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CANADIAN MUSHROOM GROWERS SURVEY, 1972

This survey was instituted in 1964 to obtain data on Canadian mushroom production, value of crop and value of investment. The results of the 1972 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 1972 was 131 compared with 108 in 1971. The value and quantity of the mushroom crop in British Columbia is reported by their local marketing association.

The total mushroom production in 1972 was 40.0 million pounds an increase of 7.8 million pounds from the 1971 figure of 32.2 million pounds. The total value of the 1972 crop is estimated at 20.2 million dollars as compared with the 1971 value of 16.9 million dollars. Total area of mushroom beds in 1972 increased by 616 thousand square feet, over the 1971 figure. The total value of investment in the Canadian mushroom industry has almost tripled over the past eight years. The total investment in 1964 was 12.0 million dollars compared with the 1972 reported figure of 33.7 million dollars.

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MUSHROOM GROWERS SURVEY 1971

Production and Sales	Canada	Mari- times, Quebec and Ontario	Prai- rie Pro- vinces	British Columbia
	'000			
Total area of mushroom beds sq. ft.	4,740	3,625	311	804
Total area harvested "	13,150	10,123	1,015	2,012
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 \$	6,930	4,801	58	2,071
All buildings for packing and proces- sing, etc. \$	12,141	10,249	707	1,185
Heating equipment \$	761	544	77	140
Cooling equipment \$	743	600	72	71
Processing and packing equipment \$	255	233	17	5
Other machinery \$	4,722	3,968	227	527
Total investment \$	25,552	20,395	1,158	3,999
<u>Labour</u>				
Total number of employees, peak period No.	1,737	1,306	129	302
Total number of employees, slack period No.	1,227	1,027	93	107
Average hourly rate, experienced staff \$	2.13	2.13	2.20	2.09

* Less than three firms reporting.

