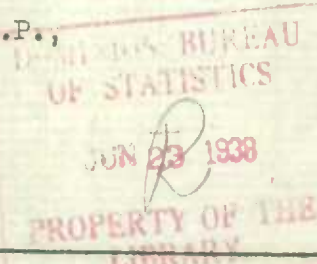


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#### Fruit and Vegetable Crop Report

Ottawa, June 22, 1938 - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Fruit Branch of the Department of Agriculture and the Provincial Departments of Agriculture, issues to-day a report showing the condition of fruit and vegetable crops in the main producing areas as at the middle of June.

#### SUMMARY

The reports throughout the Dominion show that almost without exception the orchards and small fruits came through the winter without any damage. In the Maritime Provinces the only damage reported was the 50 per cent killing of the raspberry plantations in Colchester County. The cool moist weather stimulated growth but retarded the flowering period. In both New Brunswick and Nova Scotia the long spring enabled the growers to spray their orchards more thoroughly than in any year in the past. Partly due to the weather and partly to the thorough spraying, insect and fungus injury are at a minimum. The strawberries in both these provinces are looking exceptionally well at this time and better than average crops are expected. In Nova Scotia the crop was being harvested in commercial quantities about the 18th of June, while in New Brunswick picking is not expected to begin until the 25th. The apple crop in Nova Scotia according to the latest reports will be only average and will be about 20 per cent less than last year. In New Brunswick the apple crop is also expected to be considerably below last year but will still be equal to or slightly better than average.

In Quebec the strawberry crop was being harvested in commercial quantities about June 16 in the Montreal area while picking is not expected until July 1 in the Quebec City section. The crop prospects at the present time look very favourable but rain is the deciding factor. The apple trees showed heavy bloom but the set is considerably below first expectations. So far reports do not estimate the size of the apple crop. All vegetable crops are progressing rapidly brought on by the hot dry weather. In Ontario the weather continues favourable although the eastern section reports that the size of the strawberry crop depends on future rains. The apple crop varies somewhat with the eastern section reporting slightly above average while the western section reports slightly below. The sour cherry crop is also below average but the sweet cherries will be slightly above average. Peaches will also be about average. The vegetable crop is progressing normally but rain is needed in some dry sections. The reports from Manitoba are not very promising. The weather has been cool and very dry. Late frosts destroyed some of the early vegetable crops and insects and dry weather may considerably reduce the remainder.

In British Columbia the reports throughout the province show a decided lack of moisture. Although the tree fruits are not affected, the shallow rooted crops are showing the result of the prolonged lack of rain. The most recent reports estimate a slight decrease in the apple and apricot crop while pears, cherries, plums and peaches show somewhat of an increase. The strawberry crop was at its peak on June 20 but is expected to continue for another week or 10 days. Raspberry movement is expected during the week of June 20 with carlot shipments by the end of the month. Cherries from the Lower Okanagan Valley have begun to move and heavy shipments will start about the 23rd.

#### PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

Judging from the reports, little or no damage occurred to either the small fruits or the orchards during the winter and spring months. Strawberries, for the most part, came through the winter with no damage reported in most districts. Some plantations that were not mulched properly however, showed considerable heaving. The raspberries and tree fruits were unaffected by the winter.

The weather has been cool so far this spring. During May the cold wet weather lasted until the 20th. Since then, however, it has been quite cool but dry. The continued cool weather has retarded development considerably.



PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND (Concluded)

Although the prospects for a good crop of strawberries were not so bright at the beginning of the month, the reports of the 14th showed some improvement. Raspberries also show indications of a very good crop, equal to or better than average, but rain will be the deciding factor.

In the tree fruits, crop prospects look good. Judging from the bloom, apples, cherries and pears should produce a fine crop. Plums and apricots on the other hand will be below average.

NOVA SCOTIA

Cool, windy, wet weather was reported early in May which somewhat interfered with spraying operations at that time. Towards the end of the month, however, the weather became more settled and with little or no wind and rain, spraying was done exceptionally well. Since the first of June weather conditions have been ideal for growth and all crops have responded. The small and tree fruits came through the winter with no damage so far reported. With ideal weather this spring, spraying has controlled both insects and disease and as a result only occasional light infestations are reported.

