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TART CHERRY CROP LARGEST IN 10 YEARS: Tart cherry production in the U.S. for 1982 was 311 million pounds (141 thousand metric tons). This was more than twice as large as the 1981 crop, and the largest since 1972. Of the total production, 255 million pounds were utilized. Most of the utilized production was processed, with 189 million pounds frozen, 36.3 million pounds canned, and 22.5 million pounds going to other types of processing. The balance was sold for fresh market consumption. The 1982 average price per pound at 14.1 cents was 30.4 cents below the 1981 average of 44.5 cents.

The four Great Lake States produced 95 percent of the total or 297 million pounds, compared with 114 million pounds in 1981. Michigan, the Nation's leading tart cherry State, produced 260 million pounds, almost 3 times as many as a year ago. New York, the second largest producer, had a crop of 21.0 million pounds compared with 8.40 million pounds in 1981.

SWEET CHERRY CROP UP: The Nation's 1982 sweet cherry crop totaled 159 thousand tons (144 thousand metric tons) 4 percent more than the 1981 crop but 8 percent below the 172 thousand ton crop of 1980. Of the total production, there were 22.5 thousand tons that were not utilized mostly due to unfavorable weather at harvest. Utilized production, at 136 thousand tons, was down 7 percent from last year's 146 thousand tons. Of the utilized production, 49 percent was used for fresh market and 51 percent was processed. The crop was valued at 95.5 million dollars, 4 percent less than 1981. Growers received an average of \$700 per ton, up from \$683 in 1981 but this was offset by a lowered utilized production.

Washington, the leading producing State, had 66.5 thousand tons, an increase of 43 percent from last year. Oregon remained in second place even though production decreased by 12 percent to 35.0 thousand tons. California slipped from third to fourth as production was down 65 percent, going from 32.8 thousand tons to 11.4 thousand tons. The three Pacific Coast States produced 71 percent of the 1982 total crop. The Michigan crop, at 33.5 thousand tons, was up 46 percent from a year ago.

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CHERRIES

CROP, YEAR AND STATE	PRODUCTION 1/		UTILIZATION 2/				PRICE PER POUND 4/	VALUE OF UTILIZED PRODUCTION		
	TOTAL	UTILIZED	FRESH	PROCESSED				FRESH	PROCESSED	ALL
	MILLION POUNDS			CENTS			1,000 DOLLARS			
CHERRIES, TART										
1981										
COLO	1.6	1.6	.1				32.0	30.1	30.3	484
MICH	88.0	88.0	2.0	27.0	58.0	1.0	44.2	46.4	46.4	40,788
N Y	8.4	8.4	.1		4.6		51.4	45.0	45.1	3,786
OREG	5.0	5.0	.5		3.6		33.4	32.1	32.2	1,612
PA	8.0	8.0	.5	7.5			55.0	45.0	45.6	3,650
UTAH	14.0	13.6	.6		13.0		36.0	37.3	37.2	5,065
WIS	9.6	9.6	.2		7.3		42.0	44.9	44.8	4,305
TOTAL	134.6	134.2	4.0	40.3	87.8	2.1	42.7	44.5	44.5	59,690
1982										
COLO	.4	.4	.1				21.0	18.0	18.8	75
MICH	260.0	205.0	5.0	20.0	160.0	20.0	23.1	13.4	13.6	27,955
N Y	21.0	21.0	.2		10.1		48.1	14.5	14.8	3,112
OREG	5.0	5.0	.6		3.4		28.0	15.4	16.9	846
PA	5.5	5.5	.8	4.7			54.0	15.0	20.7	1,137
UTAH	9.0	9.0	.3		8.7		19.0	17.0	17.1	1,536
WIS	10.0	9.0	.4		6.4		26.2	12.4	13.0	1,171
TOTAL	310.9	254.9	7.4	36.3	188.7	22.5	27.5	13.7	14.1	35,832
CHERRIES, SWEET										
1981										
CALIF	32,750	32,750	24,000				801	492	718	23,529
IDAHO	3,100	1,900	1,600		300		764	470	717	1,363
MICH	23,000	23,000	1,500	5,500	12,000	4,000	582	361	375	8,635
MONT	1,240	1,240							711	882
N Y	1,750	1,050	450				950	375	622	653
OREG	40,000	37,000	6,600	3,100	24,800	2,500	732	503	544	20,122
PA	300	300							1,147	344
UTAH	4,500	4,380							636	2,785
WASH	46,400	44,400	31,800	1,700	7,200	3,700	1,134	430	934	41,479
TOTAL	153,040	146,020	70,238	10,300	55,017	10,465	939	447	683	99,792
1982										
CALIF	11,400	11,400	8,800				1,333	699	1,188	13,547
IDAHO	2,700	2,060	1,300		760		728	480	636	1,311
MICH	33,500	27,500	2,000	3,600	17,600	4,300	850	360	396	10,880
MONT	3,520	3,200							732	2,342
N Y	3,500	3,200	1,570				882	344	608	1,946
OREG	35,000	35,000	11,500	4,900	17,800	800	890	486	619	21,656
PA	600	580							1,372	796
UTAH	2,100	2,070							851	1,762
WASH	66,500	51,300	36,500	2,500	7,200	5,100	969	395	803	41,215
TOTAL	158,820	136,310	67,160	11,000	47,650	10,500	985	424	700	95,455

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. 4/ THE ALL PRICE IS DERIVED BY DIVIDING TOTAL VALUE, FRESH PLUS PROCESSED VALUES, BY TOTAL UTILIZED PRODUCTION.