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CRANBERRIES

The forecast for the 2004 U.S. cranberry crop is 6.58 million barrels, up 6 percent from 2003 and 16 percent above 2002. Production is forecast to be up in Massachusetts and Oregon, unchanged in New Jersey, and down in Washington and Wisconsin. Production in Wisconsin, the largest cranberry producing state, is forecast at 3.56 million barrels, 1 percent below 2003 but 11 percent above 2002. Crop maturity is about 1 week behind normal due to a cool, wet spring. Good berry set and an adequate water supply have created the potential for above average yields. There were few reports of any damage from hail or frost.

The Washington crop is forecast at 185,000 barrels, 3 percent below last year but 11 percent above 2002. Cranberries in Washington experienced warm spring conditions that have crop development about two weeks ahead of average. There was an early and extended bloom period that allowed for good fruit set on the vines. Pest problems may affect the overall potential of the crop. New Jersey expects a crop of 480,000 barrels, unchanged from 2003 but 12 percent above 2002. Growers reported an average to heavy bloom, with fruit set and fruit size about normal. Heavy rainfall on July 12 caused damage mainly to dams and gates. The Oregon crop is forecast at 550,000 barrels, 10 percent above last year and 27 percent above 2002. The cranberry crop looks good, with fruit sizing well and no widespread insect or disease problems reported. Irrigation water is running low in some areas, as no significant rainfall has been measured for the last two months in some coastal areas. Warm weather has contributed to rapid development of the crop and harvest should be earlier than normal. The cranberry industry has not had a restrictive marketing order in effect since the 2001 growing season. The lack of marketing restrictions in 2002, 2003, and 2004 led some growers to increase acreage. This increased acreage combined with good growing conditions in most States resulted in the higher cranberry production forecast.

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CRANBERRIES: AREA HARVESTED, YIELD, PRODUCTION & UTILIZATION, PRICE & VALUE, BY STATE & UNITED STATES, 2002-2004

State & Year	Area Harvested	Yield Per Acre 1/	Production		Utilization		Price Per Barrel 3/	Value of Util. Prod.	
			Total	Utilized	Fresh	Processed			
	Acres	Barrels 2/	Barrels		Barrels		Dollars	\$1,000	
Massachusetts	2002	14,500	100.1	1,452,000	1,452,000	154,000	1,298,000	32.80	47,595
	2003	14,400	97.6	1,406,000	1,406,000	107,000	1,299,000	33.90	47,701
	2004	-	-	1,800,000	-	-	-	-	-
New Jersey	2002	3,100	138.7	430,000	430,000	-	430,000	31.90	13,717
	2003	3,200	150.0	480,000	480,000	-	480,000	31.50	15,120
	2004	-	-	480,000	-	-	-	-	-
Oregon	2002	2,800	154.3	432,000	432,000	9,000	423,000	32.60	14,098
	2003	2,900	172.4	500,000	500,000	9,000	491,000	34.20	17,096
	2004	-	-	550,000	-	-	-	-	-
Washington	2002	1,700	98.2	167,000	160,000	30,000	130,000	36.00	5,758
	2003	1,700	111.8	190,000	190,000	30,000	160,000	35.40	6,727
	2004	-	-	185,000	-	-	-	-	-
Wisconsin	2002	17,300	185.4	3,208,000	3,208,000	177,000	3,031,000	31.70	101,615
	2003	17,400	207.3	3,607,000	3,607,000	205,000	3,402,000	33.80	121,381
	2004	-	-	3,560,000	-	-	-	-	-
U.S. Total	2002	39,400	144.4	5,689,000	5,682,000	370,000	5,312,000	32.20	182,783
	2003	39,600	156.1	6,183,000	6,183,000	351,000	5,832,000	33.60	208,025
	2004	-	-	6,575,000	-	-	-	-	-

1/ Yield is based on total production.

2/ A barrel weighs 100 lbs.

3/ Weighted average of co-op and independent sales. Co-op prices represent pool proceeds less returns for processing non-cranberry products, capital stock dividends, capital stock retains, and other retains.

MILK PRODUCTION

Milk production for Washington in July totaled 466 million pounds, 13 million pounds less than July 2003. Production per cow averaged 1,940 pounds. The number of milk cows on Washington farms was estimated at 240,000 head, 4,000 head less than last year.

Milk production in the 20 major states during July totaled 12.5 billion pounds. Production per cow in the 20 selected states averaged 1,613 pounds for July, 16 more pounds than July 2003. The number of milk cows on farms in the 20 selected states was 7.8 million head.

