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FRUIT REPORT

OTTAWA, October 1, 1948 - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Marketing Service of the Department of Agriculture and the Provincial Departments of Agriculture, issues to-day a report on the production of fruits in Canada as indicated by conditions on September 15 and the first estimate of potato production.

S U M M A R Y

The estimates of production of tree fruits in Canada show a decline since the last report. As harvesting continues, the crops of late fruits are not reaching the levels anticipated a month ago. The prolonged dry weather in eastern Canada materially affected the size of the fruit and the estimates have been reduced accordingly. Development of the late tree-fruits in British Columbia was also disappointing although the reduction in the expected harvest was not as great as elsewhere. The apple crop is now estimates at 14,725,000 bu., a decline of 5 per cent since the last report. The present estimate puts the crop at 894,000 bu. less than was harvested last season. The pear estimates also show a reduction in the anticipated harvest since last month. The crop is now set at 759,000 bu., and is 21 per cent smaller than that of a year ago which was estimated at 966,000 bu. A four per cent reduction in the expected plum harvest was also recorded during the month. The plum crop is now set at 595,000 bu., which is 18 per cent less than the 1947 harvest. Peaches, particularly in Ontario, suffered from the dry, hot weather to a greater extent than any other fruit crop. The crop is now expected to amount to 1,594,000 bu., compared with the previous estimate of 1,950,000 bu., This is a drop of 18 per cent during the month. A moderate reduction in the anticipated grape harvest since August brings the crop to 73,045,000 lb. The crop is now estimated at one per cent below the 1947 level when 73,803,000 lb. were harvested.

THIRD ESTIMATE OF FRUIT PRODUCTION IN CANADA, BY PROVINCES
IN 1948 AND FINAL ESTIMATE FOR 1947

Item	Unit	1947	1948
CANADA -			
Apples	bu.	15,619,000	14,725,000
Pears	bu.	966,000	759,000
Plums and Prunes	bu.	723,000 ^{a/}	595,000
Peaches	bu.	1,681,000	1,594,000
Apricots	bu.	116,000	139,000
Cherries	bu.	299,000	311,000
Grapes	lb.	73,803,000	73,045,000

^{a/} Subject to upward revision.

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IN 1948 AND FINAL ESTIMATE FOR 1947

Item	Unit	1947	1948
<u>NOVA SCOTIA -</u>			
Apples	bu.	3,631,000	2,758,000
Pears	bu.	30,000	22,000
Plums and Prunes	bu.	12,000	9,000
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK -</u>			
Apples	bu.	339,000	271,000
<u>QUEBEC -</u>			
Apples	bu.	1,230,000	1,200,000
<u>ONTARIO -</u>			
Apples	bu.	2,762,000	2,175,000
Pears	bu.	393,000	260,000
Plums and Prunes	bu.	268,000 a/	188,000
Peaches	bu.	923,000	833,000
Cherries	bu.	128,000	190,000
Grapes	lb.	71,490,000	70,180,000
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>			
Apples	bu.	7,657,000	2,321,000
Pears	bu.	543,000	477,000
Plums and Prunes	bu.	443,000	398,000
Peaches	bu.	758,000	761,000
Apricots	bu.	116,000	139,000
Cherries	bu.	171,000	121,000
Grapes	lb.	2,313,000	2,865,000

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THE ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION OF POTATOES IN CANADA

BY PROVINCES 1947 and 1948

	Area		Yield per Acre		Production	
	1947	1948	1947	1948	1947	1948
	ac.	ac.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
<u>CANADA</u>	497,400	508,200	91.0	100.0	45,114,000	50,779,000
P. E. I.	43,500	48,200	135.0	109.0	5,873,000	5,254,000
N. S.	21,500	21,000	85.0	127.0	1,828,000	2,667,000
N. B.	66,600	67,900	142.0	145.0	9,457,000	9,846,000
Que.	148,700	155,000	71.0	92.0	10,558,000	14,260,000
Ont.	113,700	115,300	80.0	93.0	9,100,000	10,723,000
Man.	24,500	26,300	74.0	84.0	1,813,000	2,209,000
Sask.	37,300	34,300	64.0	58.0	2,387,000	1,989,000
Alta.	24,500	22,800	80.0	81.0	1,960,000	1,847,000
B. C.	17,100	17,400	125.0	114.0	2,138,000	1,984,000

