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FOURTH ESTIMATE OF THE COMMERCIAL PRODUCTION OF FRUIT, 1972(1)

Apples. - Latest estimates place the 1972 apple crop at 428,313 tons, about 2.4 % below the 1971 outturn of 438,852 tons. Indications are that the crop was smaller in all producing provinces, with the exception of British Columbia where this year's crop is about 31.8 thousand tons larger than that of 1971.

Pears. - The 1972 pear crop is estimated at 50,134 tons, an increase of some 5.8 % over the 1971 crop. All pear producing provinces experienced an increase in production.

Sweet Cherries. - Sweet cherry growers harvested 8,061 tons this year as compared with 12,074 tons in 1971.

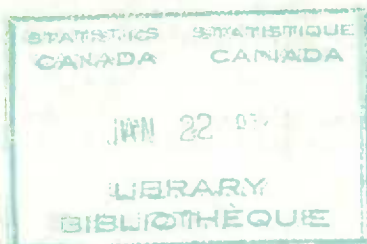
Sour Cherries. - The 1972 sour cherry crop is estimated to be 9,736 tons as compared to the 11,401 tons picked in 1971. This represents a decrease of about 15 %.

Peaches. - The peach crop in 1972 is estimated at 45,320 tons, 30 % below last year's crop of 64,711 tons. The decrease in production occurred entirely in Ontario, with an increase in British Columbia of 12 %.

Apricots. - Commercial apricot production, which is confined to British Columbia, reached 3,808 tons in 1972, 15 % above the 1971 crop of 3,315 tons.

Plums and Prunes. - The 1972 production amounted to 9,843 tons, 2,299 tons less than last year's harvest of 12,142 tons.

(1) Estimates released in this memorandum, except where otherwise indicated, are based on reports submitted to Statistics Canada by the Quebec Bureau of Statistics and Federal and Provincial Departments of Agriculture personnel in the various fruit growing areas. All 1972 figures are subject to revision. All reports refer to conditions as of the end of November or shortly thereafter with the exception of those referring to British Columbia fruit crops. Accordingly, all estimates apply to the situation as it existed at the time when the reports concerned were made.



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Strawberries. - Strawberry growers in 1972 picked an estimated 13,800 tons, an outturn that was 39 % less than last year's crop of 22,471 tons. Production in 1972 was low in all producing provinces with the Maritimes experiencing an even greater drop of 63 %.

Raspberries. - Raspberry production amounted to 6,557 tons as compared to 6,304 tons harvested in 1971. Nova Scotia and Ontario experienced a small drop in production.

Loganberries. - In British Columbia, the only province in which loganberries are grown commercially, the production in 1972 was 330 tons, slightly less than the 428 tons harvested in 1971.

Grapes. - The 1972 grape crop is estimated at 62,850 tons, about 33 % less than the 1971 outturn of 93,313 tons.

Blueberries. - Blueberry growers in 1972 picked 13,799 tons this year, 2,564 tons greater than 1971's outturn of 11,235 tons.

Summary of Growing Conditions and Crop Productions

Atlantic Provinces

During the month of May, the weather was generally cold and wet in the Atlantic Provinces. Winterkilling was expected to be heavy with considerable damage anticipated. In New Brunswick, pruning operations and the application of dormant spray were prevented due to the poor weather conditions. In New Brunswick a variable fruit set was evident, as a result of below freezing temperatures in some areas of the province in early May.

The month of June saw warmer weather which dried the ground considerably. Growth had been slow due to the cold spring. In New Brunswick cold weather in early May delayed fruit development, however, warmer June weather promoted rapid growth. Most areas experienced heavy winterkilling of strawberries.

Rains throughout the Atlantic Provinces in July, were responsible for crops and pastures making good growth. At Amherst, Nova Scotia rains hampered the spraying operations. In New Brunswick the apple crop appeared to be slightly below average although tree growth had been good and fruit was sizing exceptionally well. Winter injury and frost damage to blossoms, indicated that the apple crop would be smaller than in the previous year. Spraying operations for insects and weed control were commencing.

In the last half of July the weather was warm and humid with localized light showers. In general the warm weather promoted good growth in all areas. By mid-July strawberries in some areas were past their peak and growers in the Maritimes picked an estimated crop of 1,357 tons, considerably less than the 1971 production of 3,696 tons.

