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FOREWORD

This Summary furnishes details of the area, production and overseas disposals of Australia's Fruit Crop, excluding Grapes, and includes particulars in some detail of the production and trade in canned fruits and dried tree fruits. The last issue of this summary (Volume I. No. 3.) was released on 27th February, 1948. The information given supplements other 1947-48 crop data already released respecting Wheat, Vegetables and Other Crops. This Summary excludes particulars of vineyards which have been included in the Crop Summary issued on 28th October, 1948.

In general, the tables given in this Summary compare trends in area and production over the five years 1943-44 to 1947-48 with the pre-war year of 1938-39. In Tables 1, 3, 5 and 7 however, the comparison is extended back to 1933-34 when the area under fruit reached its highest pre-war level.

For all years, the statistics are derived from annual production census returns relating to all farmers who utilize one acre or more for agricultural or pastoral purposes. They exclude fruit grown in house gardens on a non-commercial scale. The returns are collected by the Statistician in each State, and by the Commonwealth Statistician in respect of the Australian Capital Territory. They exclude the Northern Territory. These figures have been supplemented by additional details showing the extent of overseas trade in Fresh, Canned and Dried Fruit as well as the quantity output of canned and dried tree fruit. Figures herein relating to production for the season 1947-48 are subject to revision.

Due to differing climatic conditions which govern the period of harvesting of fruit in the various States it is not possible to define with much precision what period is covered by the term "Season". As a general rule, however, a season can be taken to cover production of Citrus and Tropical Fruit during the year ended December to March and Deciduous and Other Fruit for the period November to May.

For the conversion of bushels to lb. avoirdupois, the following factors should give reasonable approximations:- Apples, 42 lb.; Apricots, 48 lb.; Bananas, 56 lb.; Cherries, 48 lb.; Oranges, Lemons and Mandarins, 48 lb.; Custard Apples, 35 lb.; Figs, 44 lb.; Mangoes, 40 lb.; Nectarines, 50 lb.; Passion Fruit, 34 lb.; Peaches, 45 lb.; Pears, 45 lb.; Persimmons, 44 lb.; Plums 58 lb.; Quinces, 42 lb.; Grape Fruit, 42 lb.

Australia produces a wide variety of fruit ranging from those produced in the tropical areas in the North to those of the temperate zone in the South.

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ORCHARDS AND FRUIT GARDENS

1. AREA UNDER FRUIT

(i) States and Seasons: After attaining its pre-war maximum of 262,000 acres in 1933-34, the total area under fruit (excluding vineyards) declined to 260,000 acres in 1942-43. Since the latter season, there has been a continuous upward trend to 262,000 acres in 1943-44, 263,000 acres in 1944-45, 261,000 acres in 1945-46, 280,000 acres in 1946-47 and 290,000 acres in 1947-48. The area under fruit in 1947-48 was greater than in any previous year and exceeded the 1933-34 record by approximately 8,000 acres or 3.0 per cent.

The area of trees and plants in bearing decreased from 227,000 acres in 1933-34 to 217,000 acres in 1944-45 but has since increased and reached its maximum of 235,000 acres in 1947-48. The area of young trees not bearing declined steeply from 55,000 acres in 1933-34 to less than 42,000 acres in 1943-44 but increased again to 55,000 acres in 1947-48.

The total fruit area recorded for 1947-48 increased in all States, except Tasmania, compared with 1946-47 and in New South Wales and Queensland exceeded that recorded for any previous year. The Tasmanian figure declined by approximately 3%.

The total area of 290,000 acres recorded for the 1947-48 season was distributed between the States as follows:- New South Wales 34 per cent.; Victoria 25 per cent.; Queensland 13 per cent.; Tasmania 11 per cent.; South Australia 10 per cent.; and Western Australia 7 per cent.

Details of the area under fruit trees and plants in bearing, area of trees not bearing and total acreage given in the table below for each State for the peak year 1933-34, the pre-war year 1935-39 and for each season 1943-44 to 1947-48.

TABLE 1. AREA UNDER FRUIT
(IN ACRES)

Season	N.S.W.	VIC.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	A.C.T.	AUST.
BEARING								
1933-34	69,100	64,751	22,479	25,840	15,376	29,924	41	227,261
1938-39	69,322	58,134	23,295	24,270	17,581	29,054	73	221,729
1943-44	68,166	57,023	24,577	21,236	19,065	29,625	89	220,321
1944-45	67,473	55,246	22,408	21,236	17,161	31,150	87	216,875
1945-46	68,769	56,512	24,333	22,916	20,109	30,345	89	223,055
1946-47	73,782	56,669	24,617	23,520	20,550	29,850	101	222,069
1947-48	78,146	57,943	26,717	21,456	20,127	28,762	65	235,346
NOT BEARING (YOUNG TREES)								
1933-34	21,127	12,194	9,032	3,259	5,332	1,758	29	54,728
1938-39	16,276	13,166	9,546	4,573	4,448	2,526	24	50,459
1943-44	13,117	13,001	7,761	4,485	2,889	2,510	16	41,779
1944-45	14,757	12,929	9,525	4,376	1,897	2,160	10	45,724
1945-46	15,293	12,967	10,613	4,307	1,621	1,959	10	46,770
1946-47	16,817	14,443	11,312	4,606	1,618	1,769	7	50,571
1947-48	20,755	13,570	14,948	4,532	1,936	1,877	6	54,974
TOTAL BEARING AND NOT BEARING								
1933-34	90,227	76,945	31,511	29,099	20,708	31,679	70	281,989
1938-39	85,598	71,300	32,841	28,843	22,029	31,580	97	272,188
1943-44	81,283	70,024	31,870	25,721	21,954	32,135	105	262,100
1944-45	82,230	68,245	32,133	25,612	19,060	32,350	97	262,599
1945-46	84,062	69,479	34,946	27,223	21,730	32,304	99	269,823
1946-47	90,599	71,312	35,929	28,126	22,168	31,619	108	279,660
1947-48	98,901	71,513	41,665	26,018	22,063	30,639	101	290,320

(ii) States and Kin. Season 1947-48: The following table sets out in detail the area (bearing) and the total area (bearing and non-bearing) in each State of Australia during the season 1947-48.

