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FRUIT REPORT

OTTAWA, August 10, 1949 - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Marketing Service of the Department of Agriculture and the Provincial Departments of Agriculture issues today the second estimate of fruit production in Canada as indicated by crop conditions at mid-July.

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The second estimate of fruit production in Canada indicates that the tree-fruit crops will be well above the 1948 level. Berries and grapes, on the other hand, are down considerably. The apple crop is now expected to amount to 16,216,000 bu. This represents a decline of 554,000 bu. since last month but the crop is still 21 percent larger than that of last season which amounted to 13,404,000 bu. The prospects improved during the last month in New Brunswick, Quebec, and British Columbia while in Nova Scotia and Ontario the outlook is less favourable. The pear harvest is now expected to reach 905,000 bu. or 15 percent above the 1948 level of production. Improved prospects are reported in both Ontario and British Columbia since the previous report while the Nova Scotia prospects remain unchanged. The outlook for the plum and prune crop has also improved and production is now expected to reach 781,000 bu. This represents an increase of 15 percent over the 1948 harvest. Peaches are now expected to be somewhat lighter than was anticipated a month ago. The decline is due to less favourable prospects in Ontario. The total crop is now set at 1,984,000 bu. This is still 13 percent above the 1948 level of production. Apricots, which are produced commercially only in British Columbia, are now estimated at 181,000 bu. compared with the previous estimate of 172,000 bu. The 1948 crop amounted to 152,000 bu. Cherries also show an improvement and are now estimated at 445,000 bu. or 14 percent more than was harvested last season.

The first estimate of the Canadian strawberry crop shows a decline of 22 percent from the 1948 crop. Production this season is currently set at 25,681,000 qt. while last year the crop amounted to 32,950,000 qt. Raspberry production also shows a sharp decline this year. The first estimate sets the crop at 10,979,000 qt. which represents a 30% reduction from the 1948 crop of 15,657,000 qt. Loganberries are produced commercially only in British Columbia where the crop is estimated at 1,244,000 lb. The previous crop amounted to 2,261,000 lb. The grape crop prospects dropped sharply in Ontario during the past month and more than offset the slight improvement in British Columbia. The Canadian harvest is now expected to amount to 52,171,000 lb. or 9 percent below the 1948 level of production.

SECOND ESTIMATE OF FRUIT PRODUCTION IN CANADA IN 1949 WITH FINAL ESTIMATE FOR 1948.

Item	Unit	1 9 4 8	1 9 4 9
<u>CANADA</u>			
Apples	bu.	13,404,000	16,216,000
Pears	bu.	789,000	905,000
Plums and Prunes	bu.	671,000	781,000
Peaches	bu.	1,760,000	1,984,000
Apricots	bu.	152,000	181,000
Cherries	bu.	392,000	445,000
Strawberries	qt.	32,950,000	25,681,000
Raspberries	qt.	15,657,000	10,979,000
Loganberries	lb.	2,261,000	1,244,000
Grapes	lb.	57,623,000	52,171,000
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>			
Apples	bu.	2,291,000	3,750,000
Pears	bu.	22,000	22,000
Plums and Prunes	bu.	9,000	9,000
Strawberries	qt.	660,000	660,000
Raspberries	qt.	65,000	78,000
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>			
Apples	bu.	300,000	330,000
Strawberries	qt.	2,000,000	1,500,000
Raspberries	qt.	45,000	35,000
<u>QUEBEC</u>			
Apples	bu.	1,200,000	1,500,000
Strawberries	qt.	5,200,000	7,590,000
Raspberries	qt.	220,000	300,000
<u>ONTARIO</u>			
Apples	bu.	2,340,000	2,959,000
Pears	bu.	219,000	335,000
Plums and Prunes	bu.	296,000	317,000
Peaches	bu.	1,030,000	1,181,000
Cherries	bu.	261,000	245,000
Strawberries	qt.	10,070,000	5,207,000

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Item	Unit	1 9 4 8	1 9 4 9
<u>ONTARIO (concluded.)</u>			
Raspberries	qt.	3,709,000	3,595,000
Grapes	lb.	54,644,000	48,924,000
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>			
Apples	bu.	7,273,000	7,677,000
Pears	bu.	548,000	548,000
Plums and Prunes	bu.	366,000	455,000
Peaches	bu.	730,000	803,000
Apricots	bu.	152,000	181,000
Cherries	bu.	131,000	200,000
Strawberries	qt.	15,020,000	10,814,000
Raspberries	qt.	11,618,000	6,971,000
Loganberries	lb.	2,261,000	1,244,000
Grapes	lb.	2,979,000	3,247,000

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