The strawberry plantations have wintered very well and the reports so far indicate an increase in crop of about 15 per cent over last year while the bearing plants have increased about 11 per cent. The crop will be above average if the present moisture and weather conditions continue. Very little insect injury is reported but some fields show slight weevil damage. Although some slight frost damage was reported, it does not seem to have affected the size of the crop. The first pickings of strawberries were made on June 14th, but there will not be enough for commercial purposes until after June 18th.

The raspberry plantations have wintered very well with the exception of Colchester County where 50 per cent winter-killing was reported. As the buds were reported to be just beginning to open on June 14th it is still too early to estimate the size of the crop. Of the other small fruits, the gooseberries have set very well and the currants judging from the bloom, will be average or above.

The prospects of the apple crop vary somewhat. To date there is every indication that it will be about 20 per cent less than last year. At the time of the last report it was a little early to predict accurately. Much will depend on the weather and the extent of the June drop. The trees wintered very well and there were no reports of any damage. Due to the prolonged spring, spraying has been done very thoroughly. As a result disease and insect injury are at a minimum.

According to a report dated June 20, the pears, plums and cherries will produce an average crop.

The condition of fruit crops judged by the bloom, as reported by the correspondents at the middle of the month of June, on the basis that, 1 - poor; 2 - below average; 3 - average; 4 - above average; 5 - exceptionally good, is as follows:

Varieties of Apples

Other Tree Fruits

Gravenstein..... 3	Stark..... 3.7	Pears..... 3.7
King..... 3	Spy..... 4	Plums..... 3.8
Ribston..... 2.6	McIntosh..... 3.8	Cherries..... 3.4
Baldwin..... 1.5	Golden Russet..... 3.2	
Ben Davis..... 3.6	Cox Orange..... 2.6	

NEW BRUNSWICK

No damage to either the small or the tree fruits has been reported this year. The only damage apparent at the time resulted from the heavy winter of 1933-34. The plants wintered well and with growth retarded considerably during the first three weeks in May, all damage from late frosts was avoided.

Some difficulty was experienced, during the early part of May, in getting the sprays on but with the dry weather about the 1st of June, conditions were very favourable and excellent coverage was achieved. Notwithstanding the adverse conditions, spraying has effectively controlled both fungus and insect pests. Little or no damage from these sources has been reported so far.



NEW BRUNSWICK (Concluded)

The strawberry plantations came through the winter in very good shape. Although the season is somewhat retarded, there is every indication of a very big crop. As the bloom was only at its best during the second week in June it is early to make any definite estimates.

The apple orchards are in excellent condition having come through the winter with no damage so far reported. With the cool weather in May and growth considerably retarded, all damage from frosts was avoided during the blooming period.

Although the reports earlier in the year showed a considerable reduction in this year's apple crop, the prospects during the blooming period indicated a crop of about 70 per cent of last year. Although there was a good showing of bloom, the lack of bees in some districts may affect the set. As the trees were just past full bloom on the 14th it is a little early to estimate the crop. With interest in orcharding being maintained planting is going steadily but slowly forward. The varieties being most commonly planted this year are: McIntosh, Cortland, Lobo and Sandow - in that order.

The condition of the apple crop, judged by the bloom, as reported by the correspondents at the middle of the month of June, on the basis that, 1 - poor; 2 - below average; 3 - average; 4 - above average; 5 - exceptionally good, is as follows:

Crimson Beauty.....	2.8	Fameuse.....	3.5	Bishop Pippin.....	2.4
Transparent.....	2.8	Wolf River.....	3	Golden Russet.....	2
Melba.....	3	Alexander.....	2.2	Bethel.....	2.2
Duchess.....	3.7	Milwaukee.....	3	Ben Davis.....	2.7
Dudley.....	3.8	McIntosh.....	3.2	Spy.....	2
Wealthy.....	3.4	Cortland.....	3.2		

QUEBEC

June 18 - Reports throughout the province indicate that the apple trees and small fruit bushes came through the winter in excellent shape with the exception of the Hemmingford district. In this area the raspberries were killed back somewhat. In the Montreal and Chateauguay sections the mice did some damage to the apple trees but the damage was not very extensive.

The moisture conditions, on the whole, have been ideal throughout the spring. During May there was a cool wet period and growth was considerably retarded. Although some crops were held back considerably, this cool spell had the effect of slowing down growth sufficiently to prevent damage from late frosts. Since the first of June the weather has been warm with sufficient rains to maintain the moisture supply. The growth of all plants has been very satisfactory, especially the apple trees which are looking better now than at any time since the severe winter of 1933-34. Spraying has successfully controlled both insects and disease in most orchards. There are some, however, that are showing a light scab infection but these orchards missed one spray in the schedule. There is also a light infection of curculio in the Abbotsford-Rougemont areas but damage is light.

