

Subsection 5.—Horticulture.

The statistical treatment of horticulture is confined to fruit growing, vegetable growing, floriculture, and nursery stock production, all on a commercial scale. Of the several branches of commercial horticulture, fruit and vegetable growing are the most important. In recent years the latter has made remarkable gains and now surpasses fruit growing in total value of production. Vegetables and flowers grown in home gardens for private use probably exceed the volume of commercial production. The processing of fruits and vegetables is an important development closely allied to the production industry. In 1935, the latest year for which complete figures are available, the total value of processed fruits and vegetables, including wine, was almost 40 million dollars.

Apple growing is the mainstay of the fruit industry in Canada, the value of commercial production averaging over 10 million dollars annually for the years 1926-35. Other fruits cultivated include the pear, peach, plum, cherry, apricot, and grape, together with various berries of which the strawberry is most important. Substantial revenue is derived from the native blueberry and cranberry, the former being abundant over large areas of Eastern Canada, while the cranberry is found chiefly in the Maritime Provinces. Commercial fruit growing is centred mainly in the provinces of Nova Scotia, Ontario, and British Columbia. For a fuller discussion of fruit growing in Canada, the reader is referred to pp. 242-247 of the 1931 edition of the Year Book.

Satisfactory annual statistics of the commercial vegetable-growing industry are not at present available but important information on the subject is obtained through the decennial census. This material will be found on pp. 254-255 of the 1936 Year Book.

Annual Statistics of Fruit Production.—Table 25, shows the quantities and values of commercial fruit production in Canada for the years 1926-35 inclusive. A number of these figures have been revised since their publication in previous Year Books.

25.—Estimated Quantities and Values of Chief Commercial Fruit Production in Canada, 1926-35, with 5-Year Averages, 1926-30 and 1931-35.

NOTE.—Statistics of fruit production have been generally revised back to 1926 and are therefore republished in revised form for the period 1926-35 in this table.

Item.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.	1930.	1931.
Apples..... bbl.	3,013,215	2,867,560	3,314,875	3,930,365	3,471,430	3,825,630
\$	9,741,545	10,452,805	11,335,965	10,496,020	11,095,015	8,647,165
Pears..... bush.	274,925	332,440	259,370	355,910	453,545	396,080
\$	478,385	663,925	476,320	665,340	629,500	464,525
Peaches..... bush.	224,740	340,680	594,750	662,895	751,635	878,700
\$	602,550	1,051,750	1,201,230	1,684,465	1,166,520	1,172,525
Apricots..... bush.	47,200	15,040	36,400	33,510	11,400	40,610
\$	127,130	67,250	90,500	115,800	40,290	104,840
Plums and prunes..... bush.	317,985	245,525	496,580	269,300	263,680	209,470
\$	455,440	473,780	610,170	583,920	344,145	234,410