The total areas for Victoria in both sections of Table 2 are Census figures. In this State areas of individual fruits are collected on a triennial basis only and the areas in 1947-48 have been estimated.

TABLE 2 : AREA UNDER FRUIT, SEASON 1947-48
(In acres)

Fruit	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
BEARING								
Apples	12,360	19,040	4,911	7,130	12,109	20,360	59	75,977
Apricots	1,620	4,055	250	3,122	467	1,006	5	10,533
Bananas	19,126	-	6,616	-	242	-	-	25,984
Cherries	2,161	1,016	3	776	30	73	2	4,661
Citrus -								
Oranges - Valencia	10,343	1,309	873	959	1,529	-	-	15,993
Navel	7,585	1,807	495	2,566	1,541	-	-	13,994
Saville								
& Poor								
man	333	26	(a)	32	15	-	-	(c) 416
Other	909	207	1,037	270	52	-	-	2,472
Mandarins	2,350	85	1,267	112	179	-	-	4,101
Lemons & Limes	3,024	1,266	317	301	517	-	-	5,425
Grape Fruit	656	130	102	63	159	-	-	1,163
Other	55	-	26	42	-	-	-	123
Custard Apples	7	-	163	-	-	-	-	170
Figs	231	184	20	244	145	-	2	626
Loquats	12	(d)	-	27	67	-	-	(c) 106
Mangoes	7	-	353	-	-	-	-	360
Nectarines	695	307	13	213	107	14	1	1,430
Nuts -								
Almonds	592	414	1	2,624	265	-	4	3,900
Walnuts	36	67	-	50	20	-	-	161
Other	119	30	211	-	1	-	-	361
Olives	8	16	-	230	1	-	-	255
Papaws	21	-	1,101	-	-	-	-	1,122
Passion Fruit	866	108	179	-	70	-	-	1,229
Peaches	7,054	12,10	1,139	1,169	700	120	6	22,294
Pears	3,190	11,765	301	1,505	510	2,155	6	19,835
Persimmons	47	(a)	1	(b)	2	-	-	(c) 50
Pineapples	173	-	6,175	-	-	-	-	6,348
Plums	1,605	2,326	836	620	815	291	5	6,620
Prunes	2,324	370	-	1,003	32	27	2	3,758
Quinces	485	545	6	163	39	45	3	1,266
Currents	-	(d)	-	11	-	2,016	-	(c) 2,027
Raspberries	1	155	-	42	-	2,076	-	2,273
Strawberries	3	308	119	80	15	257	-	782
Other Small Fruit								
n.e.i.	10	161	19	91	2	422	-	713
All Other n.e.i.	6	-	33	4	2	-	-	45
Total	70,146	(e) 57,943	26,717	23,456	20,127	20,662	95	235,345

(a) Included with other Oranges.

(b) Included with All other n.e.i.

(c) Incomplete.

(d) Not collected.

(e) Census figure. Area under each kind of fruit in Victoria has been estimated.

TABLE 2 : AREA UNDER FRUIT, SEASON 1947-48 (Continued).

(In acres)

Fruit	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
TOTAL - BEARING AND NON-BEARING								
Apples	14,357	21,370	6,003	3,149	13,062	21,196	62	64,204
Avocets	1,967	5,167	367	3,664	499	1,304	5	13,173
Bananas	26,301	-	9,837	-	323	-	-	36,561
Cherries	2,407	1,607	6	1,077	35	90	3	5,335
Citrus -								
Oranges -								
Valencia	13,705	1,979	1,407	1,443	1,755	-	-	20,374
Navel	9,043	2,100	841	2,927	1,653	-	-	16,562
Seville and								
Poorman	405	65	(a)	37	16	-	-	(c) 522
Other	1,011	209	1,547	279	96	-	-	3,152
Mandarins	2,551	90	1,834	126	190	-	-	4,799
Lemons and Limes	3,616	2,002	557	417	561	-	-	7,373
Grape Fruit	335	286	153	116	179	-	-	1,669
Other	69	-	52	45	-	-	-	166
Guava Apples	7	-	245	-	-	-	-	252
Pigs	274	206	30	259	162	-	2	933
Loquats	15	(d)	-	32	70	-	-	(c) 125
Mangoes	8	-	520	-	-	-	-	536
Neectarines	698	422	14	263	217	-	1	1,834
Nuts -								
Almonds	653	603	3	3,370	204	-	5	5,031
Walnuts	40	121	-	82	30	-	-	271
Other	211	36	467	-	1	-	-	717
Olives	33	848	-	275	5	-	-	1,161
Papaws	22	-	1,703	-	-	-	-	1,805
Passion Fruit	1,576	169	351	-	122	-	-	2,218
Peaches	9,001	15,408	1,508	1,589	819	141	7	28,473
Pears	3,614	13,660	419	1,717	964	2,301	6	22,701
Persimmons	49	(d)	2	(b)	9	-	-	(c) 54
Pineapples	327	-	9,135	-	-	-	-	9,462
Pines	1,960	2,695	1,241	717	676	301	5	8,192
Praunes	2,621	470	-	1,114	34	27	2	4,476
Quinces	574	742	7	200	43	40	3	1,617
Currents	5	(d)	-	11	-	2,253	-	(c) 2,269
Raspberries	1	177	-	41	-	2,173	-	2,392
Strawberries	5	347	177	80	23	343	-	975
Other Small Fruit,								
n.e.i.	21	176	23	91	2	463	-	776
All Other n.e.i.	8	-	60	4	3	-	-	83
Total	90,901	(e) 71,513	30,665	23,233	22,363	30,739	101	290,320

(a) Included with other Oranges.

