

Fruit Production.—Whilst the Prairie Provinces are devoted mainly to the production of grain and meat there is, especially in the older province of Manitoba, a not inconsiderable production of fruit, mostly small fruits. Table 20 gives the production and value of fruit for the year 1915. For the three provinces, the number of apple trees in bearing was 2,574, of apple trees not in bearing 10,618. Other orchard trees bearing numbered 7,120 and non-bearing 3,273. The orchard acreage was 674, and that of gardens 32,764. Of strawberries the production was 20,342 quarts, of raspberries 39,935 quarts, of currants 31,355 quarts, of gooseberries 11,609 quarts, of other small fruits 499 quarts, of apples 1,889 bushels and of other orchard fruits 1,393 bushels.

20—Fruit Production of the Prairie Provinces, 1915.

Fruits.	Manitoba	Saskatchewan.	Alberta.	Total.
Strawberries..... qts.	2,736	1,635	15,971	20,342
\$	477	203	1,309	1,989
Raspberries..... qts.	27,693	2,204	10,038	39,935
\$	4,905	224	1,127	6,256
Currants..... qts.	17,795	1,724	11,836	31,355
\$	3,108	345	2,257	5,710
Gooseberries..... qts.	4,763	1,480	5,366	11,609
\$	567	153	573	1,293
Other small fruits..... qts.	499	—	—	499
\$	180	—	—	180
Apples..... bush.	962	18	909	1,889
\$	1,733	18	1,173	2,924
Other orchard fruits..... bush.	1,101	30	262	1,393
\$	820	30	270	1,120
Apple trees, bearing..... no.	1,918	17	639	2,574
“ non-bearing..... no.	9,942	6	670	10,618
Other orchard trees, bearing..... no.	6,874	22	224	7,120
“ “ non-bearing..... no.	2,257	23	993	3,273
Orchard..... acres	600	2	72	674
Garden..... acres	13,479	1,858	17,427	32,764

Value of Farm Property.—Table 21 shows that the total value of all farm property in the three Prairie Provinces in 1916 was computed to be \$2,174,092,872, as compared with \$1,788,692,159 in 1911, an increase of \$385,400,713, or 21·5 p.c. Of the total in 1916, land accounts for \$1,382,407,066, buildings are \$218,547,013, implements \$165,824,925 and live stock \$407,313,868. Table 22 distributes the value of all farm property into land products, including field crops and fruits and vegetables, and animal products, including the value of animals sold, of animals slaughtered on the farm, of dairy products and of wool, eggs and honey, with absolute and relative comparisons as between 1910 and 1915.