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FRUIT PRODUCTION AND CONTRACTED ACREAGE OF VEGETABLES, 1949

OTTAWA, July 5, 1949 - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics, in co-operation with the Marketing Service of the Department of Agriculture and the Provincial Departments of Agriculture, issues to-day a report containing the first estimates of fruit production and the contracted acreages of the major vegetable crops used by processors.

S U M M A R Y

The first estimates of fruit production in Canada in 1949 show moderate increases of most fruit since last season. Apple production is currently estimated at 16,770,000 bu. or 25 percent above the 1948 level. The pear crop will amount to 831,000 bu. which is slightly larger than the 1948 crop of 789,000 bu. Plums and prunes also are expected to show an increase this season and are estimated at 744,000 bu. The previous crop amounted to 671,000 bu. A 15 percent increase since last season is looked for in the peach crop which is at present estimated at 2,025,000 bu. Apricots also will be a larger crop at 172,000 bu. This fruit is grown commercially only in British Columbia where the 1948 crop amounted to 152,000 bu. The production of cherries is expected to be only three percent heavier than in 1948. The crop is currently estimated at 404,000 bu. Loganberries which are grown commercially in British Columbia are sharply reduced this season at 1,248,000 lb. compared with the 1948 crop of 2,261,000 lb. The grape crop according to the first estimate will amount to 64,329,000 lb. or 12 percent above the 1948 level of production.

According to a survey just completed the acreage of asparagus, beans, peas, and tomatoes under contract to the vegetable processors is sharply reduced this

season. The corn acreage on the other hand shows an increase of 23 percent over that of last year. The 1949 contracted acreage with comparable figures for 1948 in brackets is: Asparagus 790 acres (1,210 acres); beans 5,020 acres (8,150 acres); corn 63,180 acres (51,440 acres); peas 33,120 acres (49,220 acres); tomatoes 38,980 acres (67,120 acres).

FIRST ESTIMATE OF FRUIT PRODUCTION IN CANADA IN 1949 WITH FINAL ESTIMATE FOR 1948.

Item	Unit	1948	1949
<u>CANADA</u>			
Apples	bu.	13,404,000	16,770,000
Pears	bu.	789,000	831,000
Plums and Prunes	bu.	671,000	744,000
Peaches	bu.	1,760,000	2,025,000
Apricots	bu.	152,000	172,000
Cherries	bu.	392,000	404,000
Strawberries	qt.	32,950,000	N.A.
Raspberries	qt.	15,657,000	N.A.
Loganberries	lb.	2,261,000	1,248,000
Grapes	lb.	57,623,000	64,329,000
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>			
Apples	bu.	2,291,000	4,500,000
Pears	bu.	22,000	22,000
Plums and Prunes	bu.	9,000	9,000
Strawberries	qt.	660,000	726,000
Raspberries	qt.	65,000	70,000
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>			
Apples	bu.	300,000	290,000
Strawberries	qt.	2,000,000	N.A.
Raspberries	qt.	45,000	N.A.
<u>QUEBEC</u>			
Apples	bu.	1,200,000	1,200,000
Strawberries	qt.	5,200,000	7,000,000
Raspberries	qt.	220,000	220,000
<u>ONTARIO</u>			
Apples	bu.	2,340,000	3,309,000
Pears	bu.	219,000	323,000
Plums and Prunes	bu.	296,000	277,000
Peaches	bu.	1,030,000	1,226,000
Cherries	bu.	261,000	217,000
Strawberries	qt.	10,070,000	3,971,000
Raspberries	qt.	3,709,000	3,654,000
Grapes	lb.	54,644,000	61,128,000

Item	Unit	1948	1949
BRITISH COLUMBIA			
Apples	bu.	7,273,000	7,471,000
Pears	bu.	548,000	486,000
Plums and Prunes	bu.	366,000	458,000
Peaches	bu.	730,000	799,000
Apricots	bu.	152,000	172,000
Cherries	bu.	131,000	187,000
Strawberries	qt.	15,020,000	11,540,000
Raspberries	qt.	11,618,000	8,408,000
Loganberries	lb.	2,261,000	1,248,000
Grapes	lb.	2,979,000	3,201,000

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CONTRACTED ACREAGE OF ASPARAGUS, BEANS, CORN, PEAS AND TOMATOES
1948 and 1949

		<u>Contracted</u>	
		1948 <u>1/</u>	1949
		acres	acres
MARITIMES -			
	Beans	480	370
	Peas	2,260	1,170
QUEBEC -			
	Beans	5,750	2,600
	Corn	10,810	13,230
	Peas	11,300	7,240
	Tomatoes	9,860	6,050
ONTARIO -			
	Asparagus	1,040	620
	Beans	1,040	960
	Corn	33,200	40,030
	Peas	27,260	17,870
	Tomatoes	53,960	29,250
PRAIRIE PROVINCES -			
	Asparagus	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>
	Beans	240	400
	Corn	6,280	7,320
	Peas	4,420	3,570
BRITISH COLUMBIA -			
	Asparagus	170	170
	Beans	640	690
	Corn	1,150	2,600
	Peas	3,980	3,270
	Tomatoes	3,300	3,680
CANADA -			
	Asparagus	1,210	790
	Beans	8,150	5,020
	Corn	51,440	63,180
	Peas	49,220	33,120
	Tomatoes	67,120	38,980

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