

Annual Statistics of Fruit Production.—For each of the years 1919 to 1925, the Dominion Bureau of Statistics and the Fruit Branch of the Dominion Department of Agriculture have collected and published in co-operation statistics (1) of the quantities and values of commercial fruits produced in Canada, and (2) of the varieties and values of fruit trees, bushes and plants sold by nurserymen in Canada. Table 31, following, shows the estimated production and value of commercial fruits in Canada for each of the five years 1921-1925.¹

31.—Estimated Production and Value of Commercial Fruits in Canada, 1921-1925.

| Years. | Total quantity. | Average price. | Total value. | Years. | Total quantity. | Average price. | Total value. |
|--------------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|-----------------------|-----------------|----------------|--------------|
| | brl. | \$ | \$ | | qt. | \$ | \$ |
| Apples— | | | | Strawberries— | | | |
| 1921..... | 5,367,700 | 6-67 | 35,821,090 | 1921..... | 10,149,000 | 0-16 | 1,622,960 |
| 1922..... | 5,048,405 | 4-90 | 24,992,182 | 1922..... | 8,678,200 | 0-18 | 1,526,050 |
| 1923..... | 4,493,183 | 5-45 | 24,489,350 | 1923..... | 8,652,200 | 0-17 | 1,513,230 |
| 1924..... | 3,375,084 | 5-85 | 19,747,772 | 1924..... | 7,932,000 | 0-18 | 1,398,910 |
| 1925..... | 2,948,060 | 5-68 | 16,709,440 | 1925..... | 8,070,000 | 0-18 | 1,458,950 |
| Pears— | bush. | | | Raspberries— | | | |
| 1921..... | 435,968 | 2-58 | 1,124,162 | 1921..... | 7,522,950 | 0-15 | 1,123,001 |
| 1922..... | 461,227 | 1-45 | 668,854 | 1922..... | 8,271,725 | 0-18 | 1,159,287 |
| 1923..... | 227,355 | 2-42 | 550,537 | 1923..... | 4,496,840 | 0-23 | 1,044,001 |
| 1924..... | 196,809 | 2-40 | 471,924 | 1924..... | 2,000,460 | 0-20 | 401,012 |
| 1925..... | 156,422 | 2-13 | 332,735 | 1925..... | 1,947,000 | 0-21 | 401,690 |
| Plums and Prunes— | | | | Other Berries— | | | |
| 1921..... | 575,575 | 1-47 | 844,412 | 1921..... | 2,931,790 | 0-17 | 489,062 |
| 1922..... | 408,438 | 1-28 | 522,393 | 1922..... | 2,837,549 | 0-15 | 428,756 |
| 1923..... | 348,482 | 2-00 | 696,964 | 1923..... | 2,527,700 | 0-20 | 494,191 |
| 1924..... | 238,973 | 2-11 | 504,460 | 1924..... | 2,532,000 | 0-18 | 500,020 |
| 1925..... | 79,562 | 1-63 | 154,288 | 1925..... | 2,470,000 | 0-21 | 524,700 |
| Peaches— | | | | Grapes— | lb. | | |
| 1921..... | 366,715 | 2-30 | 844,936 | 1921..... | 46,872,308 | 0-05 | 2,812,338 |
| 1922..... | 577,561 | 1-56 | 904,325 | 1922..... | 70,308,462 | 0-05 | 3,515,423 |
| 1923..... | 403,660 | 2-27 | 916,050 | 1923..... | 42,185,077 | 0-06 | 2,742,030 |
| 1924..... | 154,384 | 2-62 | 404,663 | 1924..... | 24,500,000 | 0-06 | 1,470,000 |
| 1925..... | 201,840 | 2-71 | 547,772 | 1925..... | 24,000,000 | 0-07 | 1,680,000 |
| Cherries— | | | | | | | |
| 1921..... | 211,210 | 2-75 | 580,827 | | | | |
| 1922..... | 202,740 | 2-38 | 481,850 | | | | |
| 1923..... | 203,125 | 3-56 | 722,440 | | | | |
| 1924..... | 100,340 | 3-36 | 337,775 | | | | |
| 1925..... | 114,925 | 3-56 | 409,210 | | | | |

Tree Nursery Industry.—The first Canadian commercial nursery was established near Fonthill, Ont., in 1837, and was followed within five years by the establishment of a nursery by a Rochester, N.Y., firm in Toronto. Since that time the industry has steadily spread as the country has developed, until to-day there are approximately 170 firms growing or dealing in nursery stock of all kinds, including fruit trees. Canadian nurserymen have made great advancement in the type and hardiness of stock used for grafting and budding purposes, greatly enhancing the resistance of the trees against winter injury, an important factor in Canadian orcharding. The great problem of mixing varieties has been solved by the recent investigations carried out by the Dominion Experimental Stations, which have led to a system of identifying the different varieties in the nursery row. Identification of the varieties of apples has proved possible of accomplishment by any

¹ Reports of fruit production have been published in pamphlet form by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in 1922, 1924, 1925 and 1926. The first report for the year 1919 was published in the Monthly Bulletin of Agricultural Statistics, Aug., 1920, pp. 211-222.