

quantities of strawberries are 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. The Fraser Valley of British Columbia is the most important producing area.

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 of this trade 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.

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.

### 28.—Estimated Commercial Production and Farm Value of Fruit, 1955-57

Kind of Fruit and Year	Quantity	Weight	Farm Value	Average Farm Price per Unit of Quantity <sup>1</sup>	Kind of Fruit and Year	Quantity	Weight	Farm Value	Average Farm Price per Unit of Quantity <sup>1</sup>
	'000 bu.	'000 lb.	\$'000	\$		'000 bu.	'000 lb.	\$'000	\$
Apples—					Cherries (sour)—				
1955.....	19,142	861,390	10,870	0.57	1955.....	542	27,100	2,208	4.07
1956.....	12,424	559,080	16,048	1.29	1956.....	292	14,600	1,253	4.29
1957.....	15,906	715,770	14,881	0.94	1957.....	366	18,300	1,867	5.10
Pears—					Strawberries—	'000 qt.			
1955.....	1,510	75,500	2,579	1.71	1955.....	22,674	30,223	5,910	0.26
1956.....	1,400	70,000	2,853	2.04	1956.....	19,112	24,300	4,240	0.22
1957.....	1,094	54,700	2,161	1.98	1957.....	16,459	21,814	3,698	0.22
Plums and Prunes—					Raspberries—				
1955.....	815	40,750	1,068	1.31	1955.....	12,099	17,411	2,775	0.23
1956.....	534	26,709	896	1.68	1956.....	6,656	9,193	2,407	0.36
1957.....	566	28,300	925	1.63	1957.....	12,311	17,701	3,008	0.24
Peaches—					Loganberries—	'000 lb.			
1955.....	2,883	144,150	6,125	2.12	1955.....	1,237	1,237	178	0.14
1956.....	1,667	83,350	4,384	2.63	1956.....	279	279	53	0.19
1957.....	2,801	140,050	6,116	2.18	1957.....	1,059	1,059	162	0.15
Apricots—					Grapes—				
1955.....	184	9,200	316	1.72	1955.....	94,752	94,752	3,622	0.04
1956.....	84	4,200	194	2.31	1956.....	80,274	80,274	3,293	0.04
1957.....	281	14,050	450	1.60	1957.....	69,319	69,319	2,832	0.04
Cherries (sweet)—					Blueberries—				
1955.....	221	11,050	1,295	5.86	1955.....	25,062	25,062	2,688	0.11
1956.....	96	4,800	823	8.57	1956.....	14,958	14,958	2,290	0.15
1957.....	239	11,950	1,717	7.18	1957.....	13,756	13,756	1,887	0.14

<sup>1</sup> Price to growers (to pickers in the case of blueberries) for unpacked fruit.