

HORTICULTURE

Fruit Crop Report

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Weather conditions in Canada have been favorable during the month of July for the fruit industry. Apples are estimated somewhat lower for July than for June. Early and fall apples are estimated as slightly above medium. Winter apples at less than a medium crop; quality good.

Pears are reported a light crop, except in British Columbia and Southern Ontario where a medium crop is expected. Early peaches are reported a light crop. Late peaches are reported light to medium.

Cherries have proved a medium crop and have sold at fair prices. Plums are reported light generally. In British Columbia, certain sections report a medium crop. In the Georgian Bay District three or four varieties promise well. Grapes are reported a full crop.

Strawberries and raspberries have been reduced by dry weather, but the average has been very good. Small fruits, other than the above, are yielding or promise a full crop. Tomatoes are a medium crop ripening early. Insects and fungous diseases are not so prevalent as usual.

The United States report prospects for a medium crop of apples, evenly distributed in season and territory. Peaches are a full crop; other fruits good. Great Britain has prospects for a medium crop of apples, other fruits being good.

Iced Cars for Fruit

Horticultural Editor, The Canadian Dairyman and Farming World.—I am authorized to announce that arrangements have again been made with the railway companies to supply iced cars for the carriage of fruit, in carloads, intended for export via Montreal or Quebec.

Cars will be supplied on request of shippers to railway agents, and the Department of Agriculture will pay icing charges to the extent of \$5.00 a car. This arrangement will be effective from August 3rd to October 3rd.—J. A. Ruddick, Commissioner of Dairying and Cold Storage, Ottawa.

Strawberry Culture

H. J. Woodman, Ottawa

At a recent meeting of the Ottawa Horticultural Society a lady asked how to grow strawberries for home use. If she gives strawberries a trial, she will be delighted with the result of her labor. Any lady can grow strawberries, when the ground is dug and manured, and the plants are in the ground, she can take care of them herself. The best time to do work on the strawberry bed in summer is about five o'clock in the morning before it is too warm. From the bearing patch gather the berries early in the morning.

Strawberries like firm ground, but they will grow almost anywhere. The plants must have plenty of sunshine and manure and lots of water in the dry season. They must not be allowed to go dry after fruiting as the following season's crop is being prepared this autumn. Try and get good, thick sturdy plants before winter sets in and a crop is sure when the time comes.

Nearly all strawberry growers follow a method of their own in planting. I will give the one that I have followed for a number of years. We used to find fault with strawberries because we had to wait two years for a full crop and they took up so much ground. Instead of planting so wide apart as I did at first, I set the plants out one foot apart each way in straight

lines. When the plants have fruited the first year and the crop is cleared, I go at once with a spade and destroy every alternate row, clearing away all the weeds and rubbish at the same time. I then take out every alternate plant. Now we have them two feet apart each way. If it be a strong growing variety, we must allow more room in planting in the first place, but the idea is to get a crop all over the ground instead of planting other catch crops or allowing weeds to fill up the vacant spaces as is often the case.

All the space between the plants

must be kept free from weeds. Hoe about two inches deep and hoe often. In the springtime when the weeds are young, they will soon wither up. Hoeing, watering and cutting off runners is all the work connected with strawberry growing.

Keep the plants singly; never allow runners from neighboring plants to settle and root by the side of others. They must not be allowed to grow into a wild, neglected mass. Place a thick layer of manure on the plants in the autumn.

Three years is as long as I allow a bed to lay and fruit. I have gathered

good strawberries from beds that have been planted for twenty years and cared for in the manner described, however, but it is advisable to make additional plantings on fresh ground and so be prepared to root up the old beds as they get too old to produce first class desert fruit, which happens usually in three years.

As spring comes round be prepared to get your young plants layered in pots to be planted out of doors as soon as they are well rooted. Be careful not to plant too deep. The base of the plant should be just at the surface of the ground.



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