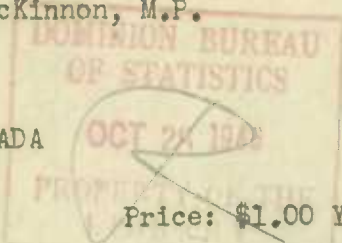


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Ottawa, October 28, 1946: The Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Marketing Service of the Department of Agriculture and the Provincial Departments of Agriculture, issues today a report on the fruit and potato crops in the main producing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

S U M M A R Y

The October estimates of the late tree fruit crops show moderate increases over those of a month ago but the grape harvest was somewhat disappointing. The apple crops in Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario have been heavier than were looked for in September while production in New Brunswick and British Columbia remains unchanged. Total production of apples in Canada this season is now estimated at 16,739,000 bushels, the crop being more than twice that of a year ago and 20 per cent greater than the 10-year 1935-44 average. The pear harvest also proved larger than was anticipated. Production in Canada is now set at 867,000 bushels, an increase of 6 per cent during the month. The total plum harvest was 6 per cent heavier than expected, the increase being due to heavier yields in Ontario. The crop now stands at 680,000 bushels or more than twice the size of the 10-year average harvest. A moderate increase is shown in the estimate of the peach crop which now stands at 2,111,000 bushels. Grape production was not as heavy as was indicated earlier in the season and the estimate now stands at 66,216,000 pounds. This is a reduction of almost 6,000,000 pounds and is due to reduced yields in Ontario.

F R U I T

APPLES The Canadian apple crop is estimated at 16,739,000 bushels or 799,000 bushels more than was anticipated in September. The crop this season is more than twice that of 1945 and is 20 per cent larger than the 10-year 1935-44 average harvest of 14,005,000 bushels. Unusually favourable weather in Eastern Canada enabled growers to leave the fruit on the trees longer than normal and the increase in size thus obtained increased the yield. In Nova Scotia the outlook is now for a crop of 5,400,000 bushels, an increase of 600,000 bushels over the September prospects. The New Brunswick estimate remains unchanged since a month ago at 300,000 bushels. The present crop is 76 per cent greater than that of last season and is 54 per cent larger than the 10-year 1935-44 average. A moderate increase in the estimate of the Quebec crop brings production to 1,100,000 bushels. The open fall weather resulted in additional sizing of the fruit. The current crop is 46 per cent greater than the 10-year average of 756,000 bushels. The outlook in Ontario also improved slightly during the month and production this season is now set at 1,879,000 bushels or 6 per cent above the September prospects. While this crop is considerably greater than the unusually light crop in 1945, it is still 19 per cent smaller than average. No change is shown in the prospects for the British Columbia crop. since September and the estimate remains at 8,060,000 bushels.

PEARS The harvest in Ontario was 26 per cent heavier than was anticipated a month ago which brings the Canadian total to 867,000 bushels compared with the September estimate of 816,000 bushels. Nova Scotia and British Columbia prospects were unchanged during the month, the crops being estimated at 30,000 bushels and 592,000 bushels respectively.

PLUMS AND PRUNES The total harvest is currently estimated at 680,000 bushels or 38,000 bushels more than was anticipated a month ago. The increase was due entirely to heavier yields in Ontario where production is now estimated at 182,000 bushels compared with 144,000 bushels in September. The Nova Scotia plum crop still remains at 15,000 bushels and that in British Columbia at 483,000 bushels.

PEACHES The overall production of peaches this season amounted to 2,111,000 bushels. This is 1 per cent above the September prospects, the increase being due to improved sizing in Ontario. The Ontario harvest is now set at 1,428,000 bushels which is 25,000 bushels above the September outlook while the British Columbia harvest is still set at 683,000 bushels.

GRAPES The harvest in Ontario was much lighter than was anticipated in September and as a consequence the Canadian total is now set at 66,216,000 pounds. This is a drop of almost 6 million pounds during the month and makes the crops less than 1 per cent larger than that of a year ago. Production this season in Ontario is now estimated at 62,900,000 pounds while the British Columbia harvest remains at 3,316,000 pounds.

