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FRUIT CROP REPORT

OTTAWA - July 29, 1947 - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics in cooperation with the Marketing Service of the Department of Agriculture and the Provincial Departments of Agriculture, issues to-day the first estimates of production of fruit in Canada in 1947 based on conditions at July 15.

SUMMARY

According to the first estimate of production of fruits in Canada in 1947, the tree fruit crops are somewhat lighter than in 1946. Berry and grape production, on the other hand, is heavier.

The apple crop, currently estimated at 15,859,000 bushels is 18 per cent smaller than the 19,282,000 bushel harvest of last season. The crop, however, is well above the 10 year 1936-45 average of 13,418,000 bushels. Declines are reported for Nova Scotia and British Columbia where production is estimated at 3,660,000 bushels and 7,783,000 bushels respectively. While the crop in New Brunswick remains unchanged at 330,000 bushels, in Quebec and Ontario the crops are larger, being estimated as follows: Quebec 1,410,000 bushels; Ontario 2,676,000 bushels.

A moderate decline in outlook for pears from a year ago brings the estimate of the Canadian crop to 864,000 bushels or 9 per cent below the 1946 level. The Nova Scotia crop remains the same as a year ago at 30,000 bushels but a 14 per cent decline in the outlook in Ontario brings the crop to 230,000 bushels compared with 269,000 bushels last season. Production of pears in British Columbia will be slightly below the 1946 level at 604,000 bushels compared with 652,000 bushels.

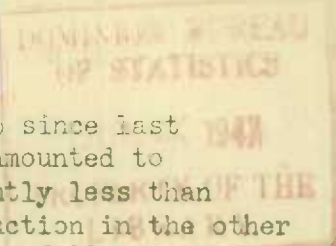
A 20 per cent decline in outlook since 1946 brings the plum and prune crop to 651,000 bushels. The drop in production is due chiefly to the unfavourable prospects in Ontario where production declined from 301,000 last season to 160,000 bushels this year. A 3 per cent reduction in the outlook for plums and prunes in British Columbia brings the crop to 479,000 bushels.

The peach crop is down 15 per cent from last season at 1,829,000 bushels. Unfavourable weather at blooming time resulted in a 28 per cent decrease in production in Ontario since 1946, the crop being currently estimated at 1,060,000 bushels. The previous crop amounted to 1,476,000 bushels. Production in British Columbia is somewhat heavier than in 1946 at 769,000 bushels, an increase of 15 per cent.

A sharp drop in cherry production in Ontario brings the Canadian total to 235,000 bushels. The Ontario crop, estimated at 75,000 bushels, is 59 per cent smaller than the 1946 harvest of 184,000 bushels. On the other hand, a moderate increase in British Columbia brings production this season to 160,000 bushels compared with the 1946 harvest of 154,000 bushels.

Apricots, which are grown commercially only in British Columbia, remain practically unchanged from a year ago at 146,000 bushels.

The strawberry crop, which is estimated at 23,873,000 quarts this season, is substantially heavier than that of last year when production was set at 17,412,000 quarts. This is the largest crop since 1940. Increases are reported in all provinces but Nova Scotia, where production is the same as a year ago. The current estimates, by provinces, with 1946 data in brackets, are as follows:- Nova Scotia 550,000 quarts (550,000 quarts); New Brunswick 1,200,000 quarts (850,000 quarts); Quebec 5,000,000 quarts (2,600,000 quarts); Ontario 10,461,000 quarts (7,759,000 quarts); British Columbia 6,767,000 quarts (5,653,000 quarts).



A moderate improvement in the outlook of the raspberry crop since last season brings production to 14,026,000 quarts. The harvest in 1946 amounted to 13,240,000 quarts. In Nova Scotia the output is expected to be slightly less than that of last season at 60,000 quarts, a decline of 5 per cent. Production in the other provinces this season, with the estimates for 1946 in brackets, are as follows: New Brunswick 40,000 quarts (35,000 quarts); Quebec 700,000 quarts (490,000 quarts); Ontario 4,664,000 quarts (3,023,000 quarts); British Columbia 8,562,000 quarts (9,629,000 quarts).

Loganberries are produced in commercial quantities only in British Columbia where an increase of 8 per cent brings the expected harvest to 1,768,000 pounds.

Grape production in 1947 is expected to be only slightly heavier than in 1946, the crop being currently estimated at 67,846,000 pounds compared with 67,321,000 pounds. The Ontario crop, which is set at 65,054,000 pounds remains practically unchanged from a year ago when production was estimated at 65,126,000 pounds. A substantial increase in British Columbia, however, raises the crop from 2,195,000 pounds last season to 2,792,000 pounds.

FIRST ESTIMATE OF FRUIT PRODUCTION IN CANADA IN 1947 ^{1/}
AND FINAL ESTIMATE FOR 1946 ^{2/}

		Unit	1 9 4 6	1 9 4 7
<u>CANADA</u>	Apples	bu.	19,282,000	15,859,000
	Pears	bu.	951,000	864,000
	Plums & Prunes	bu.	811,000	651,000
	Peaches	bu.	2,145,000	1,829,000
	Cherries	bu.	338,000	235,000
	Apricots	bu.	147,000	146,000
	Strawberries	qt.	17,412,000	23,978,000
	Raspberries	qt.	13,240,000	14,026,000
	Loganberries	lb.	1,637,000	1,768,000
	Grapes	lb.	67,321,000	67,846,000
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>	Apples	bu.	6,020,000	3,660,000
	Pears	bu.	30,000	30,000
	Plums & Prunes	bu.	15,000	12,000
	Strawberries	qt.	550,000	550,000
	Raspberries	qt.	63,000	60,000
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>	Apples	bu.	330,000	330,000
	Strawberries	qt.	850,000	1,200,000
	Raspberries	qt.	35,000	40,000
<u>QUEBEC</u>	Apples	bu.	1,000,000	1,410,000
	Strawberries	qt.	2,600,000	5,000,000
	Raspberries	qt.	490,000	700,000
<u>ONTARIO</u>	Apples	bu.	2,040,000	2,676,000
	Pears	bu.	269,000	230,000
	Plums & Prunes	bu.	301,000	160,000
	Peaches	bu.	1,476,000	1,060,000
	Cherries	bu.	184,000	75,000
	Strawberries	qt.	7,759,000	10,461,000
	Raspberries	qt.	3,023,000	4,664,000
	Grapes	lb.	65,126,000	65,054,000
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>	Apples	bu.	9,892,000	7,783,000
	Pears	bu.	652,000	604,000
	Plums & Prunes	bu.	495,000	479,000
	Peaches	bu.	669,000	769,000
	Cherries	bu.	154,000	160,000
	Apricots	bu.	147,000	146,000
	Strawberries	qt.	5,653,000	6,767,000
	Raspberries	qt.	9,629,000	8,562,000
	Loganberries	lb.	1,637,000	1,768,000
	Grapes	lb.	2,195,000	2,792,000

^{1/} On July 15. ^{2/} Final.