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FIRST ESTIMATE OF THE COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION OF BERRIES AND TENDER TREE FRUITS, 1959

Estimates released in this memorandum, except where otherwise indicated, are based on reports submitted to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics by Federal and Provincial Departments of Agriculture personnel in the various fruit growing areas. All 1959 figures are preliminary and subject to revision.

TABLE 1. - First Estimate of Commercial Production of Soft Fruit 1959 with Latest Estimates for 1958

Kind of Fruit	Unit	Estimated Production			
		Volumetric Units		1959	
		1958 '000	1959 '000	1958	1959
Canada -					
Strawberries	qt.	22,918	19,424	171	2,993
Raspberries	qt.	11,016	10,145	7,837	7,346
Cherries, sweet	bu.	297	199	7,425	4,975
Cherries, sour	bu.	460	337	11,500	8,425
Apricots	bu.	231	192	5,775	4,800
Peaches	bu.	3,043	2,486	76,075	62,150
Pears <u>1/</u>	bu.	1,521	1,204	38,025	30,100
Plums and prunes <u>1/</u>	bu.	648	567	16,200	14,175
Loganberries	lb.	893	1,088	446	544
Grapes	lb.	106,222	85,559	53,111	42,779
Prince Edward Island -					
Strawberries	qt.	1,254	750	784	469
Nova Scotia -					
Strawberries	qt.	740	800	462	500
Raspberries	qt.	44	45	28	28
Pears	bu.	32	<u>2/</u>	800	
Plums and prunes	bu.	5	<u>2/</u>	125	
New Brunswick -					
Strawberries	qt.	1,000	650	625	406
Raspberries	qt.	60	50	38	31
Quebec -					
Strawberries	qt.	6,300	5,449	3,938	3,406
Raspberries	qt.	425	340	266	212

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TABLE 1. - First Estimate of Commercial Production of Soft Fruit 1959
with Latest Estimates for 1958 (Concluded)

Kind of Fruit	Unit	Estimated Production			
		Volumetric Units		Tons	
		1958 '000	1959 '000	1958	1959
Ontario -					
Strawberries	qt.	6,854	4,951	4,284	3,094
Raspberries	qt.	2,882	2,858	1,801	1,786
Cherries, sweet	bu.	176	139	4,400	3,475
Cherries, sour	bu.	460	337	11,500	8,425
Peaches	bu.	2,588	2,070	64,700	51,750
Pears	bu.	865	707	21,625	17,675
Plums and prunes	bu.	422	371	10,550	9,275
Grapes	lb.	103,874	83,102	51,937	41,551
British Columbia -					
Strawberries	qt.	6,770	6,824	5,078	5,118
Raspberries	qt.	7,605	7,052	5,704	5,289
Cherries, sweet	bu.	121	60	3,025	1,500
Apricots	bu.	231	192	5,775	4,800
Peaches	bu.	455	416	11,375	10,400
Pears	bu.	624	497	15,600	12,425
Plums and prunes	bu.	221	196	5,525	4,900
Loganberries	lb.	893	1,088	446	544
Grapes	lb.	2,348	2,457	1,174	1,228

1/ Does not include Nova Scotia for 1959.

2/ Not available.

TABLE 2. - Legal Minimum Prices to Processors for Strawberries and Raspberries
in the Province of Ontario

	1958	1959
	cents per qt.	
Strawberries <u>1/</u>	16.25	16.25
	cents per lb.	
White sweet cherries <u>2/</u>	11.0	11.0
Black sweet cherries <u>2/</u>	12.0	12.0

1/ Source: Ontario Berry Growers' Marketing Board.

2/ Source: Ontario Tender Fruit Growers' Marketing Board.

For all Provinces other than British Columbia the original estimates secured by the Bureau were stated in measures of volume (except grapes). These were converted to tons at the following rates: 1 quart of strawberries or raspberries = 1.25 pounds and one bushel of all other fruits = 50 pounds (net weight). In the case of British Columbia tree fruits, the volumetric estimates were calculated as follows: 1 bushel = 50 pounds and in the case of berries 1 quart = 1.5 pounds.

TABLE 3. - Estimates of Production of Strawberries, Peaches, Apricots, Pears and Cherries in United States 1958 and 1959

Kind of Fruit	Unit	Estimated Production			
		Volumetric Units		Tons	
		1958	1959	1958	1959
		'000	'000		
United States -					
Strawberries <u>1/</u>	qt.	356,237	293,287	267,178	219,965
Peaches <u>2/</u>	bu.	71,069	78,883	1,705,656	1,893,192
Apricots <u>2/</u>	bu.	4,500	9,562	108,000	229,500
Pears <u>2/</u>	bu.	28,890	32,856	707,875	803,357
Cherries, sweet <u>2/</u>	bu.	3,129	2,982	87,610	83,500
Cherries, sour <u>3/</u>	bu.	3,711	4,938	103,920	138,260
California -					
Strawberries <u>1/</u>	qt.	143,360	101,200	107,520	75,900

1/ Source: Vegetables, Fresh Market, June 1, 1959, United States Department of Agriculture.

2/ Source: Crop production, June 1959, United States Department of Agriculture.

3/ Source: Sour Cherry Report, June 15, 1959, United States Department of Agriculture.

The United States Department of Agriculture published the original estimates of strawberries in pounds; peaches and pears in bushels; apricots and cherries, sweet and sour, in tons. The following conversion rates were used to bring these items to corresponding units in the Canadian crop estimates: strawberries, 1 qt. = 1.5 lb.; peaches, 1 bu. = 48 lb.; apricots, 1 bu. = 48 lb.; pears, 1 bu. = 50 lb. except California where 1 bu. = 48 lb.; cherries, 1 bu. = 56 lb. (Conversion Factors and Weights and Measures for Agricultural Commodities and Their Products - United States Department of Agriculture, May 1952).

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