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## WASHINGTON'S 2007 APPLE PRODUCTION LOWER 2007 GRAPE PRODUCTION HIGHER

Olympia, Wash., October 12, 2007 – **Apples** - Washington production, which makes up 58 percent of the U.S. total, is forecast at 5.40 billion pounds, unchanged from the previous forecast but down 4 percent from last year. Warm days and cool nights during the late summer and early fall resulted in good fruit color. Harvest has progressed fairly smoothly, with the labor supply not presenting any major problems. The final U.S. forecast for the 2007 crop year is 9.25 billion pounds, slightly less than the August forecast and down 7 percent from last year. Production decreases from August were noted in both Michigan and New York while Virginia showed an increase in production. North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Washington, and West Virginia remained unchanged from the August forecast. Growers in Eastern and Central apple producing regions are expecting decreases in production compared with the August forecast. The Michigan forecast is 1 percent lower than the August estimate. A hot, dry growing season resulted in below normal fruit size for some varieties. Yields are lower than normal in the Grand Rapids, southwest and eastern regions of the State, but are higher in the northwest and west-central areas. Harvest is ahead of schedule for most varieties. The New York crop is expected to be 2 percent lower than the August forecast. Dry weather in the Lake Ontario growing region resulted in smaller fruit, while the Hudson Valley and Lake Champlain regions had good growing and harvest seasons.

**Grapes** – Washington's grape production is forecast at 385,000 tons, up 1 percent from the August forecast and 22 percent above 2006. If realized, this will be the second largest crop on record, surpassed only by the 2005 crop of 415,000 tons. The **juice type** grape forecast, at 260,000 tons, is up 4 percent from the previous forecast and 33 percent above last year. Spring and summer growing conditions have been favorable this year, with only minor frost damage reported. **Wine type** grape production is forecast at 125,000 tons, down 5 percent from August but 4 percent above a year ago. An increase in bearing acreage and favorable growing conditions left wine grape growers in Washington expecting a record high crop. U.S. grape production is forecast at 6.99 million tons, virtually unchanged from the August forecast but 9 percent above 2006. California leads the U.S. in grape production, with 88 percent of the total. California's all grape forecast, at 6.18 million tons, is unchanged from August but 7 percent above last year. California's **wine type** grape production is expected to total 3.20 million tons, unchanged from the August forecast but up 1 percent from 2006. Wine type grapes account for 52 percent of California's grape crop. The wine type grape harvest progressed well until rain and cool temperatures hit the State. The unfavorable weather caused some growers to delay harvest until sugar content returned to more adequate levels. New York's grape production is forecast at 176,000 tons, 2 percent below the August forecast but up 14 percent from a year ago. New York growers are expecting an average crop. Dry, warm weather contributed to quicker ripening and higher sugar solids which increased berry quality. However, the drought-like conditions left some vines and berries stressed, weak, or dead. Overall, berries were reported to be average to below average in size.

## FRUIT PRODUCTION: FRUIT SUMMARY, OCTOBER 1, 2007 1/

| State                | Apple Production |                |                |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                      | 2005             | 2006           | 2007           |
|                      | Million Pounds   |                |                |
| California 2/        | 355.0            | 355.0          | 340.0          |
| Idaho 2/             | 70.0             | 60.0           | 45.0           |
| Michigan             | 760.0            | 850.0          | 780.0          |
| New York             | 1,045.0          | 1,250.0        | 1,260.0        |
| Oregon 2/            | 145.0            | 150.0          | 145.0          |
| Pennsylvania         | 500.0            | 470.0          | 455.0          |
| Virginia             | 250.0            | 220.0          | 210.0          |
| <b>Washington</b>    | <b>5,700.0</b>   | <b>5,650.0</b> | <b>5,400.0</b> |
| Other States         | 879.9            | 926.7          | 619.7          |
| <b>United States</b> | <b>9,704.9</b>   | <b>9,931.7</b> | <b>9,254.7</b> |

1/ In orchards of 100 or more bearing age trees.

2/ Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.

| State                | Grape Production |                |                |
|----------------------|------------------|----------------|----------------|
|                      | 2005             | 2006           | 2007           |
|                      | 1,000 Tons       |                |                |
| California, All      | 6,963            | 5,766          | 6,180          |
| Wine Types           | 3,806            | 3,176          | 3,200          |
| Table Types 1/       | 872              | 729            | 780            |
| Raisin Types 1/      | 2,285            | 1,861          | 2,200          |
| <b>Washington</b>    | <b>415</b>       | <b>316</b>     | <b>385</b>     |
| <b>Wine</b>          | <b>110</b>       | <b>120</b>     | <b>125</b>     |
| <b>Juice</b>         | <b>305</b>       | <b>196</b>     | <b>260</b>     |
| Michigan             | 102.7            | 32.5           | 100.0          |
| New York             | 178.0            | 155.0          | 176.0          |
| Oregon 2/            | 27.0             | 34.4           | 35.0           |
| Pennsylvania         | 90.0             | 82.0           | 80.0           |
| Other States 2/      | 38.0             | 31.3           | 34.5           |
| <b>United States</b> | <b>7,813.7</b>   | <b>6,417.2</b> | <b>6,990.5</b> |

1/ Fresh basis.

2/ Estimates for current year carried forward from earlier forecast.



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