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Ottawa, August 30, 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 crop in the main-producing areas.

S U M M A R Y

The estimates of production of tree fruits and grapes in Canada this year show considerable improvement since July. The apple crop is now estimated at 15,940,000 bushels compared with 15,644,000 bushels a month ago. This crop is 109 per cent greater than that of last year and is 14 per cent larger than the 10-year 1935-44 average. Pear prospects improved 9 per cent since July to bring the estimate to 816,000 bushels. The crop last season amounted to only 600,000 bushels. An increase of 7 per cent in the outlook for plums and prunes brings the crop to 642,000 bushels. The 10-year average harvest is 339,000 bushels. Peaches also showed an improvement since last month to bring the estimate to 2,086,000 bushels or 69 per cent above the 10-year average. Apricot production is set at 166,000 bushels or 1 per cent above the July level. The cherry crop is now set at 267,000 bushels or an increase of 8 per cent over the July outlook of 248,000 bushels. Grapes also show an increase since the last report. The present estimate of 72,182,000 lb. is 9 per cent above the prospects in July and 43 per cent greater than the 10-year average.

F R U I T

APPLES

The Canadian apple crop is now estimated at 15,940,000 bushels or approximately 300,000 bushels greater than was expected in July. Increases over the previous estimate are shown for all provinces except Nova Scotia which is down 15 per cent to 4,800,000 bushels. The New Brunswick crop which is expected to amount to 300,000 bushels is 4 per cent above the July prospects. The estimate for Quebec shows the greatest increase during the month and is set at 1,000,000 bushels. The crop in Ontario is also estimated higher than a month ago with production currently set at 1,780,000 bushels. This is a 22 per cent advance since July. The British Columbia crop which now is estimated at 8,060,000 bushels is the second largest on record. The 1945 crop amounted to 5,748,000 bushels and the 10-year 1935-44 average is 5,712,000 bushels.

PEARS

A substantial increase in the outlook for the pear crop in Ontario brings the Canada total to 816,000 bushels compared with the July estimate of 751,000 bushels. In Nova Scotia conditions remain unchanged from a month ago when the crop was set at 30,000 bushels. The Ontario crop prospects improved 48 per cent during the month to bring the crop to 194,000 bushels. While this crop is much larger than the unusually small harvest a year ago, the present estimate is 40 per cent below the 10-year 1935-44 average. The British Columbia estimate remains practically unchanged from a month ago at 592,000 bushels. The crop this year exceeds all previous crops and is 93 per cent greater than the 10-year average of 306,000 bushels.

PLUMS AND PRUNES

Increases in the prospects for the crop in Ontario and British Columbia brings the August estimate for Canada to 642,000 bushels, an advance of 7 per cent since July. The Nova Scotia crop is still set at 15,000 bushels. The Ontario crop prospects, however, improved 29 per cent during the month to bring production in that province to 144,000 bushels. The 10-year 1935-44 average crop is 121,000 bushels. A 2 per cent improvement in the outlook for the crop in British Columbia brings the estimate for that province to 483,000 bushels compared with 472,000 bushels in July and 451,000 bushels in 1945.

PEACHES

A decline of 2 per cent in the outlook for the peach crop in British Columbia since July was more than offset by a 13 per cent increase in Ontario and the total Canadian crop now stands at 2,086,000 bushels compared with the previous estimate of 1,931,000 bushels. The Ontario crop is presently estimated at 1,403,000 bushels and is exceeded only by the very large crop in 1942. The slight decline in outlook in British Columbia amounting to some 11,000 bushels brings the current estimate to 683,000 bushels but the crop is still the largest on record.

CHERRIES

An increase of 19,000 bushels in the July estimate for Ontario brings the Canadian crop to 267,000 bushels. Production this season in British Columbia still remains at 128,000 bushels.

APRICOTS

A slight increase of 2,000 bushels in the British Columbia estimate brings the present outlook to 166,000 bushels. British Columbia is the only province producing this fruit in commercial quantities.

GRAPES

Production of grapes this season is now expected to amount to 72,182,000 lb. If the present prospects materialize this crop will be the second largest on record. Increases in the estimates for both provinces producing grapes on a commercial scale took place during the month. The Ontario harvest is now expected to amount to 68,866,000 lb. compared with 63,062,000 lb. last year and the British Columbia crop is set at 3,316,000 lb. compared with 2,950,000 lb. in 1945.

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THIRD ESTIMATE OF FRUIT PRODUCTION IN CANADA - 1946

			Final Estimate 1945	Third Estimate 1946
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<u>APPLES</u>	Nova Scotia	bu.	1,087	4,800
	New Brunswick		170	300
	Quebec		80	1,000
	Ontario		550	1,780
	British Columbia		5,748	8,060
	TOTAL		7,635	15,940
<u>PEARS</u>	Nova Scotia	bu.	38	30
	Ontario		47	194
	British Columbia		515	592
	TOTAL		600	816
<u>PLUMS AND PRUNES</u>	Nova Scotia	bu.	8	15
	Ontario		27	144
	British Columbia		451	483
	TOTAL		486	642
<u>PEACHES</u>	Ontario	bu.	910	1,403
	British Columbia		656	683
	TOTAL		1,566	2,086
<u>APRICOTS</u>	British Columbia	bu.	87	166
<u>CHERRIES</u>	Ontario	bu.	41	139
	British Columbia		196	128
	TOTAL		237	267
<u>STRAWBERRIES</u>	Nova Scotia	qt.	790	550
	New Brunswick		950	1,000
	Quebec		3,500	2,600
	Ontario		6,146	5,887
	British Columbia		5,340	5,964
	TOTAL		16,726	16,001
<u>RASPBERRIES</u>	Nova Scotia	qt.	70	63
	New Brunswick		38	48
	Quebec		700	490
	Ontario		4,437	3,915
	British Columbia		7,303	7,907
	TOTAL		12,548	12,423
<u>LOGANBERRIES</u>	British Columbia	lb.	1,447	1,152
<u>GRAPES</u>	Ontario	lb.	63,062	68,866
	British Columbia		2,950	3,316
	TOTAL		66,012	72,182

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