(b) Included with all other, n.e.i.

(c) Incomplete.

(d) Not collected.

(e) Census figure. Area under each kind of fruit in Victoria has been estimated.

(iii) Principal Fruit Crops, Australia: The following table sets out details of the area of the chief kinds of fruit in Australia during the seasons 1933-34 1938-39 and 1943-44 to 1947-48 distinguishing between the area under trees and plants in bearing and the area of young trees and plants not bearing.

The total area under these principal kinds of fruit represented 87 per cent. of the total area under all fruit (excluding grapes) during the five seasons ended 1947-48.

TABLE 3 : PRINCIPAL FRUIT CROPS : AREA, AUSTRALIA

Season	Apples	Apricots	Bananas	Citrus Fruits	Peaches	Pears	Plums (a)
<u>BEARING - ACRES</u>							
1933-34	82,178	10,305	15,442	44,148	18,373	17,353	14,362
1938-39	79,969	9,766	18,311	39,975	18,336	17,522	12,449
1943-44	77,124	9,978	17,144	40,031	20,815	18,254	11,235
1944-45	75,865	9,874	17,174	40,002	20,263	18,419	10,850
1945-46	77,018	10,137	19,222	41,542	20,471	18,434	10,840
1946-47	76,276	10,601	22,024	41,534	21,931	19,888	10,627
1947-48	75,977	10,533	25,964	42,792	22,294	19,835	10,366
Average five seasons ended 1947-48	76,592	10,225	20,310	41,260	21,155	18,976	10,797
<u>NON-BEARING (YOUNG TREES) - ACRES.</u>							
1933-34	19,634	905	12,998	7,958	4,019	2,398	1,848
1938-39	17,382	1,854	4,584	6,980	6,718	4,065	1,670
1943-44	8,245	2,375	3,360	10,022	6,111	4,171	1,457
1944-45	8,103	2,426	6,390	9,532	6,201	4,150	1,507
1945-46	7,359	2,308	7,365	9,675	6,117	4,132	1,573
1946-47	7,341	2,583	8,198	10,335	6,265	3,142	2,043
1947-48	8,227	2,640	10,607	11,821	6,179	2,946	2,193
Average five seasons ended 1947-48	7,855	2,466	7,184	10,277	6,188	3,708	1,755
<u>TOTAL BEARING AND NON-BEARING ACRES.</u>							
1933-34	101,812	11,210	28,440	52,106	22,392	19,751	16,210
1938-39	97,351	11,620	22,895	46,955	25,054	21,587	14,119
1943-44	86,069	12,353	20,504	50,053	26,996	22,425	12,742
1944-45	83,968	12,300	23,564	49,534	26,464	22,569	12,357
1945-46	84,377	12,445	26,587	51,217	26,588	22,616	12,413
1946-47	83,617	13,184	30,222	52,269	28,196	23,030	12,670
1947-48	84,204	13,173	36,591	54,613	28,473	22,781	12,579
Average five seasons ended 1947-48	84,447	12,661	27,494	51,537	27,343	22,604	12,552

(a) Includes prunes.

2. PRODUCTION OF FRUIT

(1) States and Kinds, Season 1947-48: The following table shows the production of each kind of fruit in each State of Australia during the season 1947-48.

The chief kinds of fruit grown in the various States are as follows:-
 New South Wales - citrus fruit (oranges, lemons, etc.), bananas, apples, peaches and pears; Victoria - apples, pears, peaches, citrus fruits and apricots; Queensland - bananas, pineapples, citrus fruits and apples; South Australia - apples, citrus fruit, apricots, pears and peaches; Western Australia - apples, citrus fruit and pears; Tasmania - apples, pears, apricots and berry fruits (mainly raspberries and currants). South Australia also grows considerable quantities of almonds.

TABLE 4. PRODUCTION OF FRUIT, SEASON 1947-48.
(Subject to revision.)

Fruit	Unit of Quantity	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia
Apples ..	Bus.	1,329,955	1,991,297	455,254	939,440	(a) 1,626,493	(a) 6,849,221	5,087	13,246,747
Apricots ..	"	339,809	563,774	22,386	461,784	47,831	115,316	287	1,551,187
Bananas ..	"	2,321,833	-	585,895	-	48,139	-	-	2,955,867
Cherries ..	"	95,275	57,988	175	65,671	1,639	13,697	39	234,683
Citrus -									
Oranges -									
Navel ..	"	1,255,074	399,643	61,284	667,167	185,717	-	-	2,568,885
Valencia ..	"	1,552,678	276,980	89,189	179,391	181,934	-	-	2,280,172
Seville and Poorman ..	"	46,938	10,420	(c)	8,311	2,557	-	-	(a) 68,226
Other ..	"	107,964	33,538	106,375	46,007	7,395	-	-	301,279
Mandarins ..	"	253,218	19,892	133,264	25,119	17,084	-	-	448,577
Lemons and Limes ..	"	435,631	170,385	67,277	56,187	110,242	-	-	839,722
Grape Fruit ..	"	137,197	52,608	20,247	19,099	21,753	-	-	250,904
Other ..	"	5,438	-	2,783	4,330	-	-	-	12,551
Custard Apples ..	"	512	-	28,307	-	-	-	-	28,819
Figs ..	"	20,884	13,139	4,925	36,790	14,708	-	31	90,557
Loquats ..	"	910	(d)	-	2,399	8,111	-	-	(c) 11,558
Pineapples ..	"	170	-	26,480	-	-	-	-	26,650
Nectarines ..	"	59,609	22,463	699	26,221	15,242	1,345	46	125,625
Nuts -									
Almonds ..	lb.	260,917	151,428	842	1,374,240	25,572	480	230	1,813,709
Walnuts ..	"	26,051	61,622	29	67,200	13,845	15,084	25	183,856
Other ..	"	52,340	5,934	78,536	-	(b)	-	1	(a) 137,811
Olives ..	cwt.	202	755	-	5,671	(b)	-	-	(e) 6,628
Papaws ..	doz.	3,778	-	537,198	-	-	-	-	540,976
Passion Fruit ..	bus.	51,993	7,415	11,928	-	4,145	-	-	75,481
Peaches ..	"	973,178	1,619,066	89,961	189,177	66,356	28,338	195	2,962,271
Pears ..	"	429,926	1,854,909	38,498	191,947	123,622	538,781	203	3,177,876
Persimmons ..	"	6,176	(d)	156	(d)	(b)	-	-	(b)
Pineapples ..	Doz.	20,230	-	2,386,790	-	-	-	-	2,407,020
Plums ..	bus.	152,566	248,226	67,353	69,331	77,889	59,943	208	675,516
Prunes ..	"	308,615	32,289	-	75,811	2,298	5,814	19	424,846
Quinces ..	"	62,484	81,529	470	26,240	4,563	5,891	89	181,266
Currants ..	cwt.	-	(d)	-	90	-	46,827	-	(c) 46,917
Raspberries ..	"	25	3,243	-	841	-	74,829	-	78,938
Strawberries ..	"	102	4,033	3,457	1,305	403	4,740	-	14,040
Other Small Fruits n.c.i. ..	"	731	5,717	(b)	1,128	30	69,271	-	(c) 75,907

