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THIRD LARGEST FILBERT CROP EXPECTED

Oregon and Washington filbert growers are expecting to harvest a 17.3 thousand ton (15.7 thousand metric tons) crop in 1986, according to the National Agricultural Statistics Service. If realized, the crop will be the third largest ever harvested, 30 percent smaller than last year's record high crop of 24.6 thousand tons (22.3 thousand metric tons) and 8 percent lower than the 1982 crop. Oregon growers will harvest 17.0 thousand tons, while the remaining 300 tons will come from Washington orchards.

Weather during the season has been generally good for filbert development. The nuts have sized well and appear to be of good quality. The early, hot summer advanced the crop as much as two weeks ahead of normal, and an early blank drop was reported to be somewhat heavier than normal. Nut set was lighter than last year's exceptional crop. Clusters appear to be smaller with more singles and doubles. The smaller clusters have led to a higher percentage of large nuts when compared to 1985, just slightly more than average. Weight per nut is also up somewhat from both last year and average. Some brown stain has been reported but is not significant in most orchards. As in the past several years, the number of trees has increased, counterbalancing in part reduced production per tree.

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STATE	PRODUCTION		
	TOTAL		
	1984	1985	IND 1986
	TONS (IN-SHELL BASIS)		
OREG	13,200	24,300	17,000
WASH	200	300	300
U S	13,400	24,600	17,300

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