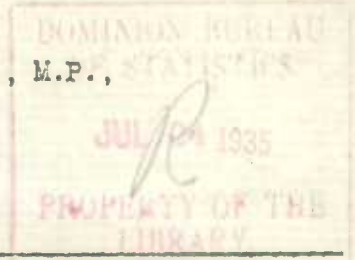


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FRUIT REPORT NO. 2.

Ottawa, July 26, 1935.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics, in co-operation with the Fruit Branch of the Department of Agriculture and Provincial Departments of Agriculture to-day issued a report showing the condition of fruit crops in Canada and preliminary estimates of the production.

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.- Fruit crops in Prince Edward Island are developing well with temperatures and moisture conditions satisfactory. Orchards are still suffering from damage traceable to the severe winter of 1933-34. Insects and diseases are under control where spraying is carried on.

NOVA SCOTIA.- Prospects for fruit production in Nova Scotia continue satisfactory. Sufficient moisture has been received for growing crops but further rains in the near future would be helpful in some areas. There is a heavy set of apples in areas where early frosts damaged buds last year. In other areas the set is not as heavy as anticipated with due regard to growing conditions. Orchard pests and diseases are under control where spraying has been systematic. Prospects for cherry production are mixed. Cherry trees are still suffering from the damage sustained during the winter of 1933-34. Many trees in a weakened condition are gradually dying out.

The following table shows the condition of varieties of apples, cherries and plums:

Gravenstein .....	3.5	Ben Davis .....	2.9
King .....	3.5	Stark .....	3.1
Ribston .....	3.5	Cherries .....	2.8
Blenheim .....	2.8	Plums .....	2.8

NEW BRUNSWICK.- Fruit prospects continue satisfactory in New Brunswick. Moisture conditions and temperatures have been such as to promote seasonal development of all fruits. Insects and diseases are under control in orchards which have been well sprayed. Some hail damage is reported. A substantial increase in apple production is indicated this year as compared with last year.

The following table shows the condition of varieties of apples, cherries and plums:

McIntosh .....	3.4	Alexander .....	3.0
Wealthy .....	3.1	Dudley .....	3.0
Fameuse .....	3.0	Other varieties .....	3.0
Bishop Pippin .....	2.7	Cherries .....	3.0
Wolf River .....	2.8	Plums .....	3.0

QUEBEC.- In general, the weather has been favourable for fruits during the past month. Bloom has been light on some varieties but prospects are better than last year. Scab is well under control in sprayed orchards but is developing rapidly in poorly cared for orchards. Apple beetle is present but no serious damage is expected.



Condition and Yield Prospects for Apples in the Province of Quebec  
as per July 18th 1935.

Varieties	Condition 3 taken as normal	Yield prospects as compared with 1934 crop 1934 : : 100
McIntosh .....	2.3	169
Wealthy .....	2.3	174
Fameuse .....	1.0	74
Duchess and Yellow Transparent ...	2.8	119
Other Varieties .....	1.6	84
Weighted average for the Province- All Apples .....	1.7	102.4

Small Fruits : Area and Yield  
as per July 17th, 1935.

Varieties	Area under crop acres		Average Yield per acre quarts			Total Yield in quarts		
	1934	% of Variety	1935	1934	% of Variety	1935	1934	1935
Strawberries ...	3,100	103	3,200	2,800	73	2,000	5,890,000	6,400,000
Raspberries ....	1,500	105	1,600	1,500	109	1,600	2,250,000	2,500,000

ONTARIO.- In Western Ontario apples are sizing well due to the plentiful supply of moisture. Very little insect injury is evident. There has been quite a heavy drop of Spys and Greenings. Baldwins, Greenings and MacIntosh will show a considerable increase in yield over last year. Cherries have been picked in good condition and production shows an increase of from 20 to 25% over last year. European varieties of plums promise a medium to heavy yield, with Japanese and Shiro light to medium and Burbanks light. The yield will be approximately 20% greater than last season. The pear crop is lighter than last year but the fruit is sizing well and the final yield may not show as large a decrease as now estimated. Most varieties of peaches have a full crop, and thinning is being practised generally throughout the Niagara Peninsula. Grape vines are making excellent growth. Leaf Hopper is abundant in some vineyards but spraying is now general to combat this insect. The grape crop is expected to be about normal. Raspberries are now coming on the market and yield about 35% greater than last year is indicated.

