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Massachusetts Cranberry Production Forecast Up 23 Percent, U.S. Up Six Percent

The **United States** forecast for the 2006 cranberry crop is 6.64 million barrels, up six percent from 2005 and seven percent above 2004. Production is forecast to be up in Massachusetts, Oregon and Wisconsin, and down in New Jersey and Washington.

The **Massachusetts** cranberry crop is forecast at 1.75 million barrels, up 23 percent from 2005's production, but three percent below 2004's total production. The 2005-2006 winter was fairly mild which was evident by relatively few growers reporting winter kill or damage to their bogs. The month of May was one of the wettest on records which caused flooding in some bogs. Above normal amounts of rainfall continued into the month of June. The potential size of this year's crop was probably reduced slightly because rainfall limited bee activity during the beginning of the pollination stage. This year's bloom was rated above average while set was rated average and size was rated medium. Obviously weather conditions in the month of August will be a major factor in determining the size of the crop.

Production in **Wisconsin** is forecast at 3.75 million barrels two percent above 2005 and 14 percent above 2004. If realized, this will be a record high production for Wisconsin cranberries. Vines experienced only minor damage this winter. Conditions allowed for a good bloom and fruit set. Most producers are expecting a good crop

with average to above average yields. Growers have had to irrigate on a regular basis due to the dry weather.

New Jersey expects a crop of 490,000 barrels down eight percent from 2005 but 22 percent above 2004. Growers reported bloom and fruit set as average to heavy, with average fruit size this season. No significant weather damage was reported.

The **Oregon** crop is forecast 485,000 barrels, ten percent above last year but two percent below 2004. Most growers reported a very good bloom but one to three weeks later in the season compared to recent years. Most producers reported the condition of this year's crop is better than last year but fruit sizing may be an issue.

The **Washington** crop is forecast 160,000 barrels, 14 percent below last year and down six percent from 2004. Some damage was reported from a hailstorm with additional damage reported over the winter. The spring was cool and damp with poor conditions during bloom. These conditions limited bee activity and did not allow for a good fruit set.

MASSACHUSETTS Cranberry Production – 2005: Cranberry production in Massachusetts during 2005 was nearly 1.42 million barrels, a 21 percent decrease from 2004's production. The 2005 Massachusetts' cranberry yield averaged 100.2 barrels per acre.

CRANBERRIES: Total Production, 2004 - 2006

State	2004	2005	2006 ^{1/} Forecast
		Barrels ^{2/}	
Massachusetts	1,808,000	1,423,000	1,750,000
New Jersey	402,000	533,000	490,000
Oregon	495,000	440,000	485,000
Washington	170,000	187,000	160,000
Wisconsin	3,300,000	3,660,000	3,750,000
United States	6,175,000	6,243,000	6,635,000

^{1/} Current year production was forecasted as of mid-August assuming normal conditions for the remainder of the growing season.

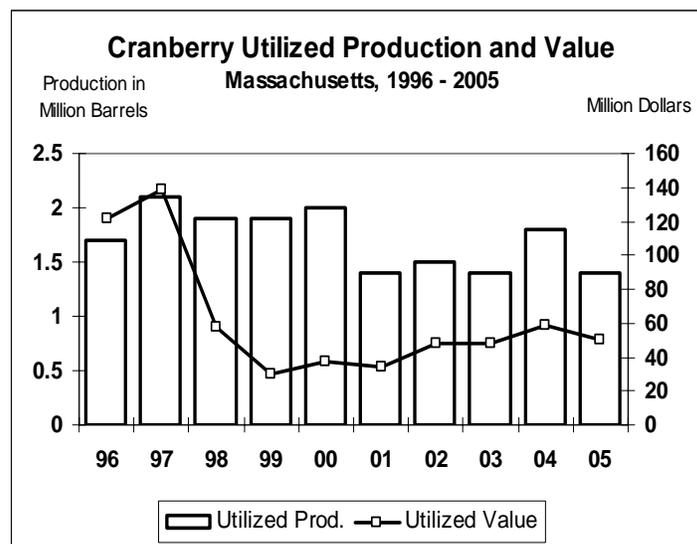
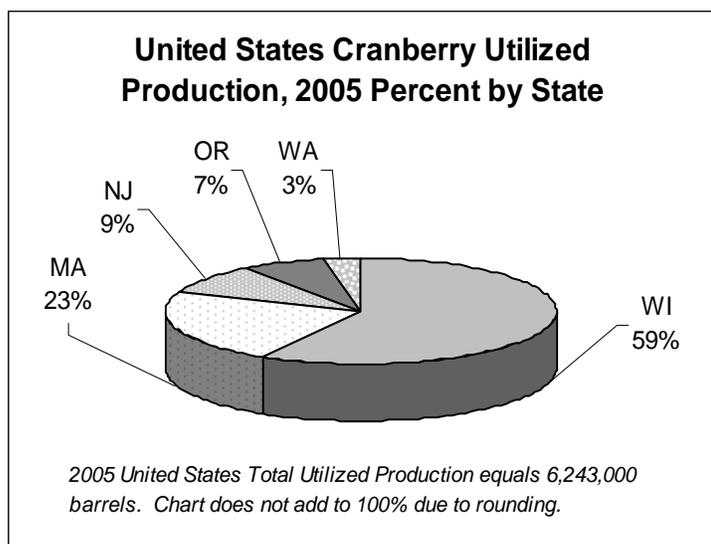
^{2/} Standard weight used for one barrel of cranberries is 100 pounds.

