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Sweet Cherry Production Up 13 Percent

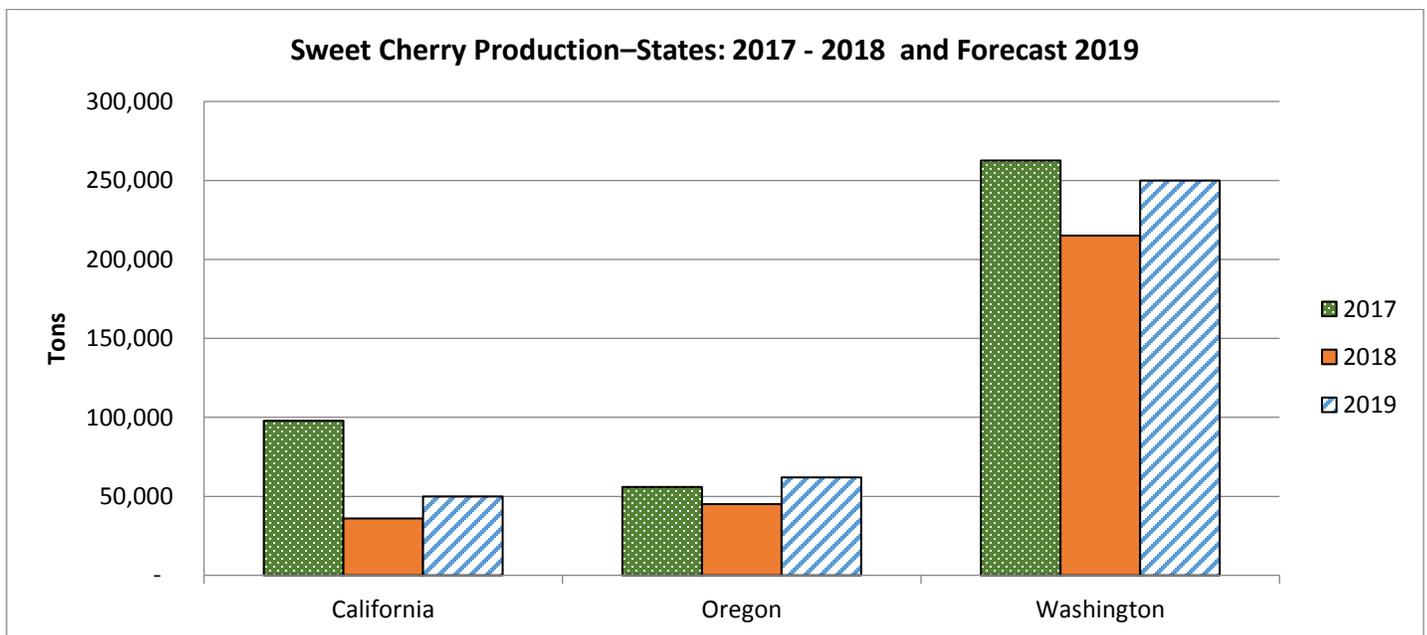
United States sweet cherry production is forecast at 362,000 tons, up 13 percent from 2018. In Washington and Oregon, warm spring conditions have been optimal for the crop. In California, growers reported sufficient chill and precipitation leading to a good crop this season.

Sweet Cherry Production — States and United States: 2017, 2018, and Forecasted 2019

State	Total production		
	2017 (tons)	2018 (tons)	2019 (tons)
California	97,800	36,000	50,000
Michigan ¹	21,300	23,900	(NA)
Oregon	55,900	45,000	62,000
Washington	262,550	215,000	250,000
United States	437,550	319,900	362,000

(NA) Not available.

¹ Estimates discontinued.



Tart Cherry Production Down 18 Percent

United States tart cherry production is forecast at 290 million pounds, down 18 percent from the 2018 production. In Michigan, the largest tart cherry producing State, growers reported an average crop. Cooler than normal spring weather conditions led to a delay in the crop. Utah growers reported an above average crop similar to the previous year. In New York, growers reported an average crop and bloom. In Washington, growers reported warm spring weather conditions and expect harvest to begin later than normal. In Wisconsin, cool and wet conditions led to a delay in the crop this year.

Tart Cherry Production — States and United States: 2017, 2018, and Forecasted 2019

State	Total production		
	2017 (million pounds)	2018 (million pounds)	2019 (million pounds)
Michigan	189.2	264.0	208.0
New York	8.0	11.9	9.4
Utah	26.0	42.8	40.3
Washington	25.0	23.8	23.5
Wisconsin	11.3	10.2	9.0
United States	259.5	352.7	290.2

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