

The progress of fruit farming.

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Devon, Hereford, Somerset, and Worcester, there are 95,521 acres of fruit-
land out of the total number of 187,553 acres of fruit-land in the United
Kingdom.

There are no statistics showing what proportion of this fruit-land, or orchard-land, as it is for the most part, produces cider and perry-fruit, though no doubt it forms a large part of its yield.

In Gloucester, again, cider is extensively made. A little is made in seasons of heavy crops in Kent, but it is not of first-rate quality, and the quantity made is becoming smaller year by year.

In Dorset, Monmouth, Salop, and Wilts, the fruit-land consists mainly of apple-orchards planted with trees of second-rate kinds of fruit, the greater part of which is made into cider for the farm hands.

With regard to the importation of foreign fruit, much of this arrives in the English market before the home-grown fruit is ripe, therefore it does not

come directly into competition with it?

at least in the case of most of the soft fruits, as currants, gooseberries, and strawberries. It is different, however, with apples, of which large quantities are sent from Canada and the United States, and reduce the value of English apples considerably in some seasons.

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