In Eastern Ontario apple scab is quite prevalent on foliage and fruit in many orchards due to frequent rains from June 10 to 24 which rendered spraying difficult. Early varieties of apples, such as MacIntosh, Snows, Wealthy, Wolf River, Alexander, and Baxters promise a good crop, perhaps 20 to 25% heavier than last season. Late varieties such as Spys, Baldwin, Stark, Ben Davis, Cranberry Pippin, R.I. Greening, and Russets have set very patchy with some orchards showing fair crops. The June drop was heavy and it is doubtful if there will be as great a yield of any of these varieties as last season. Spys are rather spotty and will yield about the same as last year while Starks and Ben Davis show a heavy decrease. The light crop of late apples is due to many weak trees that suffered injury from the severe winters of 1933 and 1934. Tree mortality was heavy again this season and from Port Hope east 50% of all the trees over 25 years of age are now dead. On June 24 a severe hail storm caused losses ranging from 15 to 100% of the crop in the Colborne and Brighton districts on about 400 acres of orchards. Strawberry production was about 75% heavier than last year and prices were quite good. Raspberries look exceptionally well and a large crop is assured. Cherries and plums are very light from Toronto east and production will be practically negligible from a commercial standpoint. Cherry trees are in a very weak condition from winter injury and fruit trees were killed by the low temperature last winter. Many plum trees have died this season again, and trees showing full foliage at this date are making rather poor growth with the exception of Blue Damsons.



The following table shows the condition of fruit crops in Ontario on July 15th with comparative figures for June 15th. System of reporting used is: 1-poor; 2-below average; 3-average; 4-above average; 5-exceptionally good.

	June 15 1935	July 15 1935		June 15 1935	July 15 1935		June 15 1935	July 15 1935
Grapes	3.0	3.2	Cherries	2.8	3.0	MacIntosh	3.5	3.4
Plums	3.2	3.3	Baldwins	2.1	2.1	Spys	2.6	2.4
Pears	2.3	2.4	Ben Davis	1.5	1.5	Starks	2.0	1.9
Peaches	4.2	4.8	Greenings	2.5	2.3			

BRITISH COLUMBIA.- The fruit season is now well advanced in British Columbia. Small fruits have yielded well, production of strawberries and raspberries being somewhat larger than last year. The outturn of cherries is smaller than a year ago owing to early season drought and damage sustained during the latter stages of development. Production of peaches and apricots will also be slightly smaller than last year. A somewhat higher yield of pears is expected. The apple crop gives promise of a yield practically as large as that harvested last year. Spraying has been carefully carried out this year although high winds have interfered at times. Scab is under control. A heavy drop is reported in some sections of the interior fruit area.

Preliminary Production Estimates

The following table shows estimated fruit production in Canada in 1935 along with comparative figures for 1934.

		1935	1934
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>			
Strawberries	(qts.)	568,000	325,000
Raspberries	(qts.)	60,000	34,000
Apples	(brls.)	1,800,000	1,800,000
Pears	(bush.)	7,000	5,000
Plums and Prunes	(bush.)	8,000	6,000
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>			
Strawberries	(qts.)	1,100,000	1,000,000
Raspberries	(qts.)	41,000	37,500
Apples	(brls.)	45,000	30,000
<u>QUEBEC</u>			
Strawberries	(qts.)	6,400,000	5,890,000
Raspberries	(qts.)	2,500,000	2,250,000
Apples	(brls.)	150,000	121,000
<u>ONTARIO</u>			
Strawberries	(qts.)	11,819,000	6,753,660
Raspberries	(qts.)	2,451,000	1,815,750
Apples	(brls.)	426,000	320,610
Pears	(bush.)	161,000	201,800
Peaches	(bush.)	337,000	337,432
Cherries	(bush.)	114,500	93,080
Plums and Prunes	(bush.)	80,000	66,390
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA (1)</u>			
Strawberries	(crates)	545,000	398,900
Raspberries	(crates)	157,000	143,100
Apples	(boxes)	4,872,000	4,857,100
Pears	(boxes)	227,000	205,100
Peaches	(crates)	113,000	207,500
Apricots	(crates)	117,000	224,200
Plums and Prunes	(crates)	355,000	345,300
Cherries	(crates)	110,000	180,800
<u>CANADA</u>			
Strawberries	(qts.)	27,735,000	19,713,000
Raspberries	(qts.)	7,313,000	6,198,000
Apples	(brls.)	4,045,000	3,891,000
Cherries	(bush.)	152,000	153,000
Pears	(bush.)	319,000	344,000
Plums and Prunes	(bush.)	206,000	187,000
Peaches	(bush.)	375,000	407,000
Apricots	(bush.)	39,000	75,000

(1) Estimates for British Columbia are based upon the following average net weights per package.- Apples and pears, box 42 lb.; plums and prunes, peaches, cherries and apricots, crate 20 lb.; strawberries and raspberries, crate 18 lb.



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