New Jersey Cranberry Production

TRENTON, NJ – New Jersey’s expected total cranberry production of 588,000, is close to last year’s total production of 595,000 barrels. Massachusetts producers expect production of 2,070,000 barrels, down 12 percent from last year. Wisconsin producers expect 5,209,700 barrels, up 7 percent. Oregon expects 530,000 barrels of total production, down 6 percent. Washington forecasts 194,000 barrels, down slightly.

The August Forecast is for total production only. Area harvested, yields, utilized production, and value are end-of-year estimates.

The U.S. forecast for the 2016 cranberry crop is 8.59 million barrels, up slightly from 2015. Growers in Wisconsin expect a better than average year as mostly favorable weather conditions were reported, despite a few isolated reports of hail damage. Growers in Washington reported good weather for pollination and are expecting a similar crop as that of 2015. According to the August 2 United States Drought Monitor map, a majority of Massachusetts is experiencing severe drought.

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