

Minor districts with between 10 and 25 acres are :—

	Acres.
Nelson	17
Hawkes Bay	17
Auckland	13
Manawatu	10½

The major districts for currant-production with over 25 acres at 31st March, 1949, are :—

	Acres.
Wairarapa	71
Nelson	33

Minor districts with between 10 and 25 acres are :—

	Acres.
Canterbury	18
Hawkes Bay	13

The Dominion acreages of berry-fruits at 31st March, 1949, are :—

	Acres.		Acres.
Strawberry	364½	Gooseberry	139½
Raspberry	754	Currant	153
Loganberry	13	Boysenberry	25

There was an increase of 84 acres of strawberries in Auckland and 25 acres in Canterbury during 1948.

In Nelson there was a decrease of 22 acres of raspberry, but the areas in Canterbury increased by 40 acres ; otherwise there were no significant changes.

Berry-fruits : The estimated production of these fruits during the 1948-49 season was :—

	Strawberries.	Raspberries.	Loganberries.	Gooseberries.	Currants.	Boysenberries	Cape Gooseberries.
	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Auckland ..	419	8	11	9	..	14	..
Tauranga ..	7	½	..	7½	1	1	..
Gisborne ..	1	3	1	2
Hawkes Bay ..	15	150	3	30	15½	15	..
Manawatu and Wanganui ..	11	29½	½	17	3	½	1
Wairarapa ..	2½	100	13	200	116	3	..
Nelson ..	13	191	..	23	26	5½	35
Marlborough ..	½	6	..	2	½
Canterbury ..	82	334	16	16	25
Otago ..	30	108½	2	15	16	1½	..
Totals ..	581	930½	46½	321½	203	40½	36

Production of all berry-fruits has substantially increased this past season, particularly strawberry-production, which has more than doubled.

Dr. C. H. Cadman, an authority on raspberry diseases, from the Dundee University, in Scotland, when visiting New Zealand in 1947 recognized a disease, known in England as red-core root fungus, infecting strawberry-plants in the Auckland district. A survey of strawberry nurseries in the Hamilton district conducted in 1948 shows that this disease is widespread.

Grass-grub is responsible for considerable damage among strawberry and raspberry beds in South Canterbury.