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FOURTH ESTIMATE OF THE COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION OF FRUITS, 1968

Latest estimates place the 1968 apple crop at 20.0 million bushels (449,077 tons), about 18 per cent below the 1967 record outturn of 24.5 million bushels (551,047 tons). Indications are that the crop is smaller in all apple producing provinces, with the exception of New Brunswick where the crop is estimated at the 1967 level of 500,000 bushels (11,250 tons).

Atlantic Provinces. — The 1968 Nova Scotia apple crop is placed at 2.5 million bushels (56,250 tons) in contrast to 3.5 million bushels (78,750 tons) harvested in 1967. The total crop of blueberries produced in the Atlantic Provinces in 1968 was only 5 million pounds in sharp contrast to the 21.1 million pounds produced in 1967. Strawberry growers harvested smaller crops in all three Maritimes Provinces as a result of drought and early frost.

Quebec. — The 1968 Quebec apple crop is estimated at 5.6 million bushels (126,090 tons), a sharp decrease from last year's record outturn of 7.8 million bushels (175,792 tons). The crop this year is of good quality with very few wind-falls compared with 1967 when 2.7 million bushels (59,692 tons) were in this category. A large crop of strawberries, 7.6 million quarts (4,750 tons), was picked in 1968 in comparison with 7.0 million quarts (4,375 tons) in 1967. Blueberry growers harvested 6.0 million pounds in 1968 an increase of 11 per cent from the 1967 production. Raspberry production at 800 thousand quarts (500 tons) was lower than the 1967 outturn.

Ontario. — In 1968 Ontario fruit growers harvested larger crops of plums and prunes, peaches and strawberries, than in 1967; however, 1968 outturn of pears, sweet and sour cherries, and grapes were smaller, while the production of apples and raspberries remained about the same.

British Columbia. — The apple crop at 5.5 million bushels (122,985 tons) was about 19 per cent lower than the 1967 outturn. British Columbia fruit growers also harvested smaller crops of plums and prunes, peaches, cherries, strawberries, raspberries, and loganberries, than in 1967. However, 1968 outturn for pears, apricots, grapes, blueberries and cranberries were higher than those of 1967.

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TABLE 1. Fourth Estimate of the Commercial Production of all Fruits 1968 with Latest Estimates for 1967

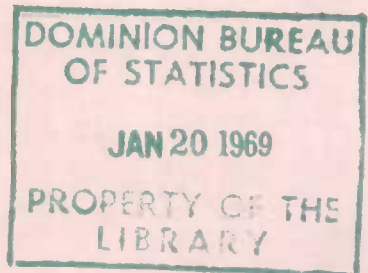
Kind of fruit	Estimated production				
	Volumetric units or pounds		Tons		
	1967	1968	1967	1968	
	'000				
<u>Canada</u>					
Apples .....	bu.	24,492	19,959	551,047	449,077
Pears .....	"	1,752	1,619	43,800	40,475
Plums and prunes .....	"	471	438	11,775	10,950
Peaches .....	"	1,646	2,059	41,150	51,475
Apricots .....	"	132	170	3,300	4,250
Cherries, sweet .....	"	532	358	13,300	8,950
Cherries, sour .....	"	455	313	11,375	7,825
Strawberries .....	qt.	32,909	34,955	21,940	23,197
Raspberries .....	"	13,980	10,729	10,172	7,759
Loganberries .....	lb.	1,609	1,600	804	800
Grapes .....	"	138,178	127,266	69,089	63,633
Blueberries .....	"	31,188	16,163	15,566	8,081
Cranberries(1) .....	"	2,437	3,070	1,218	1,535
<u>Newfoundland</u>					
Blueberries .....	lb.	1,690	950	845	475
<u>Prince Edward Island</u>					
Strawberries .....	qt.	1,700	1,050	1,062	656
Blueberries .....	lb.	710	450	355	225
<u>Nova Scotia</u>					
Apples .....	bu.	3,500	2,500	78,750	56,250
Pears .....	"	69	60	1,725	1,500
Plums and Prunes .....	"	2	5	50	125
Strawberries .....	qt.	2,900	2,500	1,812	1,562
Raspberries .....	"	34	41	21	26
Blueberries .....	lb.	11,700	2,100	5,850	1,050

(1) Figures available for British Columbia only.

