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TART CHERRY PRODUCTION DOWN 55 PERCENT

U.S. tart cherry production for 1983 is forecast at 140 million pounds (63.5 thousand metric tons), 55 percent less than the 1982 crop but 5 percent greater than the 1981 crop. The Great Lakes States expect to harvest 116 million pounds, 61 percent less than last year but 3 percent more than 1981.

In Michigan, which normally accounts for about two-thirds of the U.S. total, the first forecast for the 1983 crop is 80.0 million pounds, 69 percent less than last year and 9 percent less than the 1981 crop. This is the smallest crop since 1963. May freezes caused widespread damage and cool weather delayed the crop in the northern part of the State.

Production in New York is forecast at 23.0 million pounds, 10 percent above last year and more than three times greater than the crop produced in 1981. Although the cool, wet spring delayed development, prospects are generally good.

Pennsylvania tart cherry production is estimated at 6.50 million pounds, up 18 percent from 1982, although there was some freeze damage from mid-May frosts.

Wisconsin's forecast at 6.50 million pounds, is down 35 percent from 1982, with spring frost damaging the crop.

TART CHERRIES

| STATE | PRODUCTION | | |
|-------|----------------|-------|-------|
| | TOTAL 1/ | | IND |
| | 1981 | 1982 | 1983 |
| | MILLION POUNDS | | |
| COLO | 2/: 1.6 | .4 | 2.4 |
| MICH | : 88.0 | 260.0 | 80.0 |
| N Y | : 7.0 | 21.0 | 23.0 |
| OREG | 2/: 5.0 | 5.0 | 7.0 |
| PA | : 8.0 | 5.5 | 6.5 |
| UTAH | 2/: 14.0 | 9.0 | 14.5 |
| WIS | : 9.6 | 10.0 | 6.5 |
| U S | : 133.2 | 310.9 | 139.9 |

1/ INCLUDES UNHARVESTED PRODUCTION AND HARVESTED NOT SOLD (MILLION POUNDS): 1981-0.4; 1982-66.0.

2/ ESTIMATES FOR CURRENT YEAR CARRIED FORWARD FROM EARLIER FORECAST.

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SWEET CHERRY PRODUCTION DOWN

A sweet cherry crop of 153 thousand tons (139 thousand metric tons) is forecast for the U.S. This is 3 percent less than last year's production and virtually the same as the 1981 crop. The production forecast for the Great Lakes States is 34 percent less than last year, while the Western States expect an increase in production of 6 percent.

The first forecast of Michigan's crop, at 20.0 thousand tons, is down 40 percent from last year. Freeze damage in May reduced the crop. The Pennsylvania forecast, at 730 tons, is 22 percent more than last year. Spring frost damage was minimal.

New York expects a crop of 4000 tons, 14 percent more than 1982. Crop development is behind normal but prospects are good.

SWEET CHERRIES

| STATE | PRODUCTION | | |
|-------|------------|---------|-------------|
| | TOTAL 1/ | | |
| | 1981 | 1982 | IND 1983 |
| TONS | | | |
| CALIF | 2/: 32,750 | 11,400 | 11,000 |
| IDAHO | 2/: 3,100 | 2,700 | 2,900 |
| MICH | : 23,000 | 33,500 | 20,000 |
| MONT | 2/: 1,240 | 3,400 | 1,500 |
| N Y | : 1,750 | 3,500 | 4,000 |
| OREG | 2/: 40,000 | 35,000 | 41,000 |
| PA | : 300 | 600 | 730 |
| UTAH | 2/: 4,500 | 2,100 | 4,700 |
| WASH | 2/: 46,400 | 66,000 | 67,000 |
| U S | : 153,040 | 158,200 | 152,830 |

1/ INCLUDES UNHARVESTED PRODUCTION AND HARVESTED NOT SOLD
(TONS): U.S. SWEET CHERRIES 1981-6,320; 1982-16,170.

2/ ESTIMATES FOR CURRENT YEAR CARRIED FORWARD FROM EARLIER FORECAST.