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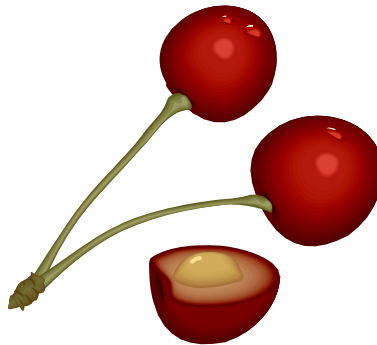
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LARGER WASHINGTON SWEET CHERRY CROP EXPECTED

Olympia, Wash., June 9, 2011 – The combined 2011 sweet cherry production for California, Oregon and Washington is forecast at 301,000 tons, up 2 percent from 2010. Washington's production forecast, at 180,000 tons, is up 13 percent from the previous year. If realized, this will be the second largest crop on record. Both the Oregon and Washington crops are behind by two to three weeks due to an unusually cool spring. California experienced a relatively cool and moist growing season for cherries.

Production of Bartlett pears in California, Oregon, and Washington is forecast at 414,000 tons, up 6 percent from last year. In California, the Bartlett growing season thus far has been characterized by cool, wet weather. Cool spring temperatures delayed the start of harvest by a few days. Minimal pest pressure was reported. In Oregon, the spring has been unusually cool and wet. Pear trees blossomed late and estimated harvest dates are two weeks behind normal. Some growers reported a good fruit set while others were concerned about fruit set in their areas. Washington experienced the coldest April temperatures on record followed by exceptionally cool, wet conditions during May. Some growers reported pollination problems due to the cold, wet conditions.



FRUIT PRODUCTION, JUNE 1, 2011

Crop & State	Total Production		
	2009	2010	Indicated 2011 1/
SWEET CHERRIES:	Tons		
California	92,000	97,000	85,000
Oregon	66,000	38,150	36,000
Washington	245,000	160,000	180,000
Total	403,000	295,150	301,000
BARTLETT PEARS:			
California	200,000	170,000	185,000
Oregon	66,000	50,000	54,000
Washington	186,000	170,000	175,000
Total	452,000	390,000	414,000
APRICOTS:			
California	59,500	59,200	55,000
PRUNES (Dried):			
California	166,000	127,000	122,000
PEACHES:			
California:			
All	819,000	817,000	815,000
Clingstone 2/	469,000	432,000	430,000
Freestone	350,000	385,000	385,000
Georgia	32,000	40,000	35,000
South Carolina	75,000	110,000	90,000
U. S. TOTAL 3/	1,103,770	1,151,300	

1/ The first production forecast for sweet cherries in ID, MI, NY, and UT and tart cherries in MI, NY, OR, PA, UT, WA, and WI will be published in the "Cherry Production" report released on June 23, 2011. The first estimate for 2011 sweet cherries in MT will be released in the Non-Citrus Fruits and Nuts report released in January 2012.

2/ California Clingstone peaches are over-the-scale tonnage and include culls and cannery diversions.

3/ Peach production for the United States will be published in the Crop Production released in July 2011.



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