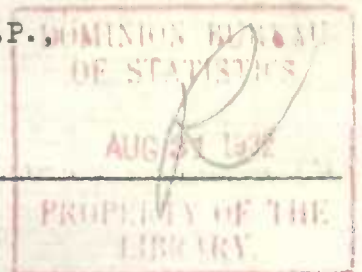


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FRUIT REPORT

Ottawa, August 30, 1932.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics, in co-operation with provincial Governments, today issued a report covering condition of fruit crops throughout Canada.

Canada:- Apple production in Canada in 1932 promises to be smaller than in 1931. Estimated yields in eastern Canada indicate a crop sharply lower than last year while British Columbia has a larger crop than last year. In Prince Edward Island when production is largely for home consumption, the 1932 crop is below average. In Nova Scotia and New Brunswick the estimated yield is lower than last year owing to cool weather, especially in the early spring. In Quebec, dry weather last spring has decreased prospects as well as extensive hail damage in the Montreal district. In Ontario the apple crop is sharply lower this year than last year. Recent weather has been favourable however and apples have made good progress with good colour prospects. There is considerable scab in Ontario this year probably due to wet weather at spraying time.

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

In Prince Edward Island early season prospects for fruit production have declined considerably. In some sections of the province the present season is an off year for apples and the yield is light. The outlook for production was also affected by cold, damp weather during the blooming period. There are also reports of blight causing an excessive drop of apples. Some correspondents report tent caterpillars as prevalent. Recently the weather has been hot and humid and scab has developed. Aphis is reported prevalent, especially on young trees. In general, apple production in Prince Edward Island will be below average this year.

Plums and crabapples are a patchy crop, some correspondents reporting fair yields and others very light yields. Production of these fruits will be below average.

Nova Scotia

The Nova Scotia apple crop will be considerably lower than last year but the crop is clean and of good quality. Several correspondents believe that while the total yield is lower than last year, the amount of high quality apples suitable for export will be greater than last year. The reduced production this year is largely due to cool weather along with early season frosts. While various diseases are reported from different parts of the fruit area of Nova Scotia, the actual damage appears light and the 1932 crops will be relatively clean. King, Ribston, Golden Russet, Nonpareil and Spy show the best prospective yield while Gravenstein, Baldwin and Stark are distinctly below average.

Plums are reported a poor crop generally. Early season temperatures and cool weather caused a light set and a light bloom.

The following table shows the condition of the various varieties of apples in Nova Scotia as at August 23rd:-

Gravenstein.....	2.2	
King.....	3.2	Stark.....
Ribston.....	2.8	Golden Russet..
Blenheim.....	2.5	Baldwin.....
Ben Davis.....	2.7	Others.....

New Brunswick

The apple crop in New Brunswick will be slightly lower than last year. Conditions have been favourable on the whole for the crop this year although temperatures have been low at times. Sprayed orchards are in good condition and cleaner than last year. Fruit is sizing well but early apples lack colour in some areas. Some correspondents report scab but largely in orchards which have not been carefully sprayed. Tent caterpillars are reported prevalent in some districts. As a result of cool wet weather during June and July, trees have made exceptional growth this year.

The following table shows the condition of the leading varieties of apples in New Brunswick as at August 23, 1932:

McIntosh.....	3.0
Wealthy.....	3.0
Faneuse.....	2.5
Bishop Pippin.....	3.0
Wolf River.....	2.5
Alexander.....	2.0
Dudly.....	2.8
Others.....	2.7

Quebec

Lack of rain in early spring reduced crop prospects in Quebec. During July and August, however, conditions materially improved on account of ample rainfall and fruit crops have developed well during the last sixty days. In the Montreal district hail damage has been general but later varieties of apples have improved.

The condition of various varieties of apples in Quebec as at August 23 is shown as follows:-

McIntosh.....	4.0
Wealthy.....	4.0
Duchess.....	3.5
Faneuse.....	3.3
Yellow Transparent.....	4.0
Others.....	3.0

The preliminary estimate of apple production in Quebec has been revised and now shows an estimated commercial crop of 172,500 barrels and a total production of 400,000 barrels.

The production of plums in Quebec this year will be much below the level of 1931.

Ontario

Apples:

Generally favourable weather conditions during August have permitted apples to make excellent growth with good colour prospects. There is more scab in all sections this year than usual which is largely attributable to wet weather at spraying time. Unsprayed orchards are reported very poor but in thoroughly sprayed orchards fruit promises to be of good size and colour. With the exception of slight evidence of worms, insects are well under control.

