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Ottawa, June 28, 1946: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Marketing Service of the Department of Agriculture and the Provincial Departments of Agriculture, issues today a report on the fruit and vegetable crops in the main producing areas.

SUMMARY

The outlook for fruit production in Canada this year, according to the first estimate, is exceedingly bright. Increases in production over last season are expected for all fruits except grapes which remains unchanged. The estimates for apples, pears, plums and prunes, peaches, apricots, raspberries and grapes all exceed the 10-year, 1935-44 average. The 1946 estimates, with the final estimates for 1945 in brackets are as follows: apples, 14,409,000 bu. (7,635,000 bu.); pears, 714,000 bu. (600,000 bu.); plums and prunes, 574,000 bu. (486,000 bu.); peaches, 1,906,000 bu. (1,566,000 bu.); apricots, 150,000 bu. (87,000 bu.); cherries, 241,000 bu. (237,000 bu.); strawberries, 19,767,000 qt. (16,726,000 qt.); raspberries, 14,457,000 qt. (12,548,000 qt.); loganberries, 1,728,000 lb. (1,447,000 lb.); grapes, 65,730,000 lb. (66,012,000 lb.).

According to a recent survey, the acreage of the major canning crops, beans, corn, peas and tomatoes contracted for by processors throughout Canada this season shows an overall increase of 29 per cent over the contracted acreage in 1945. The total area this year amounts to 161,290 acres while in 1945 the acreage was 125,060 acres. The acreage of each crop is substantially larger this year with beans at 9,140 acres, corn at 45,890 acres, peas at 52,520 acres and tomatoes at 53,740 acres. The comparable figures for 1945 are beans 8,060 acres, corn 36,390 acres, peas 37,630 acres, and tomatoes 42,980 acres.

FRUIT

APPLES

According to the first estimate of production this season, the Canadian apple crop is expected to amount to 14,409,000 bu. This represents an increase of 89 per cent over the 1945 harvest of 7,635,000 bu. and an increase of 3 per cent over the 10-year 1935-44 average of 14,005,000 bu. The orchards in Eastern Canada have made a partial recovery from the serious damage caused by late spring frosts and disease in 1945 and all provinces are expecting substantially larger crops this year.

The Nova Scotia crop is currently estimated at 4,500,000 bu. and if present prospects are maintained this crop will be the largest since 1939 and will be only 11 per cent smaller than the 10-year, 1935-44 average of 5,029,000 bu. All varieties have set promising crops with the exception of Baldwin which will be light. The New Brunswick crop also shows an improvement over last year. The present prospects are for a crop of 250,000 bu. compared with the previous harvest of 170,000 bu. and the 10-year, 1935-44 average of 195,000 bu. The bloom was very good but McIntosh, which make up the bulk of the crop are reported to be setting light in some areas. In Quebec the crop is currently estimated at 600,000 bushels. While this represents a considerable gain over the near failure in 1945 of 80,000 bu., the prospects are still 21 per cent below the 10-year, 1935-44 average harvest. The Ontario crop is also substantially greater than the very poor harvest last season. A crop of 1,633,000 bu. is now looked for compared with the 550,000 bu. output in 1945. This estimate, however, is still 30 per cent below the 10-year 1935-44 average crop. In Eastern Ontario the most promising varieties are Wealthy, Snow, Cranberry Bippins, Tolman Sweet and Stark but the two main varieties, McIntosh and Spy are patchy. In Western Ontario practically all varieties in the Georgian Bay area show excellent prospects but the set of fruit in other districts is irregular. The greatest increases over last year are reported in the Georgian Bay, Norfolk, Middlesex-Huron and Burlington districts and the most promising varieties are Spy, Greening, Snow, McIntosh, Wealthy, Stark and Baldwin. The anticipated harvest in British Columbia is now expected to be the second largest on record. The current estimate of 7,426,000 bu. is 29 per cent

greater than the 1945 crop of 5,748,000 bu. and is exceeded only by the unusually heavy crop of 1944. The 10-year average for the province is 5,712,000 bu. Thinning is now general and the fruit is developing rapidly. McIntosh are particularly promising.