August was generally cold and wet throughout the Atlantic provinces. Blueberries were beginning to be harvested in most areas with variable yields reported. Nova Scotia had an increased blueberry production of 5,000 tons, 1,400 tons over last year. Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick both had a decline in blueberry production from the previous year, 66 % and 17 % respectively. Newfoundland's blueberry outturn in 1972 is estimated at 1,050 tons compared with 850 tons in 1971. Spot picking of early apple varieties was general throughout the Maritime Provinces with all indications of a large decrease in production.

September was cold and windy in the Atlantic provinces with frequent showers which caused breakage to some crops. Wind damage to the apple crop was reported only on Gravensteins. In New Brunswick the markets were well supplied with early season apples. The McIntosh crop sized well and exhibited good colour. In Nova Scotia the pear crop was up to 1,875 tons, 250 tons over last years production of 1,625. The plum crop in Nova Scotia was down about 17 % from last years production of 150 tons.

In Prince Edward Island the 1972 cranberry crop was estimated at 15 tons, a 67 % drop from last years production of 45 tons. However, Nova Scotia filled the gap with about a 100 % increase in production of cranberries in 1972 of 100 tons.

The raspberry crop in Nova Scotia was down from 22 tons in 1971 to 19 tons in 1972. New Brunswick's raspberry production was a reversal of Nova Scotia's with 19 tons in 1971 and 22 tons in 1972.

Apple picking was general the first half of October and growers in Nova Scotia harvested an estimated 33,600 tons, about 37 % below last years crop of 53,550 tons. In New Brunswick the apple crop in 1972 was 5,460 tons, 3,675 tons less than the production of the previous year. In the Atlantic provinces the overall decrease in apple production was about 38 %. This amounted to a much larger decrease in production, in relation to Canada's average apple crop decrease of 2.4 %.

Quebec

Throughout the province, temperatures were generally cold this spring. Wet soil conditions slowed down all field work and prevented almost all seeding operations. Considerable damage to strawberries around Montreal was reported. The average temperature for the month of April in the St. Jean region was 6 degrees below normal. Pruning operations were completed by the end of May but growth was generally 8 days behind normal and no spraying operations had yet commenced.

Damage by mice appeared to be minimal this year but all indications were that at least 50 % of the strawberry plants had been damaged during the winter. In the area around Lennoxville, snow disappeared very slowly.

Hot, dry weather in the region around L'Assomption finally allowed normal planting but conditions were still late. Fruit bloom was generally heavy, but cold wet weather during pollination caused disease problems and spraying was heavy. New grafts were seriously affected by dry weather in late May. Raspberry canes in this region experienced little winter damage but they seriously suffered from disease organisms. By the end of May more than a hundred thousand strawberry plants had to be replaced.

In July, heavy rainfall increased soil moisture to above normal levels and as a result of these adverse conditions plant growth was retarded. In the St. Jean district rainfall during June was much above normal with 15 days out of 30 having rain. At Frelighsburg, apple scale infested some orchards in epidemic proportions and the frequent showers rendered control very difficult.

Strawberry picking started on June 22 at St. Rémi, St. Jean and Farnham. The strawberry plantations which survived the winter produced a good crop but overall production was sufficient to satisfy only 50 % of the demand. The strawberry crop was estimated at 3,081 tons for 1972, a decrease in production of 37 % from 4,894 tons in 1971.

In the latter half of July the temperature rose somewhat higher, however, frequent heavy rains occurred throughout the province with the exception of the Lac St. Jean, Gaspé and Lower St. Lawrence districts. These unfavourable climatic conditions delayed the growth of almost all crops.

During the month of August continuing rains were reported throughout the province. The Lennoxville district suffered minor damage to crops as a result of a hail storm. The raspberry crop at this time appeared to be good but was sensitive to rot.

Demand for raspberries was good with high prices being offered. The 1972 estimate of raspberry production is 450 tons, with 1971 production of 438 tons.

During September, near normal temperatures prevailed and rain was less frequent in most districts. These improved weather conditions enabled farmers to push on with harvesting operations. Nevertheless, in a number of places, soil conditions remained very wet. Spot picking of McIntosh had started and the cool nights were expected to improve colour. Supplies of Lobo and mid-season varieties were good and the price was steady.

Frost brought picking to an end during the 3rd week of September in St. Jean and the North-Shore district. Quality of the crop at that time was expected to be slightly superior to that of last year but much inferior to the average.

In early September, the blueberry harvest was completed with growers having picked 3,160 tons compared with 2,100 tons the previous year.

