

Filbert (Hazelnut) Production



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1989 FILBERT (HAZELNUT) CROP LOWEST SINCE 1984

The 1989 filbert (hazelnut) production in Oregon and Washington is estimated at 13.5 thousand tons, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board. This production level is 18 percent below last year and the lowest since 1984's 13.4 thousand tons. The Oregon crop is expected to total 13.3 thousand tons, while Washington growers are expected to harvest 200 tons in 1989.

Filbert (hazelnut) trees, particularly the Barcelona variety, were adversely affected during the crucial pollination stage by a severe cold snap in early February. As a result, nut set is lighter than in 1988. Also, growers report a larger than normal number of blanks. Nut size, however, is up significantly from last year. The incidence of brown stain, although not widespread, is up slightly from a year ago. The number of bearing trees in Oregon continues to increase, while declining slightly in Washington.

FILBERTS

| STATE | PRODUCTION | | |
|-------|-----------------------|--------|-------------|
| | 1987 | 1988 | IND 1989 |
| | TONS (IN-SHELL BASIS) | | |
| OREG | 21,500 | 16,300 | 13,300 |
| WASH | 300 | 200 | 200 |
| U S | 21,800 | 16,500 | 13,500 |

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