Some new orchards were set out, but the most of the 45,000 trees reported to have been purchased this year were used for replacements. The varieties most popular this spring were McIntosh, Melba, Lobo, Cortland, Lawfam and Wealthy. Of these 60 per cent were McIntosh. About one-third of the trees were used for planting out new orchards.

At the present time there is every indication of an excellent crop of strawberries throughout the province. However, much will depend on the weather. Although the plants are not as yet suffering, there is a decided lack of moisture in the soil and unless there is a good rain in the near future the crop will be greatly reduced. In the Quebec City area, the plants have been attacked by weevils and the crop has been reduced about 20 per cent. Although there has been no increase in plantings this year, the increase in bearing plants has been about one-third in the province as a whole. The crop came along very rapidly and the first pickings were made the 13th. Commercial quantities appeared on the 16th in the Montreal area, while in the Quebec City section, commercial production is not expected until July 1.

The raspberry plantations are also making excellent growth and from present indications the crop should be heavy. It is, however, too early to predict, as the plants were only at full bloom between the 16th-21st of June.



QUEBEC (Concluded)

The apple trees look better this year than they have since 1933. Growth is very strong and the leaves have a nice healthy green colour. The growers who fertilized heavily have been able to take the greatest advantage of the ideal growing weather. Although the first indications were for a heavy crop, the set was only a small proportion of the bloom. Inasmuch as the June drop is not over, it is still too early to predict the size of the crop.

Due to the hot weather in June the vegetable crops have developed very rapidly. The early vegetables such as lettuce, spinach and radishes are exceedingly heavy on the markets. In the Montreal area there has been a 25 per cent increase in the cucumber crop and prices on the first of the crop have weakened badly. Peas and carrots are expected to be on the market in large commercial quantities by the 21st., while cabbage, beets and turnips are expected on the 29th. Potatoes are now in bloom and the first diggings are expected after the 20th with commercial production about July 1. Tomatoes are also in bloom and supplies are expected about June 15-20.

ONTARIO

Western Ontario (June 20) - Early spring conditions were generally favourable, particularly in regard to promoting the best cultural operations. Present moisture and temperature conditions continue to be very satisfactory for good plant growth and fruit development. Rain, however, is needed for continued development. Rain, however, is needed for continued development in the Niagara Peninsula and Burlington area. Insect and fungus pests are under excellent control in most well sprayed orchards, but in poorly sprayed orchards or where weather interfered, scab is reported to be developing.

Despite frost damage to early bloom in localized areas of most producing districts, the strawberry plants show splendid development with generally heavy bloom. With the increase in acreage and heavy bloom, the frost damage has been offset and prospects are now for an improvement in production of 8 per cent over last year.

Although the bearing acreage of Raspberries is reported down 5 per cent, the prospects point to an average crop of quality fruit provided weather conditions remain favourable.

The apple crop is somewhat irregular to date. Conditions vary considerably depending on location and variety. This is due largely to weather conditions during the blooming period. In the section as a whole, Spy, McIntosh, Snow and Wealthy are now estimated at slightly below average to average. Greenings and Baldwins, however, are definitely below average. Production as a whole is below average.

Although the sweet cherry crop is expected to be heavy in production, Byngs have a light set. Sour cherries, on the other hand, will be below average as a result of frosts at blooming period. Pears have set irregularly both as to variety and district. In Niagara West and Burlington, Bartletts are generally light, whereas in Niagara East, all varieties show an average set. Kieffers show an average set while other varieties are slightly below average. Generally speaking prospects look below average.

The peach crop is now expected to be average and extensive thinning operations are in progress. Although the set on some old trees is light it is offset by the increase in acreage of young trees just coming into full bearing.

Although the set of plums is irregular according to variety and locality, the crop prospect is now slightly below average for the crop.

The vineyards are in excellent condition and a good average crop of grapes is now expected.

Eastern Ontario - On a whole the apple crop in this section is expected to be much larger than last year. The showery weather two weeks ago was favourable for the development of scab and some light infections are now showing.

