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#### FOURTH ESTIMATE OF COMMERCIAL FRUIT PRODUCTION 1960

The information on estimates of the 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 returns were made.

##### Apples

The latest estimates placed the 1960 apple crop at 13.1 million bushels, 15.5 per cent below last year's crop of 15.5 million bushels. Production was down in all apple producing provinces except British Columbia where there was a substantial increase of 12.0 per cent from 4.2 million bushels in 1959 to 4.7 million bushels this year.

##### Pears

Total production of pears in Canada in 1960 is estimated at 1.5 million bushels, 16.7 per cent greater than last year's crop of 1.3 million bushels. Yields were up in both Ontario and British Columbia, the two principal pear-producing Provinces.

##### Plums and Prunes

Latest estimates placed the 1960 crop of plums and prunes at 446,000 bushels, 28.1 per cent below that of 1959 with reduced harvests reported in both Ontario and British Columbia.

##### Peaches

A total of 2.4 million bushels of peaches was harvested in Canada in 1960, a 9.3 per cent reduction from last year's output. The Ontario crop of 1.8 million bushels was 15.0 per cent below last year's 2.1 million while British Columbia growers harvested 578,000 bushels this year, 15.1 per cent more than in 1959.

##### Cherries

In 1960 the sweet cherry crop, estimated at 197,000 bushels was 20.0 per cent below that of last year with reduced production reported in Ontario but heavier yields in British Columbia. Sour cherry production at 218,000 bushels was 9.6 per cent below that of the previous year.

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### Small Fruits

Revised estimates placed the 1960 strawberry crop at 27.8 million quarts, 30.1 per cent above that of 1959. Raspberry production now estimated at 11.1 million quarts was slightly below the 1959 outturn of 11.2 million quarts. A total of 1.0 million pounds of Loganberries were harvested in 1960, a reduction of 14.0 per cent from the 1959 crop. Grape growers harvested an estimated 113.3 million pounds this year substantially above last year's 84.4 million pounds. Blueberry production in the Provinces of Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Quebec and British Columbia is estimated at 20.3 million pounds down 11.8 per cent from last year's 23.0 million pounds, largely due to smaller pickings obtained this year in Quebec where the 1959 crop was very much larger than usual. No data are available for Ontario at this time. The cranberry crop in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia is estimated at 550,000 pounds for 1960, below the 1959 total of 668,000 pounds.

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 1960 figures are preliminary and subject to revision.

TABLE 1. - Fourth Estimate of the Commercial Production of All Fruits in 1960 with Latest Estimates for 1959

Kind of Fruit	Estimated Production				
	Volumetric Units or Pounds			Tons	
	Unit	1959 '000	1960 '000	1959	1960
Canada -					
Apples	bu.	15,517 $\frac{1}{2}$	13,111	349,135	294,986
Pears	bu.	1,276 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,489	31,911	37,217
Plums and prunes	bu.	620 $\frac{1}{2}$	446	15,501	11,138
Peaches	bu.	2,645 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,400	66,114	59,992
Apricots	bu.	181 $\frac{1}{2}$	307	4,523	7,667
Cherries, sweet	bu.	246 $\frac{1}{2}$	197	6,148	4,928
Cherries, sour	bu.	241	218	6,025	5,450
Strawberries	qt.	21,405 $\frac{1}{2}$	27,856	14,154	17,962
Raspberries	qt.	11,215 $\frac{1}{2}$	11,122	7,981	7,800
Loganberries	lb.	1,217	1,047	608	524
Grapes	lb.	84,378 $\frac{1}{2}$	113,312	42,189	56,656
Newfoundland -					
Blueberries	lb.	1,500	2,900	750	1,450
Prince Edward Island -					
Strawberries	qt.	650	1,730	406	1,081
Blueberries	lb.	600	130	300	65
Nova Scotia -					
Apples	bu.	2,260	1,700	50,850	38,250
Pears	bu.	35	25	875	625
Plums and Prunes	bu.	5	5	125	125
Strawberries	qt.	1,209 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,295	756	1,434
Raspberries	qt.	35	30	22	19
Blueberries	lb.	5,200	5,800	2,600	2,900
Cranberries	lb.	518	310	259	155
New Brunswick					
Apples	bu.	500	400	11,250	9,000
Strawberries	qt.	600	1,500	375	938
Raspberries	qt.	50	60	31	38
Blueberries	lb.	3,500	3,500	1,750	1,750
Cranberries	lb.	35	40	18	20
Quebec -					
Apples	bu.	3,980	3,130	89,550	70,425
Strawberries	qt.	6,552	6,500	4,095	4,062
Raspberries	qt.	988 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,294	618	809
Blueberries	lb.	10,461	6,098	5,230	

