

volume of strawberries is grown in Colchester County and farther north as well as in the apple producing areas of the Annapolis Valley. In British Columbia most of the strawberries are grown in the Fraser Valley rather than in the predominantly tree-fruit producing area of the Okanagan Valley.

Raspberries are grown commercially in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec but the bulk of the crop is produced in Ontario and British Columbia with the Fraser Valley of British Columbia being the most important single area in Canada.

Wild blueberries are harvested on a commercial scale in Newfoundland, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Quebec. This crop is indigenous to certain lands in these areas. Individuals who harvest the wild berries may undertake to burn the land from time to time for weed control and to effect pruning. Dusting is often carried out to control insects, and bees are sometimes introduced to secure better pollination. A large percentage of the crop is frozen and exported. Some blueberries are picked for sale in other provinces but no statistics are available. There is also some production of cultivated blueberries, particularly in British Columbia.

A marketing system has been developed for distributing fresh fruit from the specialized production areas to all parts of the country and a large proportion of the deciduous fruit consumed in Canada is grown domestically. Considerable quantities of apples, strawberries and blueberries are exported annually, with the United States as the most important export market for Canadian fruit. Import restrictions by the United Kingdom have greatly reduced exports of Canadian fruit to that market in recent years.

Canning and processing industries have developed in the fruit growing districts and, although the importance of the processing market varies with different fruits, it provides a valuable outlet for substantial proportions of most Canadian grown fruit crops. Some canned fruits are exported.

