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VALUE OF FRUIT PRODUCTION, 1953

April 29, 1954 - The total farm value of commercial fruit production in Canada in 1953 was 45.7 million dollars an increase of slightly over two million dollars from the 1952 figure. Farm prices for the 1953 crop were higher for all fruits except pears in which case the price was the same in both years.

In Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island farm receipts from the 1953 fruit crop were close to those of the previous year. In Nova Scotia higher prices for apples counterbalanced reduced production of all fruits except raspberries. The total value of fruit produced in New Brunswick, however, was down in 1953, due to smaller crops of the principal fruits.

In Quebec the larger apple and blueberry crops in 1953 brought about a six per cent increase in the total farm value of fruit production this year. This was in spite of lower farm prices for apples.

The 1953 Ontario apple crop was larger than that of 1952 which, associated with higher prices, resulted in a substantial increase in the farm value of this fruit. The value and prices of all other fruit crops produced in Ontario were also higher in 1953 than in 1952 to give a total value of 20 million dollars, up by about 2.3 million from the previous season.

In the province of British Columbia the value of the 1953 fruit crop was down slightly from that of 1952. This reduction was due to a drop of about two million dollars in the value of the apple crop brought about by smaller production and a price level lower than in the previous season. However, farm prices for the 1952 apple crop were the highest received during the period 1946-53 and the prices for the 1953 crop were the second highest. The value of all other fruits produced in British Columbia in 1953 was higher than in 1952 which came close to completely compensating for the reduced value of apples.

The Dominion Bureau of Statistics is commencing with this report the publication of statistics on the production and value of blueberries in Canada. This information was collected and prepared by personnel of the Canada Department of Agriculture for all provinces for which figures are available except Quebec. Statistics on blueberry production in that province are prepared by the Quebec Bureau of Statistics.

The prices shown in the accompanying table are returns to pickers. The blueberry industry in Newfoundland, the Maritimes and Quebec is based on the wild fruit. However, in certain areas some cultural activities are undertaken. In some cases the blueberry land is burned over each year to control weeds and to effect pruning. Later on in the season dusting may be undertaken for maggot control. A considerable proportion of the blueberry crop is frozen and exported to the United States.

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In British Columbia blueberry production is based on cultivated fruit most of which is grown in the Fraser Valley.

There is some production of blueberries in the other provinces but no statistics are available at least at the present time.

In 1953 blueberries made up seven per cent of the total value of fruit production in Canada. In the province of Quebec, where most of the blueberries are produced, the value of this crop surpassed that of strawberries and raspberries being second only to apples and accounting for about 35 per cent of the total.

Table I.- Preliminary Estimates of Production and Value of Fruits Produced in Canada, 1953, with Revised Estimates, 1952.

Kind of Fruit	Unit	1 9 5 2			1 9 5 3		
		Production	Price ^{1/} per Unit	Total Farm Value	Production	Price ^{1/} per Unit	Total Farm Value
		'000	\$	\$'000	'000	\$	\$'000
CANADA							
Apples	bu.	12,049	1.44	17,391	11,416	1.49	16,978
Pears	bu.	1,303	1.82	2,371	1,417	1.82	2,576
Plums & prunes	bu.	896	1.15	1,033	783	1.53	1,198
Peaches	bu.	2,917	1.77	5,152	2,892	1.86	5,381
Apricots	bu.	243	1.41	342	210	1.91	401
Cherries	bu.	505	4.18	2,113	450	6.05	2,724
Strawberries	qt.	32,368	.19	6,077	28,303	.23	6,464
Raspberries	qt.	10,829	.24	2,565	12,486	.25	3,087
Loganberries	lb.	1,240	.13	158	1,611	.15	236
Grapes	lb.	86,481	.035	3,052	80,958	.043	3,508
Blueberries	lb.	25,170	.13	3,384	18,301 ^{2/}	.17	3,180 ^{2/}
TOTAL VALUES				43,638	45,733 ^{3/}		

Table II.- Preliminary Estimates of Production and Value of Fruits Produced in Canada, by Provinces, 1953, with Revised Estimates, 1952.