The end of October saw the completion of apple picking in Quebec. A few growers started cleaning their orchards and doing other seasonal work. On the local market demand is quite active and supplies are mostly coming from the district south of Montreal. The apple crop production dropped from 131,397 tons in 1971 to 125,706 tons in 1972. This amounted to about a 4 % decrease in the apple crop which was a slightly larger decrease than Canada's average.

Ontario

The spring weather was cold and wet throughout the province. Apricots were in bloom in May and most peach blossoms appeared to have suffered winterkill with prospects for that crop looking poor. Spring growth was slow due to the poor weather. Fruit tree growth was a week to 10 days behind normal. In Peterborough, county of Central Ontario, April was abnormally cold and May was unusually wet, as a result, the land was not in good working condition.

Later on in May, strawberry plants were generally showing good growth and bloom, with planting of new acreage in progress.

Crop growth in Ontario had been lagging by the end of May but due to rains during the beginning of June, growth was excellent and development was normal. Indications were that there was a good pollination on fruit with the exception of peaches. Warm, dry weather in Kent county during the third and fourth week of May brought field operations back to normal. Cherry crop prospects appeared to be favourable in most orchards. Some unevenness in sizing was noted. Leaf spot was a problem in some plantings. Most areas reported harvesting of strawberries in progress during the latter half of June. Production from early planting was at volume stage, with some growers having experienced supply exceeding demand. Heavy frost the nights of June 10 and 11 did considerable damage throughout Ontario.

After a late cool spring the weather turned hot and humid with much rain during the month of July. These weather conditions lead to many insects and disease problems in horticultural crops. Harvesting of an average crop of strawberries was completed in July along with about 50 % of the sweet cherry crop, although cracking and brown rot were a problem. At this time the sour cherry crop appeared to be sizing and colouring well. The peach crop looked good and thinning was underway. Mites were starting to build up on peaches and plums while aphids were numerous on apples. In Wellington county, generally adequate moisture continued to promote good growth although some areas experienced too much rain.

The strawberry crop in Ontario was down from the previous year of 7,031 tons to 5,310 tons in 1972. Heavy rains caused delays in the harvesting of raspberries. The weather caused the loss of some fruit necessitating the need for better harvesting conditions.

During August continuing damp weather was experienced throughout the province. Temperatures remained cool with only a few hot days. In the Vineland area, six inches of rain fell during August and as a result, extremely wet soil conditions in many orchards and vineyards hampered machine operations causing excessive vegetative growth. Diseases and insects had been generally well controlled although brown rot had been a problem on apricots and some varieties of early peaches.

In 1971 the sour cherry crop production was 10,666 tons, having experienced a decrease of 1,620 tons in 1972 leaving production at 9,046 tons. Picking of Melba and Quinte apples was underway at this time but scab was found to be a problem. During August, raspberry producers harvested 502 tons while growers of sweet cherries harvested 3,712 tons. Both crops experienced a 22 % and 34 % decrease in production from 1971 respectively.

In September, the weather had been marked with extreme fluctuations in temperature, humidity, rainfall and hours of sunshine. Generally, rainfall was too great, sunshine too scarce and temperatures too low. Good weather in Lincoln county aided in fruit harvesting. The peach crop was nearly picked at this time, with good quality but poor quantity reported.

A heavy crop of Bartlett pears was harvested. The pear crop was Ontario's only fruit crop which experienced good production. Last years pear production was 27,456 tons compared with 27,597 tons in 1972. Peaches suffered about a 40 % decrease in production bringing 1972's outturn to 31,524 tons from 52,411 tons in 1971. Powdery mildew was a problem in some vineyards. The grape crop suffered about a 37 % decrease in production. This brought 1972's production to 53,108 tons down 31,067 tons from 1971's outturn of 84,175 tons. By the third week of October, the harvest of most fruit crops was completed. The latest estimates place the 1972 apple crop at 136,673 tons, slightly less than last years outturn of 149,668 tons.

Plums and prunes also suffered a decrease in production for 1972 of 1,133 tons with this years production estimated at 5,685 tons compared to 6,818 tons for the previous year.

British Columbia

Abnormally low temperatures and above average precipitation was experienced during the spring. Record low temperatures for the season had been reported on a number of occasions while mean temperatures for the month of April were several degrees below normal in all areas.

With an unusually high snow pack at higher elevation and very slow runoff, severe flooding conditions existed in many valleys and on the lower coastal plains.

