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VALUE OF FRUIT PRODUCTION - 1958

The total farm value of commercial fruit production in Canada for 1958 was 43.3 million dollars, a small increase over the 1957 revised total of 43.1 million dollars. Receipts from the sale of apples in 1958 are estimated at 14.7 million dollars, 18 per cent less than the previous year's 18.0 million dollars. Growers received an estimated 87 cents per bushel for the 1958 crop, substantially below the revised estimate of \$1.15 per bushel for 1957. A larger crop in 1958 failed to offset the lower price.

The value of the 1958 tender tree fruit totalled 13.8 million dollars, two per cent greater than in the previous year. Small fruits, however, returned an estimated 14.8 million dollars to the producers, 28 per cent greater than the 11.6 million dollars received in 1957. This increase was largely the result of higher returns from the sales of grapes, strawberries and blueberries. The raspberry and loganberry crops were worth less. Prices for all small fruits, except raspberries, were the same in 1958 as in 1957, or higher, although the strawberry, grape and blueberry crops were heavier.

In Newfoundland and Prince Edward Island, the total farm value of fruit crops for which estimates are prepared was higher in 1958 than in 1957, reflecting the better returns for strawberries and blueberries. In Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, however, total returns to farmers for sales of fruit were lower in 1958, due largely to reduced apple production in the latter year. Quebec growers, on the other hand, received an estimated 6.2 million dollars from fruit sales in 1958, substantially above the 5.0 million dollars for the previous year. In Ontario the value of the 1958 fruit crop stood at 20.8 million dollars, up from the 1957 total of 18.4 million dollars. In British Columbia, 1958 fruit crop sales yielded 13.3 million dollars in 1958, below the revised estimate of 15.5 million dollars the previous season.

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Estimated Production and Value of Fruit in Canada, by Province, 1957 and 1958

		1 9 5 7			1 9 5 8		
	Unit	Production	Price per Unit	Total Farm Value	Production	Price per Unit	Total Farm Value
		'000	\$	\$'000	'000	\$	\$'000
<u>CANADA</u>							
Apples	bu.	15,630 <sup>1/</sup>	1.15 <sup>1/</sup>	18,035 <sup>1/</sup>	17,006	.87	14,729
Pears	bu.	1,094	2.01 <sup>1/</sup>	2,201 <sup>1/</sup>	1,521	1.96	2,986
Plums and prunes	bu.	566	1.67 <sup>1/</sup>	946 <sup>1/</sup>	648	1.84	1,194
Peaches	bu.	2,801	2.22 <sup>1/</sup>	6,218 <sup>1/</sup>	3,043	1.78	5,404
Apricots	bu.	281	1.86 <sup>1/</sup>	523 <sup>1/</sup>	231	1.92	443
Cherries, sweet	bu.	239	7.28 <sup>1/</sup>	1,739 <sup>1/</sup>	297	6.06	1,799
Cherries, sour	bu.	366	5.10	1,867	460	4.21	1,937
Strawberries	qt.	16,459	.22	3,675 <sup>1/</sup>	22,918	.22	5,012
Raspberries	qt.	12,311	.24	3,008	11,016	.22	2,392
Loganberries	lb.	1,059	.15	161 <sup>1/</sup>	893	.15	134
Grapes	lb.	69,319	.041	2,832	106,222	.046	4,867
Blueberries	lb.	13,756	.14	1,888 <sup>1/</sup>	16,283	.15	2,365
Total Values				43,093 <sup>1/</sup>			43,262
<u>Newfoundland</u>							
Blueberries	lb.	991	.10	99	1,644	.07	115
<u>Prince Edward Island</u>							
Strawberries	qt.	965	.21	203	1,254	.22	276
Blueberries	lb.	300	.12	36	300	.09	27
Total Values				239			303
<u>Nova Scotia</u>							
Apples	bu.	2,918	.66	1,926	1,455	.63	917
Pears	bu.	23	1.80	41	32	1.75	56
Plums and prunes	bu.	5	2.60	13	5	2.50	12
Strawberries	qt.	575	.24 <sup>1/</sup>	138 <sup>1/</sup>	740	.25	185
Raspberries	qt.	40	.42	17	44	.43	19
Blueberries	lb.	4,800	.12	576	3,000	.125	375
Total Values				2,711 <sup>1/</sup>			1,564
<u>New Brunswick</u>							
Apples	bu.	450	1.15	518	350	1.30	455
Strawberries	qt.	700	.23	161	1,000	.22	220
Raspberries	qt.	45	.43	19	60	.43	26
Blueberries	lb.	3,300	.13	429	2,500	.13	325
Total Values				1,127			1,026

<sup>1/</sup> Revised.

Estimated Production and Value of Fruit in Canada, by Province,  
1957 and 1958 (Concluded)

		1 9 5 7			1 9 5 8		
	Unit	Production	Price per Unit	Total Farm Value	Production	Price per Unit	Total Farm Value
		'000	\$	\$'000	'000	\$	\$'000
<u>Quebec</u>							
Apples	bu.	2,525	1.33	3,358	4,465	.79	3,527
Strawberries	qt.	3,100	.29	899	6,300	.22	1,386
Raspberries	qt.	412	.52	214	425	.40	170
Blueberries	lb.	3,085	.17	524	6,917	.16	1,129
Total Values				4,955		6,212	
<u>Ontario</u>							
Apples	bu.	3,221 <sup>1/</sup>	1.28	4,124 <sup>1/</sup>	4,720	.83	3,937
Pears	bu.	380	1.92	730	865	1.66	1,433
Plums and prunes	bu.	380	1.80	683	422	1.78	751
Peaches	bu.	2,266	2.33	5,289	2,588	1.75	4,529
Cherries, sweet	bu.	134	5.96	798	176	5.48	968
Cherries, sour	bu.	366	5.10	1,867	460	4.21	1,937
Strawberries	qt.	6,158	.20	1,242	6,854	.22	1,490
Raspberries	qt.	2,564	.39	1,013	2,882	.35	1,011
Grapes	lb.	67,100	.040	2,684	103,874	.045	4,698
Total Values				18,430 <sup>1/</sup>		20,754	
<u>British Columbia</u>							
Apples	bu.	6,516 <sup>1/</sup>	1.24 <sup>1/</sup>	8,109 <sup>1/</sup>	6,016	.98	5,893
Pears	bu.	691	2.07 <sup>1/</sup>	1,430 <sup>1/</sup>	624	2.40	1,497
Plums and prunes	bu.	181	1.38 <sup>1/</sup>	250 <sup>1/</sup>	221	1.95	431
Peaches	bu.	535	1.74 <sup>1/</sup>	929 <sup>1/</sup>	455	1.92	875
Apricots	bu.	281	1.86 <sup>1/</sup>	523 <sup>1/</sup>	231	1.92	443
Cherries, sweet	bu.	105	8.96 <sup>1/</sup>	941 <sup>1/</sup>	121	6.87	831
Strawberries	qt.	4,961	.21	1,032	6,770	.21	1,455
Raspberries	qt.	9,250	.19	1,745	7,605	.15	1,166
Loganberries	lb.	1,059	.15	161 <sup>1/</sup>	893	.15	134
Grapes	lb.	2,219	.067	148	2,348	.072	169
Blueberries	lb.	1,280	.175	224 <sup>1/</sup>	1,922	.205	394
Total Values				15,492 <sup>1/</sup>		13,288	

<sup>1/</sup> Revised.

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