PEARS:

The Canadian pear crop is currently estimates at 714,000 bu. This represents an increase of 19 per cent over the 1945 harvest of 600,000 bu. and an increase of 10 per cent over the 10-year 1935-44 average production of 651,000 bu. Gains over the previous crop are reported in Ontario and British Columbia but the Nova Scotia crop will be lighter. Production in Nova Scotia this season is expected to amount to 22,000 bu. or 42 per cent smaller than the 1945 crop of 38,000 bu. Although the prospects are for a considerably smaller crop than last year the present outlook is still well above the 10-year, 1935-44 average of 18,000 bu. The Ontario crop is at present set at 120,000 bu. and while this is 155 per cent more than was produced last year when the crop amounted to only 47,000 bu., the crop this year is still only 37 per cent of the 10-year average of 325,000 bu. If present expectations materialize, the British Columbia crop, which is set at 572,000 bu. will be the largest in the history of the province. The present estimate represents an increase of 11 per cent over the 1945 harvest and an increase of 87 per cent over the 1935-44 average.

PLUMS AND PRUNES:

The first estimate of the plum and prune crop of 574,000 bu. represents an increase of 18 per cent over the final estimate for 1945. While production in Nova Scotia remains unchanged, increases are anticipated in both Ontario and British Columbia. The Nova Scotia crop this year is expected to amount to 8,000 bu. which is 1,000 bu. less than the 10-year average. Although the Ontario crop, which is at present set at 101,000 bu. is substantially greater than the 27,000 bu. crop harvested last year, it is still well below the 10-year average of 121,000 bu. The crop in British Columbia is set at 465,000 bu. and is 3 per cent larger than the record harvest in 1945 of 451,000 bu. The present prospects indicate an increase of 122 per cent over the 1935-44 average of 209,000 bu.

PEACHES:

The Canadian peach crop is expected to amount to 1,906,000 bu. according to the present outlook. Increases over the last crop are looked for in Ontario and British Columbia with the greatest improvement being shown in the former. The Ontario estimate of 1,236,000 bu. this season is well above the 10-year average of 1,018,000 bu. and is 36 per cent greater than the 1945 crop. Once again the crop in British Columbia is expected to exceed all previous crops being estimated at 670,000 bu. While this represents only a 2 per cent increase over previous harvest, it is 206 per cent above the 1935-44 average of 219,000 bu.

CHERRIES:

Cherry production is expected to reach the 241,000 bu. level this season. This is 2 per cent greater than the 1945 harvest of 237,000 bu. The outlook in Ontario is for a crop of 107,000 bu. compared with the previous harvest of 41,000 bu. but production is still well below the 10-year average crop of 152,000 bu. Cherries in British Columbia are the only crop in that province which is not expected to exceed the 1945 harvest. A 32 per cent decline from a year ago brings production to 134,000 bu.

APRICOTS:

Apricots which are grown commercially only in British Columbia are expected to amount to 150,000 bu. This is 72% more than was produced last season when the crop was estimated at 87,000 bu. Should present prospects continue, the crop will be the largest ever produced.

STRAWBERRIES:

The current estimate of production sets the Canadian crop at 19,767,000 qt. This represents an increase of 18 per cent over the 1945 harvest of 16,726,000 qt. While this is the largest crop since 1941, it is still 12 per cent smaller than the 10-year average of 22,502,000 qt. Increases over the previous crop are looked for in all provinces ranging from 11 per cent in British Columbia to 50 per cent in Nova Scotia. By provinces with the 1945 crops in brackets, the estimates are as follows: Nova Scotia 1,185,000 qt., (790,000 qt.); New Brunswick 1,200,000 qt., (950,000 qt.); Quebec 4,500,000 qt. (3,500,000 qt.); Ontario 6,960,000 qt. (6,146,000 qt.); British Columbia 5,922,000 qt. (5,340,000 qt.)

RASPBERRIES:

An increase of 15 per cent over the 1945 crop brings production this season to 14,457,000 qt. according to the first estimate. Although production remains unchanged from a year ago in Nova Scotia all other provinces show increases. The provincial estimates with the final estimates for 1945 in brackets are: Nova Scotia 70,000 qt. (70,000 qt.); New Brunswick 48,000 qt. (38,000 qt.); Quebec 1,500,000 qt. (700,000 qt.); Ontario 4,942,000 qt. (4,437,000 qt.); British Columbia 7,897,000 qt. (7,303,000 qt.)