As a result of these conditions soil moisture content was relatively high and spring cultivation was delayed by as much as two or three weeks in some areas. In the Okanagan Valley, tree fruit bloom was two weeks later than usual, but no serious winter damage was reported. Early indications pointed to the possibility of a heavy apple crop this year. On Vancouver Island low temperatures during the last week of January damaged loganberry canes and losses were estimated at about 30 %.

The strawberry crop incurred slight damage, due to a cool spring and excessive rainfall in March and a 4 degree lower temperature in April. Pollinating conditions were fair to poor in the latter half of May due to the cool wet weather. The tying of grape vines was near completion at this time and peaches were in post bloom, with thinning in progress. Rainfall had been below average during May, with several new records being established in terms of rainless days.

During June, weather conditions throughout the province altered sharply from the record low temperatures of early spring, to warm and dry in all areas.

In coastal areas, berry crops looked promising with an average strawberry harvest expected. Blueberry and cranberry crops were expected, at this time, to exceed 1971 levels but loganberries appeared as if they would suffer from a decline in production.

Indications in the Okanagan Valley, pointed to above average yields of peaches, apples, apricots and Bartlett pears. An increase in production was also anticipated for the grape crop. In many areas the inflow of seepage water was hampering harvesting of crops close to the river banks.

Warm, dry weather settled in during the month of July, following a period of cool unsettled conditions which brought intermittent rainfall to much of the southern area.

At the Coast, soil moisture conditions were good and all crops appeared to be progressing favourably.

Strawberry harvesting was completed in the latter part of June with both yield and quality about average. The strawberry crop was one of the few fruit crops in British Columbia suffering from a decrease in production. This years strawberry crop is estimated at 4,052 tons, about a 41 % drop in production from 1971's crop of 6,850 tons. Raspberry growers in British Columbia picked an estimated 5,564 tons in 1972 compared with 5,180 tons in 1971.

In the Okanagan, harvesting of an average cherry crop, was in progress and the blueberry crop came off in fair condition. In the latter half of July, showery weather produced some spraying problems in the tree fruits and effectively reduced the yield of good quality cherries while delaying maturity of a promising apricot crop. Yields of soft fruits appeared to be down but an average crop of peaches appeared to be sizing well.

The apple crop was expected to be well above average but it was determined that production would be down from earlier estimates.

During the month of August most areas of the province experienced variable weather conditions. Rain and dry weather came in alternating periods. The shipping of fresh market varieties of apricots was nearly completed by the end of August with quality being excellent. The apricot production for 1972 (3,808 tons) increased 493 tons from 1971's production of 3,315 tons.

The size of most grape berries and clusters appeared average. Prunes and plums were expected to take a drop in production due to a heavy continuous drop this summer, resulting largely from a lack of pollination caused by unfavourable weather conditions. Plums and prunes suffered from a decreased production of 1,141 tons compared with the previous years production of 5,174 tons.

September brought cooler weather and some precipitation. The cooler weather enabled the apple

crop to colour. Hyslop crabapples were in fair supply with harvesting of grapes coming to an end later on in September. Grape production was estimated this year at 9,742 tons and for 1971 at 9,138 tons.

The estimated apple crop for this year (126,874 tons) exceeded last years outturn of 95,102 by 33 %. Pear yields increased from 18,304 tons in 1971 to 20,662 tons in 1972.

The peach crop experienced an estimated production in 1972 of 13,796 tons which is a 12 % increase over the previous year of 12,300 tons.

Both sour and sweet cherries had a decrease in yield from the previous year. Sweet cherry production was 4,349 tons in 1972 compared with 6,434 tons in 1971. The sour cherry outturn was 690 tons in 1972, compared with 735 tons in 1971.

Blueberry outturn was 2,500 tons in 1972 compared with 2,023 tons in 1971 and cranberry production was 5,000 tons in 1972, compared with 5,182 tons in 1971.

