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2009 Cranberry Production Down 10 Percent

The forecast for the 2009 cranberry crop is 7.09 million barrels, down 10 percent from 2008. Even though production is forecasted to decrease, if realized, this will be the second largest production on record. Production forecasts are down in Massachusetts and Wisconsin but up in New Jersey, Oregon, and Washington.

Production in Wisconsin is forecast at 4.00 million barrels, down 11 percent from 2008. If realized, this will be the second largest production level on record for Wisconsin. Most of the bogs are recovering from last year's record production. In addition, a late spring and cool summer temperatures decreased berry size. Minimal frost and hail damage were reported. Bloom and pollination varied throughout the growing regions.

The Massachusetts cranberry forecast is 1.90 million barrels, down 20 percent from 2008. Cooler temperatures and above average rainfall during the growing season reduced pollination, which had a negative impact on yields. Frosts in the late spring months damaged some of the bogs. Winter sanding on many of the bogs also contributed to decreased production.

New Jersey expects a crop of 540,000 barrels, up 5 percent from 2008. Minimal frost damage and adequate rainfall promoted the increased production. No other significant adverse weather conditions were reported by New Jersey growers.

The Oregon cranberry forecast is 490,000 barrels, up 23 percent from last year. Excellent growing weather and pollination enhanced production levels, despite some pest-related and frost damage reported by the growers. Some newly renovated bogs will be harvested this year, further increasing production.

The Washington crop is forecast at 155,000 barrels, 42 percent above last year. Warm temperatures and good pollination aided this year's cranberry crop. Renovation of previously abandoned bogs is continuing and growers expect to begin harvest from the recently renovated bogs next year.

**Cranberries: Production by State and United States,
2007-2008 and Forecasted 2009¹**

State	Total Production		
	2007	2008	2009
	<i>Barrels</i>	<i>Barrels</i>	<i>Barrels</i>
MA	1,522,000	2,374,000	1,900,000
NJ	531,000	512,000	540,000
OR	495,000	400,000	490,000
WA	176,000	109,000	155,000
WI	3,830,000	4,470,000	4,000,000
US	6,554,000	7,865,000	7,085,000

¹ A barrel weighs 100 lbs.

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