

CRANBERRIES
INDICATED PRODUCTION
August 15, 1968

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The 1968 cranberry crop is forecast at 1,586,800 barrels, 11 percent more than last year and 14 percent more than average. This forecast is based on conditions as of August 15, 1968. Smaller crop prospects in New Jersey and Washington are more than offset by larger crops expected in Massachusetts, Wisconsin, and Oregon.

The Massachusetts crop, at 740,000 barrels, is 29 percent more than last year and 3 percent more than average. Bloom was heavy and conditions were excellent in July, when most of the pollination occurred. Set is good and berries are sizing well. In spite of significant winter-kill and spring frost injury, a good crop is expected.

In New Jersey, a crop of 142,000 barrels is expected, 10 percent below the 1967 crop but 16 percent above average. Bloom was normal, fruit set is about average and berry size is mostly medium.

The Wisconsin crop is forecast at 500,000 barrels, 2 percent more than last year and 17 percent more than average. Some winter damage occurred in extreme northern areas. Fruit set is spotted due to poor pollination conditions in June.

Washington's crop is expected to total 135,000 barrels, 3 percent less than last year but 56 percent above average. Fruit set is good and a large crop is in prospect.

The Oregon crop at 69,800 barrels is almost 7 percent above last year and 79 percent greater than average. Growing conditions have been excellent, set is good and size of berries is above average. There has been no heat damage and minimum insect damage.

State	PRODUCTION OF CRANBERRIES			
	5-year average:	1966	1967	1968
	1962-66			
	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels	Barrels
Massachusetts	715,600	768,000	573,000	740,000
New Jersey	121,960	135,000	157,000	142,000
Wisconsin	428,600	512,000	490,000	500,000
Washington	86,600	135,000	139,000	135,000
Oregon	39,020	48,600	65,300	69,800
5 States	1,391,780	1,598,600	1,424,300	1,586,800

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