(a) The measured crop plus deliveries of unmeasured fruit. (b) Not available. (c) Included with other Oranges. (d) Not collected. (e) Incomplete.

(ii) Principal Kinds : The production of the principal fruit crops in Australia for the years 1933-34, 1938-39 and 1943-44 to 1947-48 is shown in the next table.

TABLE 5. PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL FRUIT CROPS : AUSTRALIA.

(1000 bushels)

Season	Apples	Apricots	Bananas	Citrus Fruits	Peaches	Pears	Plums (a)
1933-34	10,500	1,115	2,127	5,160	1,763	1,914	943
1938-39	11,126	987	2,494	5,644	2,523	2,300	771
1943-44	(b)14,523	1,433	2,262	5,332	2,573	2,684	1,171
1944-45	(b)10,468	881	2,129	5,657	2,173	2,922	729
1945-46	(b)15,267	1,107	2,621	5,249	2,095	2,644	949
1946-47	(b)10,293	1,239	2,791	5,547	2,432	3,607	743
1947-48(c)	(b)13,247	1,551	2,956	6,770	2,962	3,178	1,100
Average five Seasons ended 1947-48(c)	(b)12,760	1,442	2,552	5,711	2,447	3,007	938

(a) Includes prunes.

(b) The measured crop plus deliveries of unmeasured fruit.

(c) Subject to revision.

(iii) Average yield per acre of trees or plants in bearing. In the two following tables, particulars of the average yield per acre of trees or plants in bearing are shown for the principal fruit crops. In Table 6, these details are given for each State and for the Commonwealth as a whole in the 1947-48 season, and in Table 7, figures for the Commonwealth for several seasons since 1933-34 are shown.

Of the principal fruit crops the highest yield per acre (bearing) obtained in the 1947-48 season was in respect of apples with 174.35 bushels. The lowest yield of the principal orchard crops was of plums (including prunes) with 105.94 bushels.

TABLE 6. PRINCIPAL FRUIT CROPS : AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE OF TREES OR PLANTS IN BEARING.

SEASON 1947-48(a)

(In bushels)

Fruit	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Apples	107.53	104.58	92.70	138.77	134.32	336.41	86.22	174.35
Apricots	208.73	139.03	89.54	147.91	102.42	114.63	57.40	147.27
Bananas	121.40	-	88.51	-	198.92	-	-	113.76
Citrus Fruits	150.19	193.66	113.92	231.44	131.93	-	-	158.21
Peaches	137.96	133.21	75.47	161.83	93.99	236.15	32.50	132.87
Pears	134.78	157.65	127.90	127.54	135.55	250.01	33.83	160.22
Plums (b)	115.04	104.05	76.02	89.43	94.67	206.78	32.43	105.94

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Includes prunes.

**TABLE 7 : PRINCIPAL FRUIT CROPS : AVERAGE YIELD PER ACRE
OF TREES OR PLANTS IN BEARING : AUSTRALIA.**

(In bushels)

Fruit	1933-34	1938-39	1943-44	1944-45	1945-46	1946-47	1947-48(a)
Apples	127.77	139.12	186.62	137.97	198.23	134.94	174.35
Apricots	108.22	101.05	143.78	89.23	109.19	116.87	147.27
Bananas	170.72	136.22	131.97	123.98	136.38	126.71	113.76
Citrus Fruits	115.80	141.29	133.19	131.56	126.35	132.29	158.21
Peaches	95.95	137.59	123.63	107.24	102.33	110.90	132.87
Pears	110.30	131.25	147.01	157.76	143.03	181.38	160.22
Plums (b)	65.67	61.96	103.77	61.48	87.57	69.94	105.94

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Includes prunes.

3. NUMBER OF HOLDINGS GROWING FRUIT.

The following table shows particulars of the numbers of holdings on which each of the fruit crops specified were grown to the extent of one acre or more in each State and in the Australian Capital Territory during 1947-48. South Australian particulars relate to the 1946-47 season.

**TABLE 8 : NUMBER OF HOLDINGS ON WHICH SPECIFIED FRUIT CROPS WERE GROWN
TO THE EXTENT OF ONE ACRE OR MORE : 1947-48.**

Fruit	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld.	S.A. (a)	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
Orchard Fruit -								
Citrus	3,218	1,100	1,048	2,706	757	-	-	8,829
Non-citrus	3,877	4,100	1,110	5,138	1,994	2,293	10	18,522
Non-Orchard Fruit -								
Bananas	3,056	-	1,774	-	57	-	-	4,887
Pineapples	115	-	1,686	-	-	-	-	1,801
Berry Fruits	10	230	-	220	77	1,128	-	1,665

(a) Particulars for 1946-47 season. Similar details for 1947-48 have not been tabulated.

