

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 achieve 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.

27.—Estimated Commercial Production and Farm Value of Fruit, 1957-59

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—					Cherries (sour)—				
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
1959.....	15,517	698,265	17,294	1.11	1959.....	241	12,050	815	3.38
Pears—					Strawberries—	'000 qt.			
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.....	23,926 ^r	31,600 ^r	5,264 ^r	0.22
1959.....	1,276	63,800	2,355	1.85	1959.....	21,405	28,308	4,711	0.22
Plums and Prunes—					Raspberries—				
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.....	11,865 ^r	16,732 ^r	2,655 ^r	0.22
1959.....	620	31,000	1,020	1.65	1959.....	11,215	15,963	2,781	0.25
Peaches—					Loganberries—	'000 lb.			
1957.....	2,801	140,050	6,218	2.22	1957.....	1,059	1,059	161	0.15
1958.....	3,043	152,150	5,731 ^r	1.89 ^r	1958.....	893	893	134	0.15
1959.....	2,645	132,250	5,444	2.06	1959.....	1,217	1,217	184	0.15
Apricots—					Grapes—				
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
1959.....	181	9,050	464	2.56	1959.....	84,378	84,378	4,034	0.05
Cherries (sweet)—					Blueberries—				
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
1959.....	246	12,300	1,708	6.94	1959.....	23,008	23,008	2,710	0.12

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