

BUSH BERRIES  
INDICATED YIELD AND PRODUCTION  
July 15, 1965

July 26, 1965

TAME BLACKBERRIES: Production of tame blackberries for 1965 in Oregon and Washington is forecast at 31,315,000 pounds, 13 percent more than last year and 23 percent above average. In both States the acreage is up from last year and Washington growers expect a higher yield than a year ago. In Oregon, the blackberry yield is expected to be less than in 1964 but the increase in acreage will more than offset the smaller yield. There is a good set of berries in Washington; however, late spring frosts did cause some reduction in the number and length of fruiting laterals. Additional moisture is needed to insure good berry development. Harvest in Washington is expected to get underway the second week of August. In Oregon, winter damage occurred in many fields with northern exposure in Multnomah and Clackamas counties. Light damage occurred in a few fields in the Willamette Valley. Prospects are generally quite good. The season in Oregon is about two weeks ahead of last year and picking of the earliest varieties began in late June. Harvesting of Marions began in early July and Evergreen harvest is expected to get underway in early August.

BLUEBERRIES: Production of blueberries in Washington is expected to be 3,717,000 pounds, 11 percent above last year and 16 percent more than average. Both the acreage and yield are above last year's levels. Late varieties have a good set but early varieties were hurt by late spring freezes during bloom. The total crop was reduced somewhat by heavy frosts in mid-March. Harvest was getting underway about mid-July.

RED RASPBERRIES: Oregon growers started harvest during the week of June 19 and harvest was in full swing before July 1, about two weeks earlier than last year. Several hot days in early July caused berries to ripen faster than pickers could handle them, resulting in some loss of fruit. Harvest is past the peak in Washington. The unusual overlapping of strawberry and raspberry harvests resulted in a shortage of pickers for about a week causing some losses of berries. Dry weather is reported to have reduced yield prospects somewhat below earlier expectations.

BLACK RASPBERRIES: Picking in Oregon began in late June and accelerated rapidly in early July. Yield prospects continue to be favorable. Warm weather in Washington caused rapid ripening of the berries and harvest is well underway.

CURRANTS: Harvest of currants in Washington's West Side was underway by mid-July and is expected to be completed by the end of July. Picking in the Yakima Valley was underway by July 1.

BOYSENBERRIES: Harvest of boysenberries in Oregon began during the week of July 4, about a week earlier than last year. Dry weather during late June and early July may have limited berry size but prospects remain good.

LOGANBERRIES: First picking of Oregon's loganberries began during the week ending June 26 and moved rapidly during July, more than two weeks earlier than last year. Yields are variable and running below a year ago due to spring frost damage to the canes.

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Bush berries: Indicated production, 1965 with comparisons 1/

Crop and State	Acreage		Yield per acre		Production		
	1964	1965	1964	Indicated	Average:	1964	Indicated
				1965	1959-63		
	Acres	Acres	Pounds	Pounds	pounds	pounds	pounds
<u>RED RASPBERRIES</u>							
Washington .....	2,900	3,200	6,000	6,450	15,806	17,400	20,640
Oregon .....	2,700	3,400	4,800	4,500	11,714	12,960	15,300
Total 2 States	5,600	6,600	5,421	5,445	27,520	30,360	35,940
<u>BLACK RASPBERRIES</u>							
Washington .....	160	140	1,600	1,700	346	256	238
Oregon .....	2,600	3,500	1,600	1,500	3,862	4,160	5,250
Total 2 States	2,760	3,640	1,600	1,508	4,208	4,416	5,488
<u>TAME BLACKBERRIES</u>							
Washington .....	660	670	7,100	8,500	5,574	4,680	5,695
Oregon .....	3,500	4,200	6,600	6,100	19,977	23,100	25,620
Total 2 States	4,160	4,870	6,678	6,430	25,551	27,780	31,315
<u>BLUEBERRIES</u>							
Washington .....	620	630	5,400	5,900	3,193	3,350	3,717
<u>CURRANTS</u>							
Washington .....	240	240	5,100	5,800	881	1,224	1,392
<u>BOYSENBERRIES AND YOUNGBERRIES</u>							
Oregon .....	1,150	1,250	3,300	3,300	4,554	3,795	4,125
<u>LOGANBERRIES</u>							
Oregon .....	420	420	4,000	3,500	1,983	1,680	1,470

1/ Indications of all berry crops, except blackberries, are those released June 15, 1965. Indicated blackberry production is as of July 15.