4. CITRUS FRUIT

(1) Production by States: In 1947-48, the Australian production of citrus fruit reached the record level of 6,770,316 bushels from 43,000 acres of bearing trees, the average yield per acre of bearing trees being 158.21 bushels. This exceeded by more than 1,200,000 bushels, the production of 5,547,000 bushels from 42,000 acres, equivalent to 132.29 bushels per acre of bearing trees in 1946-47. New South Wales was the most important producing state and yielded 3,794,000 bushels (56% of total production) from 25,300 acres of bearing trees (59% of total area of bearing trees). Next in importance was South Australia which produced 1,006,000 bushels or 15% of total production, followed by Victoria (963,000 bushels, 14%), Western Australia (527,000 bushels, 8% and Queensland (480,000 bushels, 7%).

The following tables set out production of citrus fruit in each State of Australia during 1938-39 and 1943-44 to 1947-48.

TABLE 9. PRODUCTION OF CITRUS FRUIT.

(In bushels)

Year	New South Wales	Victoria	Queensland	South Australia	Western Australia	Total (a)
1938-39	3,108,859	863,418	386,058	879,985	406,056	5,644,376
1943-44	2,891,648	799,798	481,800	757,436	401,222	5,331,904
1944-45	2,996,468	764,315	565,326	891,754	439,597	5,657,460
1945-46	2,605,804	765,025	514,705	916,015	447,444	5,248,993
1946-47	3,013,452	584,710	506,832	883,743	558,595	5,547,322
1947-48(b)	3,794,138	963,466	480,419	1,005,611	526,682	6,770,316

(a) There is no production in Tasmania or Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Subject to revision.

(ii) Production by Kinds: In the following table, the total quantities shown above are distributed according to kind.

TABLE 10. PRODUCTION OF CITRUS FRUIT BY KINDS : AUSTRALIA

(In bushels)

Season	Oranges			Mandarins	Lemons	Other Citrus	Total
	Navel	Valencia	Other				
1938-39	(a) 4,994,064	(b)	(b)	(b)	567,841	82,471	5,644,376
1943-44	2,030,833	1,640,819	337,025	434,696	658,181	230,350	5,331,904
1944-45	2,214,710	1,815,497	334,638	427,626	605,757	259,232	5,657,460
1945-46	2,022,777	1,632,731	293,169	394,822	643,730	261,764	5,248,993
1946-47	1,905,392	1,839,613	365,992	463,454	735,752	237,129	5,547,332
1947-48	(c)	2,568,885	2,280,172	448,577	839,722	263,455	6,770,316

(a) Including Valencias and Other Oranges and Mandarins.

(b) Included with Navels. (c) Subject to revision.

(iii) Exports of Citrus Fruit: The quantity and value of Citrus Fruit exported during the pre-war year 1938-39 and during each of the years 1943-44 to 1947-48 are shown in the next table.

TABLE 11. EXPORTS OF CITRUS FRUIT : AUSTRALIA

Year	Oranges		Lemons		Grapefruit	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	cental	£A.	cental	£A.	cental	£A.
1938-39	261,497	207,568	11,121	12,155	1,611	1,461
1943-44	104,555	249,778	2,831	5,925	-	-
1944-45	102,096	207,186	1,706	3,167	2	3
1945-46	66,690	130,530	1,599	3,760	179	737
1946-47	160,612	417,358	4,317	14,963	2,981	6,306
1947-48	256,369	571,525	11,308	21,043	5,580	11,060

5. POME FRUITS - APPLES AND PEARS.

The production of pome fruits in Australia is almost entirely confined to Apples and Pears. Quinces are produced in all States but the area and production are relatively small.

(i) Production by States: The next table shows the production of apples and pears by States during seasons 1938-39 and 1943-44 to 1947-48. Tasmania is the principal apple-producing State, with over 6.8 million bushels or 51.7% of total production (13,247,000 bushels) during the season 1947-48, being followed by Victoria (2,991,000 bushels, 15.0%), Western Australia (1,626,000 bushels, 12.3%), New South Wales (1,330,000 bushels, 10.0%) and South Australia (989,000 bushels, 7.5%). However, Victoria predominates in the production of pears, and in 1947-48 produced 1,855,000 bushels or 58.4% of the total production of 3,178,000 bushels. Tasmania followed with 539,000 bushels or 17.0%, next coming New South Wales (430,000 bushels, 13.5%), South Australia (192,000 bushels, 6.0%) and Western Australia (124,000 bushels, 3.9%).

The 1947-48 production of 13,247,000 bushels of apples was almost 3,000,000 bushels higher than the previous season but was more than 2,000,000 bushels less than the record 1945-46 crop of 15,267,000 bushels. The average yield per acre of bearing trees in 1947-48 was 174.35 bushels compared with 134.94 bushels in 1946-47. Tasmania had the highest average yield in 1947-48, with 336.41 bushels per bearing acre, this figure being considerably in excess of yields obtained in the mainland States.

Pear production in the 1947-48 season, viz. 3,178,000 bushels, representing an average yield of 160.22 bushels per acre of bearing trees, was 430,000 lower than the record crop of 3,607,000 bushels recorded in the previous season. As with apples, Tasmania had the highest average yield in 1947-48 with 250.01 bushels per bearing acre.