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TABLE 1. Fourth Estimate of the Commercial Production of all Fruits 1968 with Latest Estimate for 1967 - Concluded

Kind of fruit	Estimated production				
	Volumetric units or pounds		Tons		
	1967	1968	1967	1968	
	'000				
<u>New Brunswick</u>					
Apples .....	bu.	500	500	11,250	11,250
Strawberries .....	qt.	2,300	2,290	1,438	1,431
Raspberries .....	"	50	45	31	28
Blueberries .....	lb.	7,000	1,500	3,500	750
<u>Quebec</u>					
Apples, total .....	bu.	7,813	5,604	175,792	126,090
Apples 1st commercial .....	"	5,160	..	116,100	..
Strawberries .....	qt.	7,000	7,600	4,375	4,750
Raspberries .....	"	1,003	800	627	500
Blueberries .....	lb.	5,461	6,010	2,730	3,005
<u>Ontario</u>					
Apples .....	bu.	5,942	5,889	133,695	132,502
Pears .....	"	894	706	22,350	17,650
Plums and prunes .....	"	194	220	4,850	5,500
Peaches .....	"	1,204	1,781	30,100	44,525
Cherries, sweet .....	"	217	163	5,425	4,075
Cherries, sour .....	"	455	313	11,375	7,825
Strawberries .....	qt.	8,032	10,710	5,020	6,694
Raspberries .....	"	1,413	1,420	883	888
Grapes .....	lb.	130,670	116,296	65,335	58,148
<u>British Columbia</u>					
Apples .....	bu.	6,737	5,466	151,582	122,985
Pears .....	"	789	853	19,725	21,325
Plums and prunes .....	"	275	213	6,875	5,325
Peaches .....	"	442	278	11,050	6,950
Apricots .....	"	132	170	3,300	4,250
Cherries, sweet .....	"	315	195	7,875	4,875
Strawberries .....	qt.	10,977	10,805	8,233	8,104
Raspberries .....	"	11,480	8,423	8,610	6,317
Loganberries .....	lb.	1,609	1,600	804	800
Grapes .....	"	7,508	10,970	3,754	5,485
Blueberries .....	"	4,572	5,153	2,286	2,576
Cranberries .....	"	2,437	3,070	1,218	1,535

For all Provinces other than British Columbia the original estimates secured by the Bureau were stated in measures of volume (except loganberries, grapes, blueberries and cranberries). These were converted to tons at the following rates: 1 quart of strawberries and raspberries = 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.



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TABLE 2. Estimate of Commercial Production of Apples, Pears, Peaches, Apricots, Cherries, Sweet and Sour, Strawberries and Grapes in United States 1967 and 1968

Kind of fruit	Estimated production			
	Volumetric Units or pounds		Tons	
	1967	1968	1967	1968
	'000			
<u>United States</u>				
Apples(1) . . . . . bu.	120,650	111,542	2,895,600	2,677,000
Pears(1) . . . . . "	18,054	24,880	446,475	622,000
Peaches(1) . . . . . "	56,762	75,002	1,362,288	1,800,050
Apricots(1) . . . . . "	6,083	6,212	145,992	149,100
Cherries, sweet(2) "	3,486	3,072	97,610	86,030
Cherries, sour(2) . . "	2,943	4,371	82,400	122,400
Strawberries(2) . . . . qt.	317,945	341,867	238,459	256,400
Grapes(1) . . . . . lb.	6,184,400	6,952,000	3,092,200	3,476,000
<u>California</u>				
Strawberries(1) . . . . qt.	133,333	158,667	100,000	119,000

(1) Source: United States Department of Agriculture.

(2) Source: Fruit Situation - August 30, 1967 - United States Department of Agriculture.

Note: 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; strawberries in pounds. Conversion rates used to express apples, pears and peaches in tons were: 1 bu. of apples = 48 lb.; 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).