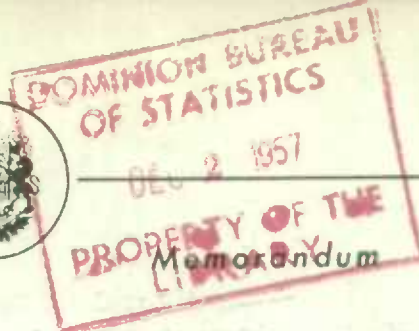


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December 2, 1957.FOURTH ESTIMATE OF COMMERCIAL FRUIT PRODUCTION 1957

The information on estimates of production of fruits as set out in this release is based on reports made as of the middle of October for Ontario and the middle to the latter part of November for the Maritime Provinces, Quebec and British Columbia. Accordingly all estimates apply to the situation as it existed at the time when the reports concerned were made.

Apples

Latest estimates place the 1957 apple crop at 14.8 million bushels, 19 per cent above last year's crop of 12.4 million bushels. Production was higher this year than last in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia but down in Quebec and Ontario. In all provinces except Ontario, revised figures indicate increases over earlier estimates this season.

The Nova Scotia output is now placed at 2.7 million bushels, 22 per cent above 1956. In New Brunswick a crop of 400,000 bushels was harvested, 45 per cent above last year. Picking was completed in November in both provinces and total outturn was better than had been expected earlier. Fruit of high quality is moving to market and processing is in full swing in Nova Scotia. The increase over earlier estimates is largely attributed to better than average sizing of the fruit this year.

In Quebec, November estimates place the total crop at 2.5 million bushels, 10 per cent below that of last year, although above earlier estimates for this season. Production in Ontario is now estimated at 2.4 million bushels, 20 per cent below that of 1956, while the British Columbia crop now stands at 6.8 million bushels, 64 per cent above last year.

Pears

The total production of pears in Canada in 1957 is estimated at 971,000 bushels, 31 per cent below last year. Production was sharply lower in both Nova Scotia and Ontario but increased in British Columbia.

Plums and Prunes

Latest estimates place the 1957 crop of plums and prunes at 537,000 bushels, 1 per cent greater than last year. Production was up in Ontario but down in British Columbia.

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Peaches

A total of 2.7 million bushels of peaches was harvested in Canada in 1957, a sharp increase of 64 per cent from last year's output. Production was up in both Ontario and British Columbia, the two peach-producing provinces.

Apricots

Production of apricots in 1957 stood at 361,000 bushels, very greatly increased from last year's below average output of 84,000 bushels. This crop, which is grown commercially only in British Columbia, was very severely reduced in 1956 due to low-temperature damage the previous winter.

Cherries

The 1957 sweet cherry crop is estimated at 160,000 bushels, 67 per cent above that of last year, with increases in both Ontario and British Columbia. Sour cherry production at 307,000 bushels was 5 per cent above that of last year.

Small Fruit

Revised estimates place the 1957 strawberry crop at 15.5 million quarts, 19 per cent below that of 1956. Raspberry production at 11.7 million quarts was 75 per cent above that of last year. A total of 1.3 million pounds of loganberries was picked in British Columbia this year, 355 per cent above last year's extremely small output. Latest estimates place the 1957 grape crop at 68.2 million pounds, 15 per cent below that of last year.

This report was prepared in the Agriculture Division of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics from information received from the various Provincial Departments of Agriculture, the Quebec Provincial Bureau of Statistics and the Canada Department of Agriculture. The material for Ontario was submitted by the Ontario Committee on Fruit and Vegetable Statistics.

Due to the fact that in 1956 a number of fruit crops were much smaller than usual and in 1955 much larger than usual, comparable figures are shown in the following Table for the years 1954, 1955, 1956, to facilitate comparison with the current season's forecasts.