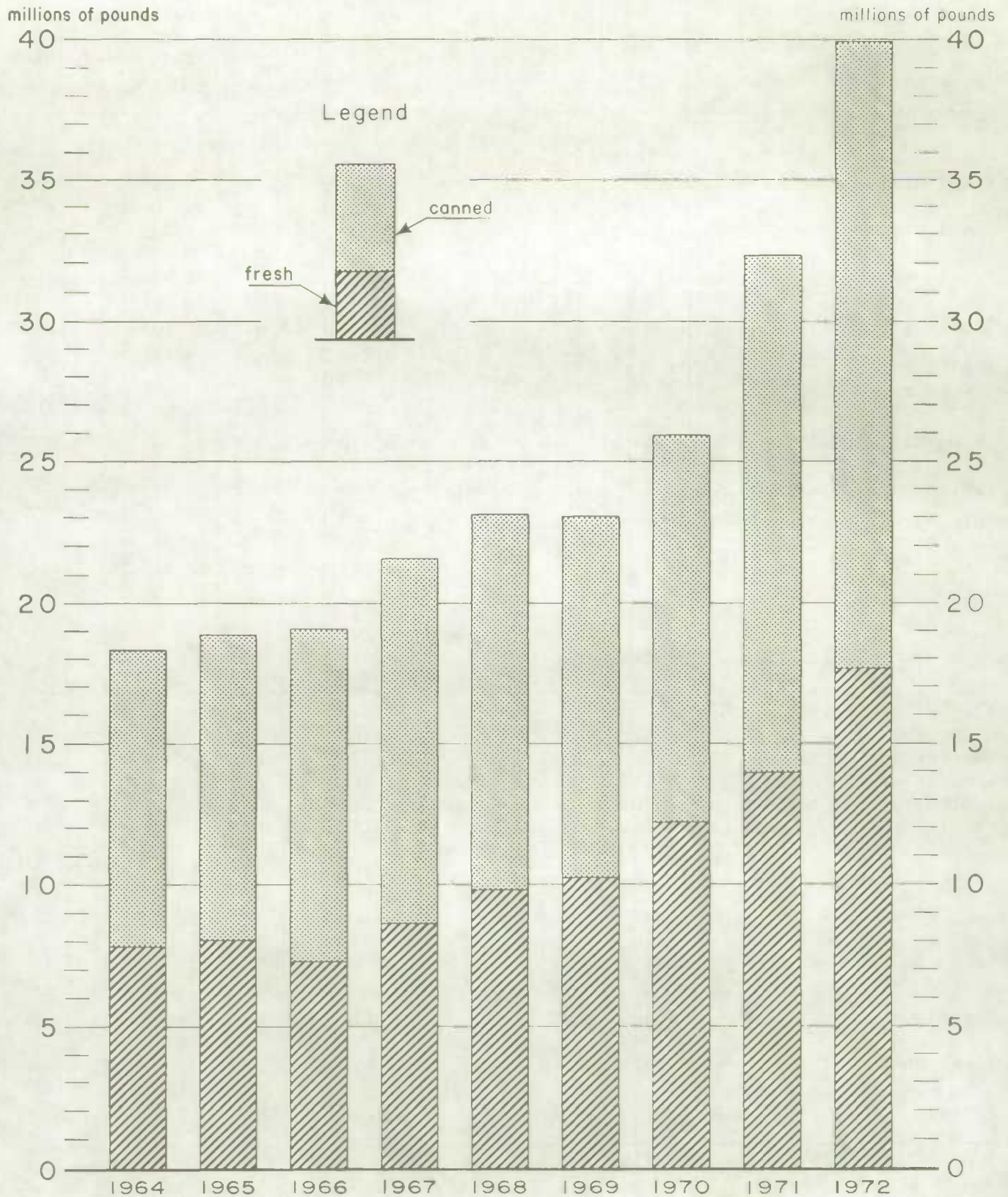
MUSHROOM GROWERS SURVEY 1972

Production and Sales	Canada	Mari- times, Quebec and Ontario	Prai- rie Pro- vinces	British Columbia
	'000			
Total area of mushroom beds sq. ft.	5,356	4,186	365	805
Total area harvested "	16,019	12,382	1,225	2,412
Total production mushrooms lb.	39,995	33,130	1,950	4,915
Quantity sold fresh "	17,605	13,851	1,155	2,599
Value of fresh sales \$	10,539	8,043	793	1,703
Quantity sold to processors lb.	7,902	5,587	—	2,315
Value of sales to processors \$	3,400	2,368	—	1,032
Processed by growers lb.	14,488	*	*	—
Value of grower's processed crop \$	6,288	*	*	—
Total value of crop \$	20,227			
<u>Value of Investment</u>				
Land \$	9,183	5,969	86	3,128
All buildings for packing and pro- cessing, etc. \$	16,297	13,773	831	1,693
Heating equipment \$	1,054	767	85	202
Cooling equipment \$	911	781	40	90
Processing and packing equipment \$	512	484	19	9
Other machinery \$	5,754	4,843	315	596
Total investment \$	33,711	26,617	1,376	5,718
<u>Labour</u>				
Total number of employees, peak period No.	2,131	1,566	137	428
Total number of employees, slack period No.	1,447	1,184	99	164
Average hourly rate, experienced staff \$	2.24	2.23	2.34	2.26

* Less than three firms reporting.

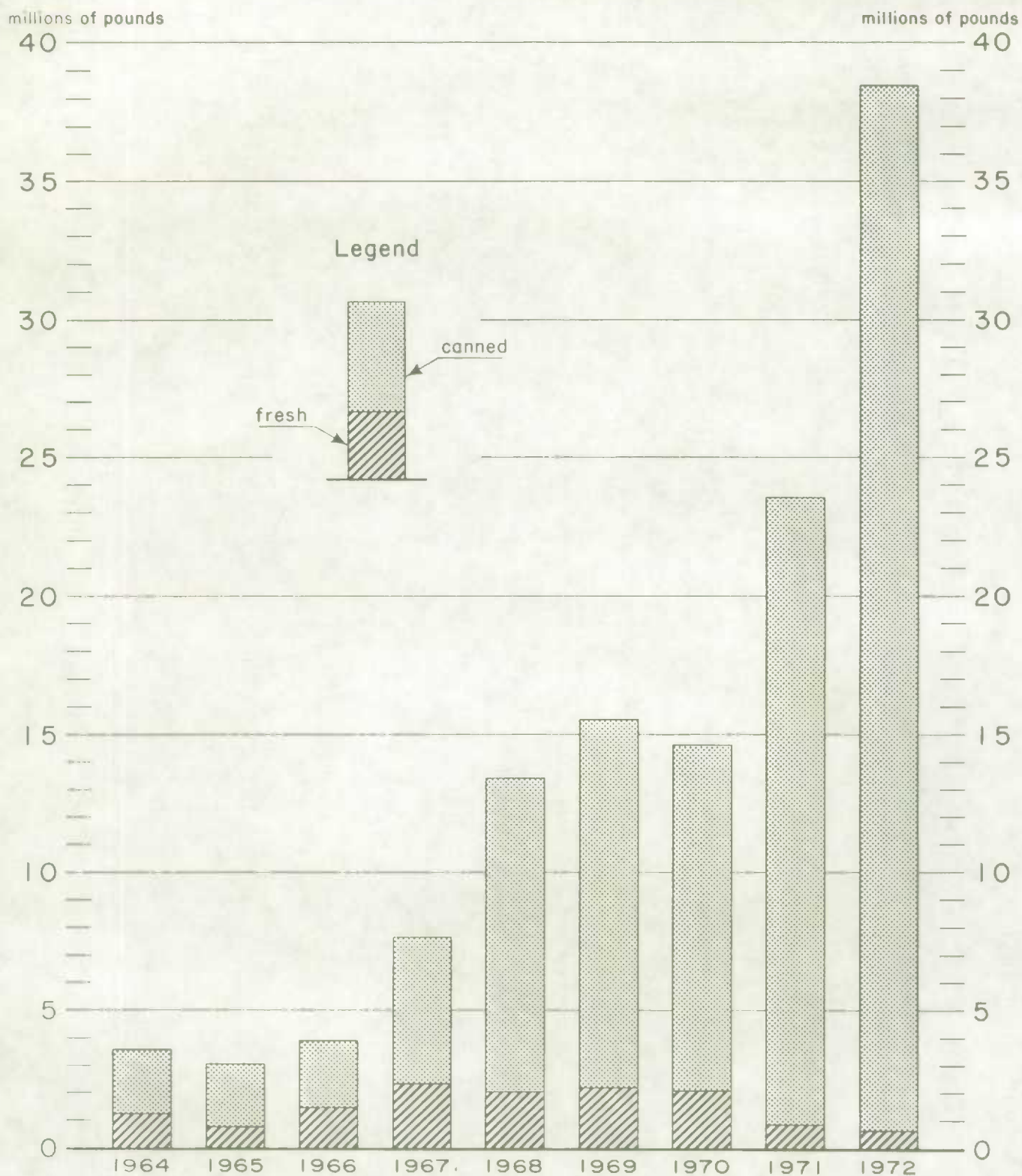
Canadian Mushroom Production, 1964 to 1972

(Expressed as Fresh Equivalent Weight)



Canadian Imports of Mushrooms, 1964 to 1972

(Expressed as Fresh Equivalent Weight)



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