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CANADIAN MUSHROOM GROWERS SURVEY, 1970

This survey was instituted in 1964 to obtain data on Canadian mushroom production, value of crop and value of investment. The results of the 1970 survey are shown in the following tables along with revised statistics for the previous year. The figures are on a calendar year basis.

Except as indicated below the statistics are the totals of data as reported by the correspondents on the questionnaires returned to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. The number reporting in 1970 was 100 compared with 93 in 1969. The value and quantity of the mushroom crop in British Columbia is reported by their local marketing association.

The total mushroom production in 1970 was 25.7 million pounds an increase of 2.7 million pounds from the record 1969 figure of 23.0 million pounds. The total value of the 1970 crop is estimated at 12.4 million dollars as compared with the 1969 value of 10.7 million dollars. Total area of mushroom beds in 1970 increased by 916 thousand square feet, over the 1969 figure. The total value of investment in the Canadian mushroom industry has increased significantly over the past six years. The total investment in 1964 was 12.0 million dollars compared with the 1970 reported figure of 20.2 million dollars.

Total fresh imports of mushrooms into Canada in 1970 stood at 2.2 million pounds, a decrease from the 1969 import figure of 2.4 million pounds. Total canned imports of mushrooms into Canada in 1970 stood at 8.5 million pounds, a decrease from 1969 import figure of 9.0 million pounds. In 1964 Canada imported 1.3 million pounds of fresh mushrooms and 1.6 million pounds of canned mushrooms.

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Production and Sales	Canada	Mari- times, Quebec and Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia
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Total area of mushroom bed sq. ft.	3,996	2,961	285	750
Total area harvested "	10,261	7,301	898	2,062
Total production mushrooms lb.	23,007	18,503	1,373	3,131
Quantity sold fresh"	10,231	8,316	475	1,440
Value of fresh sales \$	5,650	4,476	285	889
Quantity sold to processors 1b.	5,564	3,853	*	*
Value of sales to processors \$	2,266	1,552	*	*
Processed by growers 1b.	7,212	*	*	-
Value of grower's processed crop \$	2,751	*	*	gross -
Total value of crop \$	10,667			falls many
Value of Investment		\$10	000	
Land Buildings for packing and processing Other buildings Heating equipment Cooling equipment Processing and packing equipment Other machinery	5,402 5,989 789 643 576 208 1,756	4,506 4,731 648 432 498 186 1,326		836 656 72 100 36 4
Total investment			1,142	
Total number of employees, peak period	1,334	996	105	233
Total number of employees, slack period	892	742	76	74
Average hourly rate, experienced staff	\$ 1.88	\$ 1.88	\$ 2.03	\$ 1.76

^{*} Less than three firms reporting.

MUSHROOM GROWERS SURVEY 1970

Production and Sales	Canada	Mari- times, Quebec and Ontario	Prairie Provinces	British Columbia	
	'000				
Total area of mushroom bed sq. ft.	4,912	3,855	277	780	
Total area harvested	11,511	8,463	903	2,145	
Total production mushrooms 1b.	25,729	20,848	1,583	3,298	
Quantity sold fresh "	11,991	9,620	619	1,752	
Value of fresh sales\$	6,738	5,221	398	1,119	
Quantity sold to processors 1b.	6,456	4,910	-	1,546	
Value of sales to processors \$	2,741	2,078	Try -	663	
Processed by growers 1b.	7,280	*	*	-	
Value of grower's processed crop \$	2,938	*	*	-	
Total value of crop \$	12,417				
Value of Investment	\$'000				
Land	5,964	4,612	50	1,302	
Buildings for packing and processing	7,983	6,661	486	836	
Other buildings	839	659	21	159	
Heating equipment	808	626	64	118	
Cooling equipment	772	672	42	58	
Processing and packing equipment	1,354	1,333	14	7	
Other machinery	2,500	1,981	110	409	
Total investment	20,220	16,544	787	2,889	
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Labour					
Total number of employees, peak period	1,526	1,159	90	277	
Total number of employees, slack period	916	785	56	75	
Average hourly rate, experienced staff	\$ 1.99	\$ 1.97	\$ 2.02	\$ 2.05	

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