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FIRST ESTIMATE OF THE COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION

The estimates released in this memorandum, except when otherwise indicated, are based on reports submitted to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics by the Quebec Bureau of Statistics and Federal and Provincial Departments of Agriculture personnel in the various fruit growing areas. All 1963 figures are preliminary and subject to revision. Reports were made as of the middle of July for Ontario and Quebec. Estimates for the Atlantic Provinces were based on conditions later in July. British Columbia crop estimates for plums, prunes, peaches, apricots and sweet cherries were released by the Provincial Department of Agriculture on June 20, for apples, pears and grapes on July 4 and for the other fruits on July 11. Accordingly, all estimates apply to the situation as it existed at the time when the reports concerned were made.

TABLE 1. - First Estimate of the Commercial Production of All Fruits 1963 with Latest Estimates for 1962

	Estimated Production							
Kind of Fruit	Volumetric Units or Pounds			T	Tons			
	Unit	1962	1963	1962	1963			
		1000	1000					
Canada -								
Apples	bu.	19,009	18,956	427,697	426,501			
Pears	bu.	1,718	1,566	42,960	39,132			
Plums and prunes	bu.	487	612	12,178	15,296			
Peaches	bu.	2,256	2,468	56,404	61,695			
Apricots	bu.	310	126	7,742	3,139			
Cherries, sweet	bu.	421	419	10,538	10,476			
Cherries, sour	bu,	212	254	5,305	6,348			
Strawberries	qt.	22,387	23,065	14,857	15,245			
Raspberries	qt.	8,999	9,282	6,350	6,493			
Loganberries	lb.	1,022	1,160	511	580			
Grapes	lb.	92,343	78,495	46,171	39,248			
Newfoundland -		- ,		,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,			
Blueberries	Ib.	1,250	3,000	625	1,500			
Prince Edward Island -		,			,			
Strawberries	qt.	1,400	1,700	875	1,062			
Blueberries	Íb.	238	450	119	225			
Nova Scotia -								
Apples	bu.	2,461	3,000	55,372	67,500			
Pears	bu.	48	45	1,200	1,125			
Plums	bu.	6	6	150	150			
Strawberries	qt.	1,800	2,000	1,125	1,250			
Raspberries	qt.	30	25	19	16			
Blueberries	lb.	7,400	7,000	3,700	3,500			

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	Estimated Production						
Kind of Fruit	Volumetric Units or Pounds			Tons			
	Unit	1962	1963	1962	1963		
	100	000	000				
New Brunswick -							
Apples	bu.	500	525	11,250	11,812		
Strawberries	qt.	1,000	1,500	625	937		
Raspberries	qt.	50	50	31	31		
Blueberries	ĺb.	4,000	4,500	2,000	2,250		
Quebec -			,	,	•		
Apples	bu.	5,060	4,480	113,850	100,800		
Strawberries	qt.	5,275	7,300	3,297	4,562		
Raspberries	qt.	950	1,400	594	875		
Blueberries	1ь.	3,429	<u>1</u> /	1,714	1/		
Ontario -		,	—	-,	—		
Apples	bu.	4,947	4,493	111,313	101,086		
Pears	bu.	1,069	826	26,730	20,641		
Plums and prunes	bu.	187	3 50	4,687	8,753		
Peaches	bu.	1,633	1,894	40,817	47,348		
Cherries, sweet	bu.	230	228	5,760	5,702		
Cherries, sour	bu.	212	254	5,305	6,348		
Strawberries	qt.	5,989	3,920	3,743	2,450		
Raspberries	qt.	2,169	2,271	1,356	1,419		
Grapes	1b.	89,014	75,664	44,507	37,832		
British Columbia -	10.	0,,01	, , , , , , ,	779507	37,037		
Apples	bu.	6,041	6,458	135,912	145,303		
Pears	bu.	601	695	15,030	17,366		
Plums and prunes	bu.	294	256	7,341	6,393		
Peaches	bu.	623	574	15,587	14,347		
Apricots	bu.	310	126	7,742	3,139		
Cherries, sweet	bu.	191	191	4,778	4,774		
Strawberries	qt.	6,923	6,645	5,192	4,984		
Raspberries	qt.	5,800	5,536	4,350	4,152		
Loganberries	1b.	1,022	1,160	511	580		
Grapes	1b.	3,3292/	2,831	1,6642			
Blueberries	1b.	1,909	2,006	954	1,003		
	10.	1,000	2,000	7.74	1,000		

^{1/} Not available.

