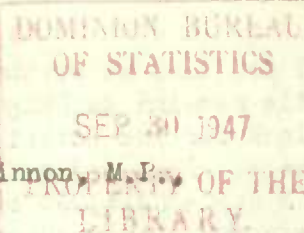


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FRUIT CROP REPORT

Ottawa, September 29, 1947. - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Marketing Service of the Department of Agriculture and the Provincial Departments of Agriculture, issues to-day the fourth in a series of reports on production of fruit in Canada in 1947, based on conditions at September 15.

SUMMARY

The September estimates of the tree fruits and grape crops grown in Canada are, for the most part, little changed since last month. The apple crop which currently is estimated at 15,621,000 bushels compared with the August estimate of 15,702,000 bushels, is 19 per cent smaller than the record harvest last year of 19,282,000 bushels. The crop this season, however, is 16 per cent greater than the 10-year 1936-45 average of 13,418,000 bushels. An increase of 4 per cent since August brings the Nova Scotia crop to 3,600,000 bushels. This estimate places the crop at 40 per cent smaller than the 1946 harvest of 6,020,000 bushels. Conditions remained unchanged in New Brunswick during the past month and the apple estimate still stands at 330,000 bushels or the same as the 1946 harvest. There is also no change in the estimate of production in Quebec where the crop is set at 1,430,000 bushels. Production this season in Quebec, however, is 43 per cent above the 1946 level, when the crop was the smallest since 1926. A minor downward revision in Ontario brings production in that province to 2,638,000 bushels. While this is a decrease of 1 per cent, the crop still is 29 per cent greater than the 1946 harvest of 2,040,000 bushels. A 3 per cent decrease in the crop prospects in British Columbia brings production to 7,623,000 bushels. Although production this season is 23 per cent below the record harvest in 1946 of 9,892,000 bushels, it is still well above the 10-year 1936-45 average of 5,773,000 bushels.

A 5 per cent increase in pear prospects which brings the current estimate to 965,000 bushels is the result of a much brighter outlook in Ontario. In Nova Scotia the estimate still stands at 30,000 bushels or the same as in 1946. In Ontario the crop is now set at 339,000 bushels, which is 21 per cent above the August estimate and 26 per cent above the 1946 crop of 269,000 bushels. A slight decrease in the outlook for the British Columbia crop brings the estimated harvest to 596,000 bushels. The current estimate is 8,000 bushels smaller than that of a month ago and 9 per cent below the 1946 level of 652,000 bushels.

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Production of plums and prunes is now set at 732,000 bushels or 1 per cent above the prospective production in August. The outlook in Nova Scotia remains unchanged at 12,000 bushels, while a 4 per cent increase in the outlook for the Ontario crop brings the estimate for that province to 237,000 bushels. Plum and prune production in British Columbia remains unchanged from a month ago at 483,000 bushels. The current crop is slightly smaller than that of a year ago when production was estimated at 495,000 bushels.

A sharp decline in the anticipated peach harvest as a result of unfavourable conditions in Ontario brings the current estimate to 1,728,000 bushels. The August estimate amounted to 1,964,000 bushels while production last season was estimated at 2,145,000 bushels. A decrease of 20 per cent since a month ago in the expected harvest in Ontario is the result of serious losses from oriental peach moth and brown rot. The crop is now set at 959,000 bushels, compared with the August estimate of 1,195,000 bushels. Production a year ago was estimated at 1,476,000 bushels. In British Columbia the estimate remains unchanged at 769,000 bushels. The crop this year is 15 per cent larger than that of last season when production was estimated at 669,000 bushels.

There has been no change in the anticipated harvest of grapes in Ontario or British Columbia since last month and the estimate still stands at 74,223,000 pounds. The crop this season is 10 per cent greater than that of 1946 when production was estimated at 67,321,000 pounds. The great bulk of the crop is produced in Ontario where the estimate stands at 71,460,000 pounds or 10 per cent above the 1946 level. The British Columbia crop is currently estimated at 2,763,000 pounds while production last season amounted to 2,195,000 pounds.

THIRD ESTIMATE OF FRUIT PRODUCTION IN CANADA IN 1947 1/
AND FINAL ESTIMATE FOR 1946

| | | Unit | 1946 | 1947 |
|-------------------------|----------------|------|------------|------------|
| <u>CANADA</u> | Apples | bu. | 19,282,000 | 15,621,000 |
| | Pears | bu. | 951,000 | 965,000 |
| | Plums & Prunes | bu. | 811,000 | 732,000 |
| | Peaches | bu. | 2,145,000 | 1,728,000 |
| | Grapes | lb. | 67,321,000 | 74,223,000 |
| <u>NOVA SCOTIA</u> | Apples | bu. | 6,020,000 | 3,600,000 |
| | Pears | bu. | 30,000 | 30,000 |
| | Plums & Prunes | bu. | 15,000 | 12,000 |
| <u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u> | Apples | bu. | 330,000 | 330,000 |
| <u>QUEBEC</u> | Apples | bu. | 1,000,000 | 1,430,000 |
| <u>ONTARIO</u> | Apples | bu. | 2,040,000 | 2,638,000 |
| | Pears | bu. | 269,000 | 339,000 |
| | Plums & Prunes | bu. | 301,000 | 237,000 |
| | Peaches | bu. | 1,476,000 | 959,000 |
| | Grapes | lb. | 65,126,000 | 71,460,000 |
| <u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u> | Apples | bu. | 9,892,000 | 7,623,000 |
| | Pears | bu. | 652,000 | 596,000 |
| | Plums & Prunes | bu. | 495,000 | 483,000 |
| | Peaches | bu. | 669,000 | 769,000 |
| | Grapes | lb. | 2,195,000 | 2,763,000 |

1/ On September 15.