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## ***R4 cherry estimate down for US Northwest***



Crop "has continued to shrink in volume", according to Northwest Cherry Growers

**T**he round 4 (R4) crop estimate has been released by Northwest Cherry Growers, with the industry field estimation team submitting its final look at these years volumes.

As a result, the round 4 estimate projects the 2019 crop to packout at

22.1m 20lb-equivalent boxes, down on the first round estimate of 24.9m cartons.

"Throughout this season, growers have continued to see fewer cherries than expected come out of northwest orchards, with many growers seeing as much as 20 per cent reduction in their pre-season estimate of fruit," Northwest Cherry Growers stated.

Some 32 days into the season, the industry had shipped just over 13.7m boxes.