

## WASHINGTON'S 2004 APPLE PRODUCTION HIGHEST SINCE 2000; GRAPE PRODUCTION LOWEST SINCE 1998

**Apples** - Washington apple production is forecast at 5.40 billion pounds, up 4 percent from the previous forecast and up 20 percent from last year. Washington's 2004 crop will make up 57 percent of the U.S. production compared with 52 percent in 2003. Apple harvest continues under ideal weather conditions. Despite spring storms and a hot, dry summer, overall quality is rated as good. The final forecast for U.S. apple production for 2004 is 9.46 billion pounds, up 1 percent from the August 1 forecast and 10 percent above 2003. Compared to 2003,

production increases in the Eastern and Western States more than offset decreases in Central States. In New York, fruit set was heavy with some reports of damage from August hail storms. Steady summer rains helped increase fruit size. Production is forecast at 1.07 billion pounds, up 8 percent from last year. Michigan's production decreased 18 percent from 2003 to 690.0 million pounds. Widespread hailstorms reduced production potential and affected quality in some areas. As a result, some apples originally intended for the fresh market will be diverted to processing.

State	Apple Production		
	2002	2003	2004
	Million Pounds		
California 1/	470.0	450.0	440.0
Idaho 1/	80.0	70.0	100.0
Michigan	520.0	840.0	690.0
New York	680.0	990.0	1,070.0
Oregon 1/	202.0	133.0	170.0
Pennsylvania	370.0	442.0	416.0
Virginia	250.0	270.0	260.0
<b>Washington</b>	<b>5,100.0</b>	<b>4,500.0</b>	<b>5,400.0</b>
Other States	851.9	918.3	912.9
<b>United States</b>	<b>8,523.9</b>	<b>8,613.3</b>	<b>9,458.9</b>

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

**Grapes** - Washington's grape production is forecast at 245,000 tons, 21 percent below the August forecast and 29 percent less than 2003. If realized, 2004 production will be the lowest since 1998. The **juice type** grape forecast, at 140,000 tons, is down 30 percent from the August forecast and 40 percent from last year. If realized, this is the lowest production since 1996. The cold snap in January caused bud damage and clusters of grapes to ripen at different rates, resulting in fruit loss at harvest. **Wine type** grape production is forecast at 105,000 tons, 5 percent lower than the August forecast and 6 percent below a year ago. Bunch rot was a problem for some wine varieties. Berry size is reported to be smaller this year. U.S. grape production is expected to total 6.07 million tons, down 5 percent from the August 1 forecast and 8 percent below 2003. California leads the U.S. in grape production with 91

percent of the total. California's all grape production forecast, at 5.50 million tons, is down 4 percent from August and 5 percent from last year. California's **wine type** grape production is expected to total 2.70 million tons, 49 percent of California's total grape crop. The production forecast for wine type varieties is down 7 percent from both the August forecast and last season. Hot weather during the first half of September caused some dehydration affecting yields in some areas but overall quality is excellent. Harvesting continued in a few late season variety vineyards. New York's grape production is forecast at 145,000 tons, down 3 percent from the August forecast and down 27 percent from last year. Growers in the Finger Lakes region are reporting low yields caused by cold temperatures in January. Rainy weather this summer adversely affected fruit quality and grapes are not ripening normally.

State	Grape Production			State	Grape Production		
	2002	2003	2004		2002	2003	2004
	1,000 Tons				1,000 Tons		
California, All	6,696	5,790	5,500	Michigan	42.7	94.5	54.6
Wine Types	3,149	2,909	2,700	New York	156	198	145
Table Types 2/	743	732	750	Oregon 1/	22.0	24.0	26.0
Raisin Types 2/ 3/	2,804	2,149	2,050	Pennsylvania	53.2	85.0	65.0
<b>Washington</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>344</b>	<b>245</b>	Other States 1/	37.0	37.2	37.4
<b>Wine</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>United States</b>	<b>7,338.9</b>	<b>6,572.7</b>	<b>6,073.0</b>
<b>Juice</b>	<b>217</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>140</b>				

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

2/ Fresh basis.

3/ The Raisin Industry Division Program (RID) was not implemented in 2003 or 2004, but was implemented on the 2002 bearing acres. No production was realized from these acres. Acres enrolled are as follows: 27,000 for 2002.