

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.

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.

28.—Estimated Commercial Production and Farm Value of Fruit, 1956-58

Kind of Fruit and Year	Quantity	Weight	Farm Value	Average Farm Price per Unit of Quantity ¹	Kind of Fruit and Year	Quantity	Weight	Farm Value	Average Farm Price per Unit of Quantity ¹
				\$					\$
Apples—	'000 bu.	'000 lb.	\$'000	\$	Cherries (sour)—	'000 bu.	'000 lb.	\$'000	\$
1956.....	12,424	559,080	16,048	1.29	1956.....	292	14,600	1,253	4.29
1957.....	15,630	703,350	18,035	1.15	1957.....	366	18,300	1,867	5.10
1958.....	17,006	765,270	14,729	0.87	1958.....	460	23,000	1,937	4.21
Pears—					Strawberries—	'000 qt.			
1956.....	1,400	70,000	2,853	2.04	1956.....	19,112	24,300	4,240	0.22
1957.....	1,094	54,700	2,201	2.01	1957.....	16,459	21,814	3,675	0.22
1958.....	1,521	76,050	2,986	1.96	1958.....	22,918	30,341	5,012	0.22
Plums and Prunes—					Raspberries—				
1956.....	534	26,700	896	1.68	1956.....	6,656	9,193	2,407	0.36
1957.....	566	28,300	946	1.67	1957.....	12,311	17,701	3,008	0.24
1958.....	648	32,400	1,194	1.84	1958.....	11,016	15,671	2,392	0.22
Peaches—					Loganberries—	'000 lb.			
1956.....	1,667	83,350	4,384	2.63	1956.....	279	279	53	0.19
1957.....	2,801	140,050	6,218	2.22	1957.....	1,059	1,059	161	0.15
1958.....	3,043	152,150	5,404	1.78	1958.....	893	893	134	0.15
Apricots—					Grapes—				
1956.....	84	4,200	194	2.31	1956.....	80,274	80,274	3,293	0.04
1957.....	281	14,050	523	1.86	1957.....	69,319	69,319	2,832	0.04
1958.....	231	11,550	443	1.92	1958.....	106,222	106,222	4,867	0.05
Cherries (sweet)—					Blueberries—				
1956.....	96	4,800	823	8.57	1956.....	14,958	14,958	2,290	0.15
1957.....	239	11,950	1,739	7.28	1957.....	13,756	13,756	1,888	0.14
1958.....	297	14,850	1,799	6.06	1958.....	16,283	16,283	2,365	0.15

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