Item	Month/Year	Idaho	Washington	20 State Total 1/
Milk Cows 2/ (1,000 Head)	July 2003	408	244	7,780
	*June 2004	422	240	7,742
	July 2004	422	240	7,753
Milk Per Cow 3/ (Pounds)	July 2003	1,880	1,965	1,597
	*June 2004	1,800	1,900	1,603
	July 2004	1,840	1,940	1,613
Milk Production 3/ (Million Pounds)	July 2003	767	479	12,421
	*June 2004	760	456	12,410
	July 2004	776	466	12,505

1/ AZ, CA, FL, ID, IL, IN, IA, KY, MI, MN, MO, NM, NY, OH, PA, TX, VT, VA, WA & WI.
2/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.
3/ Excludes milk sucked by calves. * Revised.

WASHINGTON MUSHROOMS

White Button (*Agaricus*) Mushroom production for the 2003-2004 season in Washington fell 12 percent to 9.9 million pounds, compared to 11.2 million pounds last year. Total fillings were 2.3 million square feet compared to 2.2 million square feet last year. The value of production in 2003-2004 is estimated at \$13.5 million with an average price per pound of \$1.37.

Year	Total Fillings	Volume of Sales	Price Per Pound	Value of Sales
	1,000 Sq. Ft.	1,000 Lbs.	Dollars	1,000 Dollars
1994-95	2,207	12,284	1.28	15,724
1995-96	2,232	12,582	1.25	15,704
1996-97	2,227	12,298	1.20	14,731
1997-98	2,228	12,043	1.20	14,392
1998-99	2,228	12,764	1.23	15,751
1999-00	2,327	12,350	1.24	15,307
2000-01	2,252	11,512	1.23	14,160
2001-02	2,263	12,522	1.33	16,711
2002-03	2,242	11,205	1.29	14,497
2003-04	2,254	9,881	1.37	13,525

STOCKS IN COLD STORAGE

Total fresh apples in storage for the United States on July 31, 2004 totaled 274.3 million pounds, 33 percent lower than a year ago.

Frozen french fries in storage for the three Pacific Coast states and eight Mountain states on July 31, 2004 totaled 576.3 million pounds, which accounted for 67 percent of the Nation's french fries in storage.

Total potatoes in storage for the three Pacific Coast states and eight Mountain states on July 31, 2004 totaled 746.5 million pounds, 67 percent of the Nation's total potatoes in storage.

Commodity	July 31, 2003	June 30, 2004	July 31, 2004
	1,000 Pounds		
Apples, Fresh			
Regular Storage	17,857	8,030	6,308
Controlled Atmosphere	392,505	549,974	267,982
48 State Total	410,362	558,004	274,290
Potatoes, French Fries			
Mountain	216,493	177,027	184,790
Pacific	382,278	404,723	391,472
48 State Total	859,504	864,111	859,102
Potatoes, Total			
Mountain	269,638	234,901	239,403
Pacific	504,703	521,005	507,094
48 State Total	1,130,439	1,127,452	1,117,009

FARM LABOR

The number of hired workers on Pacific Region farms totaled 112,000 during July 6-12, 2004, compared with 110,000 workers during the comparable week a year ago. The average wage rate paid in the Pacific Region during the July 2004 survey week was \$9.25 per hour, which was 51 cents more than July 2003. The National farm labor rate was \$9.10 during the same time period, with 953,000 workers during the comparable week in July 2004.

