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## Sweet Cherry Production Up 36 Percent

United States sweet cherry production is forecast at 432,760 tons, up 36 percent from 2016.

In California, growers expect the best crop in recent years following several seasons of droughts and low yields. Harvest began near the normal late-April timeframe after two years of early crops.

Growers in Oregon and Washington reported a good crop due to a moderate spring with warm temperatures.

In Michigan, growers are still assessing damage from an early May freeze event but expect an average crop.

## Sweet Cherry Production — States and United States: 2015, 2016, and Forecasted 2017

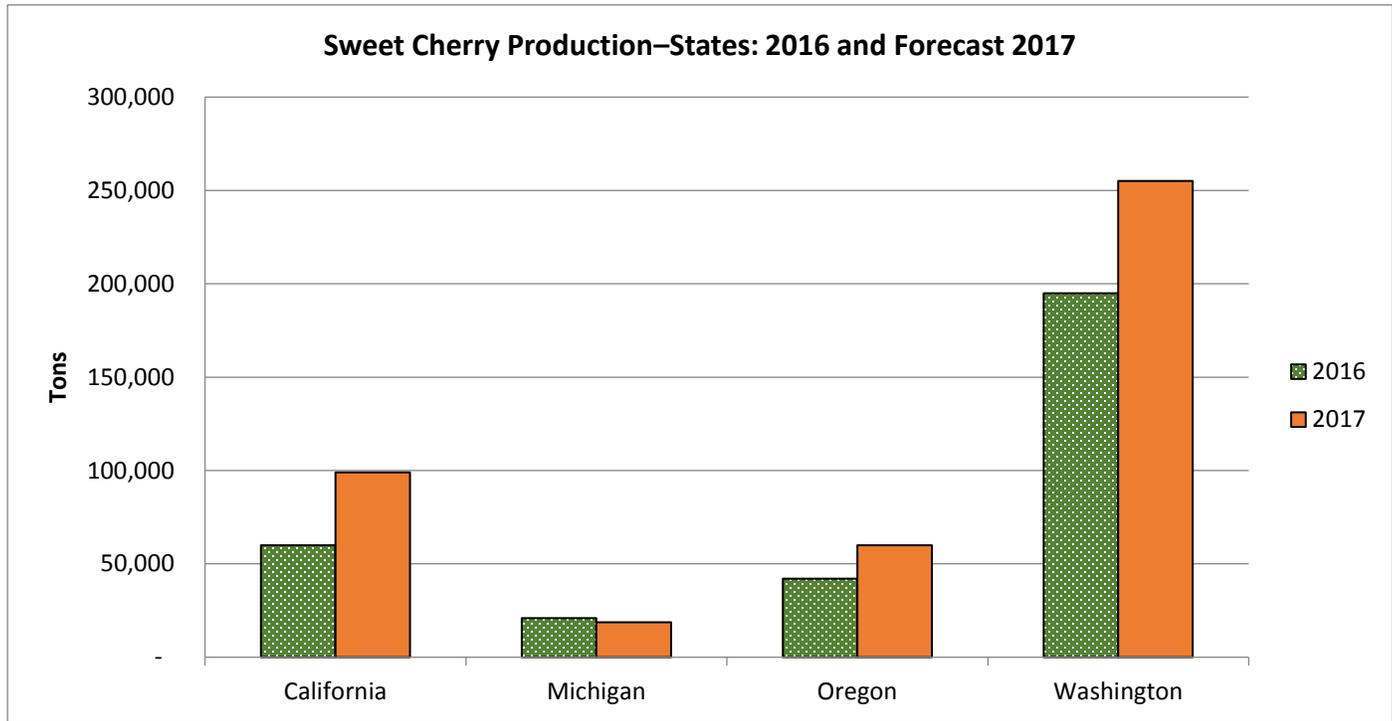
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State	Total production		
	2015 (tons)	2016 <sup>2</sup> (tons)	2017 (tons)
California .....	60,100	60,000	99,000
Idaho <sup>1</sup> .....	1,810	(NA)	(NA)
Michigan .....	13,430	21,000	18,760
Montana <sup>1</sup> .....	740	(NA)	(NA)
New York <sup>1</sup> .....	770	(NA)	(NA)
Oregon .....	38,700	42,000	60,000
Utah <sup>1</sup> .....	230	(NA)	(NA)
Washington .....	222,650	195,000	255,000
United States .....	338,430	318,000	432,760

(NA) Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Estimates discontinued in 2016.

<sup>2</sup> The 2016 production values were forecasted in June 2016. Final production will be published in the 2016 Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts Annual on June 27, 2017.



**Tart Cherry Production Down 23 Percent**

United States tart cherry production is forecast at 238 million pounds, down 23 percent from the 2016 production.

In Michigan, the largest producing State, growers are still assessing damage from an early May freeze event but expect an average crop.

Utah growers reported a less than average crop this year. Some growers reporting low production cited freeze and frost at bloom. In Wisconsin, the season has been wet and cool, which may have hurt pollination. There was a frost in early May but it appears to have only caused modest damage.

New York growers anticipate a less than average crop this year with widely varied yields.

In Washington, growers reported moderate spring temperatures and moisture and expect harvest to begin later than normal.

**Tart Cherry Production — States and United States: 2015, 2016, and Forecasted 2017**

State	Total production		
	2015 (million pounds)	2016 <sup>2</sup> (million pounds)	2017 (million pounds)
Michigan .....	158.0	222.7	164.5
New York .....	10.5	8.0	9.0
Oregon <sup>1</sup> .....	1.5	(NA)	(NA)
Pennsylvania <sup>1</sup> .....	7.5	(NA)	(NA)
Utah .....	40.7	43.0	29.0
Washington .....	25.0	24.4	25.3
Wisconsin .....	9.3	11.0	10.4
United States .....	252.5	309.1	238.2

(NA) Not available.

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