

Pip-fruits (Apple, Pear, and Quince): The major districts for apple-production with over 500 acres in apple-trees as at 31st March, 1949, were :—

	Acres.
Nelson (Nelson, Mapua, Motueka)	3,614
Hawkes Bay (Hastings)	1,364
Auckland (Auckland, Hamilton)	1,307
Canterbury (Christchurch, Timaru)	927
Central Otago (Roxburgh, Alexandra)	896

Minor districts with over 100 acres and under 500 acres include :—

	Acres.
Marlborough (Blenheim)	386
Wairarapa (Masterton)	146
Poverty Bay (Gisborne)	95

The major districts for pear-production with over 250 acres in pear trees were :—

	Acres.
Nelson	320
Hawkes Bay	269

Minor districts with over 50 acres and under 250 acres include—

	Acres.
Central Otago	124
Auckland	105
Canterbury	86

Quinces are grown only to a limited extent, Auckland and Hawkes Bay being the only districts with over 50 acres in quince-trees.

The areas in these districts in 1948-49 were :—

	Acres.
Auckland	63
Hawkes Bay	51

The *total acreage* in pip-fruits was :—

	Acres.
Apple	8,999
Pear	1,006
Quince	186
Total	10,191

Apple, pear, and quince tree figures were almost stationary in 1948, except in the Hawkes Bay district, where nearly 3,500 apple-trees were planted in commercial orchards, the most popular variety being Granny Smith.

Reworking of one variety to a more popular variety continues, nearly 700 apple-trees of miscellaneous varieties being reworked to Sturmer, Golden Delicious, Jonathan, and Granny Smith varieties in the Nelson (Mapua, Motueka) district.

The total of pip-fruit trees at 31st March, 1949, was :—

	In Orchards Over 120 Trees.	In Orchards Under 120 Trees.	Totals.
	Trees.	Trees.	Trees.
Apple	1,060,354	19,513	1,079,867
Pear	116,688	4,076	120,764
Quince	20,793	1,515	22,308