



Blossom and Harvest Time

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Note: blossom and harvest times can vary by as much as 2 weeks earlier or later than the dates shown below. For example, in early April 2023, the blossom and crop is projected to be two weeks later than normal.

Blossom and harvest times can also vary by as much as two to three weeks from the South Okanagan to the Shuswap. The times shown below are for the central Okanagan.

Type of Tree Fruit	Blossom Time	Harvest Time
Apricots	Early April to Late-April	Mid-July to Mid-August
Cherries	Mid-April to Early-May	Late-June to Late-August
Peaches	Mid-April to Early-May	Late-July to Early-September
Pears	Late-April to Mid-May	Mid-August to Late-September
Plums	Late-April to Mid-May	Mid-August to Late-September
Apples	Early-May to Late-May	Mid-August to Mid-November

Number of Blossoms, 2023. estimate

Apple acreage = 6,700 acres

Average production per acre = 45 bins (800 lbs/bin)

Total production = 240 million pounds

Average weight of an apple = 40 pound box / 100 apples per box = 0.4 pounds

Number of apples harvested = 600 million

Each apple produced is from a cluster of 5 blossoms. However, apples are thinned so that about every third blossom cluster produces an apple. E.g. 1 apple per 15 blossoms.

Therefore there are a total of 7.8 billion apple blossoms.

Cherry acreage = 4,800 acres

Average production per acre = 10,000 pounds per acre

Total production = 48 million pounds

Average weight of a cherry = 7 grams, or 0.15 pounds, with one blossom for each cherry produced.

Therefore there are a total of 320 million cherry blossoms

The total number of blossoms for apple cherry, pear (320 acres, blossoms equivalent to apples), apricot, plum and peach (1,005 acres, blossoms equivalent to cherries) in the Okanagan is estimated as **8.5 billion**. Busy bees!



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