TABLE 1. Fourth 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, by varieties, totals	bu.	20,898	20,396	438,852	428,313
Cortland	"	785	583	16,485	12,243
Delicious	"	3,153	3,521	66,222	73,943
McIntosh	"	10,552	10,029	221,591	210,600
Spy	"	1,853	1,903	38,908	39,958
Other	"	4,555	4,360	95,646	91,569
Pears	"	1,895	2,005	47,385	50,134
Plums and prunes	"	486	393	12,142	9,843
Peaches	"	2,588	1,813	64,711	45,320
Apricots	"	133	152	3,315	3,808
Cherries, sweet	"	483	322	12,074	8,061
Cherries, sour	"	456	390	11,401	9,736
Strawberries	qt.	34,127	20,999	22,471	13,800
Raspberries	"	8,704	9,007	6,304	6,557
Loganberries	lb.	855	660	428	330
Grapes	"	186,626	125,702	93,313	62,850
Blueberries	"	22,471	27,598	11,235	13,799
Cranberries	"	10,555	10,230	5,277	5,115
<u>Newfoundland</u>					
Blueberries	"	1,700	2,100	850	1,050
<u>Prince Edward Island</u>					
Strawberries	qt.	1,680	270	1,050	169
Blueberries	lb.	525	177	262	88
Cranberries	"	90	30	45	15
<u>Nova Scotia</u>					
Apples, totals	bu.	2,550	1,600	53,550	33,600
Cortland	"	275	150	5,775	3,150
Delicious	"	250	125	5,250	2,625
McIntosh	"	600	350	12,600	7,350
Spy	"	280	180	5,880	3,780
Other	"	1,145	795	24,045	16,695
Pears	"	65	75	1,625	1,875
Plums	"	6	5	150	125
Strawberries	qt.	2,500	1,200	1,562	750
Raspberries	"	35	30	22	19
Blueberries	lb.	7,200	10,000	3,600	5,000
Cranberries	"	100	200	50	100
<u>New Brunswick</u>					
Apples, totals	bu.	435	260	9,135	5,460
Cortland	"	116	70	2,436	1,512
McIntosh	"	198	120	4,158	2,499
Other	"	121	70	2,541	1,449
Strawberries	qt.	1,734	700	1,084	438
Raspberries	"	30	35	19	22
Blueberries	lb.	4,800	4,000	2,400	2,000

TABLE 1. Fourth 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>Quebec</u>					
Apples, totals	bu.	6,257	5,986	131,397	125,706
Cortland	"	394	363	8,274	7,623
McIntosh	"	4,907	4,614	103,047	96,894
Other	"	956	1,009	20,076	21,189
Strawberries	qt.	7,830	4,930	4,894	3,081
Raspberries	"	700	720	438	450
Blueberries	lb.	4,200	6,321	2,100	3,160
<u>Ontario</u>					
Apples, totals	bu.	7,127	6,508	149,668	136,673
Delicious	"	820	757	17,225	15,906
McIntosh	"	3,488	2,946	73,255	61,861
Spy	"	1,573	1,723	33,028	36,178
Other	"	1,246	1,082	26,160	22,728
Pears	"	1,098	1,104	27,456	27,597
Plums and prunes	"	273	227	6,818	5,685
Peaches	"	2,096	1,261	52,411	31,524
Cherries, sweet	"	226	148	5,640	3,712
Cherries, sour	"	427	362	10,666	9,046
Strawberries	qt.	11,250	8,496	7,031	5,310
Raspberries	"	1,032	804	645	502
Grapes	lb.	168,350	106,217	84,175	53,108
<u>British Columbia</u>					
Apples, totals	bu.	4,529	6,042	95,102	126,874
Delicious	"	2,083	2,639	43,747	55,412
McIntosh	"	1,359	1,999	28,531	41,975
Other	"	1,087	1,404	22,824	29,487
Pears	"	732	826	18,304	20,662
Plums and prunes	"	207	161	5,174	4,033
Peaches	"	492	552	12,300	13,796
Apricots	"	133	152	3,315	3,808
Cherries, sweet	"	257	174	6,434	4,349
Cherries, sour	"	29	28	735	690
Strawberries	qt.	9,133	5,403	6,850	4,052
Raspberries	"	6,907	7,418	5,180	5,564
Loganberries	lb.	855	660	428	330
Grapes	"	18,276	19,485	9,138	9,742
Blueberries	"	4,046	5,000	2,023	2,500
Cranberries	"	10,365	10,000	5,182	5,000

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

Kind of fruit	Estimated production	
	1971	1972
	metric tons	
<u>Canada</u>		
Apples	398,124	388,563
Pears	42,987	45,481
Plums and Prunes	11,015	8,930
Peaches	58,705	41,114
Apricots	3,007	3,455
Cherries, sweet	10,953	7,313
Cherries, sour	10,343	8,832
Strawberries	20,386	12,519
Raspberries	5,719	5,948
Loganberries	388	299
Grapes	84,653	57,017
Blueberries	10,192	12,472
Cranberries	4,787	4,640

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.