LOGANBERRIES:

Production of loganberries is confined entirely to British Columbia where the crop is estimated at 1,728,000 lb. or 19 per cent above the 1945 level. The crop this year is 7 per cent smaller than the 10-year, 1935-44 average of 1,868,000 lb.

GRAPES:

Production this year is expected to be approximately the same as that of last season being estimated at 65,730,000 lb. The current estimate however is 31 per cent greater than the 10-year average of 50,350,000 lb. Production in Ontario where the bulk of the crop is produced is expected to amount to 62,600,000 lb. or 1 per cent less than the 1945 crop of 63,062,000 lb. In British Columbia a 6 per cent increase over last year brings production to 3,130,000 lb.

VEGETABLES

According to information received from the processors throughout Canada, the acreage of the main canning crops, including beans, corn, peas and tomatoes, under contract this year shows an increase of 29 per cent over that of last season. The total contracted acreage of these crops this year is 161,290 acres compared with the 1945 acreage of 125,060 acres. In Nova Scotia the canning crops include beans and peas and the acreage this year is 2,150 acres while last year the acreage was 1,330 acres. The contracted acreage of beans, corn, peas and tomatoes in Quebec this year totals 34,600 acres as compared with the 1945 acreage of 26,820 acres. The contracted acreage of these crops in Ontario also shows a substantial increase at 106,960 acres compared with 80,820 acres last year. The crops grown in the Prairie Provinces include beans, corn and peas and the acreage this season is 7,710 acres compared with 6,900 acres in 1945. In British Columbia all four crops are grown under contract and the total acreage in 1946 is 9,870 acres while in 1945 the acreage was 9,190 acres.

FIRST ESTIMATE OF FRUIT PRODUCTION IN CANADA - 1946

			Final Estimate 1945	First Estimate 1946
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<u>APPLES</u>	Nova Scotia	bu.	1,087	4,500
	New Brunswick		170	250
	Quebec		80	600
	Ontario		550	1,633
	British Columbia		5,748	7,426
	TOTAL		7,635	14,409
<u>PEARS</u>	Nova Scotia	bu.	38	22
	Ontario		47	120
	British Columbia		515	572
	TOTAL		600	714
<u>PLUMS AND PRUNES</u>	Nova Scotia	bu.	8	8
	Ontario		27	101
	British Columbia		451	465
	TOTAL		486	574
<u>PEACHES</u>	Ontario	bu.	910	1,236
	British Columbia		656	670
	TOTAL		1,566	1,906
<u>APRICOTS</u>	British Columbia	bu.	87	150
<u>CHERRIES</u>	Ontario	bu.	41	107
	British Columbia		196	134
	TOTAL		237	241
<u>STRAWBERRIES</u>	Nova Scotia	Qt.	790	1,185
	New Brunswick		950	1,200
	Quebec		3,500	4,500
	Ontario		6,146	6,960
	British Columbia		5,340	5,922
	TOTAL		16,726	19,767
<u>RASPBERRIES</u>	Nova Scotia	Qt.	70	70
	New Brunswick		38	48
	Quebec		700	1,500
	Ontario		4,437	4,942
	British Columbia		7,303	7,897
	TOTAL		12,548	14,457
<u>LOGANBERRIES</u>	British Columbia	lb.	1,447	1,728
<u>GRAPES</u>	Ontario	lb.	63,062	62,600
	British Columbia		2,950	3,130
	TOTAL		66,012	65,730

CONTRACTED ACREAGE OF BEANS, CORN, PEAS AND TOMATOES, 1945 AND 1946

acres

Province	Year	Beans	Corn	Peas	Tomatoes
Nova Scotia	1945	160	-	1,170	-
	1946	230	-	1,920	-
Quebec	1945	5,290	8,550	8,360	4,620
	1946	6,520	10,290	11,820	5,970
Ontario	1945	1,420	22,900	20,560	35,940
	1946	1,000	30,840	30,420	44,700
Prairies 1/	1945	440	3,200	3,260	-
	1946	500	3,470	3,740	-
British Columbia	1945	750	1,740	4,280	2,420
	1946	890	1,290	4,620	3,070

1/Includes Manitoba and Alberta. Not shown separately as less than 3 firms are operating in each province.



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