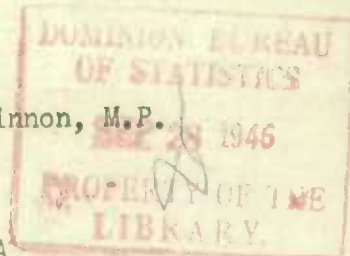


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Ottawa, September 27, 1946: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Marketing Service of the Department of Agriculture and the Provincial Departments of Agriculture, issues today a report on the fruit and potato crops in the main producing areas.

S U M M A R YFRUIT

A moderate improvement since last month is shown for the tree fruit and grape crops in Canada. The increased prospects are the result of satisfactory growing conditions throughout the eastern provinces. The apple harvest which is now in full swing in all districts is expected to amount to 16,173,000 bushels or 1 per cent more than was expected at the end of August. While the crop this season is more than twice that of a year ago it is only 15 per cent larger than the 10-year 1935-44 average. Pear production is also heavier than was anticipated last month, the increase being due to improved yields in Ontario. The crop is now set at 845,000 bushels compared with the previous estimate of 816,000 bushels and harvest last year which amounted to 600,000 bushels. The plum and prune crop is also heavier than was expected a month ago and again the increase is due to increased yields in Ontario. The current estimate of 691,000 bushels is 8 per cent above the August level and 104 per cent greater than the 10-year 1935-44 average. A moderate improvement in the peach prospects brings the estimate to 2,109,000 bushels compared with the estimate last month of 2,086,000 bushels. The harvest last season was 1,566,000 bushels. The grape estimate is practically unchanged from that of a month ago at 72,220,000 pounds. The 1945 crop was 66,012,000 pounds while the 10-year average harvest is 50,351,000 bushels.

POTATOES

Production of potatoes in Canada is estimated at 44,628,000 cwt based on conditions during the fourth week in September. This is an increase of 24 per cent over the smaller-than-average crops of 35,986,000 cwt harvested last season and is 9 per cent greater than the 5-year 1939-43 average of 40,833,000 cwt. The increase over last year is due to substantially heavier average yields per acre and heavier plantings. The average production this season is estimated at 86 cwt per acre compared with 71 cwt in 1945 and the acreage planted is set at 520,600 acres this year while last season the area was 507,700 acres. The 5-year average planting is 521,700 acres.

APPLES

The Canadian apple crop which is now being harvested is estimated at 16,173,000 bushels or 1 per cent larger than was anticipated a month ago. The harvest in Nova Scotia is currently estimated at 4,950,000 bushels or 3 per cent above the August prospects. While this crop is considerably greater than the unusually small crop of 1,087,000 bushels last season it is still 2 per cent smaller than the 10-year 1935-44 average of 5,029,000 bushels. The outlook in New Brunswick remains unchanged from a month ago when production was estimated at 300,000 bushels. The 1945 harvest was 170,000 bushels while the 10-year average crop is 195,000 bushels. The estimate for Quebec also remains unchanged since August at 1,000,000 bushels, the crop this year being 32 per cent greater than the 10-year average harvest. A 5 per cent improvement in the prospects in Ontario bring the estimate to 1,864,000 bushels. While this crop is more than three times that of a year ago, it is still 19 per cent smaller than the 1935-44 average. The British Columbia crop remains practically unchanged since the last report and is estimated at 8,059,000 bushels. This crop is the second largest on record and is exceeded only by that of 1944 of 8,750,000 bushels. The 10-year average crop is 5,712,000 bushels.

PEARS

A substantial improvement in the prospects in Ontario since August raised the estimate for the country as a whole to 845,000 bushels. The August outlook was for a crop of 816,000 bushels while the harvest last season amounted to only 600,000 bushels. There was no change in prospects in Nova Scotia during the month and production still stands at 30,000 bushels. In Ontario, on the other hand, an increase of 14 per cent brings the September estimate to 222,000 bushels. Although this year's crop is much larger than the unusually small harvest last season, it is still 32 per cent below the 10-year average level. The estimate of pear production in British Columbia remains practically unchanged from a month ago at 593,000 bushels, this crop being the largest ever harvested in that province.

