

BUSH BERRIES
INDICATED PRODUCTION--WASHINGTON AND OREGON
JUNE 15, 1964

June 25, 1964

The mid-June survey of Washington and Oregon bush berry growers indicates an increased output for black raspberries, red raspberries, currants, and boysenberries and youngberries. Production of loganberries is expected to fall short of 1963. Cool, wet weather is delaying development in Oregon and except for red raspberries, the harvest is expected to be about 10 days later than normal. Cool and wet weather in Washington is delaying the harvest of strawberries and considerable overlap in harvest of red raspberries is in prospect. Condition of canes is good in both States although some frost damage to currants occurred in Washington.

RED RASPBERRIES: A two-State total of 37,035,000 pounds of red raspberries is forecast, up 12 percent from last year and 42 percent above average. Both Washington and Oregon expect larger crops from increased acreage. Average yield per acre is expected to be the same as last year in Washington and above last year in Oregon. Harvest is expected to be a week later than normal in Washington, getting underway about July 6 and the harvest will also be somewhat later in most areas of Oregon this year.

BLACK RASPBERRIES: The expected production of 4,432,000 pounds of black raspberries in Washington and Oregon is 14 percent above last year but 17 percent below average. All of the increase in production is expected in Oregon--more than offsetting a slight decline in Washington. The Oregon harvest is expected to be about 10 days later than normal. Acreage for harvest is holding steady in Washington and is up in Oregon.

BLUEBERRIES: The blueberry forecast for Washington is 4,284,000 pounds, about the same as in 1963 but 50 percent above average. A small increase in acreage this year is expected to offset slightly lower average yields. Early varieties suffered some frost damage. Harvest is expected to begin the last week of July--about 10 days later than normal.

CURRANTS: Improved yields on a reduced acreage of currants in Washington this year is expected to produce a crop of 1,200,000 pounds, up 3 percent from last year and 55 percent above average. Harvest of the crop is expected to begin about July 10. Frost damaged early blooms but late blooms set heavy. Vashon Island growers are experiencing some mildew problems.

BOYSENBERRIES AND YOUNGBERRIES: The Oregon crop of boysenberries and youngberries is forecast at 4,025,000 pounds, 14 percent above last year, a result of both higher yields and an increased acreage. A crop of this size would be 20 percent below the average.

LOGANBERRIES: Total output of Oregon loganberries is expected to be 1,980,000 pounds, down 8 percent from last year, but 15 percent above average. Harvest will be a week or more later than normal.

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Bush berries: Indicated production, 1964 with comparisons

Crop and State	Acreage		Yield per acre			Production	
	1963	1964	1963	Indicated	Average	1963	Indicated
				1964	1958-62		1964
	Acres	Acres	Pounds	Pounds	pounds	pounds	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	1/	5,905	4,972	1/
Oregon	3,300	3,700	5,700	1/	19,020	18,810	1/
Total 2 States ..	3,910	4,330	6,082	1/	24,925	23,782	1/
<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/ Yield and production estimates for this crop will be released July 24, 1964.