



NORTHEASTERN REGION 2018 FRUIT FORECAST

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Northeastern Region Fruit Production: 2017 and 2018 Forecast

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Commercial Apple Production – Northeastern Region and United States: 2017 and Forecasted August 1, 2018

State	Total production	
	2017	2018
	(million pounds)	(million pounds)
Connecticut	29.5	16.4
Maine	43.5	48.0
Maryland	43.0	39.6
Massachusetts	39.0	43.4
New Jersey	42.0	49.2
New York	1,300.0	1,300.0
Pennsylvania	528.0	504.0
Vermont	25.0	20.1
United States	11,406.0	11,452.2

Cranberry Production – Northeastern Region and United States: 2017 and Forecasted August 1, 2018

[A barrel weighs 100 lbs]

State	Total production	
	2017	2018
	(barrels)	(barrels)
Massachusetts	1,911,400	1,895,000
New Jersey	451,200	556,000
United States	8,371,950	8,634,000

Grape Production – Northeastern Region and United States: 2017 and Forecasted August 1, 2018

State	Total production	
	2017	2018
	(tons)	(tons)
New York	187,000	175,000
Pennsylvania	91,700	95,000
United States	7,363,260	7,659,000

Peach Production – Northeastern Region and United States: 2017 and Forecasted August 1, 2018

State	Total production	
	2017	2018
	(tons)	(tons)
Maryland	2,690	2,670
New Jersey	28,200	32,000
New York	6,400	9,600
Pennsylvania	21,400	18,600
United States	696,650	732,050

Apples: United States apple production for the 2018 crop year is forecast at 11.5 billion pounds, up less than 1 percent from the previous year. In Washington, apple harvest is expected to be of average quality this year. There are some concerns about the hot weather that the crop has been facing so far this year but producers are prepared to protect the crop from sun damage and have enough water to keep the crop irrigated. Some New York growers reported frost damage during bloom in isolated areas of the State. A large crop with good sizing is anticipated by growers in Michigan. A small crop last year led to a heavy bloom this spring in most regions.

Cranberries: United States 2018 total cranberry production is forecast at 8.63 million barrels, up 3 percent from 2017.

Wisconsin growers reported some winter damage, but overall the crop looked good. As of July 15, the Crop Progress report for Massachusetts indicated growers were irrigating bogs to continue fruit set and the growth progress. At that time, the crop was 100 percent at full bloom. Small berry sizes were being reported due to weeks of dry weather.

Grapes: United States grape production for 2018 is forecast at 7.66 million tons, up 4 percent from last year. California leads the Nation in grape production with 88 percent of the total. Washington and New York are the next largest producing States, with 6 percent and 2 percent, respectively.

California's wine type grape production is forecast at 4.10 million tons, up 2 percent from 2017, and represents 61 percent of California's total grape crop. California's raisin type grape production is forecast at 1.40 million tons, up 10 percent from last year, and represents 21 percent of California's total grape crop. California's table type grape production is forecast at 1.25 million tons, up 4 percent from the previous year.

Peaches: United States peach production is forecast at 732,050 tons, up 5 percent from 2017. In California, Freestone peach harvest continued. Demand was reported to be steady. Growing conditions have been ideal with warm days and cool evenings which has improved color and sizing.

Clingstone full bloom occurred during the middle of March, a few days later than last year. While the bloom was considered to be good, colder than normal spring temperatures appear to have impacted the fruit set. Some hail damage was reported in the Modesto area during the middle of April, however the overall crop impact appeared to be minimal. Harvest began on June 11, three days later than last year.

In Georgia, there were adequate, however not abundant, chill hours for the 2018 crop. Some early bloom was reported in certain varieties due to warmer temperatures early in the year, but overall nights were cooler, which was optimal for fruit growth. Many reports indicated excellent size and quality of fruit. In South Carolina, size and price were reported as very good. Current harvest is running a week to 10 days ahead of the normal pace.

For the complete "Crop Production" report, go to:

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