

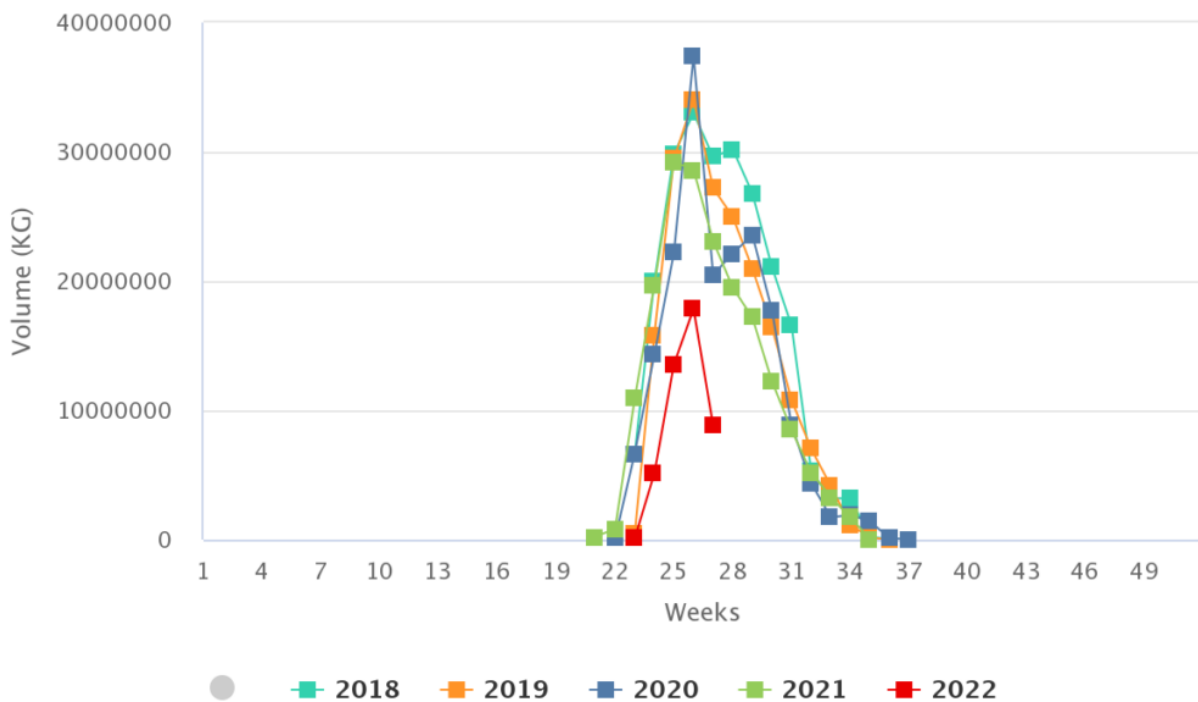
In this installment of the 'Agronometrics In Charts' series, Sarah Ilyas studies the state of the Washington cherry season. Each week the series looks at a different horticultural commodity, focusing on a specific origin or topic visualizing the market factors that are driving change.

Cherry growers in Washington state, who produce the majority of Northwest sweet cherries, often have to deal with adverse weather conditions — frost during the early months of 2020 or sweltering heat in late June last year that damaged ripening fruit.

This year, the cold and wet spring stunted the development of many cherries, leading to what looks to be the smallest crop of Northwest sweet cherries in nearly a decade.

Week 27 saw a total incoming volume of 8.8 K tonnes, a 65 percent drop compared to week 27 of 2021 that saw a total volume of 23 K tonnes coming in.

