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FIRST ESTIMATE OF THE COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION OF STRAWBERRIES, RASPBERRIES AND CHERRIES, 1968

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 1968 figures are preliminary and subject to revision.

TABLE 1. First Estimate of Commercial Production of Strawberries, Raspberries and Cherries, 1968(1) with Latest Estimates for 1967

Kind of fruit	Estimated production				
	Volumetric units		Tons		
	1967	1968	1967	1968	
	'000				
<u>Canada</u>					
Strawberries	qt.	34,721	31,457	23,069	20,624
Raspberries	"	14,377	10,168(2)	10,420	7,465(2)
Cherries, sweet	bu.	531	367	13,275	9,175
Cherries, sour	"	455	N.A.	11,375	N.A.
<u>Prince Edward Island</u>					
Strawberries	qt.	1,700	1,500	1,062	938
<u>Nova Scotia</u>					
Strawberries	qt.	2,900	3,000	1,812	1,875
Raspberries	"	34	40	21	25
<u>New Brunswick</u>					
Strawberries	qt.	2,300	2,100	1,438	1,312
Raspberries	"	50	45	31	28
<u>Quebec</u>					
Strawberries	qt.	8,840	8,150	5,525	5,094
Raspberries	"	1,400	1,200	875	750

See footnotes at end of table.

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TABLE 1. First Estimate of Commercial Production of Strawberries, Raspberries and Cherries, 1968 with Latest Estimates for 1967 - Concluded

Kind of fruit	Estimated production				
	Volumetric units		Tons		
	1967	1968	1967	1968	
	'000				
<u>Ontario</u>					
Strawberries	qt.	8,032	8,996	5,020	5,622
Raspberries	"	1,413	N.A.	883	N.A.
Cherries, sweet	bu.	217	156	5,425	3,900
Cherries, sour	"	455	N.A.	11,375	N.A.
<u>British Columbia</u>					
Strawberries	qt.	10,949	7,711	8,212	5,783
Raspberries	"	11,480	8,883	8,610	6,662
Cherries, sweet	bu.	314	211	7,850	5,275

(1) Based on conditions as of last of June, 1968.

(2) Estimate incomplete.

N.A. - Not available.

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 2. Minimum Prices for Processing Strawberries, Raspberries and Cherries in the Province of Ontario

	1967	1968
	cents per qt.	
Strawberries(1)	open market	20.5
Purple raspberries(1)	40.0	41.0
Red raspberries(1)	open market	open market
	dollars per ton	
White sweet cherries(2)	300.50	320.50
White sweet cherries for brining purposes(2)	300.50	320.50
Black sweet cherries(2)	340.50	360.50
Black sweet cherries for brining purposes(2)	250.50	270.50

(1) Ontario Berry Growers' Marketing Board.

(2) Ontario Tender Fruit Growers' Marketing Board.

SOUR CHERRIES

During the period of June 25 to June 28, 1968 a count was made of the number of fruit on randomly selected sample limbs chosen from randomly selected sour cherry trees in the Niagara District of Ontario. This year's limb count was paired with the respective limb counts for 1967 at approximately the same stage of maturity. These comparisons were expanded into a production estimate for 1968 equal to 46 per cent of the 1967 harvest in the Niagara District.

This survey is part of a continuing programme being carried out annually by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics with the co-operation of the following organizations:

Ontario Farm Economics and Statistics Branch
Ontario Farm Products Inspection Services
The Vineland Experimental Station
Ontario Tender Tree Growers' Marketing Board
Ontario Food Processors Association
Inspection Staff, Fruit and Vegetable Division,
Canada Department of Agriculture

The above preliminary estimate for the 1968 production in the Niagara region is subject to revision depending on weather conditions prevailing during the critical period before harvest.

TABLE 3. Estimate of Commercial Production of Strawberries, Peaches, Apricots, Pears and Cherries in United States, 1967 and 1968

Kind of fruit	Estimated production			
	Volumetric units		Tons	
	1967	1968	1967	1968
	'000			
<u>United States</u>				
Strawberries(1) qt.	318,684	319,653	239,013	239,740
Peaches(1) bu.	55,433	77,609	1,330,392	1,862,616
Apricots(1) "	6,162	6,050	147,900	145,200
Pears(1) "	18,718	25,634	463,080	625,520
Cherries, sweet(1) "	3,964	2,979	110,990	83,420
Cherries, sour(1) "	3,068	4,038	85,890	113,050
<u>California</u>				
Strawberries(1) qt.	139,200	158,667	104,400	119,000

(1) 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.)