

the other States. The questionnaire for Alaska contained inquiries regarding the area in greenhouses and hothouses, the value of vegetables grown in greenhouses or hothouses, the value of sales of flowers grown under glass or in the open, and the value of sales of plants grown under glass or in the open. The questionnaire for Alaska did not contain a question regarding nursery products since the production and sale of such products were relatively unimportant.

The figures for horticultural specialty crops relate to all farms selling these crops. A special census was made for farms selling horticultural specialty products with a value of \$2,000 or more in 1959. This special census obtained detailed data on the production and sales of individual nursery products, flowers, flowering plants, vegetables grown under glass, mushrooms, and flower seeds. Data on the sale of individual horticultural specialty crops, and information regarding the coverage of the special census, and the comparability of data from the special census with those for the 1959 Census of Agriculture are published in part 1, volume V, of the reports of the 1959 Census of Agriculture.

### PRODUCTION OF PRINCIPAL CROPS

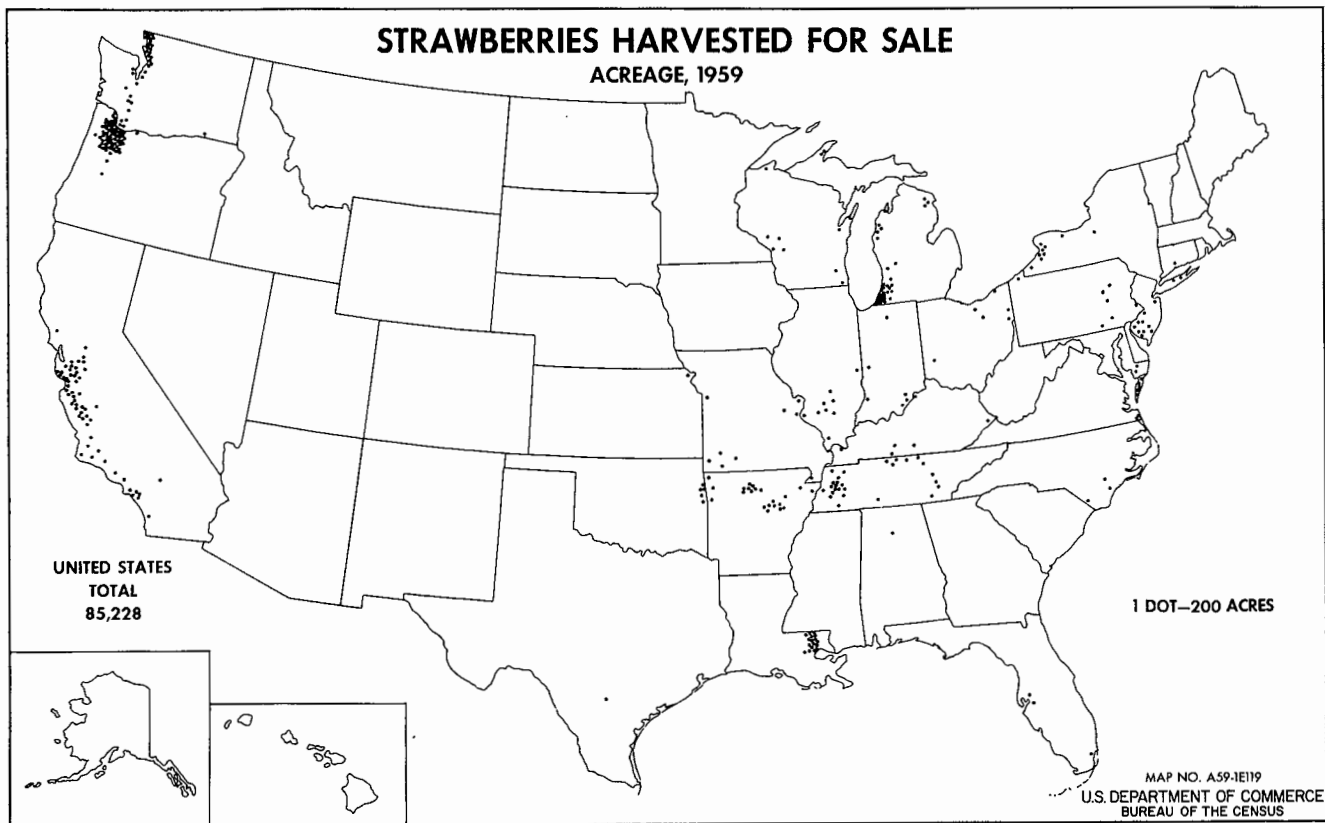
**Berries and Other Small Fruits.**—Berries and small fruits accounted for less than one-tenth of 1 percent of the value of all crops and of all farm products sold in 1959.

The acreage of berries and small fruits in 1959 was about the same as in 1954, 12 percent less than in 1949, and 40 percent less than in 1939.

The average yields per acre for all berry and small fruit crops with 10,000 or more acres harvested were considerably greater in 1959 than for prior censuses. The yield per acre for 1959 exceeded that for 1954 by 28 percent for strawberries, 35 percent for blackberries and dewberries, 9 percent for raspberries, 6 percent for blueberries, and 30 percent for cranberries.

The value of berries and small fruits in 1959 was 12 percent greater than in 1954, 41 percent greater than in 1949, and more than 136 percent greater than the value in 1939. The increase in value of sales was the result of increased yield per acre as the value per unit of sales varied from 7 to 28 percent lower in 1959 than in 1954 for strawberries, blackberries, raspberries, and cranberries. The three Western States of California, Oregon, and Washington produced approximately one-half of the value of the berries and small fruits harvested in the United States.

Strawberries were the most important berry and small fruit crop. They accounted for 44 percent of the acreage harvested and 67 percent of the value of all berry and small fruit crops in 1959. The number of farms reporting and the acreage harvested were 16 percent and 6 percent greater, respectively, in 1959 than in 1954. The quantity of strawberries sold in 1959 was 35 percent larger than in 1954 and 66 percent greater than in 1949. More than half of the strawberry crop is produced in California and Oregon. Four States—California, Oregon, Washington, and Michigan—produced 71 percent of the crop in 1959.



Blueberries were the second most important berry and small fruit crop, accounting for 10 percent of the value of all berries and small fruits sold in 1959. Four States—Maine, New Jersey, Michigan, and North Carolina—accounted for more than 88 percent of the 1959 production.

Cranberries were the third most important berry and small fruit crop in 1959, accounting for slightly less than 10 percent of the value of all berry and small fruit crops sold. The 1959 acreage harvested was only 5 percent greater than that of 1899. Cran-

berry production has been increasing because of the increase in yield per acre. The yield per acre in 1959 exceeded 1954 by 30 percent and 1949 by 75 percent. The 1959 yield per acre was 250 percent higher than in 1899. The production of cranberries is highly localized. Five counties—Plymouth, Barnstable, and Bristol counties, Massachusetts; Burlington County, New Jersey; and Coos County, Oregon—produced more than 50 percent of the cranberries harvested in 1959.