

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.

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.

Tables 27 and 28 show the estimated commercial production of fruit, by kind and by province, for the years 1958-60. Although details of production for 1961 were not available at the time of the preparation of this material, estimates placed the apple crop at 16,200,000 bu., 9 p.c. above the 1960 output, and growers picked an estimated 3,100,000 bu. of peaches, the largest crop ever produced. Plums and prunes, cherries and loganberries were also harvested in greater quantities.

27.—Estimated Commercial Production and Farm Value of Fruit, 1958-60

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
	'000 bu.	'000 lb.	\$'000	\$		'000 bu.	'000 lb.	\$'000	\$
Apples—					Cherries (sour)—				
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
1960.....	14,914	671,130	23,147	1.55	1960.....	254	12,700	1,326	5.22
Pears—					Strawberries—	'000 qt.			
1958.....	1,521	76,050	2,986	1.96	1958.....	23,926	31,600	5,264	0.22
1959.....	1,276	63,800	2,355	1.85	1959.....	21,405	28,308	4,711	0.22
1960.....	1,528	76,400	3,209	2.10	1960.....	26,114	33,880	5,734	0.22
Plums and Prunes—					Raspberries—				
1958.....	648	32,400	1,194	1.84	1958.....	11,865	16,732	2,655	0.22
1959.....	620	31,000	1,020	1.65	1959.....	11,215	15,963	2,781	0.25
1960.....	467	23,350	970	2.08	1960.....	11,899	16,760	3,126	0.26
Peaches—					Loganberries—	'000 lb.			
1958.....	3,043	152,150	5,761	1.89	1958.....	893	893	134	0.15
1959.....	2,645	132,250	5,444	2.06	1959.....	1,217	1,217	184	0.15
1960.....	2,362	118,100	6,137	2.60	1960.....	1,095	1,095	163	0.15
Apricots—					Grapes—				
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
1960.....	305	15,270	674	2.21	1960.....	113,167	113,167	4,899	0.04
Cherries (sweet)—					Blueberries—				
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
1960.....	201	10,050	1,893	9.41	1960.....	19,604	19,604	2,383	0.12

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