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FRUIT REPORT

OTTAWA, September 6, 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 third estimate of fruit production in Canada as indicated by crop conditions at mid-August.

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Some minor adjustments have been made in the estimates of fruit production during the past month. While the pear crop is now expected to be slightly larger than was anticipated a month ago, the apple, peach and grape crops will all be somewhat smaller. The apple crop, which is currently set at 15,736,000 bushels, shows a decline of 3 percent since July, however, production this season is still expected to be well above the 1948 level when 13,404,000 bushels were harvested. An upward revision in the estimate of the pear crop this season brings the total harvest 938,000 bushels. This represents a 19 percent increase over the final estimate for 1948 of 789,000 bushels. The plum and prune crop remains practically unchanged from a month ago at 780,000 bushels. The 1948 harvest amounted to 671,000 bushels. A downward adjustment has been made in the peach estimates for both Ontario and British Columbia. The crop now stands at 1,933,000 bushels compared with the July estimate of 1,984,000 bushels. This season's harvest, however, is still expected to be 10 percent larger than that of a year ago. A further decline in the anticipated grape crop occurred in Ontario during the past month while in British Columbia the outlook remains unchanged. The Canadian grape harvest is now set at 47,353,000 pounds, which is 18 percent below the 1948 level.



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

Item	Unit	1948	1949
<u>CANADA</u>			
Apples	bu.	13,404,000	15,736,000
Pears	bu.	789,000	938,000
Plums and Prunes	bu.	671,000	780,000
Peaches	bu.	1,760,000	1,933,000
Apricots	bu.	152,000	183,000
Cherries	bu.	392,000	441,000
Strawberries	qt.	32,950,000	25,594,000
Raspberries	qt.	15,657,000	10,936,000
Loganberries	lb.	2,261,000	1,244,000
Grapes	lb.	57,623,000	47,353,000
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>			
Apples	bu.	2,291,000	3,600,000
Pears	bu.	22,000	22,000
Plums and Prunes	bu.	9,000	9,000
Strawberries	qt.	660,000	660,000
Raspberries	qt.	65,000	74,000
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>			
Apples	bu.	300,000	300,000
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	7,500,000
Raspberries	qt.	220,000	300,000
<u>ONTARIO</u>			
Apples	bu.	2,340,000	3,021,000
Pears	bu.	219,000	357,000
Plums and Prunes	bu.	296,000	322,000
Peaches	bu.	1,030,000	1,138,000
Cherries	bu.	261,000	239,000
Strawberries	qt.	10,070,000	5,120,000
Raspberries	qt.	3,709,000	3,556,000
Grapes	lb.	54,644,000	44,106,000
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>			
Apples	bu.	7,273,000	7,315,000
Pears	bu.	548,000	559,000
Plums and Prunes	bu.	366,000	449,000
Peaches	bu.	730,000	795,000
Apricots	bu.	152,000	183,000
Cherries	bu.	131,000	202,000
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