

# Massachusetts and Maine Cranberries

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## 2008 MASSACHUSETTS PRODUCTION – LARGEST CROP IN HISTORY

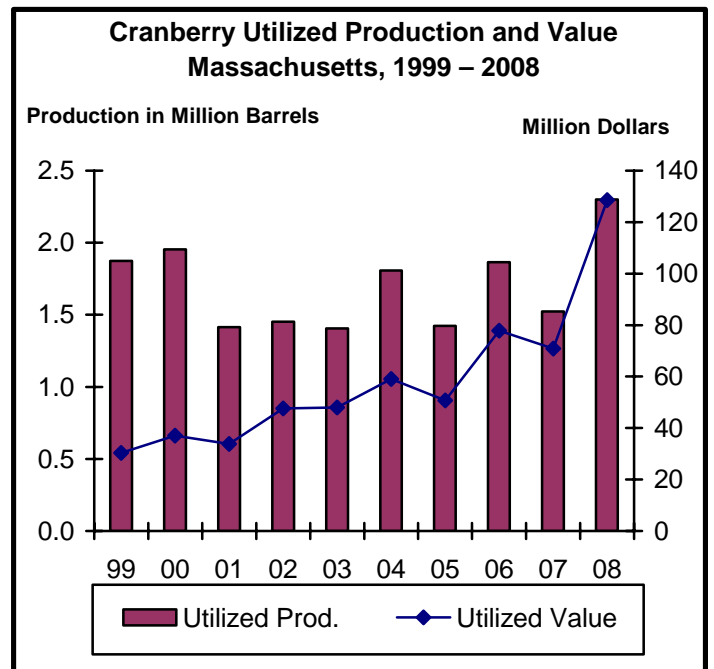
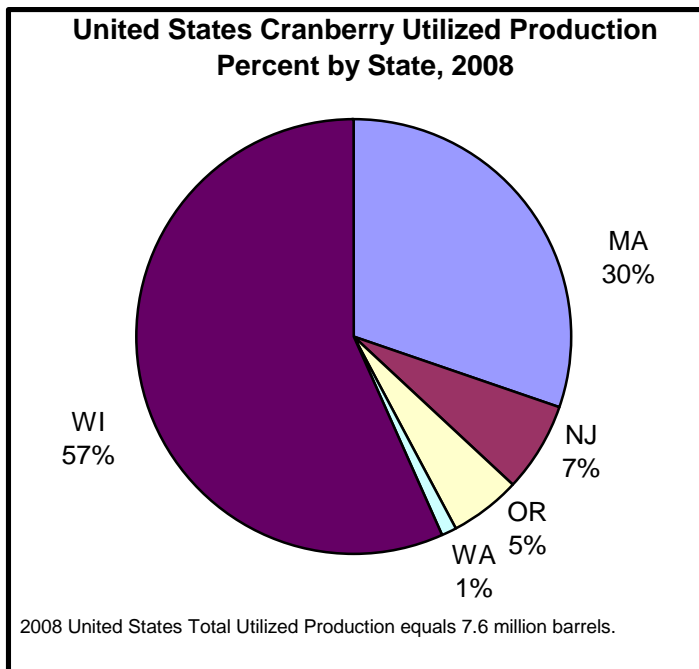
**Massachusetts:** Cranberry production in Massachusetts totaled 2.3 million barrels in 2008, nearly doubling last year's output. Growers harvested 13,000 acres of cranberries, unchanged from the previous year. The crop yield averaged 176.9 barrels per acre a 59.8 barrel per acre increase from a year earlier. Heavy bloom, ideal pollination conditions and an abundance of bees contributed to an excellent fruit set. Timely rains followed increasing fruit size and helped produce the largest cranberry crop in Massachusetts history.

Cranberry handlers were contacted in the fall of 2008 to report price expected to be paid to Massachusetts growers for 2008 grown berries. Massachusetts 2008 preliminary price for fresh cranberries averaged \$70.90 per barrel and processed cranberries averaged \$55.00 per barrel. The next price update for the 2008 crop will be published in the

**Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts Summary** which is scheduled for release on July 8, 2009.

**United States – Five Major States:** The nation's cranberry crop weighed in at 7.6 million barrels, an increase of 16 percent from the previous year's production. Wisconsin continues to be the largest cranberry producing state with 4.3 million barrels in total production. Total cranberry acreage harvested in the United States was 38,200 acres. The United States 2008 preliminary price for fresh cranberries averaged \$69.10 per barrel and processed cranberries averaged \$57.90 per barrel.

