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USDA TO MEASURE CRANBERRY PRODUCTION

In August of this year, New England Agricultural Statistics Service forecasted Massachusetts' cranberry production to be 1.8 million barrels. The Nation's cranberry crop was forecasted to be 6.58 million barrels. These values indicated how many barrels of cranberries were **expected** to be harvested in 2004. As the harvest season nears completion, it will be time to measure the actual size of this year's crop. In addition to total production, USDA will measure how many acres of cranberries were harvested.

In January of 2005, the United States Department of Agriculture will publish the total cranberry production and acreage for the five cranberry producing States across the country. In Massachusetts, the survey is administered by the New England field office of the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. The five States in the USDA cranberry estimation program are Massachusetts, New Jersey, Oregon, Washington, and Wisconsin.

This study is part of a national program to establish official USDA Statistics for cranberry acreage and production. Over 400 Massachusetts growers will be asked for their help in this five-State effort. The survey is mailed in early November and non respondents are called later in the month. As with all our survey work, individual operator information is kept strictly confidential and is exempted from request under the Freedom of Information Act. The individual reports are only used in combination with others to establish state and national estimates.

Cranberry production, acreage and price statistics are scheduled to be published in the **Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts 2004 Preliminary Summary**, in January 2005. Statistics for the entire United States will be reprinted in the **Cranberries** report from the New England field office; the semi-annual report is available on the Internet at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/nh/>, and complimentary copies are also mailed to survey participants upon request.

[Located in Concord, New Hampshire, the New England Agricultural Statistics Service is a field office of USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, and is responsible for agricultural statistics for all six States in the New England region. The office can be reached at 1-800-642-9571 or through e-mail at nass-nh@nass.usda.gov. All national statistics and state level newsletters are available through free e-mail subscriptions and on the Internet at <http://www.usda.gov/nass/>.]

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