The condition of various varieties of apples in Ontario on August 23, is shown as follows:-

Baldwin.....	1.8
Spy.....	2.8
Greenings.....	2.0
Starks.....	2.6
Ben Davis.....	2.6
McIntosh.....	2.6

Peaches:

Outside of some rot and ink spot showing in unsprayed orchards peaches are of good size, clean, and practically free from disease throughout the Niagara district. Thinned orchards have an exceptionally good showing of fruit. Some orchards along the lake front were damaged by a severe hail storm on August 8th. The total crop is estimated at 3% under last year.

Pears:

The pear crop is reported as exceptionally free from disease or blight and favourable weather conditions during the past month have enabled the fruit to size well. The crop yield is slightly above average and is estimated at 15% greater than last year. Bartletts and Keiffers are very promising.

Plums:

Prospects are not at all uniform, some orchards promise good crop and other orchards are very light. The total production is estimated at 15% less than the production last year. Some hail damage is reported in Lincoln county.

Grapes:

Weather during August has been quite favourable except for a heavy hail storm on August 8th which caused considerable damage to vineyards in a restricted area in Lincoln. Grapes are sizing well and except for some hopper damage in unsprayed vineyards, vines are in healthy condition. The yield in old vineyards will be about the same as last year while new vines coming into bearing will account for an increase in total production estimated at approximately 3% above last year.

Preliminary estimates of Ontario fruit crops, other than apples, are as follows:-

	<u>Commercial Production</u>	<u>Total Production</u>
Pears.. .. .	240,000 bushels	350,000 bushels
Peaches.....	750,000 "	875,000 "
Plums.. .. .	112,000 "	232,000 "
Grapes.....	49,000,000 pounds	49,000,000 pounds

British Columbia

The following report is extracted from the "Horticultural News Letter" of August 24, 1932, issued by the Department of Agriculture:-

Vancouver Island and Gulf Islands:

General weather conditions during the past week have been dull and showery. A period of fine weather is needed badly for many crops, particularly seed and grain crops. Warm weather crops such as tomatoes, corn, cucumbers and melons need more heat.

Wealthy and Gravenstein apples will soon be ready. Bartlett pears are sizing nicely and will be harvested soon. The Olivet cherry crop is over.

Salmon Arm, Sorrento, Main Line Points:

Tree fruits are sizing rapidly, and Wealthies will be moving from Kamloops and western points this week. Wealthies in the Salmon Arm - Sorrento sections are colouring well, though Scab is somewhat prevalent. A few are moving this week from "off trees," but it will be the end of next week before shipments will begin in earnest.

Armstrong, Vernon, Oyama, Winfield & Okanagan Centre:

All tree fruits are sizing splendidly, colour is uniform and above average for this period of the year. Wealthy apples are being picked but would be much improved in condition and appearance if left for another week. Triumph and Yellow St. John peaches and Bradshaw plums are now moving freely and it will be a steady procession of these fruits until the wind up with Elberta peaches. Prunes are sizing splendidly and if growers are not stampeded into too early picking, a crop of high quality fruit should be harvested; a heavy late drop of prunes has reduced the previous estimates somewhat. Clapps Favourite pears are ready and Bartletts should follow in about a week or ten days.

Apple Scab is still a menace in some sections as with favourable heat and humidity conditions a late pin point infection may be expected.

Malowna:

All tree fruits are sizing well and early plums are moving. To date Codling Moth is not as bad as at this time last year. Bartlett pears will commence to move in a few days.

Summerland, Peachland, Naramata and Westbank:

All tree fruits are making good growth. Apples are putting on good colour. Peaches and pears are ripening fast. The packing houses are getting busy on Bartlett and Bose pears. Yellow St. John and Rochester peaches are coming in fast and there will be steady shipments of early apples, pears, plums and peaches from now on.

Penticton, Kaleden, Oliver & Saoyoos, Keremeos:

The weather generally has been very hot following rains of last week, and a high wind on the night of August 15th caused considerable damage to pears and some of the larger varieties of apples. As a result the pear tonnage from this district will be considerably less than last year.

Kootenay and Arrow Lakes:

All varieties of apples are sizing well and colour is good for this time of year. A few early apples are on the market. Gravensteins will be ready from Lower Arrow Lakes about the last week in August. Clapps Favourite pears will be ready to pick in a few days, and Bartletts by the first week in September. The pear crop on the whole is light this year.

Grand Forks:

The fruit crop is lighter than last year with the exception of prunes, which from present indications will be heavy. Pears are very light this year.

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