AREA AND PRODUCTION OF POTATOES IN CANADA

1945 AND 1946

	Area		Yield per Acre		Production	
	1945	1946	1945	1946	1945	1946
	ac.	ac.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.	cwt.
CANADA	507,700	520,600	71.0	90.0	35,986,000	46,999,000
Prince Edward Island.	43,000	48,500	107.0	118.0	4,601,000	5,723,000
Nova Scotia	22,400	24,000	85.0	109.0	1,904,000	2,616,000
New Brunswick	66,200	68,700	102.0	150.0	6,752,000	10,305,000
Quebec	156,100	152,000	58.0	78.0	9,054,000	11,856,000
Ontario	116,000	120,000	66.0	70.0	7,633,000	8,400,000
Manitoba	25,000	22,500	80.0	54.0	1,500,000	1,215,000
Saskatchewan	36,600	37,000	37.0	57.0	1,354,000	2,109,000
Alberta	25,900	28,900	60.0	85.0	1,554,000	2,457,000
British Columbia	16,500	19,000	99.0	122.0	1,634,000	2,318,000

The overall production of wheat in the United States in 1940 was 1,100,000,000 bushels, a record for the country. This was due to a combination of factors, including a record harvest in the North Central States, a bumper crop in the South, and a record harvest in the West. The total production was valued at \$1,100,000,000, a record for the country.

The average yield of wheat in the United States in 1940 was 15.5 bushels per acre, a record for the country. This was due to a combination of factors, including a record harvest in the North Central States, a bumper crop in the South, and a record harvest in the West. The average yield was valued at \$15.50 per acre, a record for the country.

WHEAT AND WHEAT PRODUCTS IN CANADA

1940 and 1941

Country	1940	1941	1940	1941	1940	1941
Canada	1,100,000,000	1,100,000,000	15.5	15.5	\$1,100,000,000	\$1,100,000,000
United States	1,100,000,000	1,100,000,000	15.5	15.5	\$1,100,000,000	\$1,100,000,000
Great Britain	1,100,000,000	1,100,000,000	15.5	15.5	\$1,100,000,000	\$1,100,000,000
France	1,100,000,000	1,100,000,000	15.5	15.5	\$1,100,000,000	\$1,100,000,000
Germany	1,100,000,000	1,100,000,000	15.5	15.5	\$1,100,000,000	\$1,100,000,000
Italy	1,100,000,000	1,100,000,000	15.5	15.5	\$1,100,000,000	\$1,100,000,000
Japan	1,100,000,000	1,100,000,000	15.5	15.5	\$1,100,000,000	\$1,100,000,000
China	1,100,000,000	1,100,000,000	15.5	15.5	\$1,100,000,000	\$1,100,000,000
India	1,100,000,000	1,100,000,000	15.5	15.5	\$1,100,000,000	\$1,100,000,000
Other Countries	1,100,000,000	1,100,000,000	15.5	15.5	\$1,100,000,000	\$1,100,000,000

FOURTH ESTIMATE OF FRUIT PRODUCTION IN CANADA - 1946

			Final Estimate 1945	Fourth Estimate 1946
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<u>APPLES</u>	Nova Scotia	bu.	1,087	5,400
	New Brunswick		170	300
	Quebec		80	1,200
	Ontario		550	1,879
	British Columbia		5,748	8,060
	TOTAL		7,635	16,739
<u>PEARS</u>	Nova Scotia	bu.	38	30
	Ontario		47	245
	British Columbia		515	592
	TOTAL		600	867
<u>PLUMS AND PRUNES</u>	Nova Scotia	bu.	8	15
	Ontario		27	182
	British Columbia		451	483
	TOTAL		486	680
<u>PEACHES</u>	Ontario	bu.	910	1,423
	British Columbia		656	683
	TOTAL		1,566	2,106
<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	62,900
	British Columbia		2,950	3,316
	TOTAL		66,012	66,216

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