For all Provinces other than British Columbia the original estimates secured by the Bureau were stated in measures of volume (except grapes and blueberries). These were converted to tons at the following rates: 1 quart of strawberries, raspberries or blueberries = 1.25 pounds; 1 bushel of apples = 45 pounds; 1 bushel of all other tree fruits = 50 pounds (net weight). In the case of British Columbia the original figures were in pounds; these were rounded to the nearest ton and the volumetric estimates calculated as follows: 1 bushel of apples = 45 pounds; 1 bushel of all other tree fruits = 50 pounds (net weight); 1 quart of berries = 1.5 pounds.

^{2/} Okanagan Valley only.

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

	1962	1963
	cents per qt.	
Strawberries <u>1</u> /	17.0	17.0
Purple Raspberries (No. 1 grade) 1/	27.0	27.0
Red Raspberries (No. 1 grade) 1/	27.0	28.0
	- dollars	per ton -
White sweet cherries 2/	260.00	260.00
Black sweet cherries 2/	280.00	280.00
Sour Cherries 2/	195.50	200.50
not less than 2 inches in diameter	107.50	115.00
in diameter	62.50	70.00
less than 1 3/4 inches in diameter	62.50	70.00
All varieties other than Bartlett or Kieffer	62.50	70.00

^{1/} Source: Ontario Berry Growers' Marketing Board.

TABLE 3. - Estimate of Commercial Production of Apples, Pears, Peaches, Apricots, Cherries, Sweet and Sour, and Strawberries in the United States 1962 and 1963

	Estimated Production						
Kind of Fruit	Volumetric Units or		Pounds	To	Tons		
	Unit	1962	1963	1962	1963		
		000	1000				
United States -							
Apples <u>1</u> /	bu.	125,425	116,330				
Pears <u>1</u> /		29,294	20,147	716,516	494,716		
Peaches 1/		75,789	73,133	1,851,180	1,785,697		
Apricots <u>1</u> /		6,925	9,175	166,200	220,200		
Cherries, sweet 1/		3,942	2,614	110,400	73,209		
Cherries, sour 1/		6,312	2,686	176,740	75,220		
Strawberries 2/		343,635	327,970	257,726	245,978		
California -	_			-	-		
Strawberries 2/	qt.	138,600	137,200	103,950	102,900		

^{1/} Source: Crop Production as of July 1, 1963 - 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. Conversion rates used to express pears and peaches in tons were: 1 bu. of pears = 50 lb. except California where 1 bu. = 48 lb.; 1 bu. of peaches = 48 lb. Conversion rates used to express apricots and cherries in bushels were: 1 bu. of apricots = 48 lb.; 1 bu. of cherries = 56 lb. Strawberries were converted at the rate of 1 qt. = 1.5 lb. (Conversion Factors and Weights and Measures for Agricultural Commodities and Their Products - United States Department of Agriculture, May 1952).

^{2/} Source: Ontario Tender Fruit Growers' Marketing Board.

^{2/} Source: Fruit Situation - June, 1963 - United States Department of Agriculture



TABLE 4. - Estimated Apple Production in England & Wales - $1962\frac{1}{}$

	Estimated Production			
	1962	1963	1962	1963
79	'000	bushels	'000	tons
Dessert Apples	13,550	n.a.	305	n.a.
Cooking Apples	10,946	n.a.	246	n.a.
TOTAL	24,496	n.a.	551	n.a.

TABLE 5. - Estimated Apple Production in France, 1963 with Latest 1962 Figures 1/

	Estimated Production			
	1962	1963	1962	1963
	000	bushels	000	tons
Table Apples	39,977	44,092	900	992

TABLE 6. - Estimated Apple Production in Western Germany, 1962 1/

Estimated Production				
1962	1963	1962	1963	
'000	bushels	'000 tons		
82,991	n.a.	1,867	n.a.	

TABLE 7. - Estimated Apple Production in Italy, 1963, with latest 1962 Figures 1/

1962	1963	1962	1963	
6000 bu	'000 bushels		'000 tons	
108,202	105,331.	2,434	2,370	

^{1/} Source: Commonwealth Economic Committee.