

CHERRY UTILIZATION

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SWEET CHERRY CROP LOWER

Production of sweet cherries in the United States totaled 145 thousand tons (131 thousand metric tons) in 1978. This is 2 percent below last year's crop and 16 percent below the record output of 1976. All production was utilized with 46 percent sold for fresh use and 54 percent sold for processing. The crop was valued at \$98.9 million, up sharply from last year's \$72.7 million. The average price received by growers was \$683 per ton compared with \$496 per ton in 1977.

In the three Pacific Coast States, the crop totaled 102 thousand tons, off 9 percent from 1977. Washington's crop, the Nation's largest, totaled 54.0 thousand tons compared with last year's 47.0 thousand tons.

TART CHERRY OUTPUT REDUCED

The 1978 U.S. tart cherry crop totaled 174 million pounds (79.0 thousand metric tons), all of which was utilized. This is 17 percent below last year's production but 19 percent above the freeze-damaged 1976 crop. Of the total, 56.5 million pounds were canned, 111 million pounds were frozen and the remainder was either processed in other forms or sold in fresh market channels. This year's output was valued at \$76.7 million compared with \$61.9 million in 1977. The average price received by growers was 44.0 cents per pound, well above last year's 29.4 cents per pound.

The five Great Lakes States produced 91 percent of the total, or 158 million pounds, compared with 189 million pounds in 1977. In Michigan, the Nation's largest producer, the 1978 crop totaled 121 million pounds, down one-fourth from last year's 162 million pounds.

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									
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	3.2	3.2	.5	2.6		.1	29.8	954	
UTAH	11.2	11.2	.6				28.6	3,203	
WIS	12.2	12.2	.1		8.9		28.9	3,526	
TOTAL	210.9	210.9	6.1	60.2	139.3	5.3	29.4	61,949	
1978									
COLO	1.3	1.3	.1				41.6	541	
MICH	121.0	121.0	2.0	43.0	75.0	1.0	44.4	53,724	
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		43.0	4,859	
WIS	11.5	11.5	.1		8.1		45.6	5,244	
TOTAL	174.2	174.2	4.0	56.5	111.3	2.4	44.0	76,678	
		PRODUCTION 1/	UTILIZATION				PRICE	VALUE OF	
		TOTAL	UTILIZED	FRESH	PROCESSED			PER TON	UTILIZED PRODUCTION
					CANNED	BRINED	OTHER 3/	1,000 DOLLARS	
		TONS				DOLLARS	1,000 DOLLARS		
CHERRIES, SWEET									
1977									
CALIF	27,000	27,000	20,600		5,900		581	15,687	
COLO	550	550	550				680	374	
IDAHO	2,200	2,050	1,200				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	518	1,321	
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	47,000	47,000	34,800	3,000	3,400	5,800	541	25,427	
TOTAL	147,800	146,500	72,400	10,540	52,110	11,450	496	72,686	
1978									
CALIF	14,000	14,000	11,000				952	13,328	
COLO	140	140	140				1,067	149	
IDAHO	2,000	2,000	1,040		960		677	1,354	
MICH	31,500	31,500	2,400	4,800	17,600	6,700	460	14,490	
MONT	1,850	1,850	1,650			200	762	1,410	
N Y	3,500	3,500	800		2,400		543	1,901	
OREG	34,000	34,000	8,900	4,400	17,850	2,850	631	21,454	
PA	750	750	750				836	627	
UTAH	3,000	3,000	1,700				769	2,307	
WASH	54,000	54,000	38,400	2,400	8,700	4,500	776	41,904	
TOTAL	144,740	144,740	66,780	11,700	51,610	14,650	683	98,924	

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.