

OREGON CRANBERRIES

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2012 Cranberries

The forecast for the 2012 cranberry crop is 7.7 million barrels. This slight decline from 2011 would be one of the largest productions on record. Production forecasts are up from last year in New Jersey, Oregon, Washington and Wisconsin, while Massachusetts is projected to decline.

Production in Wisconsin is forecast at 4.5 million barrels, up 2 percent from 2011. Growers reported excellent pollination and limited impact by the summer's high temperatures and the overall dry conditions.

The Massachusetts cranberry forecast is 2.1 million barrels, down 9 percent from 2011. An early spring caused growth to progress ahead of normal and growers in some areas experienced frost damage. Growers reported good conditions for bloom and pollination in the State but suffered from heat stress due to recent high temperatures and dry conditions.

New Jersey expects a crop of 542,500 barrels, up 6 percent from 2011. Growers reported an average crop that needed more irrigation than normal due to hot, dry weather.

The Oregon cranberry forecast is 400,000 barrels, up 11 percent from last year. Despite the late start, due to cool, wet conditions, crop quantity seems to be better than last year, but berry size appears to be smaller at this point.

The Washington crop is forecast at 142,000 barrels, 23 percent above last year's production. The cool, wet weather throughout the Northwest has delayed crop progress.

**Cranberries: Production by State and United States,
 2010-2011, and forecasted 2012¹**

State	Total production		
	2010	2011	2012
	<i>Barrels</i>	<i>Barrels</i>	<i>Barrels</i>
Massachusetts	1,891,000	2,315,000	2,100,000
New Jersey	562,000	510,000	542,500
Oregon	287,000	361,000	400,000
Washington	108,200	115,700	142,000
Wisconsin	3,960,000	4,410,000	4,500,000
United States	6,808,200	7,711,700	7,684,500

¹ A barrel weighs 100 lbs.

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