TABLE 12 : PRODUCTION OF APPLES AND PEARS

(In bushels)

Year	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Total
APPLES								
1930-39	936,744	1,574,916	202,150	803,020	1,797,490	5,724,000	2,190	11,125,540
1943-44	1,233,753	2,326,224	482,326	394,036	1,560,441	3,022,000	2,888	14,523,279
1944-45	501,378	1,138,801	173,655	617,361	1,466,066	6,569,820	1,012	10,468,093
1945-46	1,180,442	2,597,610	413,537	1,001,237	1,547,658	3,522,210	4,512	15,267,214
1946-47	1,065,709	1,111,700	445,107	717,011	2,722,833	4,228,200	1,466	10,292,986
1947-48 (a)	1,329,955	1,291,277	455,254	900,448	1,626,493	6,349,221	5,007	13,246,747
PEARS								
1930-39	330,467	1,204,340	27,596	195,995	157,346	376,000	97	2,299,841
1943-44	319,976	1,421,706	34,529	240,004	76,059	590,400	89	2,663,563
1944-45	270,609	1,750,802	16,220	213,021	120,599	550,330	19	2,921,600
1945-46	323,931	1,464,075	40,071	193,357	96,593	524,370	127	2,643,774
1946-47	350,957	2,215,592	30,642	270,701	208,200	527,920	45	3,607,217
1947-48 (a)	429,916	1,854,909	38,495	191,547	123,622	538,701	203	3,177,076

(a) Subject to revision.

(iii) **Exports:** The exports of Apples and Pears during each of the years 1930-39 and 1943-44 to 1947-48 are shown in the following table:-

TABLE 13 : EXPORTS OF APPLES AND PEARS : AUSTRALIA

Year	Apples		Pears	
	Quantity bus.	Value £s.	Quantity bus.	Value £s.
1930-39	5,026,521	1,433,440	655,400	264,005
1943-44	50,955	45,563	6,640	7,594
1944-45	167,279	98,704	398	316
1945-46	1,662,345	1,010,243	46,529	54,412
1946-47	922,519	766,007	179,413	176,490
1947-48	3,351,875	2,694,789	399,515	365,842

(iii) **Production and Exports of Dried Apples and Pears:** Particulars of Australia's production and exports of Dried Apples and Pears are given in the table below. However, production and exports cannot be directly related because the bulk of the production occurs in the first six months of the calendar year following the period of harvest, whilst exports refer to the complete fiscal years ended June.

TABLE 14 : PRODUCTION AND EXPORTS OF DRIED APPLES AND PEARS : AUSTRALIA

Production			Exports				
Year	Dried Apples	Dried Pears	Year	Dried Apples		Dried Pears	
	Quantity tons	Quantity tons		Quantity tons	Value £s.	Quantity tons	Value £s.
1939	340	219	1930-39	70	3,552	100	13,114
1944	1,738	437	1943-44	250	27,905	66	4,313
1945	1,007	324	1944-45	206	30,426	29	3,515
1946	1,790	274	1945-46	419	64,610	83	11,712
1947	1,292	318	1946-47	927	140,388	59	7,362
1948 (a)	1,593	176	1947-48	1,128	149,096	91	13,309

(a) Subject to revision.

Particulars of exports of pears preserved in liquid are shown in Table 17 in Section 6 dealing with stone fruits.

(iv) Quantity Acquired and Advances paid to Growers: Prior to the war, the stabilization of the apple and pear industry was dependent upon its export trade; normally little more than half of Australia's production was needed to meet the local demand. The interruption to exports due to the war imposed a severe strain on the industry and to meet such conditions the Commonwealth Government introduced the National Security (Apple and Pear Acquisition) Regulations, to provide for the acquisition, with guaranteed payments by the way of advances to growers, and the orderly marketing of the crop. In 1940 the Australian Apple and Pear Board was appointed as the marketing authority and a Marketing Committee of the Board, with a committee in each State, was set up to supervise the whole of the marketing arrangements in Australia and for export. For 1941 and later seasons the Marketing Committee was superseded and the Australian Apple and Pear Marketing Board became the authority to handle and market all apples and pears acquired. The following table shows the total quantity of fruit acquired in Western Australia and Tasmania during each of the five years 1943 to 1947 and the amounts paid to growers as advances on the basis of "bare" fruit in the orchard. All packing and marketing costs such as cases, packing, transport, cool storage, selling, etc., were paid by the Board. No acquisition of apples and pears has been effected in New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland and South Australia since No. 3 Acquisition, 1942.

TABLE 15 : APPLE AND PEAR ACQUISITION

Acquisition	Western Australia		Tasmania		Total	
	Quantity	Growers' Advances	Quantity	Growers' Advances	Quantity	Growers' Advances
<u>APPLES</u>						
	'000 bus.	£'000	'000 bus.	£'000	'000 bus.	£'000
No. 4 1943	2,127	327	5,738	776	7,865	1,105
No. 5 1944	1,567	239	8,027	1,108	9,594	1,347
No. 6 1945	1,297	240	6,685	1,036	7,982	1,276
No. 7 1946	1,543	223	8,522	1,170	10,065	1,393
No. 8 1947	2,497	405	2,363	415	4,860	820
<u>PEARS</u>						
	'000 bus.	£'000	'000 bus.	£'000	'000 bus.	£'000
No. 4 1943	141	25	387	86	528	111
No. 5 1944	77	14	534	104	611	118
No. 6 1945	116	26	637	105	753	131
No. 7 1946	77	14	521	97	598	111
No. 8 1947	156	27	400	93	636	120

6. STONE FRUITS - APRICOTS, PEACHES AND PLUMS

(i) Production by States: Particulars of production in each State of the main stone fruits, viz., apricots, peaches and plums (including prunes) are shown in table 16 for each of the five seasons ended 1947-48, compared with the season 1938-39.

Production of peaches in 1947-48 was 2,962,000 bushels from 22,294 acres in bearing, the average yield per acre being 132.87 bushels. This constituted a record and may be compared with production of 2,432,000 bushels from 21,931 acres in bearing (110.90 bushels per acre) in the previous season. The rise was due mainly to an increased production in Victoria which produced 1,619,000 bushels or 54.7% of the total and New South Wales which produced 973,000 bushels (or 32.9%).

