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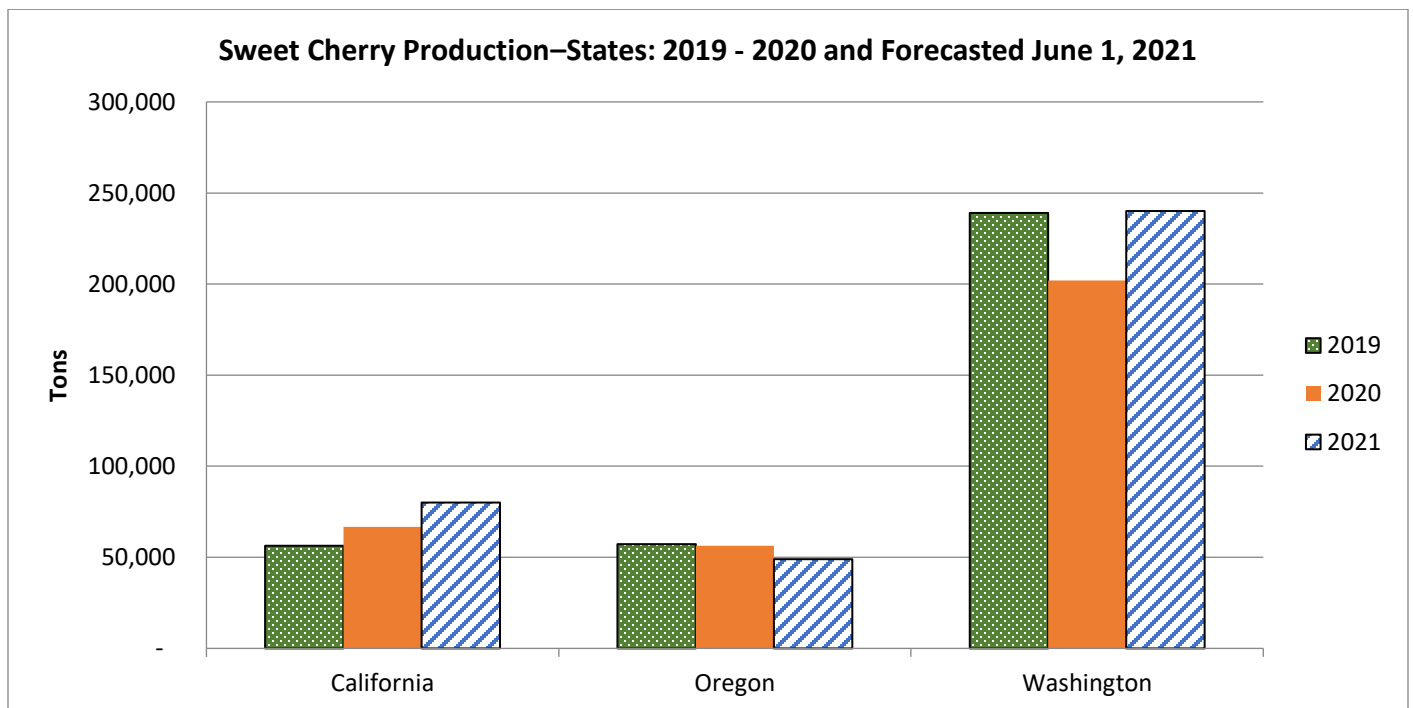
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Sweet Cherry Production Up 14 Percent

United States Sweet cherry total production for 2021 is forecast at 369,000 tons, up 14 percent from 2020. In California, most trees received adequate chilling hours, despite an unusually warm winter. The weather during the bloom was favorable, though the bloom was earlier than normal in some locations. In Oregon, a relatively warm spring and low precipitation have weighed heavily on cherry growers. In Washington, several cold periods through the growing season forced growers to use smudge pots and other techniques to combat cold and winds in cherry orchards.

Sweet Cherry Production — States and United States: 2020 and Forecasted June 1, 2021

State	Total production	
	2020 (tons)	2021 (tons)
California	66,700	80,000
Oregon	56,400	49,000
Washington	202,000	240,000
United States	325,100	369,000



Tart Cherry Production Up 2 Percent

United States tart cherry total production for 2021 is forecast at 142 million pounds, up 2 percent from the 2020 production. In Michigan, the largest tart cherry producing State, frosts and freezing temperatures have reduced the crop. Additionally, all growing regions in Michigan are suffering from drought and growers are irrigating where available. In Wisconsin, a Memorial Day weekend frost has reduced yields. In Washington, tart cherries have experienced a relatively warm spring.

Tart Cherry Production — States and United States: 2020 and Forecasted June 1, 2021

State	Total production	
	2020 (million pounds)	2021 (million pounds)
Michigan	69.3	65.6
New York	9.9	8.3
Utah	28.8	36.5
Washington	21.4	23.1
Wisconsin	10.1	8.5
United States	139.5	142.0

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