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FRUIT REPORT

Ottawa, July 29, 1932.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics, in co-operation with provincial Governments, today issued a report covering condition of fruit crops throughout Canada along with preliminary estimates of production.

Canada - There is considerable variation in the production and prospects for fruit production throughout Canada. In general the production in the Maritime provinces will be lower in 1932 than in 1931, the cool spring with local frosts reducing the possibilities of harvest. In Quebec fruit production will be slightly lower than last year due to cool spring temperatures and subsequent lack of rainfall. In Ontario the outlook for production varies, Raspberry and strawberry production was less than last year and a greatly reduced apple crop compared with last year is in prospect. Cherries, peaches, pears and grapes on the other hand will probably yield better than last year in Ontario. The season has been favourable in British Columbia and apples and cherries will probably yield better than last year.

Reports by Provinces

Note - Where condition figures are quoted in the following reports, the basis is as follows; 1 = Poor; 2 = Below average; 3 = Average; 4 = Above average; 5 = Exceptionally good.

Prince Edward Island

The following table shows the condition of various fruit crops in Prince Edward Island on July 22, 1932.

Apples.....	2.9
Plums.....	2.8
Cherries.....	2.9
Pears.....	2.5

Low temperatures have affected the development of fruit crops in Prince Edward Island. Moisture conditions have been satisfactory during the season to date although June precipitation was below normal. Infestations of aphid are noticeable as well as some apple scab. The general prospects in Prince Edward Island indicate a total fruit production slightly below average.

Preliminary Estimates of Production

Total Production

Apples.....	32,000 bbls.
Cherries.....	2,500 bus.

Nova Scotia

The following table shows the condition of various fruit crops in the Province of Nova Scotia as at July 22, 1932.

Apples

Gravenstein.....	2.0
King.....	2.6
Ribston.....	2.6
Blenheim.....	2.5
Ben Davis.....	2.0
Stark.....	2.0
Golden Russett.....	2.9
Baldwin.....	2.2
Others.....	2.5

Other Fruits

Plums.....	1.9
Cherries.....	2.0

The Nova Scotia apple crop is subject to varying conditions between local areas and between different varieties of apples. Considerable infestation of aphids is reported and apple scab is noticed in orchards that have not been well sprayed. In well-cared-for orchards damage from disease and pests is relatively light.

Early spring frosts and subsequent cool weather have decreased the yield of all fruits in Nova Scotia this year and have resulted in a lighter set of apples. Taking the fruit areas as a whole the drop is reported as being relatively light. Plums and Cherries are relatively small crops in Nova Scotia. The outlook for plum production is unfavourable and production will be light in most districts. Early frosts and cool weather have lowered the prospects for cherry production and a below average crop is in evidence.

Preliminary Production Estimates

	<u>Commercial Production</u>	<u>Total Production</u>
Apples.....	1,072,000 barrels	1,410,000 barrels
Cherries.....	-	4,500 bushels

New Brunswick

The following table shows the condition of various varieties of apples and other fruits in New Brunswick on July 22, 1931.

Apples

McIntosh.....	2.7
Wealthy.....	2.7
Fameuse.....	3.0
Bishop Pippin.....	3.0
Wolf River.....	2.5
Alexander.....	2.9
Dudly.....	3.0

Other Fruits

Plums.....	2.5
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Cool weather has been an adverse factor in fruit development in New Brunswick this season, starting with a cool spring and local frosts. The weather continued cool and damp during the blooming season. During recent weeks the weather has been cool and not as favourable for crop development as might be expected at this time of the year. Correspondents report a fair to good set of apples while the drop is reported high at some points and low at others. Frequent showers have made spraying difficult, but in general, scab and other disease is light. The outlook for apple production is for a crop slightly below average and below that of 1931.

Preliminary Estimates of Production

	<u>Commercial Production</u>	<u>Total Production</u>
Apples.....	32,000 barrels	82,000 barrels

Ontario

The following table shows the condition of various varieties of apples and other fruits in Ontario on July 22, 1932.

Apples

Baldwin.....	1.8
Greening.....	2.0
Ben Davis.....	2.8
Spy.....	3.0
Starks.....	2.6
McIntosh.....	2.8

Other Fruits

Sweet Cherries.....	3.0
Sour Cherries.....	4.0
Fears.....	3.3
Plums.....	2.5
Grapes.....	3.4

Apples - Apple crop prospects in Ontario are below average and very considerably under last year. The commercial crop is estimated at approximately one half of last year's total. Some varieties are very light, particularly greenings and baldwins. Prospects are very poor in Western Ontario and slightly below average in Eastern districts. The best crop is in the Newcastle and Trenton sections. Wet weather at the end of June and during July caused scab and fungus to be quite prevalent. Where spraying has been thoroughly done, the quality of fruit is splendid. Moisture has been ample and growth is good in all sections.