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Ontario -					
Apples	bu.	4,603	3,206	103,568	72,135
Pears	bu.	767	836	19,175	20,900
Plums and prunes	bu.	360 <u>1/</u>	274	9,000	6,850
Peaches	bu.	2,143	1,822	53,575	45,550
Cherries, sweet	bu.	176	94	4,400	2,350
Cherries, sour	bu.	241	218	6,025	5,450
Strawberries	qt.	6,188	11,413	3,868	7,133
Raspberries	qt.	2,365	2,948	1,478	1,842
Grapes	lb.	81,800 <u>1/</u>	112,000	40,900	56,000
Blueberries	lb.	<u>2/</u>	<u>2/</u>		
British Columbia -					
Apples	bu.	4,174 <u>1/</u>	4,675	93,917	105,176
Pears	bu.	474 <u>1/</u>	628	11,861	15,692
Plums and Prunes	bu.	255 <u>1/</u>	167	6,376	4,163
Peaches	bu.	502 <u>1/</u>	578	12,539	14,442
Apricots	bu.	181 <u>1/</u>	307	4,523	7,667
Cherries, sweet	bu.	70 <u>1/</u>	103	1,748	2,578
Strawberries	qt.	6,206	4,418	4,654	3,314
Raspberries	qt.	7,777	6,790	5,832	5,092
Loganberries	lb.	1,217	1,047	608	524
Grapes	lb.	2,578	1,312	1,289	656
Blueberries	lb.	1,747	1,857	874	928
Cranberries	lb.	115	200	58	100

1/ Revised.

2/ Not available.

For all Provinces other than British Columbia the original estimates secured by the Bureau were stated in measures of volume (except grapes, blueberries and cranberries). 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 volumetric estimates were 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.



TABLE 2. - Latest Estimates of Commercial Production of Apples, Pears, Peaches, Apricots, Cherries, Sweet and Sour, and Grapes in the United States, 1959 and 1960

Kind of Fruit	Estimated Production				
	Volumetric Units or Pounds			Tons	
	Unit	1959	1960	1959	1960
		'000	'000		
United States-					
Apples <u>1/</u>	bu.	121,787	106,380		
Pears <u>2/</u>	bu.	30,191	26,408	737,899	644,866
Peaches <u>3/</u>	bu.	74,339	74,723	1,784,136	1,793,352
Apricots <u>4/</u>	bu.	9,575	9,892	229,800	237,400
Cherries, sweet <u>5/</u>	bu.	2,794	2,862	78,220	80,150
Cherries, sour <u>5/</u>	bu.	4,894	4,144	137,030	116,020
Grapes <u>2/</u>	lb.	6,278,100	6,039,400	3,139,050	3,019,700

1/ Source: Commercial Apples - December 1, 1960 - United States Department of Agriculture.

2/ Source: Crop Production as of November 1, 1960 - United States Department of Agriculture.

3/ Source: Crop Production as of October 1, 1960 - United States Department of Agriculture.

4/ Source: Crop Production as of September 1, 1960 - United States Department of Agriculture.

5/ Source: Crop Production as of August 1, 1960 - United States Department of Agriculture.

The United States Department of Agriculture published the original estimates of apples, pears and peaches in bushels; apricots, cherries, sweet and sour, and grapes in tons. Conversion rates used to express pears and peaches in tons were: 1 bushel of pears = 50 pounds, except California where 1 bushel = 48 pounds; 1 bushel of peaches = 48 pounds. Conversion rates used to express apricots and cherries in bushels were: 1 bushel of apricots = 48 pounds; 1 bushel of cherries = 56 pounds.

(Conversion Factors and Weights and Measures for Agricultural Commodities and Their Products - United States Department of Agriculture, May, 1952.)





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