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FIRST ESTIMATE OF THE COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION OF STRAWBERRIES, RASPBERRIES AND CHERRIES, 1964

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Estimates released in this memorandum, except where otherwise indicated, are based on reports submitted to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics by Federal and Provincial Department of Agriculture personnel in the various fruit growing areas. All 1964 figures are preliminary and subject to revision.

TABLE 1. - First Estimate of Commercial Production of Strawberries, Raspberries and Cherries, $1964^{*}$ with Latest Estimates for 1963

| Kind of Fruit | Unit | Estimated Production |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Volumetric Units |  | Tons |  |
|  |  | 1963 | 1964 | 1963 | 1964 |
| CANADA - ${ }^{1} 000{ }^{\prime}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Strawberries | qt. | 23,174 | 25,014 | 15,367 | 16,544 |
| Raspberries | qt. | 11,907 | 12,953 | 8,442 | 9,155 |
| Cherries, sweet | bu. | 394 | 442 | 9,847 | 11,047 |
| Cherries, sour | bu. | 346 | (1) | 8,646 | (1) |

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Strawberries
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| Strawberries | qt. | 2,000 | 2,100 | 1,250 | 1,312 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Raspberries | $q t$ | 25 | 32 | 16 | 20 |

NEW BRUNSWICK -

| Strawberries | $q t$. | 1,500 | 1,500 | 938 | 938 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Raspberries | $q t$. | 50 | 50 | 31 | 31 |

QUEBEC -

| Strawberries | $q t$. | 6,558 | 4,900 | 4,099 | 3,062 |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Raspberries | $q t$. | 1,383 | 1,500 | 864 | 938 |

[^0]TABLE 1. - First Estimate of Commercial Production of Strawberries, Raspberries and Cherries, 1964 wi.th Latest Estimates for 1963 (concluded)

| Kind of Fruit | Unit | Estimated Production |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Volumetric Units |  | Tons |  |
|  |  | 1963 | 1964 | 1963 | 1964 |
|  |  | '000 | '000 |  |  |
| ONTARIO - |  |  |  |  |  |
| Strawberries | qt. | 4,501 | 7,740 | 2,813 | 4,838 |
| Raspberries | $q \mathrm{t}$. | 2,450 | 2,890 | 1,531 | 1,806 |
| Cherries, sweet | bu. | 261 | 242 | 6,515 | 6,059 |
| Cherries, sour | bu. | 346 | (1) | 8,646 | (1) |
| BRITISH COLUMBIA - |  |  |  |  |  |
| Strawberries | qt. | 7,065 | 7,274 | 5,298 | 5,456 |
| Raspberries | qt. | 7,999 | 8,481 | 6,000 | 6,360 |
| Cherries, sweet | bu. | 133 | 200 | 3,332 | 4,988 |

(1) Although a crop estimate was not available, reports indicate that prospects in Western Ontario at mid June were for a sizable increase in production over that of 1963.

TABIE 2. - Legal Minimma Frices to frocessurs for Strawberries, Raspberries and Cherries in the Province of Ontario

|  | 1963 | 1964 |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
|  | - cents per qt. - |  |
| Strawberries(1) | 17.0 | 17.5 |
| Purple Raspberries (1) | 27.0 | 29.0 |
| Red Raspberries(1) | 31.0 | 32.5 |
|  | - dollars per ton - |  |
| White sweet cherries(2) | 260.00 | 260.50 |
| Black sweet cherries (2) | 280.00 | 295.50 |
| Sour cherries(2) | 200.50 | n.a. |

(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. 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 bushe1 $=50$ pounds.

TABLE 3. - Estimates of Production of Strawberries, Peaches Apricots, Pears and Cherries in United States, 1963 and 1964

| Kind of Fruit | Unit | Estimated Production |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | Volumetric Units |  | Tons |  |
|  |  | 1963 | 1964 | 1963 | 1964 |
|  |  | '000 | '000 |  |  |
| UNITED STATES - |  |  |  |  |  |
| Strawberries(1) | qt. | 340,566 | 339,319 | 255,425 | 254,489 |
| Peaches (2) | bu. | 73,789 | 73,287 | 1,770,936 | 1,758,888 |
| Apricots (2) | bu. | 8,346 | 8,596 | 200,300 | 206,300 |
| Pears (2) | bu. | 19,378 | 28,727 | 484,450 | 718,175 |
| Cherries, sweet (2) | bu. | 2,504 | 3,911 | 70,100 | 109,500 |
| Cherries, sour (3) | bu. | 2,897 | 7,125 | 81,110 | 199,500 |
| CALIFORNIA - |  |  |  |  |  |
| Strawberries(1) | qt. | 158,760 | 138,000 | 119,070 | 103,500 |
| (1) Source: Vegetables, Fresh Market, June 10, 1964, United States Department of Agriculture. |  |  |  |  |  |
| (2) Source: Crop Production, June, 1964, United States Department of Agriculture. |  |  |  |  |  |
| (3) Source: Sour Cherry Report, June, 1964, 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 . $=1.5 \mathrm{lb}$.; peaches, $1 \mathrm{bu} .=48 \mathrm{lb} . ;$ apricots, $1 \mathrm{bu} .=48 \mathrm{lb} . ;$ pears, $1 \mathrm{bu} .=50$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| lb. ; except California where $1 \mathrm{bu} .=48 \mathrm{lb} . ;$ cherries, $1 \mathrm{bu} .=56 \mathrm{lb}$. (Conversion Pactors and Weights and Measures for Agricultural Commodities and Their Products Duited Scatas Dapmatment of Agriculture, May, 1352.) |  |  |  |  |  |

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[^0]:    * Based on conditions as of mid June, except for B.C. where berry crop estimates are those released by the Province on May 21, and the cherry figure on June 18, 1964.