Cherries are also expected to have an average yield although brown rot is reported in some orchards. Both plums and pears will produce a light crop. The strawberry crop on the other hand should be large but much depends on the weather.



ONTARIO (Continued)

Ontario Vegetables - Prospects for vegetable production are considered good. Frost damage affected early potatoes in the early producing areas where growth was retarded. Green beans suffered severely in Essex County and a few other localized areas.

Moisture supplies have been sufficient up to the present but rainfall is needed now in some sections where the land is becoming rather dry. Condition figures reported by correspondents show vegetables generally in average to somewhat above average condition at the 15th of June.

Condition of Fruit Crops In Ontario

The following system of reporting is used, - 5 - excellent; 4 - above average; 3 - average; 2 - below average; 1 - poor.

<u>Apples</u>	<u>Toronto East</u>		<u>Toronto West</u>	
	<u>June 15</u> <u>1 9 3 7</u>	<u>June 15</u> <u>1 9 3 8</u>	<u>June 15</u> <u>1 9 3 7</u>	<u>June 15</u> <u>1 9 3 8</u>
Early Varieties .....	3.0	3.0	3.7	2.5
Wealthy .....	3.0	3.5	3.2	2.8
Snow .....	3.5	3.3	3.5	2.7
McIntosh .....	3.2	3.2	3.8	3.0
Baldwin .....	3.0	2.7	3.0	2.3
Greening .....	3.5	3.0	3.0	2.3
Spy .....	1.3	4.0	2.0	3.2
Stark .....	2.7	3.3	3.0	2.8
Other Varieties .....	3.5	3.2	3.1	2.7
All Apples .....		3.3		2.8
<u>Cherries</u>				
Sweet .....	-	-	1.5	2.9
Sour .....	3.3	3.0	2.2	2.4
<u>Pears</u>				
Bartlett .....	2.5	2.3	2.2	2.3
Kieffer .....	-	-	2.5	3.0
Others .....	-	-	3.0	2.7
<u>Peaches</u> .....	-	-	4.5	3.0
<u>Plums</u>				
Japanese .....	-	-	2.8	2.6
European .....	3.0	2.3	2.6	2.7
<u>Grapes</u> .....	-	-	3.5	3.0

Estimated Production expressed as a per cent of 1937

	<u>Eastern Ontario</u>	<u>Western Ontario</u>
Strawberries	--7%	--8%
Raspberries	--5%	--5%



ONTARIO (Concluded)

Condition and Change in Acreage of Vegetable Crops in Ontario.

	Change in acreage from 1937	Condition at June 15 1937	Condition at June 15 1938	Change in acreage from 1937	Condition at June 15 1937	Condition at June 15 1938
		T O R O N T O	W E S T		T O R O N T O	E A S T
Asparagus .....	+ 8%	3.4	2.9	same	3.6	2.0
Beans (green) ....	+20%	3.5	2.8	same	3.6	3.0
Beets (bunching) .	+ 2%	4.0	3.1	+ 5%	3.0	3.3
Cabbage (early) ..	same	4.0	3.2	same	4.0	3.5
Cauliflower (early)	same	3.0	3.0	same	3.0	3.0
Carrots (bunching)	+ 2%	3.5	3.1	same	3.2	3.1
Celery (early) ...	+ 5%	3.3	3.0	same	4.2	3.0
Corn (sweet) .....	+ 3%	3.2	3.0	+ 8%	3.4	3.1
Lettuce .....	- 2%	3.3	3.5	same	3.6	3.5
Onions .....	+10%	4.0	4.0	+ 5%	3.4	3.7
Peas (garden) ....	+ 5%	3.7	3.2	-10%	2.5	3.2
Potatoes (early) .	+ 3%	4.3	3.1	same	3.7	3.3
Spinach .....	+ 8%	3.0	3.5	same	3.8	3.5
Tomatoes (fresh) ..	+ 4%	4.0	3.3	same	4.2	3.0
Tomatoes (processing)	- 4%	4.0	3.1	-18%	4.2	3.0

Condition based on (1 - poor; 2 - below average; 3 - average; 4 - above average; 5 - excellent)

MANITOBA

Up to the middle of June Manitoba has had no hot weather, and temperatures on the whole had been low with some damaging late May and early June frosts. On this account many gardeners lost plants set out early. Moisture has been scant; with a little heat very distinct drought damage would have been evident. As it was, germination was bad with several crops. There were some relieving rains about June 9 or 10 followed by a week of cloudy weather. As a result of the cool weather, all vegetable crops have been late this year although a good supply of asparagus has reached the market during the season.