Following the exceptionally low production of 881,000 bushels of apricots in 1944-45, production increased to 1,107,000 bushels in 1945-46, 1,239,000 bushels in 1946-47 and 1,551,000 bushels in 1947-48. The yield in the latter season was obtained from 10,533 acres of bearing trees, the average yield being 147.27 bushels per acre.

Production of plums (including prunes) increased to 1,100,000 bushels in 1947-48 from 743,000 bushels produced during the previous season. With the exception of Western Australia, increases occurred in all states. New South Wales which produced 461,000 bushels (42% of total) and Victoria with 261,000 bushels (25% of total) were the largest producers.

TABLE 16 : PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL STONE FRUITS
(In bushels)

Season	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'LD.	S.A.	W.A.	TAS.	A.C.T.	AGST.
PEACHES								
1938-39	503,033	1,653,702	82,370	127,245	60,417	7,000	110	2,522,767
1943-44	752,357	1,469,873	126,661	149,229	66,790	8,090	472	2,573,420
1944-45	501,059	1,404,870	71,106	132,184	55,361	8,360	25	2,172,965
1945-46	701,367	1,086,841	85,844	148,057	61,294	11,270	140	2,094,813
1946-47	794,970	1,350,113	81,614	110,500	79,540	7,440	24	2,432,201
1947-48 (a)	973,173	1,619,006	85,961	109,177	66,356	27,338	195	2,962,271
APRICOTS								
1938-39	153,685	251,025	10,457	343,569	67,053	161,000	80	966,800
1943-44	246,000	464,004	25,833	536,734	61,514	97,210	236	1,432,509
1944-45	99,968	366,000	10,852	249,065	35,339	119,700	43	881,047
1945-46	233,107	336,071	22,012	414,321	35,920	64,520	117	1,106,868
1946-47	255,041	429,951	11,436	461,233	59,973	21,220	36	1,239,900
1947-48 (a)	339,009	563,774	22,305	461,704	47,031	115,316	207	1,551,107
PLUMS AND PRUNES								
1938-39	260,549	146,247	60,622	134,030	85,849	84,000	93	771,390
1943-44	436,854	246,392	115,317	153,851	81,073	86,560	264	1,171,091
1944-45	241,371	190,091	54,061	118,217	60,902	63,980	12	720,574
1945-46	370,235	228,703	85,342	139,802	79,345	45,100	117	940,245
1946-47	202,010	171,250	55,570	114,967	92,543	26,650	32	743,222
1947-48 (a)	461,101	200,515	67,353	145,142	80,107	65,757	227	1,100,362

(a) Subject to revision.

Australia also produces other kinds of stone fruits such as cherries, nectarines, etc., but the quantities produced are relatively small.

(ii) Exports of Canned Fruit: Stone fruits are not exported from Australia in any quantity as fresh but mainly as canned or dried. The following table (in conjunction with Table 19) sets out particulars of the exports of all Fruit preserved in liquid during 1938-39 and each of the five years ended 1947-48.

Bincapples, Fruit Salads, Derry Fruits, etc., are amongst the other fruits exported in addition to Apricots, Peaches and Pears, details of which are shown separately in the following table.

TABLE 17 : EXPORTS OF FRUIT PRESERVED IN LIQUID : AUSTRALIA

Year	Apricots		Peaches		Pears		Total all Fruits	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	lb.	£s.	lb.	£s.	lb.	£s.	lb.	£s.
1938-39	9,434,110	161,350	44,382,900	627,740	20,680,179	332,668	31,477,720	1,271,525
1943-44	1,203,987	30,960	6,350,903	210,075	4,616,942	122,714	21,009,752	520,239
1944-45	2,274,229	50,036	11,662,103	256,766	3,007,714	61,935	21,278,209	497,174
1945-46	2,992,243	72,323	10,207,023	393,467	7,404,059	154,393	36,452,130	832,907
1946-47	5,645,184	167,400	43,330,655	1,190,607	19,250,864	636,130	71,510,432	2,104,631
1947-48	5,451,344	172,630	44,552,655	1,325,209	23,479,550	765,297	74,631,015	2,757,650

(a) Excludes Berry Fruits, particulars of which are included in Table 19.

7. BERRY FRUITS - RASPBERRIES, STRAWBERRIES, ETC.

(i) Production by States: The next table shows details of the production of raspberries, strawberries and total small fruit during 1938-39 and each of the five years from 1943-44 to 1947-48.

The berry fruit production of Australia varies almost directly with Tasmanian output, this State normally producing more than 80% of the entire production. Victoria, next in importance, produces less than 10%, whilst the remainder is distributed among the other four States.

TABLE 18 : PRODUCTION OF BERRY FRUITS
(In cwt.)

Season	N.S.W.	Vic.	Q'ld.	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	A.C.T.	Aust.
<u>RASPBERRIES</u>								
1938-39	40	1,520	-	2,100	-	66,607	-	70,275
1943-44	-	2,900	-	1,070	-	79,056	-	83,034
1944-45	-	2,950	-	1,155	-	82,179	-	86,284
1945-46	-	2,397	-	1,143	-	56,790	-	60,330
1946-47	-	3,270	-	892	-	55,625	-	59,795
1947-48 (a)	25	3,243	-	841	-	74,829	-	78,938
<u>STRAWBERRIES</u>								
1938-39	126	2,772	7,342	1,079	640	8,760	-	21,535
1943-44	50	4,054	1,372	2,202	110	9,104	-	16,900
1944-45	10	3,561	2,151	1,576	173	6,200	-	13,679
1945-46	-	3,027	2,290	1,832	234	3,644	-	11,027
1946-47	13	5,007	1,593	1,475	365	5,638	-	14,391
1947-48 (a)	102	4,633	3,457	1,305	403	4,740	-	14,040
<u>TOTAL SMALL FRUIT</u>								
1938-39	392	9,014	7,702	6,810	640	121,631	-	146,197
1943-44	290	13,199	1,372	6,295	120	157,235	-	178,519
1944-45	45	11,551	2,635	4,744	190	150,144	-	169,713
1945-46	24	9,751	2,467	5,449	207	117,998	-	135,976
1946-47	147	14,032	2,000	4,055	412	140,663	-	161,309
1947-48 (r)	686	12,023	3,457	3,364	433	195,667	-	215,502

(a) Subject to revision.