SOURCE: *Cranberries*, 1:00 p.m., August 15, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA

CRANBERRIES: Acres, Yield, Production, Utilization, Price and Value, by State, 2004 - 2005

State	Acres Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production		Utilization		Price per barrel ^{1/}			Value of Utilized Production
			Total	Utilized	Fresh	Processed	Fresh	Processed	All	
	Acres	Barrels ^{2/}	Barrels ^{2/}				Dollars			1,000 Dollars
2004										
Massachusetts	14,100	128.2	1,808,000	1,808,000	152,000	1,656,000	54.80	30.60	32.60	59,004
New Jersey ^{3/}	3,100	129.7	402,000	394,000		394,000	31.20	31.20	31.20	12,293
Oregon	2,900	170.7	495,000	495,000	10,000	485,000	55.30	32.60	33.10	16,364
Washington	1,700	100.0	170,000	170,000	30,000	140,000	55.30	31.40	35.60	6,055
Wisconsin	17,400	189.7	3,300,000	3,300,000	205,000	3,095,000	54.40	31.60	33.00	108,954
United States	39,200	157.5	6,175,000	6,167,000	397,000	5,770,000	54.60	31.40	32.90	202,670
2005										
Massachusetts	14,200	100.2	1,423,000	1,423,000	124,000	1,299,000	56.10	32.90	34.90	49,693
New Jersey ^{3/}	3,100	171.9	533,000	533,000		533,000	34.00	34.00	34.00	18,122
Oregon	2,700	163.0	440,000	440,000	20,000	420,000	48.70	34.40	35.10	15,422
Washington	1,700	110.0	187,000	187,000	18,000	169,000	56.30	34.40	36.50	6,827
Wisconsin	17,400	210.3	3,660,000	3,660,000	200,000	3,460,000	56.30	32.80	34.10	124,748
United States	39,100	159.7	6,243,000	6,243,000	362,000	5,881,000	55.80	33.10	34.40	214,812

^{1/} Weighted average of co-op and independent sales. Co-op prices represent pool proceeds less returns for processing non-cranberry products, capital stock dividends, capital stock retains, and other retains.
^{2/} A barrel weighs 100 pounds.
^{3/} Small quantities of fresh cranberries are included in processed to avoid disclosure of individual operations.
 SOURCE: *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts – 2005 Summary*, 3:00 p.m., July 6, 2006, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA



MAINE CRANBERRIES: Acres, Yield, Production, Utilization, Price and Value, 2004 - 2005

Year	Acres Harvested	Yield Per Acre	Production		Utilization		All Price Per Barrel	Value of Utilized Production
			Total	Utilized	Fresh	Processed		
	Acres	Barrels	Barrels				Dollars	1,000 Dollars
Maine								
2004	225.0	90.0	20,250	20,250	1,640	18,610	52.40	1,061
2005	219.5	78.7	17,270	17,270	1,440	15,830	46.70	806

SOURCE: January 2006 Cranberry Associate, University of Maine Cooperative Extension 207-581-2940