Between April 1, and June 20 the following has been the precipitation at various points:

	Actual This Year	Normal
Winnipeg	3.76 inches	5.50 inches
Brandon	3.64 "	4.87 "
Minnedosa	3.12 "	4.84 "
Portage la Prairie	3.27 "	4.86 "
Morden	3.41 "	5.20 "
Emerson	3.85 "	4.47 "
Russell	6.60 "	4.56 "
Dauphin	4.20 "	3.95 "
Swan River	5.40 "	4.49 "
Virden	2.27 "	4.26 "
Boissevain	3.06 "	4.97 "

Cabbage, cauliflowers and other cruciferous crops have suffered considerable from a flea beetle which has attacked these crops for some years in succession.



BRITISH COLUMBIA

A resumé of the crop report as issued by the Provincial Department on June 11 and supplemented by further reports of June 20 is as follows:

Rain is greatly needed throughout the province. On Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland, there has been no general rain since May 11th-13th. Although the tree fruits are not showing any effects of the drought so far, the vegetables and small fruits are beginning to suffer. Conditions, however, could be greatly improved by a good rain. In the Okanagan Valley, moisture is very badly needed. The tree fruits as yet are not showing the effects but the small fruit and especially the vegetable crops are badly off. A continued lack of rain will greatly affect the crop prospects. In the Kootenay and Arrow Lakes areas conditions are somewhat better as a result of heavy rains on May 29th and 30th. In the Creston area irrigation is now being applied.

The picking of the strawberry crop on the Island and the Lower Mainland was in full swing by June 11 with shipments increasing daily. With the British Sovereigns coming into production an improvement in quality is to be expected. At Salmon Arm the strawberries are suffering greatly from lack of moisture while in the Armstrong-Vernon area, berries of good quality and increasing quantities are appearing on the local markets. In the Kootenay and Arrow Lakes area, the strawberry plants are in good condition and have just past their peak of bloom. A few crates of the early varieties have already come on the market. At Grand Forks the strawberries are being marketed but are of rather small size. At Creston the early crop is just past its peak of bloom while British Sovereigns will be at full bloom in another week. Up to June 20, over 100 cars of strawberries were moved to Prairie points. The season passed its peak on that date but shipments will continue for a week to 10 days.

The raspberries on Vancouver Island and Lower Mainland are just past full bloom and should be ready between June 20-27. In the Kootenay and Arrow Lakes area peak bloom is not expected until June 15. Due to bud injury, estimates for the Armstrong area will probably be reduced 1,000 crates. Shipments of raspberries in L.C.L. lots are expected the week of June 20, with car lots by the end of the month.

The cherry crop, both on the coast and in the interior, is progressing favourably. The fruit is beginning to colour and is filling out well. At Creston the crop should be slightly larger than last year's, provided loss from splits is not severe. Movement from southern Okanagan Valley had started by June 20, with heavy shipments expected by June 23.

The apple crop is developing well and the June drop is over in most sections. Codling moth larvae appear to be quite plentiful in most sections and the second cover spray for the worms has been applied. Even with the active spraying program there is some damage to the fruit reported at Kelowna.

On Vancouver Island hothouse tomatoes and cucumbers are now available in L.C.L. and car lots. Green peas are also on the market and increasing daily. Despite the dry weather the vegetable crop as a whole is making fair progress. On the Lower Mainland the vegetable supplies are increasing daily. Green peas will be available in about a week. In the Salmon Arm vegetable district the irrigated areas were suffering from wireworm attacks but in most cases development is now good. In the non-irrigated areas all vegetable crops are showing the effect of the lack of rain. The district around Armstrong also reports the vegetables severely affected by the drought. The tomato crop will be considerably reduced by the lack of rain and early shipments will have to be delayed. At Kelowna wireworms as well as the drought are doing considerable damage. In the Kootenay and Arrow Lakes district heavy rains about the first of the month have greatly improved the vegetable crop prospects.

