

BUSH BERRIES
INDICATED PRODUCTION - WASHINGTON AND OREGON
JUNE 15, 1966

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The mid-June survey of Washington and Oregon bush berry growers indicates that the production of red raspberries, loganberries, and boysenberries and youngberries will be above last year, but that the production of black raspberries and currants will be below a year earlier. Late spring frosts have reduced prospects from earlier expectations. Harvest of red raspberries is expected to begin about June 27 in Oregon and around July 1 in Washington.

Red raspberry production is forecast at 35.5 million pounds, 12 percent more than last year and 25 percent above average. In Washington the acreage is down from last year but better yields are expected. Oregon's acreage of red raspberries is unchanged from last year but yields are expected to be well above 1965. A frost in Washington on May 27 caused serious localized damage but the majority of the fields escaped with little or no damage. Yield prospects in most fields are for an average or better crop. Prospects are good in Oregon but on some non-irrigated acreage the fruit is not sizing well due to the dry conditions this spring. Some scattered frost damage occurred in Clackamas and Multnomah counties, but very little acreage was affected. Fruit set and size are very good on the first and second year plants.

Black raspberry production is forecast at 4.3 million pounds, 23 percent less than last year but 14 percent above average. Most of the production is in Oregon. A hard freeze in that State during late May severely damaged the crop in Clackamas, Multnomah, Washington, and Yamhill counties. In other producing areas some frost damage occurred, but very little of the acreage was affected. Dry weather has reduced production on the non-irrigated fields in all areas. The older plantings seemed to have been hurt most by the dry weather. Localized frost damage has also reduced prospects in Washington.

Currants: Washington's production of currants is expected to total 1.4 million pounds, down 6 percent from last year but 45 percent more than average. Acreage is unchanged from 1965 but yields are expected to be down. A late spring frost lowered yield prospects in both the Yakima Valley and on Vashon Island. Harvest is expected to begin about the second week of July.

Boysenberry and youngberry production in Oregon is forecast at 5.7 million pounds, up 26 percent from last year and 43 percent above average. The late May freeze also caused some damage to boysenberries and youngberries, but not as extensive as to black raspberries. Yield prospects are up from last year. In most areas the crop development is about a week ahead of a year ago. Harvest is expected to start around July 11.

Loganberries: The Oregon loganberry crop is expected to total 1.7 million pounds, 19 percent more than last year but 14 percent below average. Acreage and yield prospects are both above last year. Widely scattered frost damage occurred, but the acreage affected was small. Berry size will be smaller than last year on some of the non-irrigated acreage because of the dry weather. Harvest will probably get underway about the last of June.

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Bush berries: Indicated production, 1966 with comparisons

Crop and State	Acreage		Yield per acre			Production	
	1965	1966	1965	Indicated 1966	Average: 1960-64	1965	Indicated 1966
	Acres	Acres	Pounds	Pounds	pounds	pounds	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	1,102	3,780	5,586	4,304
<u>TAME BLACKBERRIES</u>							
Washington	650	670	7,500	1/	5,400	4,875	1/
Oregon	4,200	4,800	7,100	1/	21,132	29,820	1/
Total 2 States ...	4,850	5,470	7,154	1/	26,532	34,695	1/
<u>BLUEBERRIES</u>							
Washington	630	650	5,200	1/	3,299	3,717	1/
<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	3,200	3,953	4,500	5,655
<u>LOGANBERRIES</u>							
Oregon	380	390	3,700	4,300	1,945	1,406	1,677

1/ Yield and production estimates for this crop will be released July 25, 1966.