Cherries - Weather conditions have been favourable and a crop of good quality fruit is being picked. There was some splitting in Bing and Lambert varieties. The fruit is very clean. Starlings are numerous and have caused a serious loss to many growers in Western Ontario. Sour cherries are quite heavy.

Pears - The pear crop is estimated as slightly above average. Bartletts and Anjou pears are reported as a full crop in the Niagara district. Kieffer and Duchess varieties are medium. The fruit is exceptionally clean and is sizing well.

Plums - Plums are an uneven set and a crop somewhat below average is indicated. Some varieties are very good but others are light. Damsons and Lombards are very good. Well sprayed orchards are practically free from insects and diseases. The quality is expected to be well above average.

Peaches - The 1932 crop is above average and only slightly below last year's production. Spraying and dusting have been well done and a clean and high quality crop is expected. There was a heavy drop of Elbertas in orchards affected by leaf curl. Most other varieties have required thinning. Moisture and temperature conditions are satisfactory.

Grapes - Conditions are very favourable for a good crop. Most growers are spraying thoroughly to control the leaf hopper and to prevent mildew. The crop seems to be a little ahead of last year in development and if weather conditions continue satisfactory the crop may mature a little earlier than usual. A considerable new acreage is coming into production this year.

Preliminary Estimates of Production

	<u>Commercial Production</u>	<u>Total Production</u>
Apples.....	556,000 barrels	1,175,000 barrels
Cherries.....	206,000 bushels	248,000 bushels

British Columbia

The following comments on conditions in British Columbia are extracted from the Horticultural News Letter issued by the Department of Agriculture of British Columbia on July 23, 1932.

Lower Mainland - The weather during the berry season has been very unfavourable, and it has been a case of picking and shipping to the best possible advantage under adverse conditions. July has been unusually wet about 4½ inches of rain having fallen during the first half of the month. There is, on the whole, a medium to heavy crop of apples and pears and the size at this time of the year is good.

Armstrong, Vernon and Oyaana and district - Climatic conditions over most of the past two weeks have been dull and cool with odd showers. All tree fruits are sizing rapidly and indicate fruit normal to above in size for the growth period. Apple scab is very prevalent and has already seriously reduced grade prospects in McIntosh.

Kelowna - The weather during the past two weeks has been cool and dull with occasional showers. Tree fruits are all making good growth and are sizing well.

Summerland and district - Cooler weather has been experienced during the past two weeks. The cherry crop is practically harvested. Yellow Transparents and a few varieties of early apples are being shipped.

Penticton, Kaleden and district - Showery weather over the past two weeks caused considerable splitting of cherries, especially Lamberts. Yellow Transparents and other early varieties are being shipped.

Kootenay and Arrow Lakes - Temperatures have been cooler during the past two weeks and numerous showers have fallen. Apples are sizing well and are fairly free of scab in well sprayed orchards. Thinning operations are about complete.

Creston Valley - The weather has been cool and cloudy. All tree fruits are sizing. Thinning is still in progress but will soon be over. In sprayed orchards the scab is well controlled.

Grand Forks - Climatic conditions continue cool with a considerable number of showers throughout the district. Apples are coloring and sizing well and growth is good. A light crop is expected and apple scab has shown up in several orchards due to the unusually moist and cool weather.

Preliminary Estimates of Production

<u>Commercial Production</u>	
Apples.....	4,326,000 boxes
Cherries...	74,800 bushels

Quebec

The following table shows the condition of the various varieties of apples and other fruits in the Province of Quebec.

Apples

McIntosh.....	3.3
Wealthy.....	3.3
Duchess.....	3.7
Fameuse.....	3.2
Yellow Transparent.....	3.0
Others.....	3.5

Other Fruits

Sweet Cherries.....	2.5
Sour Cherries.....	3.0
Plums.....	2.5

Severe hailstorms visited nearly all apple areas in the Montreal district and caused a big loss in this crop. The damage is estimated as high as 40 per cent. Before the storms the apple crop had a good appearance and promised well. There is very little apple scab on Fameuse and McIntosh varieties, compared with last year.

Plums have a good appearance at the present time but the yield will be considerably less than last year.

Preliminary Estimates of Production

	<u>Commercial Production</u>	<u>Total Production</u>
Apples.....	154,000 barrels	364,000 barrels
Cherries.....	-	14,000 bushels

Preliminary Estimates of Apple Production in Eastern Canada

	<u>Commercial Production</u> (Barrels)	<u>Total Production</u> (Barrels)
Prince Edward Island.....	-	32,000
Nova Scotia.....	1,072,000	1,410,000
New Brunswick.....	32,000	82,000
Quebec.....	154,000	364,000
Ontario.....	556,000	1,175,000
TOTAL.....	1,814,000	3,063,000



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