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FRUIT CROP REPORT

Ottawa, October 31, 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 fifth in a series of reports on production of fruit in Canada in 1947, based on conditions at October 15.

SUMMARY

Harvesting of the fruit crops is practically completed and the estimates are only slightly changed since last month. The Canadian apple crop again shows a decline and is currently estimated at 15,222,000 bushels. Smaller crops than anticipated were harvested in Nova Scotia, Quebec and Ontario. The production in New Brunswick, however, was somewhat heavier. The Nova Scotia crop is now set at 3,400,000 bushels or 200,000 bushels less than the September estimate. In New Brunswick a crop of 365,000 bushels was harvested compared with the estimate of a month ago of 330,000 bushels. The Quebec crop also declined 200,000 bushels to bring the October estimate to 1,230,000 bushels. The estimated harvest in Ontario is now set at 2,604,000 bushels or 1 per cent less than was anticipated in September. Production in British Columbia remains unchanged from a month ago at 7,623,000 bushels.

An increase of 19 per cent in the prospective pear harvest in Ontario since September brings the total Canadian crop to 1,029,000 bushels. The current estimate is 78,000 bushels more than was harvested last season. Production this year in Nova Scotia and British Columbia still stands at 30,000 bushels and 596,000 bushels respectively. In Ontario, on the other hand, production has increased from 339,000 bushels to 403,000 bushels.

The estimate of the plum and prune crop in Canada also increased during the past month as a result of better yields in Ontario. The crop now stands at 760,000 bushels or 4 per cent above the September estimate. The estimate in Ontario was increased from 237,000 bushels to 265,000 bushels while the British Columbia estimate remains unchanged at 483,000 bushels.

The estimate of the 1947 peach crop was reduced slightly during the month from 1,728,000 bushels to 1,694,000 bushels. Brown rot and oriental peach moth caused considerable damage in Ontario where production is now set at 925,000 bushels. The British Columbia crop is still estimated at 769,000 bushels.

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There is no change in the size of the expected grape crop since September when production was estimated at 74,223,000 pounds. Production in Ontario is estimated this year at 71,460,000 pounds while the crop in British Columbia is estimated at 2,763,000 pounds.

FOURTH 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	15,222,000
Pears	bu.	951,000	1,029,000
Plums and Prunes	bu.	811,000	760,000
Peaches	bu.	2,145,000	1,694,000
Grapes	lb.	67,321,000	74,223,000
<u>NOVA SCOTIA -</u>			
Apples	bu.	6,020,000	3,400,000
Pears	bu.	30,000	30,000
Plums and Prunes	bu.	15,000	12,000
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK -</u>			
Apples	bu.	330,000	365,000
<u>QUEBEC -</u>			
Apples	bu.	1,000,000	1,230,000
<u>ONTARIO -</u>			
Apples	bu.	2,040,000	2,604,000
Pears	bu.	269,000	403,000
Plums and Prunes	bu.	301,000	265,000
Peaches	bu.	1,476,000	925,000
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 and Prunes	bu.	495,000	483,000
Peaches	bu.	669,000	769,000
Grapes	lb.	2,195,000	2,763,000

^{1/} On October 15.