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VALUE OF FRUIT PRODUCTION, 1951

April 15, 1952 - The farm value^{*} of the principal fruit crops produced in Canada in 1951 was 42.8 million dollars, 1.2 million dollars greater than the value of the 1950 crop. Although the total value in 1951 was not much different from that in 1950, there were some changes in certain areas. The greatest increase occurred in the province of Quebec, where the value was up by 34 per cent in 1951 due to very substantial increases in the production of apples and strawberries. In Nova Scotia however, there was a decrease in value of about \$300,000, almost entirely the result of the smaller apple crop harvested in 1951.

The fruit production of the two major soft fruit producing areas, British Columbia and Ontario, was about the same in value as in 1950. It appears that the effect of the small crop of apples in British Columbia in 1951 was largely compensated for by the higher prices received. The increased 1951 production of peaches and apricots, the crops which in 1950 had been so greatly reduced by frost damage, helped to bolster the total value of fruit in that province. In Ontario the production of fruit was, in every case except grapes, higher than in 1950, and as might be expected, prices were lower, but the increased volume was sufficient to sustain farm values.

Preliminary Estimates of Value^{*} of Fruits Produced in Canada, by Provinces, in 1951, with Final Estimates for 1950

Description	Unit	1950			1951		
		Production	Price per	Total	Production	Price per	Total
		'000	Unit	Value	'000	Unit	Value
CANADA							
Apples	bu.	16,166	1.21	19,493	13,724	1.41	19,379
Pears	bu.	864	2.47	2,136	1,190	2.57	3,057
Plums & Prunes	bu.	600	2.13	1,278	673	2.12	1,428
Peaches	bu.	1,222	2.31	2,822	1,766	2.66	4,699
Apricots	bu.	18	5.17	93	49	3.78	185
Cherries	bu.	359	6.04	2,168	428	5.81	2,488
Strawberries	qt.	27,121	.25	6,885	25,309	.22	5,579
Raspberries	qt.	11,964	.25	2,967	12,829	.23	3,014
Loganberries	lb.	1,197	.15	177	887	.16	142
Grapes	lb.	109,189	.032	3,543	88,303	.032	2,801
TOTAL VALUES				41,562			42,772

* Based on estimated farm values of sales through main commercial outlets.

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		Production	Price per Unit	Total Value	Production	Price per Unit	Total Value
		'000	\$	\$'000	'000	\$	\$'000
NOVA SCOTIA							
Apples	bu.	2,250	.68	1,530	1,650	.77	1,270
Pears	bu.	2	2.00	48	27	2.00	54
Plums & Prunes	bu.	10	2.80	28	7	2.90	20
Strawberries	qt.	726	.20	145	544	.21	115
Raspberries	qt.	78	.35	27	78	.40	31
TOTAL VALUES				1,778	1,489		
NEW BRUNSWICK							
Apples	bu.	360	1.00	360	360	1.00	360
Strawberries	qt.	950	.20	190	850	.20	170
Raspberries	qt.	50	.40	20	55	.38	21
TOTAL VALUES				570	551		
QUEBEC							
Apples	bu.	1,913	1.40	2,678	3,100	1.17	3,627
Strawberries	qt.	3,750	.27	1,012	7,000	.19	1,330
Raspberries	qt.	300	.44	132	375	.44	165
TOTAL VALUES				3,822	5,122		
ONTARIO							
Apples	bu.	2,861	.87	2,487	3,511	.74	2,607
Pears	bu.	483	2.01	970	563	1.68	948
Plums & Prunes	bu.	276	1.45	399	360	1.03	371
Peaches	bu.	1,139	2.19	2,494	1,348	2.13	2,871
Cherries	bu.	275	4.97	1,368	348	4.77	1,659
Strawberries	qt.	8,928	.21	1,862	9,765	.21	2,022
Raspberries	qt.	3,507	.36	1,273	4,256	.32	1,360
Grapes	lb.	107,730	.032	3,452	86,708	.031	2,709
TOTAL VALUES				14,305	14,547		
BRITISH COLUMBIA							
Apples	bu.	8,782	1.42	12,438	5,103	2.26	11,515
Pears	bu.	357	3.13	1,118	600	3.42	2,055
Plums & Prunes	bu.	314	2.71	851	306	3.39	1,037
Peaches	bu.	83	3.95	328	418	4.37	1,828
Apricots	bu.	18	5.17	93	49	3.78	185
Cherries	bu.	84	9.52	800	80	10.36	829
Strawberries	qt.	12,767	.29	3,676	7,150	.27	1,943
Raspberries	qt.	8,029	.19	1,515	8,065	.18	1,437
Loganberries	lb.	1,197	.15	177	887	.16	142
Grapes	lb.	1,459	.062	91	1,595	.058	92
TOTAL VALUES				21,087	21,063		

* Based on estimated farm values of sales through main commercial outlets.