

# Filbert Production



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## FILBERT PRODUCTION EXPECTED TO BE THIRD LARGEST

Oregon and Washington filbert growers are expecting to harvest an 18.5 thousand ton (16.8 thousand metric ton) crop in 1987, according to the Agricultural Statistics Board. If realized, the crop will be the third largest ever harvested, 23 percent larger than last year's crop of 15.1 thousand tons (13.7 thousand metric tons) but 25 percent lower than the record high 1985 crop. Oregon growers will harvest 18.2 thousand tons, while the remaining 300 tons will come from Washington orchards.

Weather during the 1987 season has promoted earlier than normal development of nuts, which apparently caused an early blank drop. Average nut size and weight appears larger than normal and comparable with 1986. Nut set was heavier this year than in 1986, and the number of good nuts per cluster is also higher. Brown stain has been more common this year than last, but still thought to be of minor consequence. The number of bearing trees continues to increase but at a lesser rate than last year.

### FILBERTS

STATE	PRODUCTION		
	TOTAL		IND 1987
	1985	1986	
	TONS (IN-SHELL BASIS)		
OREG	24,300	14,900	18,200
WASH	300	200	300
U S	24,600	15,100	18,500

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