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FIRST ESTIMATE OF THE COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION OF
STRAWBERRIES, RASPBERRIES AND CHERRIES, 1961

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 1961 figures are preliminary and subject to revision.

TABLE 1. - First Estimate of Commercial Production of Strawberries, Raspberries and Cherries, 1961 with Latest Estimates for 1960

Kind of Fruit	Unit	Estimated Production			
		Volumetric Units		Tons	
		1960	1961	1960	1961
		'000	'000		
CANADA -					
Strawberries	qt..	26,114	20,569	16,937	13,524
Raspberries	qt..	11,899	12,086	8,382	8,495
Cherries, sweet	bu.	201	244	5,031	6,088
Cherries, sour	bu.	254	361	6,350	9,025
PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND -					
Strawberries	qt	1,730	1,500	1,081	938
NOVA SCOTIA -					
Strawberries	qt..	2,295	1,500	1,434	938
Raspberries	qt..	30	32	19	20
NEW BRUNSWICK -					
Strawberries	qt..	1,500	1,000	938	625
Raspberries	qt..	60	55	38	34
QUEBEC -					
Strawberries	qt..	6,500	2,860	4,062	1,788
Raspberries	qt..	1,294	1,423	809	889

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TABLE 1. - First Estimate of Commercial Production of Strawberries, Raspberries and Cherries, 1961 with Latest Estimates for 1960 (concluded)

Kind of Fruit	Unit	Estimated Production			
		Volumetric Units		Tons	
		1960	1961	1960	1961
		'000	'000		
ONTARIO-					
Strawberries	qt..	9,159	8,376	5,724	5,235
Raspberries	qt..	2,969	3,039	1,856	1,899
Cherries, sweet	bu.	92	114	2,300	2,850
Cherries, sour	bu.	254	361	6,350	9,025
BRITISH COLUMBIA -					
Strawberries	qt..	4,930	5,333	3,698	4,000
Raspberries	qt..	7,546	7,537	5,660	5,653
Cherries, sweet	bu.	109	130	2,731	3,238

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

	1960	1961
	- cents per qt. -	
Strawberries <u>1/</u>	17.0	17.0
Raspberries (No. 1 grade)		
<u>1/</u> <u>2/</u>	27.0	27.0
	- cents per lb. -	
White sweet cherries <u>3/</u>	13.0	13.0
Black sweet cherries <u>3/</u>	14.0	14.0

1/ Source: Ontario Berry Growers' Marketing Board.

2/ Purple raspberries of the Columbia or Sodua type varieties.

3/ 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. These were converted to tons at the following rates: 1 quart of strawberries or raspberries = 1.25 pounds except in British Columbia where 1 quart = 1.5 pounds. For cherries the conversion used was 1 bushel = 50 pounds.

TABLE 3. - Estimates of Production of Strawberries, Peaches, Apricots, Pears and Cherries in United States, 1960 and 1961

Kind of Fruit	Unit	Estimated Production			
		Volumetric Units		Tons	
		1960	1961	1960	1961
		'000	'000		
UNITED STATES -					
Strawberries <u>1/</u>	qt.	313,006	319,433	234,754	239,575
Peaches <u>2/</u>	bu.	74,315	76,885	1,783,560	1,845,240
Apricots <u>2/</u>	bu.	10,129	9,342	243,100	224,200
Pears <u>2/</u>	bu.	25,621	25,621	625,399	626,607
Cherries, sweet <u>2/</u>	bu.	2,519	3,321	70,520	93,000
Cherries, sour <u>3/</u>	bu.	4,113	4,739	115,160	132,680
CALIFORNIA -					
Strawberries <u>1/</u>	qt.	104,520	105,300	78,390	78,975

1/ Source: Vegetables, Fresh Market, June 1, 1961, United States Department of Agriculture.

2/ Source: Crop Production, June, 1961, United States Department of Agriculture.

3/ Source: Sour Cherry Report, June 15, 1961, 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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