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FRUIT REPORT

OTTAWA, October 7, 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 fourth estimate of fruit production in Canada as indicated by crop conditions at mid-September.

SUMMARY

Improved growing conditions in Eastern Canada during the first half of September have resulted in upward revisions in the estimates of the tree fruit crops now being harvested. Grape production, on the other hand, was cut sharply since the last report as a result of the prolonged drought in Ontario. The current estimate of the apple crop is three percent larger than that of a month ago. Production, presently set at 16,766,000 bu., is 25 percent more than was harvested in 1948. With abundant rains in Eastern Canada during the first half of September the apples gained size rapidly which accounted for the anticipated increase in yield in that area. Continued favourable weather resulted in another upward adjustment in the crop in British Columbia. The Canadian pear harvest, which is now estimated at 975,000 bu., is 24 percent larger than that of last season. The prospects increased since mid-August in both Ontario and British Columbia while in Nova Scotia a 30 percent decline was the result of the prolonged dry weather. The plum and prune crops will also be larger than was anticipated a month ago. The Canadian crop is now set at 795,000 bu., or 18 percent above the 1948 level. Peach production is estimated at 1,989,000 bu., an improvement of three percent since August 15. Better growing weather in September resulted in the estimate for Ontario being raised from 1,138,000 bu. to 1,193,000 bu. while in British Columbia the prospects remained unchanged. The Canadian grape harvest is now estimated at 34,028,000 lb. This represents a decline of 28 percent since last month and is the result of the greatly reduced outlook in Ontario. This crop is the smallest since 1936.



FOURTH 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	16,766,000
Pears	bu.	789,000	975,000
Plums and Prunes	bu.	671,000	795,000
Peaches	bu.	1,760,000	1,989,000
Apricots	bu.	152,000	182,000
Cherries	bu.	392,000	442,000
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	34,023,000
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>			
Apples	bu.	2,291,000	3,750,000
Pears	bu.	22,000	15,000
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	1,600,000
Strawberries	qt.	5,200,000	7,500,000
Raspberries	qt.	220,000	300,000
<u>ONTARIO</u>			
Apples	bu.	2,340,000	3,145,000
Pears	bu.	219,000	379,000
Plums and Prunes	bu.	296,000	325,000
Peaches	bu.	1,030,000	1,193,000
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	30,780,000
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>			
Apples	bu.	7,273,000	7,971,000
Pears	bu.	548,000	581,000
Plums and Prunes	bu.	366,000	461,000
Peaches	bu.	730,000	796,000
Apricots	bu.	152,000	182,000
Cherries	bu.	131,000	203,000
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	3,248,000