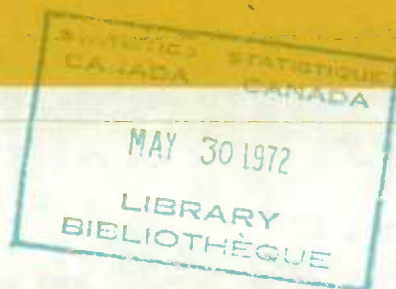


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CANADIAN MUSHROOM GROWERS SURVEY, 1971

This survey was instituted in 1964 to obtain data on Canadian mushroom production, value of crop and value of investment. The results of the 1971 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 Statistics Canada. The number reporting in 1971 was 106 compared with 101 in 1970. The value and quantity of the mushroom crop in British Columbia is reported by their local marketing association.

The total mushroom production in 1971 was 32.2 million pounds an increase of 6.3 million pounds from the 1970 figure of 25.9 million pounds. The total value of the 1971 crop is estimated at 16.9 million dollars as compared with the 1970 value of 13.2 million dollars. Total area of mushroom beds in 1971 increased by 343 thousand square feet, over the 1970 figure. The total value of investment in the Canadian mushroom industry has doubled over the past seven years. The total investment in 1964 was 12.0 million dollars compared with the 1971 reported figure of 25.5 million dollars.

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MUSHROOM GROWERS SURVEY 1970

Production and Sales	Canada	Mari- times, Quebec and Ontario	Prai- rie Pro- vinces	British Columbia
	'000			
Total area of mushroom bed sq. ft.	4,390	3,333	277	780
Total area harvested "	11,610	8,562	903	2,145
Total production mushrooms lb.	25,929	21,049	1,582	3,298
Quantity sold fresh "	12,181	9,810	619	1,752
Value of fresh sales \$	6,850	5,333	398	1,119
Quantity sold to processors lb.	6,468	4,922	--	1,546
Value of sales to processors \$	2,746	2,083	--	663
Processed by growers lb.	7,280	*	*	—
Value of grower's processed crop \$	3,581	*	*	—
Total value of crop \$	13,177			
<u>Value of Investment</u>				
Land	5,981	4,621	58	1,302
Buildings for packing and processing	8,063	6,741	486	836
Other buildings	839	659	21	159
Heating equipment	818	636	64	118
Cooling equipment	775	675	42	58
Processing and packing equipment	1,354	1,333	14	7
Other machinery	2,380	1,996	110	274
Total investment	20,210	16,661	795	2,754
<u>Labour</u>				
Total number of employees, peak period	1,520	1,167	90	263
Total number of employees, slack period	921	790	56	75
Average hourly rate, experienced staff	\$ 1.99	\$ 1.97	\$ 2.02	\$ 2.03

-- Amount too small to be expressed.

* Less than three firms reporting.

MUSHROOM GROWERS SURVEY 1971

Production and Sales	Canada	Mari- times, Quebec and Ontario	Prai- rie Pro- vinces	British Columbia
	'000			
Total area of mushroom bed sq. ft.	4,733	3,622	311	800
Total area harvested "	13,132	10,117	1,015	2,000
Total production mushrooms lb.	32,236	26,162	1,895	4,179
Quantity sold fresh "	13,986	10,815	982	2,189
Value of fresh sales \$	8,452	6,424	634	1,394
Quantity sold to processors lb.	9,143	7,153	—	1,990
Value of sales to processors \$	3,935	3,062	—	873
Processed by growers lb.	9,107	*	*	—
Value of grower's processed crop \$	4,530	*	*	—
Total value of crop \$	16,917			
<u>Value of Investment</u>				
Land	6,922	4,801	58	2,063
Buildings for packing and processing	10,606	9,008	582	1,016
Other buildings	1,527	1,240	125	162
Heating equipment	760	544	77	139
Cooling equipment	742	600	72	70
Processing and packing equipment	255	233	17	5
Other machinery	4,720	3,968	227	525
Total investment	25,532	20,394	1,158	3,980
<u>Labour</u>				
Total number of employees, peak period	1,735	1,306	129	300
Total number of employees, slack period	1,225	1,027	93	105
Average hourly rate, experienced staff	\$ 2.13	\$ 2.13	\$ 2.20	\$ 2.10