TABLE 2. Minimum Prices for Processing for Strawberries, Raspberries, Cherries, Pears, Peaches, Plums, Prunes and Grapes in the Province of Ontario

	1971	1972
	cents per qt.	
Strawberries(1)	21.5	open market
Purple raspberries (No. 1 grade) (1)	45.0	open market
Red raspberries (No. 1 grade) (1)	open market	open market
	dollars per ton	
White sweet cherries(2)	320.50	380.50
White sweet cherries for brining purposes(2)	180.50	260.50
Black sweet cherries(2)	320.50	380.50
Black sweet cherries for brining purposes(2)	160.50	260.50
Sour cherries	260.50	200.50
<u>Pears</u>		
Bartlett(2):		
Not less than 2 inches in diameter	138.00	145.50
Less than 2 inches in diameter	100.50	100.50
Kieffer(2):		
Not less than 2 1/16 inches in diameter	70.00	80.00
Less than 2 inches in diameter	40.00	45.00
All varieties other than Bartlett or Kieffer:		
Not less than 2 inches in diameter	125.50	125.50
Less than 2 inches in diameter	100.50	100.50
<u>Peaches(2)</u>		
Freestone	140.50	160.50
Clingstone	133.00	150.50
<u>Plums and prunes(2)</u>		
Italian, Felenburg, German and Stanley prunes	150.50	155.50
Damson plums	165.50	170.50
Other varieties	120.50	125.50
<u>Grapes(2)</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

(1) Ontario Berry Growers' Marketing Board.

(2) Ontario Tender Fruit Growers' Marketing board.

TABLE 3. Estimate of Commercial Production of Apples, Peaches, Pears, Grapes, Apricots, Cherries and Strawberries in United States, 1971 and 1972

Kind of fruit	Estimated production				
	Volumetric units			Tons	
	Unit	1971	1972	1971	1972
		'000			
<u>United States</u>					
Apples(1)	bu.	145,476	141,810	3,055,000	2,978,000
Peaches(1)	"	60,167	52,542	1,444,000	1,261,000
Pears(1)	"	28,560	24,453	701,120	599,000
Grapes(1)	lb.	7,994	5,274	3,997,000	2,637,000
Apricots(1)	bu.	6,250	5,500	150,000	132,000
Cherries, sweet(1)	"	5,000	3,357	140,000	94,000
Cherries, sour(1)	"	4,964	5,464	139,000	153,000
Strawberries(2)	qt.	345,333	300,000	259,000	225,000
<u>California</u>					
Strawberries(2)	qt.	202,000	187,200	151,500	140,400

(1) United States Department of Agriculture; November, 1972.

(2) United States Department of Agriculture; December, 1972.

The United States Department of Agriculture published the original estimates of apples, peaches and strawberries in pounds; and pears, grapes, apricots and cherries in tons. The following conversion rates were used to bring these items to corresponding units in the Canadian crop estimates: apples, 1 bu. = 42 lbs.; pears 1 bu. = 50 lbs.; peaches and apricots 1 bu. = 48 lbs.; cherries 1 bu. = 56 lbs.; strawberries, 1 qu. = 1.5 lbs. (Conversion Factors and Weights and Measures for Agricultural Commodities and their Products - United States Department of Agriculture May 1952).



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TABLE 4. Estimated Apple Production in England and Wales, 1972 with Latest 1971 Figures(1)

	1971	1972	1971	1972
	'000 bushels		'000 tons	
Dessert Apples	14,695	10,333	308.6	217
Cooking Apples	7,157	6,476	150.3	136
Totals	21,852	16,809	458.9	353

(1) Source: Commonwealth Economic Committee.

TABLE 5. Estimated Apple Production in France, 1972 with Comparable 1971 Figures(1)

	1971	1972	1971	1972
	'000 bushels		'000 tons	
Table Apples	88,341	83,308	1,855.2	1,749.5

(1) Source: Commonwealth Economic Committee.

TABLE 6. Estimated Apple Production in Western Germany, 1972 with Latest 1971 Figures(1)

	1971	1972	1971	1972
	'000 bushels		'000 tons	
Apples	92,147	66,295	1,935.1	1,392.2

(1) Source: Commonwealth Economic Committee.

TABLE 7. Estimate of Apple Production in Italy, 1972 with Comparable 1971 Figures(1)

	1971	1972	1971	1972
	'000 bushels		'000 tons	
Apples	89,076	95,533	1,870.6	2,006.2

(1) Source: Commonwealth Economic Committee.