

# cherries



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## TART CHERRY CROP UP 42 PERCENT

**TART CHERRIES:** Total 1974 production of tart cherries is forecast at 123,650 tons, compared to last year's short crop of 87,020 tons utilized and 134,180 tons produced in 1972. The Great Lakes States production is expected to total 111,100 tons compared to 73,920 tons utilized in 1973 and 132,130 tons in 1972.

Total production in Michigan, the leading tart cherry producing State, is forecast at 95,000 tons, up 64 percent from the 1973 freeze damaged crop of 58,000 tons. Rain and cool weather during pollination in the southwest and central areas reduced cherry sets. A hard freeze the first week of May further reduced crop prospects. In the northern Traverse city area of the State however, sets are good but weather through May and into June has been cool and fruit development slow. Many trees in this area are not yet through the "June drop".

New York's crop is forecast at 7,200 tons, down from the 10,200 ton crop utilized last year. Cold wet weather this spring reduced sets and slowed cherry development.

The Pennsylvania cherry crop is expected to total 5,000 tons, up from the 3,150 tons utilized last year. Conditions during pollination were favorable and cherries are sizing well. June drop is heavy in the southcentral part of the State.

Wisconsin production is forecast at 3,700 tons, compared to 2,400 tons in 1973. Production in Ohio is forecast at 200 tons up from the 170 tons utilized in 1973.

### TART CHERRIES

State	Production		
	Utilized 2/		Indicated
	1972	1973	
	T o n s		
COLO. 1/	500	1,000	1,150
MICH.	107,000	58,000	95,000
N. Y.	14,600	10,200	7,200
OHIO	400	170	200
OREG. 1/	900	3,600	4,000
PA.	5,550	3,150	5,000
UTAH 1/	650	8,500	7,400
WIS.	4,580	2,400	3,700
<b>TOTAL 8 STATES</b>	<b>134,180</b>	<b>87,020</b>	<b>123,650</b>

1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast. 2/ Excludes unharvested production and excess cullage, (tons): 1972-Michigan 18,000; New York, 2,400; Ohio, 20; Pennsylvania, 600; Wisconsin, 640; 1973-New York, 400; Oregon, 200.

SWEET CHERRY CROP DOWN 6 PERCENT

SWEET CHERRIES: Total 1974 sweet cherry production is forecast at 144,200 tons down 6 percent from last year's utilized crop of 153,630 tons. The first 1974 production forecast in the three Great Lake States-- Michigan, New York, and Pennsylvania -- at 23,850, is up 19 percent from last season.

Michigan's crop is forecast at 22,000 tons, up 38 percent over the short 1973 utilized crop of 16,000 tons. Poor pollination weather in the southern and central areas of Michigan reduced fruit sets. The set is heavy in the northern area. Cool weather in all localities has slowed sweet cherry development.

New York's crop is forecast at 1,200 tons compared to 3,400 tons utilized in 1973. Frost and cold weather severely reduced this year's crop prospects.

Pennsylvania's sweet cherry crop is forecast at 650 tons nearly the same as the 660 tons utilized in 1973. A general freeze over the State in early May caused damage to some orchards. Harvest of early varieties is underway in the south central area and is expected to be most active from June 22 to July 3.

SWEET CHERRIES

State	Production		
	Utilized 2/		Indicated
	1972	1973	
	Tons		
CALIF. 1/	20,000	40,000	25,000
COLO. 1/	150	560	250
IDAHO 1/	600	1,500	2,100
MICH.	28,000	16,000	22,000
MONT. 1/	1,200	2,510	2,000
N. Y.	4,500	3,400	1,200
OREG. 1/	19,200	37,000	40,000
PA.	190	660	650
UTAH 1/	0	6,500	6,000
WASH. 1/	21,200	45,500	45,000
TOTAL 10 STATES	95,040	153,630	144,200

1/ Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast. 2/ Excludes unharvested production and excess cullage, (tons); 1972-Pennsylvania, 10; Washington, 200; 1973-Oregon, 3,000; Washington, 1,000.