | 7.5       |        |          | 45.6            | 3,648                        |
| UTAH                   | 14.0           | 13.6     | .6             |           | 13.0   |          | 37.2            | 5,059                        |
| WIS                    | 9.0            | 9.0      | .2             |           | 7.0    |          | 44.8            | 4,032                        |
| TOTAL                  | 138.0          | 137.6    | 4.0            | 44.2      | 87.5   | 1.9      | 44.5            | 61,263                       |
|                        | PRODUCTION 1/  |          | UTILIZATION 2/ |           |        |          | PRICE PER TON   | VALUE OF UTILIZED PRODUCTION |
|                        | TOTAL          | UTILIZED | FRESH          | PROCESSED |        |          |                 |                              |
|                        |                |          |                | CANNED    | BRINED | OTHER 3/ |                 |                              |
|                        | TONS           |          |                |           |        |          | DOLLARS         | 1,000 DOLLARS                |
| <b>CHERRIES, SWEET</b> |                |          |                |           |        |          |                 |                              |
| 1980                   |                |          |                |           |        |          |                 |                              |
| CALIF                  | 44,000         | 44,000   | 30,400         |           | 13,600 |          | 629             | 27,676                       |
| IDAHO                  | 3,100          | 3,100    | 1,900          |           | 1,200  |          | 677             | 2,099                        |
| MICH                   | 29,000         | 29,000   | 2,000          | 8,500     | 17,100 | 1,400    | 354             | 10,266                       |
| MONT                   | 700            | 700      |                |           |        |          | 621             | 435                          |
| N Y                    | 5,100          | 4,600    | 870            |           | 2,650  |          | 450             | 2,070                        |
| OREG                   | 33,000         | 31,800   | 7,400          | 3,700     | 18,850 | 1,850    | 500             | 15,900                       |
| PA                     | 700            | 700      |                |           |        |          | 1,090           | 763                          |
| UTAH                   | 4,100          | 4,100    |                |           |        |          | 601             | 2,464                        |
| WASH                   | 52,000         | 48,300   | 37,200         | 2,200     | 5,300  | 3,600    | 624             | 30,139                       |
| TOTAL                  | 171,700        | 166,300  | 84,460         | 14,400    | 59,500 | 7,940    | 552             | 91,812                       |
| 1981                   |                |          |                |           |        |          |                 |                              |
| CALIF                  | 32,600         | 32,600   | 24,000         |           | 8,600  |          | 1,092           | 35,599                       |
| IDAHO                  | 3,100          | 1,900    | 1,600          |           | 300    |          | 718             | 1,364                        |
| MICH                   | 23,000         | 23,000   | 1,500          | 5,500     | 12,000 | 4,000    | 375             | 8,625                        |
| MONT                   | 1,250          | 1,250    |                |           |        |          | 763             | 954                          |
| N Y                    | 1,750          | 1,050    | 450            |           |        |          | 621             | 652                          |
| OREG                   | 39,000         | 36,000   | 6,300          |           | 24,800 |          | 542             | 19,512                       |
| PA                     | 300            | 300      |                |           |        |          | 1,147           | 344                          |
| UTAH                   | 5,100          | 5,100    |                |           |        |          | 648             | 3,305                        |
| WASH                   | 48,000         | 46,000   | 33,400         | 1,700     | 7,200  | 3,700    | 939             | 43,194                       |
| TOTAL                  | 154,100        | 147,200  | 72,268         | 9,700     | 55,117 | 10,115   | 771             | 113,549                      |

1/ DIFFERENCE BETWEEN TOTAL AND UTILIZED IS QUANTITIES HARVESTED BUT NOT SOLD AND QUANTITIES NOT HARVESTED.  
 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.