Cherry Volumes by History in the US | From Washington



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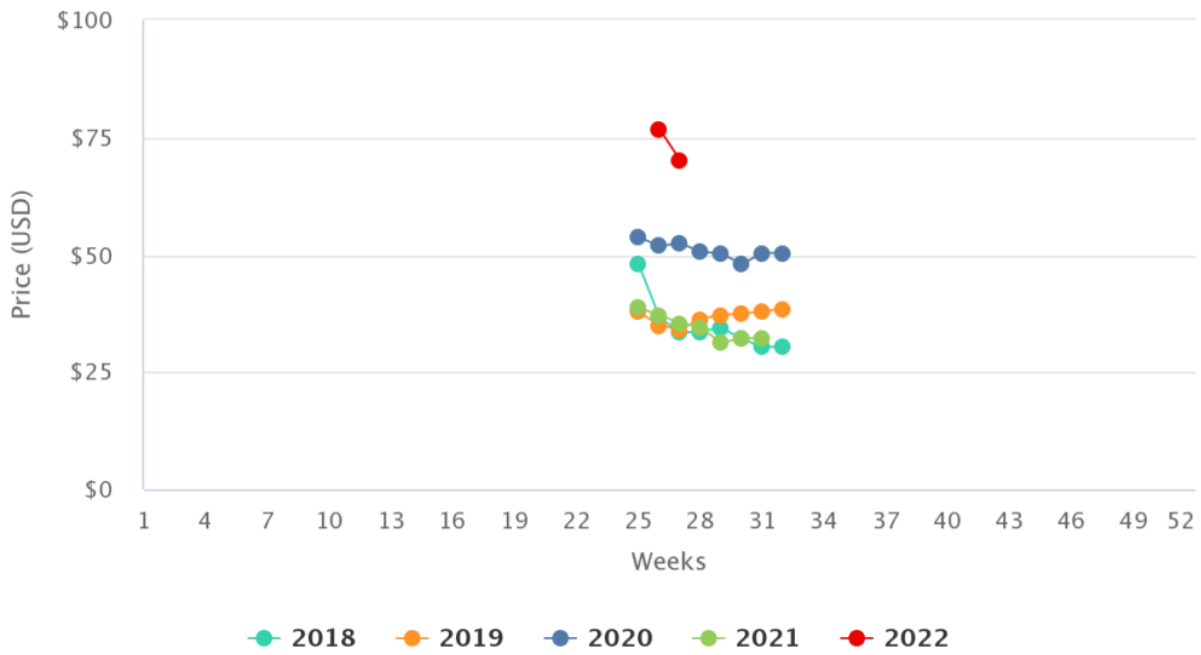
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That will likely mean higher prices at local stores and markets. Additionally, with cherries taking longer to develop, harvest has been delayed by several weeks, implying that consumers in the Northwest and throughout the U.S. have to wait longer to get their hands on the juicy red fruit.

Nearly 15 million 20-pound boxes are expected to come from growers in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Utah and Montana, according to the [latest estimate](#) of the Northwest Cherry Growers, the Yakima-based marketing organization.

If the estimate sticks, that would be nearly a quarter less than the 20.3 million boxes harvested a year ago and the smallest crop since 2013, when the region produced just 14.3 million boxes. Week 26 saw prices at \$76.78 per package while week 27's prices stood at \$70.13 per package.

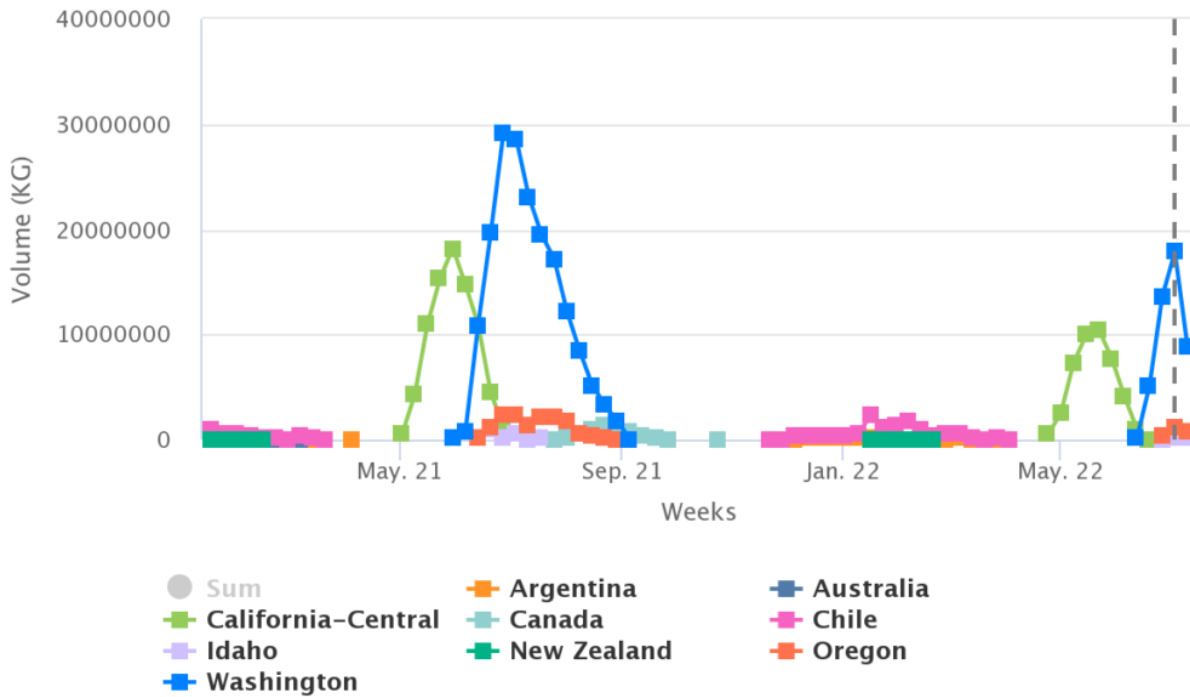
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Cherry Volumes by Origin in the US



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