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THIRD ESTIMATE OF FRUIT PRODUCTION 1953

Latest estimates place the 1953 apple crop at 11.2 million bushels which is about 850,000 bushels less than in 1952, a reduction of about 7 per cent. Decreased production this year in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia more than offset an increase of 24 per cent in Quebec and a small increase in Ontario.

This year's apple crop in Nova Scotia is estimated at 1.1 million bushels, about 500,000 bushels or 32 per cent less than that of 1952, the reduction being attributable in part to hurricane damage suffered last September. In Quebec the McIntosh variety is reported to have produced relatively better than Fameuse. The Ontario crop of 2.4 million bushels is close to that of last year. In Western Ontario, although considerable variation was reported between different varieties and producing areas, the size and colour of the crop were better than had been expected. In Eastern Ontario the apples sized well during the latter part of the season and colour was more satisfactory than had been anticipated earlier. In the case of McIntosh some scab is reported throughout Ontario. The British Columbia crop now estimated at 5.7 million bushels is somewhat smaller than indicated earlier in the season and is 10 per cent below the 1952 crop. This is attributed to the large proportion of smaller sizes reported and relatively heavy culling due to scab.

The 1953 pear crop is now estimated at 1.4 million bushels, an increase of 10 per cent from 1952. There were increases in this crop this year in both Ontario and British Columbia with the larger increase in the latter province. Production of pears in British Columbia is now relatively close to that of Ontario. In Western Ontario Bartlett pears showed good size and quality but the relatively smaller crop of Kieffers failed to size well in the latter part of the season. The 1953 pear crop in Nova Scotia was considerably smaller than last year.

This year's crop of plums and prunes is estimated at 786,000 bushels, a decline of 12 per cent from that of 1952. There were declines in all provinces in which these fruits are produced commercially, the greatest reduction having occurred in British Columbia.

The 1953 peach crop is now placed at 2.8 million bushels, about 5 per cent less than in 1952. Most of this decline occurred in Ontario although there was also a reduction in the British Columbia crop. The Ontario crop was down this year due to damage suffered during the hot, dry weather during the latter

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part of the summer. The 1953 grape crop is estimated at 73.8 million pounds, a 15 per cent reduction from the 86.5 million pounds harvested in 1952. Nearly all the grapes produced in Canada are grown in the Niagara district of Ontario where a crop of 70.8 million pounds is anticipated. This is 13 million less than in 1952. It was reported that the bunches and berries were both generally small on the later varieties, especially Concord. This was caused by heat and drought encountered during the early part of September which interfered with the proper development of the crop. In British Columbia an increase of about four per cent is anticipated this year giving a crop of about 2.7 million pounds.

Except in British Columbia, where revisions have been made, the estimates of the 1953 crops of cherries, strawberries and raspberries remain unchanged from the figures published in the memorandum issued on October 9th, 1953. The crop estimates of apricots and loganberries for which estimates are prepared only for British Columbia have also been changed. The 1953 apricot crop is now placed at 210,000 bushels, a reduction of 14 per cent from 1952 but substantially more than the 182,000 bushels estimated earlier this season. The 1953 production of loganberries is estimated at 1,611,000 quarts, an increase of 30 per cent from 1952.

The cherry crop stands at 460,000 bushels, nine per cent less than in 1952. Production was down in Ontario but practically the same as last year in British Columbia. The strawberry crop is now estimated at 28,149,000 quarts, down by more than 13 per cent from the 1952 crop; declines occurred in all producing provinces except Prince Edward Island. Latest figures place the 1953 raspberry crop at 12,594,000 quarts, 16 per cent higher than last year. Practically all of this increase occurred in British Columbia, the largest producer of raspberries.

This report was prepared in the Agriculture Division of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics from information received from the various Provincial Departments of Agriculture and the Canada Department of Agriculture. The material for Ontario was submitted by the Interdepartmental Committee on Fruit and Vegetable Statistics. Reports from Ontario were prepared as of the middle of October. Material dealing with the other provinces except British Columbia was prepared during the second half of the month of October. The British Columbia estimates were prepared as of the first of November.

