## FOURTH ESTIMATE OF COMMERCIAL FRUIT PRODUCTION 1961

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 of January 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 place the 1961 apple crop at 26.2 million bushels, 9 per cent above the 1960 outturn of 14.9 million bushols. Production i- 1961 was up from that of 1960 in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario, but down in Quebec and British Columbia.

## Pears

Total production in Canada in 1961 is estimated at 1.5 fllion pushels, 2 per cent below the level of the 1960 crop. The 1961 Ontario-crop placed at 860,000 bushels was moderately higher than that of 1960 while Brithsh/Columbia production, estimated at 588,000 bushels, was below that of the preylous year. Nova Scotia growers harvested 48,000 bushels in 1961 in contrast to only 28,000 in 1960.

## Plums and Prunes

Latest estimates place the 1961 crop of plums and prun at 578,000 bushels, 24 per cent greater than that of 1960. Yields were up in both Ontario and British Columbia, the two principal producing provinces.

## Peaches

An estimated total of 3.1 million bushels of peaches were harvested in Canada in 1961, a 30 per cent iscrease from the 1960 crop. This was the largest crop ever produced, surpassing the previous record of 3.0 million bushels grown in 1958. Growers in Ontario picked a total of 2.6 million bushels, a very considerable increase from the previous year's 1.8 million. In British Columbia, however, the total 1961 production of this crop is estimated at 494,000 bushels, somewhat below the 1960 figure of 539,000 .

Cherries
The 1961 sweet cherry crop, estimated at 312,000 bushels, was 55 per cent greater than that of 1960 with increased harvests reported in both Ontario and British Columbia. Sour cherry production at 504,000 bushels was almost twice as large as the 1960 crop of 254,000 .

## Apricots

An estimated 244,000 bushels of Apricots were picked in 1961, 20 per cent below the 1960 total of 305,000 bushels.

Small Fruits
Revised estimates place the 1961 strawberry crop at 24.9 million quarts, 5 per cent below that of 1960. Raspberry production now estimated at 11.4 million quarts was slightly below that of the previous year. An estimated total of 1.2 million pounds of loganberries was harvested in 1961, a 9 per cent increase from the 1960 crop. Canadian vineyards produced 84.9 million pounds of grapes in 1961, 25 per cent below the 1960 crop of 113.2 million pounds.

TABLE 1. - Fourth istimate of the Comercial Production of All Fruits in 1961 with Latest Estimates for 1960

| Kind of Fruit | istimated Production |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Volumetric Units or Pounds |  |  | Pons |  |
|  | Unit | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 |
|  |  | ${ }^{\prime}, 000$ | 1000 |  |  |

Canada -

| Apples | bu. | 14,914 | 16,206 | 335,573 | 364,643 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Pears | bu. | 1,526 | 1,496 | 38,145 | 37,408 |
| Plums and prunes | bu. | 467 | 578 | 11,669 | 14,459 |
| Peaches | bu. | 2,362 | 3,082 | 59,055 | 77,048 |
| Apricots | bu. | 305 | 244 | 7,634 | 6,102 |
| Cherries, sweet | bu. | 201 | 312 | 5,032 | 7,791 |
| Cherries, sour | bu. | 254 | 504 | 6,350 | 12,600 |
| Strawberries | qt. | 26,167 | 24,943 | 16,970 | 16,215 |
| Raspberries | qt. | 11,593 | 11,407 | 8,191 | 7,971 |
| Loganberries | 1 l. | 1,096 | 1,194 | 548 | 597 |
| Grapes | lb. | 113,168 | 84,872 | 56,584 | 42,436 |

Newfoundland -
Blueberries
lb. 2,900
2,900
1,450
1,450
Prince Edward Island $=$
Strawberries
Blueberries
qt.
1,730
1,900
451
1,081
1,188
226
Nova Scotia -

Apples
Pears
Plums and Prunes Strawberries
Raspberries Blueberries Cranberries
bu.
2,243
28
bu.
qt. 2,295
qt. 30
lb. 5,400
lb。 300
bu.
qt.
qt.
lb.
lb.
400
1,500
60
3,500
40
525
1,400
60
4,500
50

| bu. | 3,130 | 3,055 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| qt. | 6,552 | 6,500 |
| qt. | 988 | 1,294 |
| lb. | 6,098 | 2,715 |

