

cherries



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TART CHERRIES: The 1971 crop of tart cherries in the Great Lakes States is forecast at 118,100 tons, up 8 percent from last year but down 13 percent from the 1969 crop. Three of the five States--New York, Michigan and Wisconsin--expect larger crops than in 1970. Production prospects are down from a year ago in Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Michigan's crop, at 80,000 tons, is up 1 percent from last year but is 25 percent below 1969. Cold wet weather during bloom reduced the crop in the northwest area. The southwest area had fair pollination weather. In the other southern areas, winter damage and freezes before bloom reduced crop prospects. Freezes occurred during bloom in the west central area.

New York's crop is forecast at 22,000 tons, 21 percent above last season and 44 percent above the 1969 crop. Bloom was heavy, and pollination was good, but cool, wet conditions have slowed development of the crop.

Wisconsin's production is forecast at 8,000 tons, more than double both last season's crop and the 1969 crop. Bloom conditions were near ideal except in the Egg Harbor-Fish Creek area where cold, rainy weather reduced set. The June drop had not occurred by mid-June.

Pennsylvania's tart cherry crop, at 7,600 tons, is 6 percent below a year earlier. Full bloom came later than normal in the southern counties. The Erie County area was 7 to 10 days behind normal bloom. Hail damage has been spotty but severe on a locality basis. Cool weather has delayed maturity and harvest is expected to get underway about 10 days later than normal.

Ohio tart cherry production, at 500 tons, is one-half of the 1970 crop and down 37 percent from the 1969 crop.

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TART CHERRIES

State	Production		
	1969	1970	Indicated 1971
	Tons		
New York	15,300	18,200	22,000
Pennsylvania	11,000	8,090	7,600
Ohio	800	1,000	500
Michigan	106,000	79,000	80,000
Wisconsin	2,740	3,490	8,000
5 Great Lakes States	135,840	109,780	118,100
Western States 1/ 2/	15,790	8,860	11,950
Total	151,630	118,640	130,050

1/ Idaho, Colorado, Utah, and Oregon for 1969 and 1970. Excludes Idaho and Washington for 1971.

2/ June 1 forecast.

TART CHERRIES: Production and Utilization, 1969 and 1970 Crops

State	Production	Farm disposition		Utilization of sales			
		Home use	Sold	Fresh sales	Canned 1/	Frozen	Brined
	Tons						
	1969 Crop						
Michigan	106,000	200	105,800	1,400	45,900	58,500	1/
Other Great Lakes States 2/	29,840	264	29,576	2,061	11,525	15,990	
5 Western States 3/	15,790	372	15,418	944	5,796	8,678	1/
10 States	151,630	836	150,794	4,405	63,221	83,168	1/
	1970 Crop						
Michigan	79,000	200	78,800	1,800	30,000	47,000	1/
Other Great Lakes States 2/	30,780	232	30,548	2,108	10,900	17,540	1/
5 Western States 3/	8,860	250	8,610	1,072	2,458	5,080	1/
10 States	118,640	682	117,958	4,980	43,358	69,620	1/

1/ Small quantities used for juice, jam, jelly, brining, are included with canning to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

2/ New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

3/ Idaho, Colorado, Utah, Washington, and Oregon.

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SWEET CHERRIES: Production in the three Great Lakes States--Michigan, New York and Pennsylvania--is forecast at 30,000 tons, 20 percent more than last season and slightly above the 1969 crop. All three States are expecting larger crops than last year. There was little frost or freeze damage to the crop.

The Michigan sweet cherry crop is expected to produce 23,000 tons, 10 percent above last year and 7 percent above 1969. Bloom was later than normal, but warm June weather has been good for developing the crop.

New York's crop is forecast at 6,000 tons, 88 percent above last season's short crop, but 18 percent below 1969. Bloom was heavy and pollination was good. Condition of inland orchards is better than the lake shore orchards.

Pennsylvania's sweet cherry crop, at 1,000 tons, is 25 percent above last year but 9 percent below 1969. Sweet cherry trees wintered well and were blooming on May 1, about normal. Conditions for pollination were generally favorable.

SWEET CHERRIES

State	Production		
	1969	1970	Indicated 1971
	Tons		
New York	7,300	3,200	6,000
Pennsylvania	1,100	800	1,000
Michigan	21,500	21,000	23,000
3 Great Lakes States	29,900	25,000	30,000
7 Western States 1/ 2/	96,900	96,650	107,400
10 States	126,800	121,650	137,400

1/ Montana, Idaho, Colorado, Utah, Washington, Oregon, and California.

2/ June 1 forecast.

SWEET CHERRIES: Production and Utilization, 1969 and 1970 Crops

State	Production	Farm disposition		Utilization of sales			
		Home use	Sold	Fresh sales	Processed		
					Canned	Frozen	Brined 1/
Tons							
<u>1969 Crop</u>							
Great Lakes States 2/	29,900	195	29,705	3,485	3,160	1/	23,060
Washington	23,800	300	23,500	14,800	5,200	1/	3,500
Oregon	35,000	700	34,300	5,900	8,200		20,200
California	30,600	100	30,500	19,500	2,600	200	8,200
Other Western States 3/	7,500	137	7,363	4,543			2,820
10 States	126,800	1,432	125,368	48,228	19,160	200	57,780
<u>1970 Crop</u>							
Great Lakes States 2/	25,000	190	24,810	3,190	2,560	1/	19,060
Washington	25,800	180	25,620	18,100	3,160	1/	4,360
Oregon	40,000	500	39,500	6,100	5,700	1/	27,700
California	25,400	100	25,300	15,300	400	100	9,500
Other Western States 3/	5,450	153	5,297	4,599	1/		698
10 States	121,650	1,123	120,527	47,289	11,820	100	61,318

1/ Small quantities used for juice, canned, frozen, etc. are included with brining to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

2/ New York, Pennsylvania, and Michigan.

3/ Montana, Idaho, Colorado and Utah.