Details of the production of canned berry fruits are given in Table. 21 in Section 9.

(ii) Exports: Particulars of the quantities of canned and pulped berry fruits exported are given in the next table.

TABLE 19 : EXPORTS OF BERRY FRUITS PRESERVED IN LIQUID AND PULPED:
AUSTRALIA.

Year	Berry Fruits Preserved in Liquid		Raspberry Pulp		Berry Fruit Pulp other than Raspberry	
	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value	Quantity	Value
	cwt.	£s.	cwt.	£s.	cwt.	£s.
1938-40 (a).	5,960	15,501	21,015	55,230	17,074	50,756
1943-44	706	2,104	207	566	7	15
1944-45	3,825	10,934	4,070	12,253	80	334
1945-46	2,946	9,953	3,060	10,314	2,161	7,713
1946-47	1,771	9,617	3,696	17,867	17,123	57,167
1947-48 (a)	1,604	8,141	7,330	37,920	31,605	210,452

(a) Particulars in this detail are not available for 1938-39.

8. TROPICAL FRUITS - BANANAS AND PINEAPPLES

Queensland and the northern areas of New South Wales are the chief centres for the production of Bananas, Custard Apples, Mangoes, Pineapples and Papaws (the latter a record in 1947-48). Western Australia also produces Bananas but the output, as yet, is small.

Details of the area and production of Bananas and Pineapples are given in the table below for the years 1938-39 and 1943-44 to 1947-48. The record production of 2,956,000 bushels of bananas in 1947-48 was 165,000 bushels greater than the previous year's record crop of 2,791,000 bus. The areas devoted to the production of other tropical fruits mentioned are not very significant as may be seen from the particulars for 1947-48 shown in Table 2. Details of production for the same season are given in Table 4.

TABLE 20. AREA AND PRODUCTION OF BANANAS AND PINEAPPLES

Season	New South Wales		Queensland		Australia (a)	
	Total Area	Production	Total Area	Production	Total Area	Production
BANANAS.						
	Acres	bus.	Acres	bus.	Acres	bus.
1938-39 ..	13,871	1,582,706	8,731	879,449	22,895	2,494,331
1943-44 ..	12,868	1,580,462	7,450	662,183	20,504	2,262,440
1944-45 ..	15,250	1,600,422	6,132	511,787	23,564	2,129,306
1945-46 ..	15,238	1,960,381	9,432	645,584	26,587	2,621,488
1946-47 ..	20,509	2,144,100	9,447	617,010	30,222	2,790,676
1947-48(b)	26,381	2,321,833	9,867	585,895	36,591	2,955,067

PINEAPPLES

	Acres	Doz.	Acres	Doz.	Acres	Doz.
1938-39 ..	233	43,133	7,049	1,847,673	7,287	1,890,826
1943-44 ..	193	25,287	6,940	2,000,844	7,133	2,026,131
1944-45 ..	229	19,896	7,004	1,570,990	7,233	1,590,886
1945-46 ..	202	15,051	7,703	1,642,696	7,905	1,657,747
1946-47 ..	308	16,277	7,866	1,535,139	8,174	1,551,416
1947-48(b)	327	20,230	9,135	2,386,790	9,462	2,407,020

(a) Includes particulars for Western Australia.

(b) Subject to revision.

9. OTHER FRUIT

In addition to the various fruits mentioned in the preceding sections, Australia produces quantities of figs, nuts (almonds, walnuts etc.), olives, passion fruit and persimmons. Details of the area and production of these kinds for 1947-48 are given in Tables 2 and 4 respectively. Total production of nuts in 1947-48 constituted a record, being almost 100,000 lb. higher than the previous best, 2,038,000 lb., recorded in 1937-38.

10. PRODUCTION OF CANNED AND DRIED FRUIT.

(i) Production of Fruit preserved in liquid: The following table gives a summary of the output of fruit preserved in liquid in Australia for the years July-June shown.

TABLE 21. PRODUCTION OF FRUIT PRESERVED IN LIQUID :

AUSTRALIA.
(In '000 lb.)

Fruit	1938-39	1943-44	1946-47	1945-46	1946-47	1947-48(a)
Apricots ..	12,447	15,108	6,436	11,198	12,530	19,472
Peaches ..	86,176	62,508	59,875	48,251	70,568	76,064
Pears ..	27,344	28,452	23,112	21,323	40,615	42,980
Pineapples	14,356	2,422	5,562	7,644	6,267	19,876
Small Fruit	1,299	1,474	1,375	966	1,475	1,488
Other (b) ..	5,110	5,681	8,420	7,977	9,267	12,368
Total:	190,732	120,861	110,070	107,079	137,722	172,248

(a) Subject to revision.

(b) Excludes pie apple and apple sauce.

(ii) Production of Dried Tree Fruit: The production of dried tree fruits in Australia is shown in the following table for the years 1939 and 1944 to 1948:-

TABLE 22. PRODUCTION OF DRIED TREE FRUITS : AUSTRALIA
(In Tons.)

Fruit		1939	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948(a)
Apples	..	340	1,738	1,807	1,790	1,292	1,593
Apricots	..	1,234	1,854	781	1,299	1,292	972
Figs	..	49	106	56	79	42	115
Peaches	..	454	479	547	469	379	571
Pears	..	219	437	324	274	318	176
Plums	..	35	32	15	35	7	34
Prunes	..	1,654	3,189	1,687	2,688	1,976	3,264
Nectarines	..	43	24	38	43	12	63
<u>Total:</u>		4,028	7,859	5,255	6,677	5,318	6,786

(a) Subject to revision.

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