Apples
Strawberries Raspberries Blueberries

Apples
Strawberries
Raspberries
Blueberries
Cranberries

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\begin{array}{r}
3,000 \\
48 \\
5 \\
2,300 \\
35 \\
5,700 \\
205
\end{array}
$$

New Brunswick

Quebec -
Blueberries

50,468
67,500
1,200
125
$\begin{array}{rr}1,434 & 1,438 \\ 19 & 2,\end{array}$
2,700
2,850
102

TABLE 1. - Fourth Estimate of the Comercial Production of AIl Fruits in 1961 with Latest Estimates for 1960

| Kind of Fruit | Estimated Production |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Volumetric Units or Pounds |  |  | Tons |  |
|  | Unit | 1960 | 1961 | 1960 | 1961 |
|  |  | 1000 | ${ }^{1} 000$ |  |  |

Ontario -

| Apples | bu. | 3,761 | 5,10 | 84,622 | 117,225 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Pears | bu. | 849 | 860 | 21,225 | 21,500 |
| Plums and prunes | bu. | 267 | 355 | 6,675 | 8,875 |
| Peaches | bu. | 1,773 | 2,588 | 44,325 | 64,700 |
| Cherries, sweet | bu. | 92 | 131 | 2,300 | 3,275 |
| Cherries, sour | bu. | 254 | 504 | 6,350 | 12,600 |
| Strawberries | qt. | 9,159 | 7,852 | 5,724 | 4,908 |
| Raspberries | qt. | 2,969 | 3,287 | 1,856 | 2,054 |
| Grapes | Ib. | 111,838 | 81,608 | 55,919 | 40,804 |
| Blueberries | Ib. | $1 /$ |  |  |  |

British Columbia -

## Apples

Pears
Dlums and prunes
Peaches
Apricots
Cherries, sweet
Strawberries
Raspberries
Loganberries
Grapes
Blueberries
Cranberries

| bu. | 5,380 | 4,416 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| bu. | 649 | 588 |
| bu. | 195 | 218 |
| bu. | 589 | 494 |
| bu. | 305 | 244 |
| bu. | 109 | 181 |
| qt. | 4,931 | 4,991 |
| qt. | 7,546 | 6,731 |
| lb. | 1,096 | 1,194 |
| lb. | 1,330 | 3,264 |
| lb. | 1,663 | 1,889 |
| lb. | 202 | 405 |


| 121,058 | 99,368 |
| ---: | ---: |
| 16,220 | 14,708 |
| 4,869 | 5,459 |
| 14,730 | 12,348 |
| 7,634 | 6,102 |
| 2,732 | 4,516 |
| 3,698 | 3,744 |
| 5,660 | 5,048 |
| 548 | 597 |
| 665 | 1,632 |
| 832 | 944 |
| 101 | 202 |

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, blueberries and cranberries). These were converted to tons at the following rates: l 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); l quart of berries $=$ 1.5 pounds.

TABLE 2. - Latest Estimates of Comnercial Production of Apples, Pears, Peaches, spricote, Chorrics, Swast and Sour, and Grapes in the United States, 1960 and 1961


United States -

| Apples | bu. | 108,515 | 125,510 |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Pears | bu. | 25,621 | 27,111 | 625,399 | 663,024 |
| Peaches | bu. | 74,315 | 77,487 | $1,832,373$ | $1,909,464$ |
| Apricots | bu. | 10,129 | 7,971 | 243,100 | 191,300 |
| Cherries, sweet | bu. | 2,519 | 3,511 | 70,520 | 98,300 |
| Cherries, sour | bu. | 4,148 | 5,815 | 116,140 | 162,820 |
| Grapes | lb. | $5,993,280$ | $6,186,960$ | $2,996,640$ | $3,093,480$ |

Source: Crop Production - 1961 Annual Summary - United States Department of Agriculture.

The United States Department of Agriculture published the original estirates 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:
l 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: l bushel of apricots $=48$ pounds; l bushel of cherries $=$ 56 pounds. (Conversion Factors and Weights and Measures for Agricultural Commodities and Their Products - United States Department of Agriculture, May, 1952.)


