

cherries



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TART CHERRY PRODUCTION DOWN 46 PERCENT

The Crop Reporting Board stated today the 1973 tart cherry crop was nearly 85 thousand tons, down 46 percent from the 157 thousand tons produced in 1972. Nearly three-fourths of the 1973 utilized crop was canned compared with about one-third last year. Freezers utilized about one-fifth of the crop this year as compared with about three-fifths in 1972. The average price received by growers for tart cherries rose from \$154 per ton last year to \$373 per per ton in 1973. This increase in price resulted in a rise of 53 percent over the 1972 value of utilized production.

PRODUCTION OF SWEET CHERRIES UP 62 PERCENT

Total sweet cherry production in 1973 was nearly 155 thousand tons, up 62 percent from the 95 thousand tons produced last year. Fifty-six percent of the utilized crop was sold fresh compared with 44 percent in 1972. Brined cherries accounted for 36 percent, down from the 47 percent brined last year. In 1973, 7 percent of sweet cherries were canned, compared with 8 percent in 1972. Other utilization, for juice, etc., amounted to 1 percent of the quantity utilized in both years. The average price per ton received by growers for all sweet cherries at \$350 compares with the average of \$403 last year. Value of utilized production increased more than one third to 52.8 million dollars from 38.3 million last year due entirely to the increase in production.

NOTICE: The date of issuance of this report on cherry production, utilization and price was advanced to October 12 in response to recommendations from the Industry.

Tart cherries: Production, utilization, price and value,
1972 and 1973 crops

State	Production 1/		Utilization 2/			Price per ton	Value of utilized production 1,000 dollars	
	Total	Utilized	Fresh	Processed				
				Canned	Frozen			
	Tons						Dollars	
	1972 Crop							
Colorado	500	500	190		290	236	118	
Michigan	125,000	107,000	1,500	32,000	68,000	150	15,755	
New York	17,000	14,600	380	4,980	8,980	156	2,243	
Ohio	420	400				194	70	
Oregon	900	900	300			204	184	
Pennsylvania	7,370	6,770	1,560	3,940	1,210	184	1,228	
Utah	650	650	100		550	205	133	
Wisconsin	5,220	4,580		740	3,420	172	778	
Total 8 States	157,060	135,400	4,300	3/47,990	83,110	154	20,509	
	1973 Crop							
Colorado	1,000	1,000	180		390	384	384	
Michigan	55,000	55,000	500	52,600		390	21,450	
New York	10,400	10,000	200		6,450	362	3,620	
Ohio	170	170				470	80	
Oregon	3,800	3,600	400			279	1,004	
Pennsylvania	4,400	4,400	1,440	2,360		357	1,571	
Utah	7,500	7,500	470		6,780	302	2,265	
Wisconsin	2,600	2,500			2,090	413	1,033	
Total 8 States	84,870	84,170	3,420	3/62,840	17,910	373	31,407	

1/ Difference between total and utilized is excessive cullage and quantities not harvested for economic reasons. Utilized production includes quantities set aside in Reserve Pool, but excluded in computing value: 1972-Michigan 1,970 tons, New York 220 tons, Pennsylvania and Ohio combined 135 tons, and Wisconsin 55 tons.

2/ Some utilization items by States not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. In addition, miscellaneous utilization items are not published by States.

3/ Includes miscellaneous items used for juice, wine, jams, etc.: 6,070 tons in 1972; 3,020 tons in 1973.

Sweet cherries: Production, utilization, price and value,
1972 and 1973 crops

State	Production 1/		Utilization 2/			Price per ton	Value of utilized production 1,000 dollars
	Total	Utilized	Fresh	Processed			
				Canned	Brined		
	Tons						
	1972 Crop						
California	20,000	20,000	14,000	320	5,240	572	11,440
Colorado	150	150				808	121
Idaho	600	600	580		20	570	342
Michigan	28,000	28,000	1,200	2,000	24,000	195	5,460
Montana	1,200	1,200	1,080			478	574
New York	4,500	4,500			4,000	201	905
Oregon	19,200	19,200	8,500	2,700	8,000	434	8,333
Pennsylvania	200	190				415	79
Utah	0	0					
Washington	21,400	21,200	15,700	2,070	3,240	520	11,024
Total 10 States	95,250	95,040	41,668	3/8,692	44,680	403	38,278
	1973 Crop						
California	39,000	39,000	26,000	700	11,800	376	14,664
Colorado	560	560				535	300
Idaho	1,500	1,500	1,200			452	678
Michigan	16,000	16,000	1,000	1,650	12,700	280	4,480
Montana	2,510	2,510				670	1,682
New York	3,400	3,400			2,345	343	1,166
Oregon	40,000	37,000	9,000	6,000	22,000	310	11,470
Pennsylvania	660	660				640	422
Utah	6,000	6,000	4,410			333	1,998
Washington	45,000	44,200	38,200	2,260	3,550	361	15,956
Total 10 States	154,630	150,830	84,225	3/12,760	53,845	350	52,816

1/ Difference between total and utilized is excessive cullage and quantities not harvested for economic reasons.

2/ Some utilization items by States not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations. In addition miscellaneous utilization items are not published by States.

3/ Includes miscellaneous items used for juice, etc.: 1,520 tons in 1972 and 2,040 tons in 1973.
