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THIRD ESTIMATE OF FRUIT PRODUCTION 1950 ^{1/} AND FINAL ESTIMATE 1949

The prospects for the tree fruits and grapes improved slightly during last month with the exception of apples and pears which are now estimated at three percent lighter than was anticipated in July. The apple crop, currently set at 15,209,000 bushels, will be sixteen percent lighter than the 1949 harvest of 18,151,000 bushels. The drop in outlook is due to poorer prospects in Nova Scotia where high winds and a severe scab infestation have reduced both the size and quality of the fruit. The crop in Ontario and British Columbia showed some improvement during the month while prospects in New Brunswick and Quebec remained unchanged. The anticipated pear harvest, which is now set at 703,000 bushels, is 30 percent lighter than that of last season when the crop amounted to 1,000,000 bushels. Plums are also down sharply this season. The current estimate of 519,000 bushels is 37 percent below the 1949 level but is seven percent better than was expected last month. The peach estimate shows a minor upward revision since July at 1,160,000 bushels; the crop, however, is still well below the 1949 harvest of 2,011,000 bushels. Apricots remained unchanged since last month at 12,000 bushels. The cherry estimate, on the other hand, has been revised upward to 324,000 bushels, an increase of four percent. A five percent improvement in the grapes prospects since July brings this year's crop to 68,642,000 pounds or 34 percent more than was harvested last season.

THIRD ESTIMATE OF PRODUCTION OF FRUIT IN 1950 AND THE FINAL ESTIMATE FOR 1949

		1949	1950
		'000	'000
CANADA			
Apples	bu.	18,151	15,209
Pears	bu.	1,000	703
Plums and Prunes	bu.	827	519
Peaches	bu.	2,011	1,160
Apricots	bu.	181	12
Cherries	bu.	491	324
Strawberries	qt.	26,251	22,467
Raspberries	qt.	10,931	11,021
Loganberries	lb.	877	866
Grapes	lb.	51,104 ^{2/}	68,642

^{1/} Based on condition at mid-August.

^{2/} Revised.



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THIRD ESTIMATE OF PRODUCTION OF FRUIT IN 1950 AND THE FINAL ESTIMATE FOR 1949
(concluded)

		1949 '000	1950 '000
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>			
Apples	bu.	3,742	3,263
Pears	bu.	15	27
Plums and Prunes	bu.	9	10
Strawberries	qt.	660	726
Raspberries	qt.	74	78
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>			
Apples	bu.	360	360
Strawberries	qt.	1,500	950
Raspberries	qt.	35	50
<u>QUEBEC</u>			
Apples	bu.	2,000	1,800
Strawberries	qt.	7,500	3,750
Raspberries	qt.	300	300
<u>ONTARIO</u>			
Apples	bu.	3,416	2,527
Pears	bu.	446	324
Plums and Prunes	bu.	353	271
Peaches	bu.	1,238	1,114
Cherries	bu.	270	250
Strawberries	qt.	5,350	8,048
Raspberries	qt.	3,413	3,171
Grapes	lb.	48,880	66,950
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>			
Apples	bu.	8,633	7,259
Pears	bu.	539	352
Plums and Prunes	bu.	465	238
Peaches	bu.	773	46
Apricots	bu.	181	12
Cherries	bu.	221	74
Strawberries	qt.	11,241	8,993
Raspberries	qt.	7,109	7,422
Loganberries	lb.	877	866
Grapes	lb.	2,224	1,692

Note:- The following weights were used to convert the above fruit to bushels;
Apples 45 lb. per bu.; apricots, plums, pears, peaches, cherries, 50 lb.
per bu.; strawberries and raspberries $1\frac{1}{4}$ lb. per quart.