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FRUIT AND VEGETABLE REPORT

SUMMARY

The first estimates of production of fruit in Canada indicate that with the exception of grapes most crops will be substantially smaller than those of a year ago. The apple crop is currently estimated at 15,369,000 bu. or 12 percent less than the 1949 crop. The pear crop is expected to be 1/3 smaller than that of last season at 676,000 bu. Plums and prunes will also be about 1/3 less at 481,000 bu. The peach crop, which is at present estimated at 1,052,000 bu., will be 48 percent smaller than that of last season. While reductions are reported in both Ontario and British Columbia the greatest decline occurred in the latter province where the crop is practically a failure. The cherry crop also shows a sharp decline since 1949. Production is now set at 301,000 bu. while the previous crop amounted to 510,000 bu. The greatest reduction took place in British Columbia although the Ontario crop is also somewhat lighter. A reduction of 18 percent in the strawberry crop is looked for with light crops reported in New Brunswick, Quebec and British Columbia. Loganberry prospects in British Columbia show little change since last season. The anticipated crop of 864,000 lb. is 2 percent less than that of a year ago. A 78 percent increase in the expected grape crop reflects the return of the Ontario crop to normal levels following the unusually light crop in 1949. The harvest this season is currently set at 64,820,000 lb. Recent information has resulted in a revision of the contracted acreages of the major processed vegetable crops. The revised data with 1949 acreages in brackets are: Asparagus 930 acres (850 acres); Beans 6,250 acres (5,010 acres); Corn 30,090 acres (63,050 acres); Peas 37,260 acres (33,120 acres); Tomatoes 29,180 acres (39,240 acres).

FIRST ESTIMATE OF FRUIT PRODUCTION IN CANADA, 1950

		1949 '000	1/ '000	1950 '000
<u>CANADA</u>				
Apples	bu.	17,547		15,369
Pears	bu.	1,018		676
Plums and prunes	bu.	768		481
Peaches	bu.	2,016		1,052
Apricots	bu.	241		6
Cherries	bu.	510		301
Strawberries	qt.	26,666		21,887
Raspberries	qt.	11,223		n.a.
Loganberries	lb.	875		864
Grapes	lb.	36,480		64,820

1/ Subject to revision.

n.a., not available.

FIRST ESTIMATE OF FRUIT PRODUCTION IN CANADA, 1950, BY PROVINCES
(concluded)

		1949 ^{1/} '000	1950 '000
<u>NOVA SCOTIA</u>			
Apples	bu.	3,656	4,022
Pears	bu.	15	16
Plums and prunes	bu.	9	9
Strawberries	qt.	660	759
Raspberries	qt.	74	n.a.
<u>NEW BRUNSWICK</u>			
Apples	bu.	360	300
Strawberries	qt.	1,500	800
Raspberries	qt.	35	n.a.
<u>QUEBEC</u>			
Apples	bu.	2,000	2,000
Strawberries	qt.	7,500	3,700
Raspberries	qt.	300	n.a.
<u>ONTARIO</u>			
Apples	bu.	3,416	2,429
Pears	bu.	446	348
Plums and prunes	bu.	353	239
Peaches	bu.	1,238	1,030
Cherries	bu.	270	234
Strawberries	qt.	5,350	7,350
Raspberries	qt.	3,413	n.a.
Grapes	lb.	33,970	63,400
<u>BRITISH COLUMBIA</u>			
Apples	bu.	8,115	6,618
Pears	bu.	557	312
Plums and prunes	bu.	406	233
Peaches	bu.	778	22
Apricots	bu.	241	6
Cherries	bu.	240	67
Strawberries	qt.	11,656	9,270
Raspberries	qt.	7,401	6,503
Loganberries	lb.	875	864
Grapes	lb.	2,510	1,420

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Note:- The following weights were used to convert the above fruit to bushels:
Apples 45 lb. per bu.; apricots, plums, pears, peaches, cherries, 50 lb.
per bu.; strawberries and raspberries 1½ lb. per quart.

PROCESSORS' CONTRACTED ACREAGE OF ASPARAGUS, BEANS, CORN,
PEAS AND TOMATOES, 1949 AND 1950

		1949 <u>1/</u> acres	1950 <u>2/</u> acres
MARITIMES -	Beans	370	530
	Peas	1,170	1,920
QUEBEC -	Asparagus	60	60
	Beans	2,590	3,860
	Corn	13,090	9,050
	Peas	7,240	8,730
	Tomatoes	6,140	3,100
ONTARIO -	Asparagus	620	700
	Beans	960	620
	Corn	40,040	14,060
	Peas	17,870	17,880
	Tomatoes	29,420	23,650
PRAIRIE PROVINCES -	Asparagus	<u>3/</u>	<u>3/</u>
	Beans	400	500
	Corn	7,320	5,100
	Peas	3,570	4,610
BRITISH COLUMBIA -	Asparagus	170	170
	Beans	690	740
	Corn	2,600	1,880
	Peas	3,270	4,120
	Tomatoes	3,680	2,430
CANADA -	Asparagus	850	930
	Beans	5,010	6,250
	Corn	63,050	30,090
	Peas	33,120	37,260
	Tomatoes	39,240	29,180

1/ Revised.

2/ Includes late reports, revised reports and adjustments in some Quebec returns previously reported in arpents.

3/ One firm reporting.

Note:- Some contracts were signed on a tonnage basis and the quantity involved was converted to an acreage basis using the following standard yields per acre: asparagus, 1 ton; beans, 2 tons; corn, 3 tons; peas, 1 ton; tomatoes, 5 1/2 tons.



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