

# OREGON CRANBERIES



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## 2008 Cranberry Production Up 5 Percent

The forecast for the 2008 cranberry crop is 6.89 million barrels, up 5 percent from 2007 and slightly below 2006. If realized, this will be the second largest production on record. Production is expected to be up in Massachusetts and Wisconsin but down in New Jersey, Oregon, and Washington.

Production in Wisconsin is forecast at 3.85 million barrels, slightly above 2007 but 2 percent below from two years ago. This is the second largest production level on record. A cool, wet spring delayed bloom and extended the growing season. Vine growth during the summer months started poorly due to high amounts of rain but improved as temperatures and sunlight increased in July. Furthermore, new and renovated beds have come into production this year, resulting in improved yields.

The Massachusetts cranberry forecast is 1.90 million barrels, up 25 percent from 2007 and slightly above 2006. This is the highest production level since 1999. Fewer bogs experienced winter kill, and in May berries were irrigated for frost protection. While growers were apprehensive that the extended hot weather in early summer would reduce production, later rains in July and August dispelled much of those concerns. Growers increased bog renovations this year, thereby tempering the production increase.

New Jersey expects a crop of 500,000 barrels, down 6 percent from 2007 but 3 percent above 2006. Winter kill was minimal, with growers rating bloom and fruit set as average. However, poor weather during bloom has growers concerned about pollination.

The Oregon cranberry forecast is 490,000 barrels, down 1 percent from last year and 5 percent above 2006. Cooler weather extended the bloom period and delayed berry maturity by two to three weeks. Disease pressure has increased slightly this year, while insect pressure remained at normal levels.

The Washington crop is forecast at 145,000 barrels, 18 percent below last year but up 27 percent from 2006. Cool spring weather is expected to delay berry maturity and reduce berry size. Many bogs are being replanted or renovated.

### Cranberries: Production by State and United States, 2006-2007, and forecasted 2008 <sup>1</sup>

State	Total production		
	2006	2007	2008
	<i>Barrels</i>	<i>Barrels</i>	<i>Barrels</i>
Massachusetts	1,896,000	1,522,000	1,900,000
New Jersey	485,000	531,000	500,000
<b>Oregon</b>	<b>465,000</b>	<b>495,000</b>	<b>490,000</b>
Washington	114,000	176,000	145,000
Wisconsin	3,940,000	3,830,000	3,850,000
United States	6,900,000	6,554,000	6,885,000

<sup>1</sup> A barrel weighs 100 lbs.

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