The source of this report is the **Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts Preliminary Summary** report published by the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service at 3:00 p.m. on January 23, 2009.



**CRANBERRIES: Acres, Yield, Production, Utilization, Price and Value, by State, 2006 – 2008**

Year and State	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production		Utilization		Price per Barrel <sup>1 2</sup>			Value of Utilized Production
			Total	Utilized	Fresh	Processed	Fresh	Processed	All	
	Acres	Barrels <sup>2</sup>	Barrels <sup>2</sup>				Dollars			1,000 Dollars
<b>2006</b>										
Massachusetts	13,500	139.7	1,886,000	1,886,000	155,000	1,731,000	63.50	39.30	41.30	77,871
New Jersey	3,100	156.5	485,000	480,000	*	480,000	*	39.20	39.20	18,816
Oregon	2,700	172.2	465,000	465,000	*	465,000	*	48.30	48.30	22,460
Washington	1,700	67.1	114,000	114,000	30,500	83,500	60.70	40.00	45.50	5,191
Wisconsin	17,500	225.1	3,940,000	3,840,000	170,000	3,670,000	60.70	39.30	40.20	154,550
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>38,500</b>	<b>179.0</b>	<b>6,890,000</b>	<b>6,785,000</b>	<b>355,500</b>	<b>6,429,500</b>	<b>61.90</b>	<b>40.00</b>	<b>41.10</b>	<b>278,888</b>
<b>2007</b>										
Massachusetts	13,000	117.1	1,522,000	1,522,000	101,000	1,421,000	68.60	45.00	46.60	70,874
New Jersey	3,100	171.3	531,000	531,000	*	531,000	*	42.20	42.20	22,408
Oregon	2,700	183.3	495,000	495,000	*	495,000	*	59.60	59.60	29,502
Washington	1,700	103.5	176,000	176,000	29,000	147,000	64.00	42.40	46.00	8,089
Wisconsin	17,600	217.6	3,830,000	3,830,000	230,000	3,600,000	64.00	44.90	46.00	176,360
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>38,100</b>	<b>172.0</b>	<b>6,554,000</b>	<b>6,554,000</b>	<b>360,000</b>	<b>6,194,000</b>	<b>65.30</b>	<b>45.80</b>	<b>46.90</b>	<b>307,233</b>
<b>2008</b>										
Massachusetts	13,000	176.9	2,300,000	2,300,000	129,000	2,171,000	70.90	55.00	55.90	128,551
New Jersey	3,100	165.2	512,000	512,000	*	512,000	*	49.70	49.70	25,446
Oregon	2,700	148.1	400,000	400,000	*	400,000	*	91.50	91.50	36,600
Washington	1,700	55.3	94,000	94,000	19,500	74,500	68.00	49.00	52.90	4,977
Wisconsin	17,700	242.9	4,300,000	4,300,000	200,000	4,100,000	68.00	57.30	57.80	248,530
<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>38,200</b>	<b>199.1</b>	<b>7,606,000</b>	<b>7,606,000</b>	<b>348,500</b>	<b>7,257,500</b>	<b>69.10</b>	<b>57.90</b>	<b>58.40</b>	<b>444,104</b>

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> A barrel weighs 100 pounds.

\* Small quantities of fresh cranberries are included in processed to avoid disclosure of individual operations.

SOURCE: *Noncitrus Fruits and Nuts – 2008 Preliminary Summary*, 3:00 p.m., January 23, 2009, National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA.

**MAINE CRANBERRIES: Acres, Yield, Production, Utilization, Price and Value, 2006 – 2008**

Year	Area Harvested	Yield per Acre	Production		Utilization		Price Per Barrel <sup>1</sup>	Value of Utilized Production
			Total	Utilized	Fresh	Processing		
	Acres	Barrels <sup>1</sup>	1,000 Barrels <sup>1</sup>				Dollars	1,000 Dollars
2006	203.0	56.3	11.43	11.43	2.89	8.54	74.20	848
2007	214.9	57.9	12.45	12.45	2.67	9.78	81.80	1,019
2008	196.7	115.6	22.73	22.73	2.70	20.03	94.20	2,142

<sup>1</sup> A barrel weighs 100 pounds.

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