



News Release

2024 Michigan Cherry Production Forecast

Michigan tart cherry total production for 2024 is forecast at 182.0 million pounds, 37 percent higher than the 2023 production, according to Marlo D. Johnson, Director of the USDA NASS, Great Lakes Regional Office. Michigan sweet cherry production is forecast at 22,000 tons. In Michigan, an unusually mild winter was followed by frost events in March. The month of May brought warmer conditions with adequate moisture which improved tree growth and fruit development, with good pollination.

United States tart cherry production for 2024 is forecast at 222 million pounds, up 34 percent from 2023, in comparable States. In Utah, improved snowpack and increased reservoir water levels provided adequate moisture.

United States sweet cherry production for 2024 is forecast at 355,000 tons, down 6 percent from 2023, in comparable states. In Washington, the largest producing state, several counties reported freezing temperatures that damaged the crop in January. In California, harvest began in late April and is expected to continue into the middle of June.

Cherry Production - Michigan and United States: 2022, 2023, and Forecasted 2024

	Michigan			United States		
	2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024
Tart Cherries1,000,000 lbs	179.0	133.0	182.0	241.6	200.2	222.0
Sweet Cherries ¹ tons			22,000	223,300	354,300	355,000

¹Estimates began in 2024 for Michigan