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FIRST ESTIMATE OF THE COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION OF ALL FRUITS, 1958

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 1958 figures are preliminary and subject to revision.

TABLE 1.- First Estimate of the Commercial Production of All Fruits 1958 with Latest Estimates for 1957

Kind of Fruit	Unit	Estimated Production			
		Volumetric Units		Tons	
		1957	1958	1957	1958
		'000	'000		
Canada -					
Apples	bu.	16,095	15,584		
Pears	bu.	1,094	1,332	27,350	33,300
Plums and prunes	bu.	566	579	14,150	14,475
Peaches	bu.	2,801	3,149	70,025	78,725
Apricots	bu.	281	273	7,025	6,825
Cherries, sweet	bu.	239	276	5,975	6,900
Cherries, sour	bu.	366	417	9,150	10,425
Strawberries	qt.	16,459	22,942	10,908	15,257
Raspberries	qt.	12,311	11,389	8,851	8,100
Loganberries	lb.	1,059	994	530	497
Grapes	lb.	69,319	79,587	34,660	39,794
Prince Edward Island -					
Strawberries	qt.	965	1,100	603	688
Nova Scotia -					
Apples	bu.	2,918	1,400		
Pears	bu.	23	38	575	950
Plums and prunes	bu.	5	5	125	125
Strawberries	qt.	575	540	359	338
Raspberries	qt.	40	44	25	28
New Brunswick -					
Apples	bu.	450	400		
Strawberries	qt.	700	970	438	606
Raspberries	qt.	45	55	28	34

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Prepared in the Crops Section, Agriculture Division

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Kind of Fruit	Unit	Estimated Production			
		Volumetric Units		Tons	
		1957	1958	1957	1958
		'000	'000		
Quebec -					
Apples	bu.	2,525	3,220		
Strawberries	qt.	3,100	6,300	1,938	3,938
Raspberries	qt.	412	450	258	281
Ontario -					
Apples	bu.	3,221	3,711		
Pears	bu.	380	664	9,500	16,600
Plums and Prunes	bu.	380	395	9,500	9,875
Peaches	bu.	2,266	2,560	56,650	64,000
Cherries, sweet	bu.	134	157	3,350	3,925
Cherries, sour	bu.	366	417	9,150	10,425
Strawberries	qt.	6,158	6,692	3,849	4,182
Raspberries	qt.	2,564	2,984	1,602	1,865
Grapes	lb.	67,100	77,164	33,550	38,582
British Columbia -					
Apples	bu.	6,981	6,853		
Pears	bu.	691	630	17,275	15,750
Plums and Prunes	bu.	181	179	4,525	4,475
Peaches	bu.	535	589	13,375	14,725
Apricots	bu.	281	273	7,025	6,825
Cherries, sweet	bu.	105	119	2,625	2,975
Strawberries	qt.	4,961	7,340	3,721	5,505
Raspberries	qt.	9,250	7,856	6,938	5,892
Loganberries	lb.	1,059	994	530	497
Grapes	lb.	2,219	2,423	1,110	1,212

The original estimates secured by the Bureau were stated in measures of volume (except loganberries and grapes). These were converted to tons at the following rates: 1 quart of strawberries or raspberries = 1.25 pounds (except in British Columbia where the rate of 1 quart = 1.50 pounds was used) and one bushel of all other fruits = 50 pounds (net weight).

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

	1957	1958
	cents per qt.	
Strawberries 1/	13.5	16.25
Raspberries (No. 1 grade) 1/	27.5	28.0
White sweet cherries 2/	11.0	11.0
Black sweet cherries 2/	12.0	12.0
	\$ per ton	
Sour cherries 2/	205.00	165.00 3/

1/ Source: Ontario Berry Growers' Marketing Board.

2/ Source: Ontario Pear, Plum and Cherry Growers' Marketing Board.

3/ 8.25 cents per lb. (\$165.00 per ton). Fifty cents per ton is the processors' share of cherry promotion programme.

TABLE 3.- Latest Estimates of Commercial Production of Apples, Pears, Peaches, Cherries, sweet and sour, and Strawberries in United States, 1958 and 1957

Kind of Fruit	Unit	Estimated Production			
		Volumetric Units		Tons	
		1957	1958	1957	1958
		'000	'000		
United States -					
Apples 1/	bu.	118,548	123,920		
Pears 1/	bu.	31,676	28,068	774,482	689,032
Peaches 1/	bu.	62,335	74,889	1,496,040	1,797,336
Apricots 1/	bu.	7,933	4,892	190,400	117,400
Cherries, sweet 1/	bu.	3,323	3,082	93,040	86,290
Cherries, sour 1/	bu.	5,254	3,237	147,100	90,630
Strawberries 2/	qt.	375,195	380,840	281,396	285,630
California -					
Strawberries 2/	qt.	154,560	168,000	115,920	126,000

1/ Source: Crop Production as of July 1, 1958 - United States Department of Agriculture.

2/ Source: Vegetables, Fresh Markets, July 10, 1958 - United States Department of Agriculture.

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



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