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VALUE OF FRUIT PRODUCTION, 1956

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The total farm value of commercial fruit production for 1956 was 38.6 million dollars, a decrease of 2 per cent from the 1955 figure. Receipts from the sale of apples in 1956 stood at 16.0 million dollars, 48 per cent above the 10.9 million of 1955. This increase, however, was more than offset by declines in the value of soft fruits. Growers received an estimated 10.4 million dollars from the sale of tender-tree fruits in 1956 compared with 13.6 in 1955, while small fruit sales brought a total of 12.2 million dollars in 1956 and 15.2 in 1955.

Prices were higher in 1956 than in the previous year for all crops except strawberries. This reflected the smaller crops produced; without exception, yields were lower in 1956 than in the year previous. The year 1956 was in many ways exceptional; production in British Columbia was severely reduced by low temperature damage the previous winter and in Ontario, the growing season was unfavourable due to cool, wet weather. On the other hand, in 1955, production of many fruits reached record levels.

The value of fruit crops in 1956 was higher in each of the Atlantic Provinces and Quebec, while in both Ontario and British Columbia, the total estimated returns to farmers from sales of fruits in 1956 were below those of 1955 due to lower returns for soft fruits. The value of apple production was up in both provinces, however. In the two years 1954 and 1953, fruit growers received a total of 48.1 million and 47.2 million dollars respectively, considerably above returns in either 1955 or 1956.

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Estimated Production and Value of Fruit in Canada, by Provinces, 1955 and 1956

	Unit	1955			1956		
		Production	Price	Total	Production	Price	Total
		'000	per Unit	Farm Value \$'000	'000	per Unit	Farm Value \$'000
Canada							
Apples	bu.	19,142	.57	10,870	12,424	1.29	16,048
Pears	bu.	1,510	1.71	2,579	1,400	2.04	2,853
Plums and prunes	bu.	815	1.31	1,068	534	1.68	896
Peaches	bu.	2,883	2.12	6,125	1,667	2.63	4,384
Apricots	bu.	184	1.72	316	84	2.31	194
Cherries, sweet	bu.	221	5.86	1,295	96	8.57	823
Cherries, sour	bu.	542	4.07	2,208	292	4.29	1,253
Strawberries	qt.	22,674	.26	5,910	19,112	.22	4,240
Raspberries	qt.	12,099	.23	2,775	6,656	.35	2,320
Loganberries	lb.	1,237	.14	178	279	.19	53
Grapes	lb.	94,752	.038	3,622	80,274	.041	3,293
Blueberries	lb.	25,062	.11	2,688	14,958	.15	2,290
Total Values				39,634			38,647
Newfoundland							
Blueberries	lb.	481	.08	38	597	.08	48
Prince Edward Island							
Strawberries	qt.	890	.18	160	1,550	.21	326
Blueberries	lb.	394	.07	28	154	.12	18
Total Values				188			344
Nova Scotia							
Apples	bu.	3,250	.40	1,294	2,206	.76	1,677
Pears	bu.	42	1.95	82	45	1.85	83
Plums and prunes	bu.	20	1.70	34	15	2.00	30
Strawberries	qt.	825	.25	206	950	.25	238
Raspberries	qt.	40	.41	16	40	.42	17
Blueberries	lb.	2,800	.08	224	4,020	.105	422
Total Values				1,856			2,467
New Brunswick							
Apples	bu.	450	.80	360	275	1.50	412
Strawberries	qt.	850	.20	170	1,200	.21	252
Raspberries	qt.	45	.42	19	50	.42	21
Blueberries	lb.	3,000	.10	300	4,100	.12	492
Total Values				849			1,177
Quebec							
Apples	bu.	5,000	.39	1,945	2,820	1.25	3,525
Strawberries	qt.	5,000	.28	1,400	6,250	.20	1,250
Raspberries	qt.	300	.52	156	350	.25	88
Blueberries	lb.	17,642	.11	1,941	4,876	.22	1,073
Total Values				5,442			5,936

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	Unit	Production	Price per Unit	Total Farm Value	Production	Price per Unit	Total Farm Value
		'000	\$	\$'000	'000	\$	\$'000
Ontario							
Apples	bu.	4,037	.66	2,671	2,992	1.63	4,881
Pears	bu.	887	1.57	1,396	819	1.86	1,526
Plums and prunes	bu.	576	1.42	820	281	2.00	562
Peaches	bu.	2,370	2.21	5,235	1,367	2.72	3,726
Cherries, sweet	bu.	105	5.26	554	38	6.37	241
Cherries, sour	bu.	542	4.07	2,208	292	4.29	1,253
Strawberries	qt.	7,578	.21	1,629	7,524	.21	1,593
Raspberries	qt.	2,566	.36	926	2,721	.40	1,077
Grapes	lb.	92,760	.038	3,496	79,814	.041	3,257
Total Values				18,935	18,116		
British Columbia							
Apples	bu.	6,405	.72	4,600	4,131	1.34	5,553
Pears	bu.	581	1.90	1,101	536	2.32	1,244
Plums and prunes	bu.	219	.98	214	238	1.28	304
Peaches	bu.	513	1.73	890	300	2.19	658
Apricots	bu.	184	1.72	316	84	2.31	194
Cherries, sweet	bu.	116	6.39	741	58	10.03	582
Strawberries	qt.	7,531	.31	2,345	1,638	.35	581
Raspberries	qt.	9,148	.18	1,658	3,495	.32	1,117
Loganberries	lb.	1,237	.14	178	279	.19	53
Grapes	lb.	1,992	.063	126	460	.078	36
Blueberries	lb.	745	.21	157	1,211	.20	237
Total Values				12,326	10,559		

Production of Fruits (apples excepted) in Canada, by Provinces,
1955 and 1956, in Tons 1/

	CANADA		NEWFOUNDLAND		P.E. ISLAND		NOVA SCOTIA	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
- tons -								
Pears	37,750	35,000					1,050	1,125
Plums & prunes	20,375	13,350					500	375
Peaches	72,075	41,675						
Apricots	4,600	2,100						
Cherries, sweet	5,525	2,400						
Cherries, sour	13,550	7,300						
Strawberries	15,112	12,149			556	969	516	594
Raspberries	8,706	4,597					25	25
Loganberries	618	140						
Grapes	47,376	40,137						
Blueberries	12,530	7,479	240	298	197	77	1,400	2,010
	NEW BRUNSWICK		QUEBEC		ONTARIO		BRITISH COLUMBIA	
	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956	1955	1956
- tons -								
Pears					22,175	20,475	14,525	13,400
Plums & prunes					14,400	7,025	5,475	5,950
Peaches					59,250	34,175	12,825	7,500
Apricots							4,600	2,100
Cherries, sweet					2,625	950	2,900	1,450
Cherries, sour					13,550	7,300		
Strawberries	531	750	3,125	3,906	4,736	4,702	5,648	1,228
Raspberries	28	31	188	219	1,604	1,701	6,861	2,621
Loganberries							618	140
Grapes					46,380	39,907	996	230
Blueberries	1,500	2,050	8,821	2,438			372	606

1/ The original estimates secured by the Bureau were stated in measures of volume (except loganberries, grapes and blueberries). These were converted to tons at the following rates: 1 quart of strawberries or raspberries = 1.25 pounds (except in British Columbia where the rate of 1 quart = 1.50 pounds was used) and one bushel of all other fruits = 50 pounds (net weight).