

BUSH BERRIES
INDICATED YIELD AND PRODUCTION

July 15, 1964

July 24, 1964

Production of tame blackberries for 1964 in Oregon and Washington is forecast at 28,043,000 pounds, 18 percent greater than last year and 13 percent above average. In both States there is an increase in acreage and Oregon growers expect the yield to be up from last year. In Washington, the blackberry yield is expected to be slightly less than in 1963. The Washington crop is quite variable because some acreage was frost damaged while other acreage escaped and has a better crop than last year. Blight and mildew have been reported by a few growers. The crop is late this season and harvest is not expected to begin until August 21, about a week later than last year. Although the evergreen varieties of blackberries in Oregon had varying degrees of late spring frost damage, the crop is expected to be better than last year. Early varieties are generally in very good condition and harvest had begun by July 11 but growers will not commence to pick the main (evergreen) crop until after mid-August.

RED RASPBERRIES: Oregon growers started picking red raspberries about July 4--about 10 days later than last year. Moderate daytime temperatures have been favorable for harvest. Rain on July 14 stopped all harvest for that one day. In Washington, cool, wet weather the week of July 12-18 slowed development of red raspberries and subsequently gray mold started causing some loss of berries. Picking is expected to end about August 1.

BLACK RASPBERRIES: In Oregon picking began the week of July 4, but progressed slowly and was not general until mid-month. Yield prospects continue to be quite variable. Black raspberries in Washington are in good condition.

BLUEBERRIES: Washington growers have commenced picking some blueberries although harvest is not expected to be underway to any great extent until after August 1. Many berries are still green but appear in good condition.

CURRANTS: Washington West Side currants are not ripening very fast but growers plan to start picking about July 27. In Yakima County, picking was more than 50 percent complete about mid-July and is expected to be finished by July 30.

BOYSENBERRIES: Harvest of boysenberries in Oregon started in a limited way about mid-July. Temperatures have been moderate generally and have favored good berry growth. Prospects are for yields somewhat better than last year.

LOGANBERRIES: First pickings of Oregon's loganberries began during the week ending July 11 with harvest running about 10 days behind last year. Yield prospects continue to be fair although slightly below 1963.

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Bush berries: Indicated production, 1964 with comparisons ^{1/}

Crop and State	Acreage		Yield per acre		Production		
	1963	1964	1963	Indicated 1964	Average: 1958-62:	1963	Indicated 1964
	Acres	Acres	Pounds	Pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds	1,000 pounds
<u>RED RASPBERRIES</u>							
Washington.	2,550	2,850	7,100	7,100	15,194	18,105	20,235
Oregon.	2,600	2,800	5,700	6,000	10,934	14,820	16,800
Total 2 States:	5,150	5,650	6,393	6,555	26,128	32,925	37,035
<u>BLACK RASPBERRIES</u>							
Washington.	160	160	1,750	1,700	410	280	272
Oregon.	2,400	2,600	1,500	1,600	4,948	3,600	4,160
Total 2 States:	2,560	2,760	1,516	1,606	5,358	3,880	4,432
<u>TAME BLACKBERRIES</u>							
Washington.	610	630	8,150	8,100	5,905	4,972	5,103
Oregon.	3,300	3,700	5,700	6,200	19,020	18,810	22,940
Total 2 States:	3,910	4,330	6,082	6,476	24,925	23,782	28,043
<u>BLUEBERRIES</u>							
Washington.	610	630	7,000	6,800	2,855	4,270	4,284
<u>CURRANTS</u>							
Washington.	260	240	4,500	5,000	772	1,170	1,200
<u>BOYSENBERRIES AND YOUNGBERRIES</u>							
Oregon.	1,100	1,150	3,200	3,500	5,010	3,520	4,025
<u>LOGANBERRIES</u>							
Oregon.	450	440	4,800	4,500	1,727	2,160	1,980

^{1/} Indications of all berry crops, except blackberries, are those released June 15, 1964. Indicated blackberry production is as of July 15.