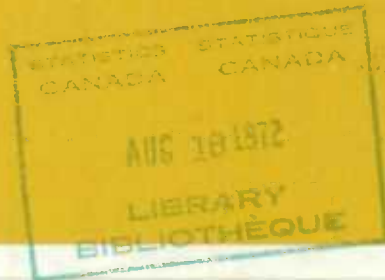


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FIRST ESTIMATE OF THE COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION OF ALL FRUITS, 1972

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TABLE 1. First Estimate of the Commercial Production of
All Fruits 1972 with Latest Estimates for 1971

Kind of fruit	Estimated production				
	Volumetric units or pounds		Tons		
	Unit	1971	1972	1971	1972
		'000			
<u>Canada</u>					
Apples	bu.	21,039	20,370	441,806	427,757
Pears	"	1,921	1,960	48,031	48,995
Plums and prunes	"	445	428	11,110	10,701
Peaches	"	2,542	2,106	63,558	52,652
Apricots	"	146	150	3,652	3,748
Cherries, sweet	"	456	356	11,390	8,898
Cherries, sour	"	446	395	11,149	9,872
Strawberries	qt.	34,267	25,092	22,559	16,582
Raspberries	"	8,826	8,135	6,380	5,852
Loganberries	lb.	855	800	428	400
Grapes	"	174,624	170,351	87,312	85,176
Blueberries	"	22,471	..	11,235	..
Cranberries	"	10,555	..	5,277	..

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TABLE 1. First Estimate of the Commercial Production of All Fruits
1972 with Latest Estimates for 1971 - Continued

Kind of fruit	Estimated production				
	Volumetric units or pounds		Tons		
	Unit	1971	1972	1971	1972
		'000			
<u>Newfoundland</u>					
Blueberries	lb.	1,700	2,000	850	1,000
<u>Prince Edward Island</u>					
Strawberries	qt.	1,680	672	1,050	420
Blueberries	lb.	525	600	262	300
Cranberries	"	90	..	45	..
<u>Nova Scotia</u>					
Apples	bu.	2,550	1,500	53,550	31,500
Pears	"	65	64	1,625	1,600
Plums and prunes	"	6	4	150	100
Strawberries	qt.	2,500	1,700	1,562	1,062
Raspberries	"	35	40	22	25
Blueberries	lb.	7,200	9,000	3,600	4,500
Cranberries	"	100	..	50	..
<u>New Brunswick</u>					
Apples	bu.	435	360	9,135	7,560
Strawberries	qt.	1,734	700	1,084	438
Raspberries	"	30	35	19	22
Blueberries	lb.	4,800	5,500	2,400	2,750
<u>Quebec</u>					
Apples	bu.	6,257	5,865	131,397	123,165
Strawberries	qt.	7,830	5,700	4,894	3,562
Raspberries	"	700	780	438	488
Blueberries	lb.	4,200	..	2,100	..
<u>Ontario</u>					
Apples	bu.	6,761	6,659	141,972	139,832
Pears	"	1,016	1,089	25,400	27,213
Plums and prunes	"	229	242	5,714	6,043
Peaches	"	2,026	1,572	50,647	39,306
Cherries, sweet	"	205	169	5,124	4,234
Cherries, sour	"	409	362	10,214	9,040
Strawberries	qt.	11,390	9,120	7,119	5,700
Raspberries	"	1,154	1,150	721	719
Grapes	lb.	156,350	151,416	78,175	75,708

.. Not available.

TABLE 1. First Estimate of the Commercial Production of All Fruits 1972 with Latest Estimates for 1971 - Concluded

Kind of fruit	Estimated production				
	Volumetric units or pounds			Tons	
	Unit	1971	1972	1971	1972
		'000			
British Columbia					
Apples	bu.	5,036	5,986	105,752	125,700
Pears	"	840	807	21,006	20,182
Plums and prunes	"	210	182	5,246	4,558
Peaches	"	516	534	12,911	13,346
Apricots	"	146	150	3,652	3,748
Cherries, sweet	"	251	187	6,266	4,664
Cherries, sour	"	37	33	935	832
Strawberries	qt.	9,133	7,200	6,850	5,400
Raspberries	"	6,907	6,130	5,180	4,598
Loganberries	lb.	855	800	428	400
Grapes	"	18,274	18,935	9,137	9,468
Blueberries	"	4,046	6,000	2,023	3,000
Cranberries	"	10,365	12,000	5,182	6,000
		1971		1972	
		metric tons			
Canada					
Apples			400,804		388,059
Pears			43,574		44,448
Plums			10,078		9,707
Peaches			57,659		47,766
Apricots			3,313		3,400
Cherries, sweet			10,333		8,071
Cherries, sour			10,114		8,956
Strawberries			20,465		15,044
Raspberries			5,787		5,308
Loganberries			388		363
Grapes			79,209		77,271
Blueberries			10,193		10,478
Cranberries			4,788		5,443

Note: The Canadian Department of Agriculture and Statistics Canada are now complying with the Canadian Horticulture Councils request to adopt a conversion factor of 42 lbs. per bushel for apples rather than the 45 lbs. that had been used in the past. British Columbia and Ontario report their apple figures in pounds while Quebec and the Maritimes report in bushels. The 1971 and 1972 apple data in this report have been converted using the 42 pound per bushel conversion.

For all Provinces other than British Columbia and Ontario the original estimates secured by Statistics Canada were stated in measures of volume (except grapes and blueberries). These were converted at the following rates: 1 quart of strawberries, raspberries = 1.25 pounds; 1 bushel of all other tree fruits = 50 pounds (net weight). In the case of British Columbia 1 quart of berries = 1.5 pounds.

Sour Cherries



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During the period June 26 to June 30, 1972 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 count was paired with the results for 1971 at approximately the same stage of maturity. These comparisons were expanded into a production estimate for 1972 which was equal to 75 per cent of the 1971 harvest in the Niagara District. In using this information one should take into consideration the fact that the forecast made is as of June 30 and the production in the Niagara region is subject to revision depending on weather conditions, as well as other factors prevailing throughout the remainder of the growing season. Another point which must be kept in mind is that the forecast is made as a result of comparative number of cherries, and the sizing factor, which is also an important factor, is not taken into consideration for this preliminary estimate.

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

- Ontario Farm Economics, Co-operatives and Statistics Branch.
- The Vineland Experimental Station.
- Ontario Tender Fruit Growers' Marketing Board.
- Ontario Food Processors Association.
- Ontario Farm Products Inspection Services.
- Inspection Staff, Fruit and Vegetable Division, C.D.A.

TABLE 2. Minimum Prices for Processing for Cherries and Grapes in the Province of Ontario

	1971	1972
	dollars per ton	
White sweet cherries	320.50	380.50
White sweet cherries for brining purposes	180.50	260.50
Black sweet cherries	320.50	380.50
Black sweet cherries for brining purposes	160.50	260.50
Sour cherries	260.50	200.50
<u>Grapes</u>		
Classification depending on variety:		
Class 1	145.00	149.00
2	142.00	145.00
3	147.00	153.00
4	168.00	175.00
4a	179.00	190.00
5	194.00	210.00
6	231.00	250.00
7	247.00	265.00
8	252.00	275.00
9	315.00	350.00