

BUSH BERRIES
INDICATED PRODUCTION - WASHINGTON AND OREGON
JUNE 15, 1967

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The mid-June survey of Washington and Oregon bush berry growers indicated that the total production of red raspberries, black raspberries, loganberries, boysenberries and youngberries, and currants will be above last year. Growing conditions have generally been good for these crops. Harvest of red raspberries is expected to begin about July 1 in Washington and around July 4 in Oregon, several days later than last season.

Red raspberry production is forecast at 38.7 million pounds, 3 percent more than last year and 32 percent above average. In Washington, the acreage is unchanged from last year but higher yields are expected. Prospects are good in all major areas and May and June weather promoted excellent fruiting. Soil moisture is becoming short in Clark county and some northern fields but is not critical. Due to the cool spring, harvest will be later than normal. Oregon's production is expected to be down slightly from last year due to a small decrease in acreage. Yields are expected to equal last year's output. Prospects are mostly favorable for a good crop.

Black raspberry production is forecast at 5.8 million pounds, 9 percent above last year and one-third more than average. Most of the production is in Oregon, where the acreage is down from last year but yields are expected to be considerably higher. Harvest is expected to start around July 9, several days later than last year. A cool spring, rains, and late frosts apparently caused some damage to black raspberries but prospects are generally good in all areas. In Washington, a slightly smaller crop is expected as a decrease in acreage will more than offset expected higher yields. Recent weather has been ideal for crop development. Harvest will be later than normal and picking is expected to start about mid-July in Clark county and around August 1 in the lower Yakima Valley.

Currants: Washington's production of currants is expected to total 2,200,000 pounds, up 14 percent from last year and nearly double the average production. Acreage is down slightly from 1966 but yields are up sharply. Crop prospects are variable as a cool spring and scattered frosts limited prospects on some fields in Yakima county. On Vashon Island, a generally good crop is expected but harvest will be late due to the cool spring; harvest is expected to start about July 24.

Boysenberry and Youngberry production in Oregon is forecast at 6.7 million pounds, up 8 percent from last year and 71 percent above average. Acreage for harvest is up 150 acres from last year but expected yields are down. Prospects are generally favorable for a good crop and harvest is expected to begin about July 11.

Loganberries: The Oregon loganberry crop was expected to total 2.2 million pounds, 7 percent more than last year and 13 percent above average. Both acreage and yield prospects are above last year. Some spring weather damage occurred in the Willamette Valley. However, the degree of damage was light. Generally a good crop is in prospect. Harvest is expected to get underway about July 3, nearly a week later than last season.

Bush berries: Indicated production 1967 with comparisons 1/

Crop and State	Acreage		Yield per acre			Production	
	1966	1967	1966	Indicated	Average	1966	Indicated
				1967	1961-65	1966	1967
	Acres	Acres	Pounds	Pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
<u>RED RASPBERRIES</u>							
Washington	3,100	3,100	6,600	7,000	16,538	20,460	21,700
Oregon	3,750	3,700	4,600	4,600	12,790	17,250	17,020
Total 2 States ...	6,850	6,800	5,505	5,694	29,328	37,710	38,720
<u>BLACK RASPBERRIES</u>							
Washington	150	130	1,900	2,000	294	285	260
Oregon	3,600	3,250	1,400	1,700	4,045	5,040	5,525
Total 2 States ...	3,750	3,380	1,420	1,712	4,339	5,325	5,785
<u>TAME BLACKBERRIES</u>							
Washington	670	700	6,800	1/	5,129	4,556	1/
Oregon	4,800	4,650	7,700	1/	22,650	36,960	1/
Total 2 States ...	5,470	5,350	7,590	1/	27,779	41,516	1/
<u>BLUEBERRIES</u>							
Washington	650	670	6,000	1/	3,466	3,900	1/
<u>CURRANTS</u>							
Washington	230	220	8,400	10,000	1,141	1,932	2,200
<u>BOYSENBERRIES AND YOUNGBERRIES</u>							
Oregon	1,450	1,600	4,300	4,200	3,923	6,235	6,720
<u>LOGANBERRIES</u>							
Oregon	410	430	4,900	5,000	1,901	2,009	2,150

1/ Indications of all berry crops, except blackberries and blueberries, are as of June 15, 1967. Indicated blackberry and blueberry production is of July 15.