Third Estimate of Fruit Production 1953 with Comparable
Figures for 1952

	Unit	1952	1953
Canada -			
Apples	'000 bu.	12,049	11,192
Pears	"	1,303	1,427
Plums and prunes	"	896	786
Peaches	"	2,917	2,773
Apricots	"	243	210
Cherries	"	505	460
Strawberries	'000 qt.	32,368	28,149
Raspberries	"	10,829	12,594
Loganberries	'000 lb.	1,240	1,611
Grapes	"	86,481	73,461
Prince Edward Island -			
Strawberries	'000 qt.	671	707
Nova Scotia -			
Apples	'000 bu.	1,626	1,100
Pears	"	56	32
Plums and prunes	"	14	10
Strawberries	'000 qt.	1,084	715
Raspberries	"	22	37
New Brunswick -			
Apples	'000 bu.	300	260
Strawberries	'000 qt.	1,159	700
Raspberries	"	25	38
Quebec -			
Apples	'000 bu.	1,400	1,740
Strawberries	'000 qt.	7,250	4,500
Raspberries	"	275	300

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Figures for 1952

	Unit	1952	1953
Ontario -			
Apples	'000 bu.	2,388	2,405
Pears	"	738	770
Plums and prunes	"	532	516
Peaches	"	2,373	2,231
Cherries	"	372	329
Strawberries	'000 qt.	9,590	9,102
Raspberries	"	3,248	3,290
Grapes	'000 lb.	83,894	70,771
British Columbia -			
Apples	'000 bu.	6,335	5,687
Pears	"	509	625
Plums and prunes	"	350	260
Peaches	"	544	542
Apricots	"	243	210
Cherries	"	133	131
Strawberries	'000 qt.	12,614	12,425
Raspberries	"	7,259	8,929
Loganberries	'000 lb.	1,240	1,611
Grapes	"	2,587	2,690

Estimated Planted Acreages for Commercial Production of Certain
Vegetables 1953

The accompanying tables show the estimated planted commercial acreages of the 13 vegetables specified, in Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia for 1953 with the comparable figures for 1952. All estimates include acreage planted for processing and for the fresh market. The estimated acreages in Quebec were prepared from the response received to a mail questionnaire survey made of a random sample of growers reporting sales of vegetables to the 1951 census. Estimates of the acreages of beans, peas and corn in Ontario were prepared in the same manner. The acreages of all the other crops in Ontario were estimated by the Interdepartmental Committee on Fruit and Vegetable statistics. All estimates for British Columbia were prepared by the British Columbia Department of Agriculture.

There has been a decline from 1952 in acreage planted to vegetables. The direction of change in acreage between the two years varies for the different crops in the different areas. The decline in the total vegetable acreage is on balance due to the reduced plantings of the four principal canning crops; beans, peas, corn and tomatoes.

While some commercial vegetables are grown in all provinces the industry is concentrated in Ontario, Quebec and British Columbia. In 1952 the planted acreage in these 3 provinces was over 90 per cent of the total in Canada. It is anticipated that estimates of commercial vegetable acreage in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba and Alberta will be published later when production estimates are released.

Estimated Planted Acreages for Commercial Production of Certain
Vegetables in 1953 with Comparable Figures for 1952.

	1952	1953
	- acres -	
Canada -		
Asparagus	2,590	2,940
Beans	7,000	6,290
Beets	2,740	3,100
Cabbage	5,410	5,530
Carrots	6,470	6,380
Cauliflower	2,240	2,240
Celery	2,270	2,320
Corn	37,590	31,480
Lettuce	4,890	4,620
Onions	5,490	6,300
Peas	34,120	30,860
Spinach	1,420	1,400
Tomatoes	52,310	43,490
Totals	164,540	146,950
Quebec -		
Asparagus	170	180
Beans	3,820	3,320
Beets	1,020	1,380
Cabbage	1,660	1,850
Carrots	2,370	2,210
Cauliflower	710	690
Celery	250	420
Corn	11,500	8,590
Lettuce	1,800	1,400
Onions	1,050	1,040
Peas	5,510	5,880
Spinach	280	230
Tomatoes	7,800	8,150
Totals	37,940	35,340

Estimated Planted Acreages for Commercial Production of Certain
Vegetables in 1953 with Comparable Figures for 1952.

	1952	1953
	- acres -	
Ontario -		
Asparagus	2,230	2,580
Beans	1,900	1,630
Beets	1,340	1,340
Cabbage	3,010	3,090
Carrots	2,980	3,220
Cauliflower	1,100	1,120
Celery	1,390	1,270
Corn	23,620	20,740
Lettuce	2,320	2,480
Onions	3,640	4,270
Peas	24,520	20,940
Spinach	700	700
Tomatoes	41,110	32,570
Totals	109,860	95,950
British Columbia -		
Asparagus	190	180
Beans	1,280	1,340
Beets	380	380
Cabbage	740	590
Carrots	1,120	950
Cauliflower	430	430
Celery	630	630
Corn	2,470	2,150
Lettuce	770	740
Onions	800	990
Peas	4,090	4,040
Spinach	440	470
Tomatoes	3,400	2,770
Totals	16,740	15,660

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