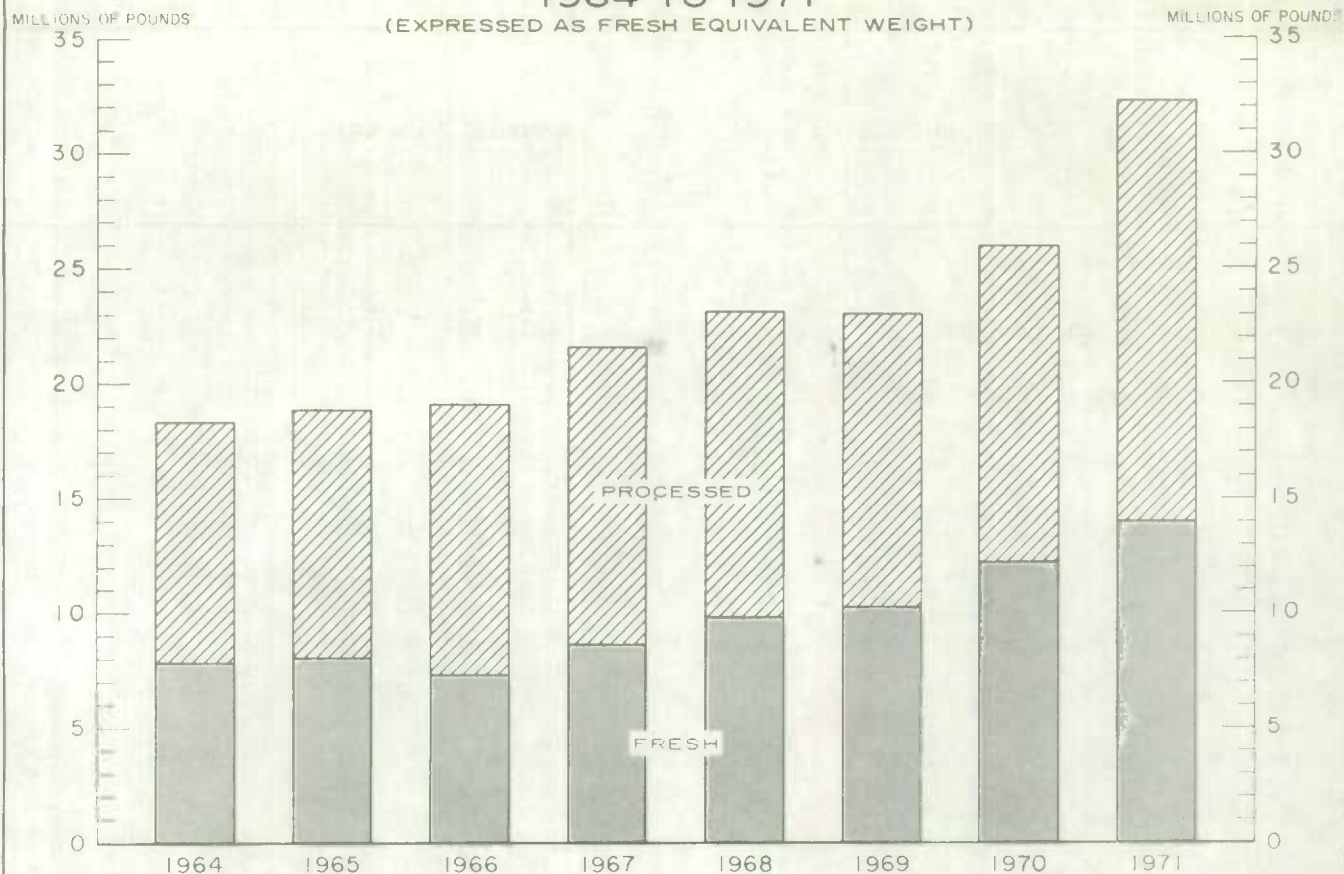
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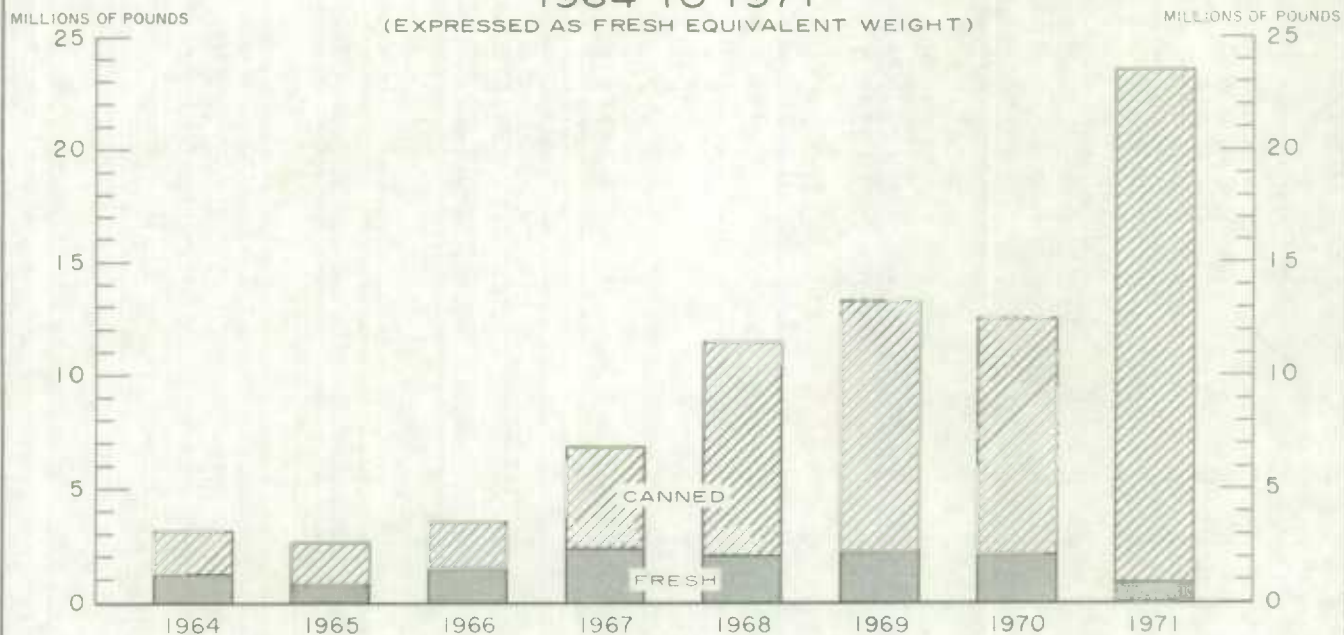
CANADIAN MUSHROOM PRODUCTION 1964 TO 1971

(EXPRESSED AS FRESH EQUIVALENT WEIGHT)



CANADIAN IMPORTS OF MUSHROOMS 1964 TO 1971

(EXPRESSED AS FRESH EQUIVALENT WEIGHT)



SOURCE OF DATA: TRADE OF CANADA "IMPORTS BY COMMODITIES" DECEMBER ISSUES 1964-1971, STATISTICS CANADA CATALOGUE NO. 65-007.