FARM LABOR WAGE RATES , PACIFIC REGION & UNITED STATES 1/2/

Month/Year	NUMBER OF WORKERS 3/			HOURS WORKED 3/								
	Pacific	California	United States	Pacific	California	United States						
	1,000 Workers			Hours Per Week								
January 2002	48	186	707	34.6	42.1	38.5						
April	69	245	890	38.4	43.7	40.2						
July	98	280	1,006	39.0	46.0	40.0						
October	77	270	940	39.2	45.5	40.4						
January 2003	48	235	729	37.7	40.8	37.7						
April	52	220	781	40.3	43.1	40.1						
July	110	225	943	36.3	45.7	39.8						
October	76	230	891	37.6	42.7	40.2						
January 2004	41	190	662	38.2	41.8	38.1						
April	64	* 234	* 827	36.8	* 45.9	* 40.6						
July	112	210	953	37.3	45.6	39.3						
	WAGE RATES 3/											
Month/ Year	Field			Livestock			Field & Livestock			All		
	Pacific	Calif.	U.S.	Pacific	Calif.	U.S.	Pacific	Calif.	U.S.	Pacific	Calif.	U.S.
	Dollars Per Hour											
Jan '02	8.18	8.25	8.25	9.64	9.69	8.20	8.42	8.36	8.23	9.21	9.22	8.97
Apr	8.18	8.33	8.06	9.45	10.20	8.43	8.33	8.47	8.15	9.10	9.13	8.83
Jul	8.32	8.18	7.90	10.65	9.65	8.38	8.86	8.32	8.02	9.36	8.87	8.57
Oct	8.91	8.60	8.34	9.36	9.30	8.42	8.99	8.68	8.36	9.47	9.39	8.95
Jan '03	8.63	8.22	8.30	9.93	10.10	8.90	8.87	8.46	8.50	9.71	9.44	9.34
Apr	8.82	8.33	8.40	9.28	10.15	8.75	8.90	8.48	8.49	9.34	9.22	9.16
Jul	8.03	8.43	8.17	10.95	9.65	8.57	8.32	8.55	8.26	8.74	9.22	8.88
Oct	8.90	8.37	8.42	10.10	9.80	8.64	9.11	8.54	8.47	9.62	9.13	9.05
Jan '04	8.58	8.41	8.39	9.31	9.25	8.83	8.78	8.54	8.55	9.82	9.47	9.41
Apr	9.02	* 8.42	* 8.47	10.16	* 9.83	8.95	9.16	* 8.56	* 8.59	9.91	* 9.30	* 9.23
Jul	8.88	8.69	8.42	8.90	9.90	8.75	8.88	8.85	8.50	9.25	9.50	9.10

1/ Pacific Region includes Washington and Oregon.

2/ United States excludes Alaska.

3/ All hired farm workers and wage rates includes supervisor/manager and other workers which are not published separately.

The farm labor reference week is the week that included the 12th of the month.

CATTLE ON FEED, 1,000 HEAD CAPACITY FEEDLOTS, 2004

ITEM	IDAHO	WASHINGTON	U.S. TOTAL
	1,000 Head		
Cattle on Feed, July 1 1/	240	150	10,117
Placed on Feed During July	43	29	1,720
Fed Cattle Marketed During July	47	28	1,926
Other Disappearance during July 2/	1	1	58
Cattle on Feed, August 1	235	150	9,853

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death loss, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

POULTRY
LAYER AND EGG PRODUCTION, JULY 2003-04, SELECTED STATES 1/

State and Year		All Layers 2/	Eggs Per 100 All Layers 2/	Eggs Produced	August 1	
					Being Molted	Molt Completed
		Thousand	Number	Millions	Percent	
California	2003	19,921	2,259	450	2.0	37.0
	2004	20,558	2,233	459	3.5	33.0
Georgia	2003	20,337	2,065	420	5.5	15.5
	2004	20,076	2,117	425	5.0	17.5
Indiana	2003	22,281	2,262	504	5.5	32.5
	2004	24,214	2,234	541	6.0	27.5
Iowa	2003	39,391	2,318	913	10.0	31.5
	2004	44,963	2,260	1,016	5.0	34.5
Ohio	2003	28,842	2,254	650	2.5	26.0
	2004	27,755	2,245	623	8.0	25.0
Pennsylvania	2003	24,223	2,348	569	4.0	20.5
	2004	24,139	2,357	569	4.0	14.5
Texas	2003	18,239	2,204	402	4.5	21.0
	2004	18,124	2,251	408	2.5	21.0
Washington	2003	4,842	2,396	116	7.5	37.5
	2004	4,849	2,269	110	4.0	40.5
30 State Total 3/	2003	311,824	2,217	6,913	4.1	23.0
	2004	319,285	2,209	7,053	4.5	23.2
U.S. TOTAL	2003	334,179	2,215	7,403	4.1	23.5
	2004	341,897	2,207	7,544	4.5	23.4

1/ 2003 revised, 2004 preliminary.

2/ Includes all layers and eggs produced in both table egg and hatching egg flocks regardless of size.

3/ Thirty states: AL, AR, CA, CO, CT, FL, GA, HI, IL, IN, IA, ME, MD, MI, MN, MS, MO, NE, NY, NC, OH, OK, OR, PA, SC, SD, TX, VA, WA, and WI.