

BUSH BERRIES
INDICATED YIELD AND PRODUCTION
July 15, 1966

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TAME BLACKBERRIES: Production of tame blackberries for 1966 in Oregon and Washington is forecast at 39.1 million pounds, 13 percent more than last year and 47 percent above average. The acreage is up from last year in both States and Washington growers expect a higher yield. In Oregon, the blackberry yield is expected to be less than in 1965 but the increase in acreage will more than offset the reduced yield. In Washington, the cool summer has delayed ripening of berries. Picking of early varieties began about mid-July; however, peak harvest is not expected until mid-August. Good yields are anticipated although dry soils in Clark County will limit production there. Crop prospects are good in Oregon as weather conditions have generally been favorable for berry development. Some patches in the Yamhill County area were hit hard by the late May freeze, but in the other areas only scattered light damage occurred. Harvest of the early varieties started in early July and should be nearly completed by August 1. Harvest of Evergreens will start in early August and become general by mid-August.

BLUEBERRIES: Production of blueberries in Washington is expected to be 3,575,000 pounds, 4 percent less than last year but 8 percent above average. In the Mossyrock area and some other important growing districts fields were damaged by the late May freeze. Production from these areas will be reduced. In many other areas good yields are expected. Picking began in early July but peak harvest will come around the end of July.

RED RASPBERRIES: Oregon growers started harvest the week of June 25 and harvesting reached the peak about mid-July. Weather conditions have been favorable, resulting in good yields. Washington harvest has been slow and picking was delayed by rains in many northern areas during July. Harvest is about at mid-point. Quality has held up well.

BLACK RASPBERRIES: Picking in Oregon began the week of June 25, and peak harvest occurred during the week of July 9. Yields in Clackamas County appear to be running above previous expectations, but in other areas yields are running at the anticipated low levels. Freeze damage in Washington limited production for many areas with Clark County, one of the hardest hit areas. Picking was just getting underway in mid-July.

CURRANTS: Spring frost and winter damage are apparent in western Washington. Harvest will start in late July on Vashon Island near Seattle. Picking in the other major areas around Prosser was completed by mid-July with a smaller crop than last year.

BOYSENBERRIES: Harvest of boysenberries in Oregon got underway shortly after July 1, a few days earlier than last year. Weather conditions have been favorable for good berry growth and crop prospects remain good.

LOGANBERRIES: First picking of Oregon's loganberries began during the week of June 25 and was in full swing by the first week of July. Yield prospects continue favorable.

Bush berries: Indicated production, 1966 with comparisons 1/

Crop and State	Acreage		Yield per acre			Production	
	1965	1966	1965	Indicated 1966	Average: 1960-64	1965	Indicated 1966
	Acres	Acres	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
<u>RED RASPBERRIES</u>							
Washington	3,100	2,900	5,800	6,200	16,270	17,980	18,009
Oregon	3,650	3,650	3,800	4,800	12,200	13,870	17,520
Total 2 States ..	6,750	6,550	4,710	5,424	28,470	31,850	35,529
<u>BLACK RASPBERRIES</u>							
Washington	160	180	2,100	1,300	310	336	234
Oregon	3,500	3,700	1,500	1,100	3,470	5,250	4,070
Total 2 States ..	3,660	3,880	1,526	1,109	3,780	5,586	4,304
<u>TAME BLACKBERRIES</u>							
Washington	650	670	7,500	8,200	5,400	4,875	5,494
Oregon	4,200	4,800	7,100	7,000	21,132	29,820	33,600
Total 2 States ..	4,850	5,470	7,154	7,147	26,532	34,695	39,094
<u>BLUEBERRIES</u>							
Washington	630	650	5,900	5,500	3,299	3,717	3,575
<u>CURRANTS</u>							
Washington	230	230	6,600	6,200	986	1,518	1,426
<u>BOYSENBERRIES AND YOUNGBERRIES</u>							
Oregon	1,250	1,450	3,600	3,900	3,953	4,500	5,655
<u>LOGANBERRIES</u>							
Oregon	380	390	3,700	4,300	1,945	1,406	1,677

1/ Indications of all berry crops, except blackberries and blueberries, are as of June 15, 1966. Indicated blackberry and blueberry production is as of July 15.