PLUMS AND PRUNES

An increase of 8 per cent during the month brings the total crop to 691,000 bushels. Production this season is well above the 10-year average in all provinces. In Nova Scotia the estimate still stands at 15,000 bushels. In Ontario, however, the estimate is increased to 191,000 bushels an increase of 33 per cent over the August estimate of 144,000 bushels. British Columbia prospects showed a slight improvement since the last report and production is now set at 485,000 bushels. This crop also is the largest ever produced in the province.

PEACHES

A one per cent increase in the estimate since August brings the Canadian harvest to 2,109,000 bushels. The 1945 crop amounted to 1,566,000 bushels while the 10-year 1935-44 average is 1,237,000 bushels. The crop in Ontario is now set at 1,426,000 bushels or 2 per cent greater than the August prospects which makes it the second largest on record. Production last season amounted to only 910,000 bushels while the 10-year average crop is 1,018,000 bushels. The crop in British Columbia still stands at 683,000 bushels. This is also a record for the province.

GRAPES

Total production of grapes is now expected to amount to 72,220,000 pounds. This is slightly greater than the August outlook of 72,182,000 pounds and is well above the 1945 harvest of 66,012,000 pounds. The current estimate is exceeded only by the 1942 crop of 74,913,000 pounds. Grapes are produced commercially only in Ontario and British Columbia where production is estimated at 68,900,000 pounds and 3,320,000 pounds respectively.

FOURTH ESTIMATE OF FRUIT PRODUCTION IN CANADA - 1946

		Final Estimate 1 9 4 5	Fourth Estimate 1 9 4 6
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<u>APPLES</u>			
Nova Scotia	bu.	1,087	4,950
New Brunswick		170	300
Quebec		80	1,000
Ontario		550	1,864
British Columbia		5,748	8,059
TOTAL		7,635	16,173
<u>PEARS</u>			
Nova Scotia	bu.	38	30
Ontario		47	222
British Columbia		515	593
TOTAL		600	845
<u>PLUMS AND PRUNES</u>			
Nova Scotia	bu.	8	15
Ontario		27	191
British Columbia		451	485
TOTAL		486	691
<u>PEACHES</u>			
Ontario	bu.	910	1,426
British Columbia		656	683
TOTAL		1,566	2,109
<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	68,900
British Columbia		2,950	3,320
TOTAL		66,012	72,220

ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION OF POTATOES IN CANADA 1945, 1946 AND THE 5-YEAR 1939-43
AVERAGE

	Area	Yield	Total
	acres	per Acre	Production
		cwt.	000 cwt.
<u>PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND</u>			
1946	48,500	116	5,626
1945	43,000	107	4,601
1939-43 average	39,400	104	4,084
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>			
1946	24,000	103	2,472
1945	22,400	85	1,904
1939-43 average	21,300	95	2,022
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>			
1946	68,700	139	9,549
1945	66,200	102	6,752
1939-43 average	52,800	132	6,984
<u>QUEBEC</u>			
1946	152,000	68	10,336
1945	156,100	58	9,054
1939-43 average	153,200	75	11,485
<u>ONTARIO</u>			
1946	120,000	70	8,400
1945	116,000	66	7,633
1939-43 average	129,400	56.1	7,256
<u>MANITOBA</u>			
1946	22,500	54	1,215
1945	25,000	60	1,500
1939-43 average	32,500	72	2,348
<u>SASKATCHEWAN</u>			
1946	37,000	62	2,294
1945	36,600	37	1,354
1939-43 average	47,300	58	2,766
<u>ALBERTA</u>			
1946	28,900	85	2,456
1945	25,900	60	1,554
1939-43 average	28,100	70	1,978
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>			
1946	19,000	120	2,280
1945	16,500	99	1,634
1939-43 average	17,700	108	1,910
<u>CANADA</u>			
1946	520,600	86	44,628
1945	507,700	71	35,986
1939-43 average	521,700	78	40,833



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