Province and Kind of Fruit	Unit	1952			1953		
		Production	Price ^{1/} per Unit	Total Farm Value	Production	Price ^{1/} per Unit	Total Farm Value
		'000	\$	\$'000	'000	\$	\$'000
NEWFOUNDLAND							
Blueberries	lb.	2,165	.12	260	2,646	.11	304
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND							
Strawberries	qt.	671	.15	101	708	.15	106
Blueberries	lb.	750	.09	67	600	.12	72
TOTAL VALUES				168	178		
NOVA SCOTIA							
Apples	bu.	1,626	1.00	1,626	1,087	1.55	1,685
Pears	bu.	56	1.75	98	32	2.00	64
Plums & prunes	bu.	14	2.00	28	10	2.25	22
Strawberries	qt.	1,084	.20	217	715	.24	172
Raspberries	qt.	22	.40	9	37	.42	16
Blueberries	lb.	1,672	.15	251	1,125	.14	152
TOTAL VALUES				2,229	2,111		

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		Production	Price 1/	Total	Production	Price 1/	Total
			per Unit	Farm Value		per Unit	Farm Value
		'000	\$	\$'000	'000	\$	\$'000
NEW BRUNSWICK							
Apples	bu.	300	1.67	500	260	1.75	455
Strawberries	qt.	1,159	.20	232	700	.21	147
Raspberries	qt.	25	.46	12	38	.42	16
Blueberries	lb.	4,000	.11	440	1,279	.10	122
TOTAL VALUES				1,184			740
QUEBEC							
Apples	bu.	1,400	2.20	3,080	1,740	1.90	3,306
Strawberries	qt.	7,250	.19	1,378	4,500	.28	1,260
Raspberries	qt.	275	.42	116	300	.48	144
Blueberries	lb.	16,179	.14	2,265	12,651	.20	2,530
TOTAL VALUES				6,839			7,240
ONTARIO							
Apples	bu.	2,388	1.61	3,843	2,642	1.95	5,163
Pears	bu.	738	1.68	1,243	760	1.73	1,312
Plums & prunes	bu.	532	1.52	808	513	1.71	877
Peaches	bu.	2,373	1.85	4,384	2,350	1.93	4,535
Cherries	bu.	372	3.72	1,383	319	5.25	1,676
Strawberries	qt.	9,590	.21	1,986	9,255	.22	2,063
Raspberries	qt.	3,248	.36	1,172	3,182	.38	1,209
Grapes	lb.	83,894	.035	2,914	78,268	.043	3,347
TOTAL VALUES				17,733			20,182
BRITISH COLUMBIA							
Apples	bu.	6,335	1.32	8,342	5,687	1.12	6,369
Pears	bu.	509	2.02	1,030	625	1.92	1,200
Plums & prunes	bu.	350	.56	197	260	1.15	299
Peaches	bu.	544	1.41	768	542	1.56	846
Apricots	bu.	243	1.41	342	210	1.91	401
Cherries	bu.	133	5.49	730	131	8.00	1,048
Strawberries	qt.	12,614	.17	2,163	12,425	.22	2,716
Raspberries	qt.	7,259	.17	1,256	8,929	.19	1,702
Loganberries	lb.	1,240	.13	158	1,611	.15	236
Grapes	lb.	2,587	.053	138	2,690	.06	161
Blueberries	lb.	404	.25	101	4/	4/	4/
TOTAL VALUES				15,225			14,978^{5/}

1/ Price to growers (to pickers in the case of blueberries) for unpacked fruit.

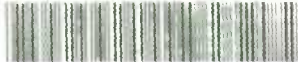
2/ Excludes British Columbia.

3/ Does not include blueberries in British Columbia.

4/ Not available.

5/ Does not include blueberries.

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