

# FINGER LAKES VINEYARD NOTES

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### 2000 GRAPE PRICES

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This brief newsletter is devoted entirely to a listing of grape prices, supplied voluntarily by area processors and buyers of grapes. While not all processors participate, this listing supplies valuable information to both buyers and sellers of grapes in the Finger Lakes. It seems to grow every year as processors establish differential prices for quality, early or late harvest, and contracted vs. uncontracted grapes. My sincere thanks to all of the companies and individuals that supplied prices for this listing

The next *Vineyard Notes* will be the *Annual Harvest Edition*, published and distributed in late October. I will continue with the weekly e-mail and code-a-phone updates as needed. Until then, my best wishes for a successful harvest.

### 2000 EARLY GRAPE CROP ESTIMATE

*New York Agricultural Statistics Service*

In the first forecast of the season New York grape production is expected to total 168,000 tons, down 18 percent from a year ago but 31 percent above 1998, according to the New York Agricultural Statistics Service. Wet conditions have increased pressure from mildews and insects and some vineyards are showing stress from last year's drought and heavy crop.

Nationally, grape production is forecast at 7.36 million tons, 18 percent above 1999. Larger crops are forecast in California, Michigan and Washington, while New York and Pennsylvania expect smaller crops. Production of all grapes in California, the leading grape producing state, is

expected to total 6.70 million tons, 21 percent above last year's crop.

### Total Grape Production, Selected States

State	1998	1999	2000
	1,000		
	tons		
New York	128.0	205.0	168.0
Arizona	23.0	21.0	18.0
California	5,290.0	5,536.0	6,700.0
Michigan	70.4	75.0	79.0
Ohio	6.1	9.2	7.5
Oregon	14.7	17.9	19.0
Pennsylvania	54.0	88.0	65.0
Washington	222.0	265.0	290.0
Other States 1/	11.8	13.3	13.6
<b>United States</b>	<b>5,820.0</b>	<b>6,230.4</b>	<b>7,360.1</b>

1/ Arkansas, Georgia, Missouri, North Carolina and South Carolina

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