The tree fruit estimates of 1938 and 1937 production as of June 15:

	<u>1938</u>	<u>1937</u>
Apples	5,067,000	5,220,300 boxes
Pears	330,700	277,100 "
Cherries	177,900	169,700 crates
Plums and Prunes	405,000	393,000 "
Peaches	456,500	355,500 "
Apricots	176,500	191,700 "



BRITISH COLUMBIA (Concluded)

British Columbia Vegetable Acreages, 1937 and 1938

Kind	1937 (acres)	1938 (acres)
Asparagus .....	194	205
Beans .....	625 $\frac{1}{2}$	738
Beets .....	289 $\frac{1}{4}$	323 $\frac{1}{4}$
Cabbage .....	452 $\frac{1}{2}$	504 $\frac{1}{4}$
Cantaloupes .....	178 $\frac{1}{2}$	224
Carrots .....	592 $\frac{1}{2}$	672 $\frac{1}{2}$
Cauliflower .....	177	202
Celery .....	318	328 $\frac{1}{2}$
Corn .....	802 $\frac{1}{2}$	833
Cucumbers .....	175	192
Lettuce .....	455	541
Onions .....	1,009 $\frac{1}{2}$	1,422 $\frac{1}{2}$
Parsnips .....	101	102 $\frac{3}{4}$
Peas .....	3,956	3,225
Peppers .....	22 $\frac{1}{4}$	33 $\frac{1}{2}$
Potatoes, Early .....	2,251 $\frac{1}{2}$	2,421 $\frac{1}{2}$
Potatoes, Late .....	7,297 $\frac{1}{4}$	7,174 $\frac{1}{2}$
Squash, Pumpkins and Marrows	22	68 $\frac{1}{2}$
Tomatoes .....	3,209 $\frac{1}{2}$	3,330 $\frac{1}{4}$
Turnips .....	61 $\frac{1}{2}$	75
Other Vegetables .....	26	107 $\frac{3}{4}$
<u>Not Reported in 1937</u>		
Casaba Melons .....		4
Egg Plant .....		6
Honeydew Melons .....		5
Spinach .....		17 $\frac{1}{2}$
Watermelons .....		9

SPECIAL UNITED STATES FRUIT CROP REPORT, JUNE 1938

Fruit prospects throughout the United States on June 1 were rather irregular and indications point to generally smaller production than last year, with the exception of pears and sweet cherries. May frosts in several of the Central and Eastern States damaged the buds, blossoms or newly set fruits.

**APPLES:** Present conditions point to a United States crop below the 10-year average and substantially below last year, with the best prospects relatively in the Pacific Coast States, with June 1 in both Washington and Oregon above last year and above average. Michigan, Virginia, West Virginia and Missouri have especially low conditions.

**PEACHES:** The North Atlantic and North Central States combined, have prospects of 7,800,000 bushels, compared to 14,747,000 bushels last year and 9,376,000, the 10-year average. The 10 Southern States, with 16,620,000 bushels, are well above the 12,316,000 bushels produced last year and 14,334,000 bushels, the 10-year average. In the Pacific Coast States, the indicated production of 21,255,000 bushels in 1938 compares with 24,428,000 bushels last year and 23,419,000 bushels, the 10-year average. Included in these are the California production of Cling-stone peaches (mainly for canning) of 12,251,000 bushels compared with 15,418,000 a year ago and 14,564,000, the 10-year average.

Indicated Production, Peaches and Cherries

United States	Average 1927-36	1937	Indicated 1938
Peaches (Thousand Bushels)	52,498	59,724	50,920
Cherries (Tons)	116,309	144,720	130,040

**VEGETABLES:** - May 27. With the early potato crop moving to market 2 weeks earlier than usual, carlot shipments increased sharply and prices declined. In the early states the crop was reported to be 10,000,000 bushels above the average for this area. Weather has been generally reported favourable to all truck crops although some setback was recorded in Michigan and Indiana during early May.

UNITED KINGDOM

According to the report issued by the Imperial Economic Committee dated June 1, the fruit crop reports are not very favourable. The apple crop is reported very bad to fair for most varieties, with Worcester Pearmain slightly better than the other varieties, being reported in most areas as fair to good. Cherries also are below normal being reported as bad except in Tamar Valley where they were reported as good. Pears are reported as very poor to fair. Plums are reported very bad to fair, mostly very bad to bad, while damsons are reported very bad in all but Kent where they were reported fair. Strawberries varied somewhat, with quite a number of areas reporting good while the remainder reported very bad in a few cases but fair in most. The late crop seems to have survived somewhat better and is reported as good.

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