Fourth Estimate of Fruit Production 1957 with Comparable Figures for 1956

Kind of Fruit	Unit	Production in Volumetric Units			
		1954	1955	1956	1957
		'000	'000	'000	'000
Canada -					
Apples	bu.	14,500	19,142	12,424	14,802
Pears	bu.	1,261	1,510	1,400	971
Plums and prunes	bu.	716	828	534	537
Peaches	bu.	2,425	2,883	1,667	2,742
Apricots	bu.	118	184	84	361
Cherries, sweet	bu.	174	221	96	160
Cherries, sour	bu.	426	542	292	307
Strawberries	qt.	27,971	22,674	19,112	15,463
Raspberries	qt.	12,839	12,099	6,656	11,662
Loganberries	lb.	1,056	1,237	279	1,269
Grapes	lb.	88,876	94,752	80,274	68,154
Prince Edward Island -					
Strawberries	qt.	780	890	1,550	965
Nova Scotia -					
Apples	bu.	2,157	3,250	2,206	2,700
Pears	bu.	40	42	45	23
Plums and prunes	bu.	20	20	15	5
Strawberries	qt.	715	825	950	575
Raspberries	qt.	37	40	40	40
New Brunswick -					
Apples	bu.	250	450	275	400
Strawberries	qt.	775	850	1,200	700
Raspberries	qt.	50	45	50	45
Quebec -					
Apples	bu.	2,500	5,000	2,820	2,525
Strawberries	bu.	8,500	5,000	6,250	3,100
Raspberries	qt.	350	300	350	412
Ontario -					
Apples	bu.	3,071	4,037	2,992	2,394
Pears	bu.	664	887	819	294
Plums and prunes	bu.	486	576	281	317
Peaches	bu.	2,154	2,370	1,367	2,200
Cherries, sweet	bu.	84	105	38	60
Cherries, sour	bu.	426	542	292	307

Fourth Estimate of Fruit Production 1957 with Comparable Figures for 1956

Kind of Fruit	Unit	Production in Volumetric Units			
		1954	1955	1956	1957
		'000	'000	'000	'000
Ontario (continued) -					
Strawberries	qt.	7,992	7,578	7,524	6,205
Raspberries	qt.	3,170	2,566	2,721	2,326
Grapes	lb.	87,102	92,760	79,814	66,200
British Columbia -					
Apples	bu.	6,522	6,405	4,131	6,783
Pears	bu.	557	581	536	654
Plums and prunes	bu.	210	232	238	215
Peaches	bu.	271	513	300	542
Apricots	bu.	118	184	84	361
Cherries, sweet	bu.	90	116	58	100
Strawberries	qt.	9,209	7,531	1,638	3,918
Raspberries	qt.	9,232	9,148	3,495	8,839
Loganberries	lb.	1,056	1,237	279	1,269
Grapes	lb.	1,774	1,992	460	1,954
Production in Tons ^{1/}					
		1954	1955	1956	1957
		tons	tons	tons	tons
Canada -					
Pears		31,525	37,750	35,000	24,275
Plums and prunes		17,900	20,700	13,350	13,425
Peaches		60,625	72,075	41,675	68,550
Apricots		2,950	4,600	2,100	9,025
Cherries, sweet		4,350	5,525	2,400	4,000
Cherries, sour		10,650	13,550	7,300	7,675
Strawberries		18,633	15,112	12,149	10,154
Raspberries		9,178	8,706	4,597	8,394
Loganberries		528	618	140	634
Grapes		44,438	47,376	40,137	34,077
Prince Edward Island -					
Strawberries		488	556	969	603
Nova Scotia -					
Pears		1,000	1,050	1,125	575
Plums and prunes		500	500	375	125
Strawberries		447	516	594	359
Raspberries		23	25	25	25
New Brunswick -					
Strawberries		484	531	750	438
Raspberries		31	28	31	28

Fourth Estimate of Fruit Production 1957 with Comparable Figures for 1956

Kind of Fruit	Production in Tons ^{1/}			
	1954	1955	1956	1957
	tons	tons	tons	tons
Quebec --				
Strawberries	5,312	3,125	3,906	1,938
Raspberries	219	188	219	258
Ontario --				
Pears	16,600	22,175	20,475	7,350
Plums and prunes	12,150	14,400	7,025	7,925
Peaches	53,850	59,250	34,175	55,000
Cherries, sweet	2,100	2,625	950	1,500
Cherries, sour	10,650	13,550	7,300	7,675
Strawberries	4,995	4,736	4,702	3,878
Raspberries	1,981	1,604	1,701	1,454
Grapes	43,551	46,380	39,907	33,100
British Columbia --				
Pears	13,925	14,525	13,400	16,350
Plums and prunes	5,250	5,800	5,950	5,375
Peaches	6,775	12,825	7,500	13,550
Apricots	2,950	4,600	2,100	9,025
Cherries, sweet	2,250	2,900	1,450	2,500
Strawberries	6,907	5,648	1,228	2,938
Raspberries	6,924	6,861	2,621	6,629
Loganberries	528	618	140	634
Grapes	887	996	230	977

^{1/} 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).

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