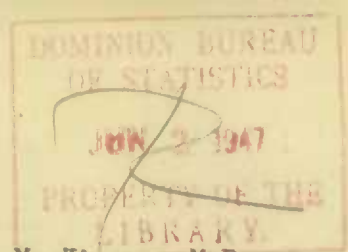


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MAPLE PRODUCTS

PRODUCTION:

The production of maple syrup and sugar this year was much greater than in the previous season, being estimated at 3,580,000 gallons of syrup and 3,434,000 pounds of sugar, compared with 1,889,000 gallons of syrup and 2,543,000 pounds of sugar in 1946. The syrup crop is the largest on record since 1924 but sugar production is 5 per cent smaller than the 10 year 1936-45 average. Production of maple syrup and sugar is confined to four provinces and production this season, with comparable figures for 1946 in brackets, is as follows: Quebec, syrup 2,831,000 gal. (1,638,000 gal.), sugar 3,260,000 lb. (2,448,000 lb.); Ontario, syrup 717,000 gal. (235,000 gal.), sugar 67,000 lb. (7,000 lb.); New Brunswick, syrup 23,000 gal. (10,000 gal.), sugar 93,000 lb. (68,000 lb.); Nova Scotia, syrup 9,000 gal. (6,000 gal.), sugar 14,000 lb. (20,000 lb.).

THE 1947 SEASON:

Tapping commenced about March 10 and the season extended over a 6 weeks period. There was some misgiving about the size of the crop early in the season because of the unusual amount of snow in the woods but as the season advanced conditions improved greatly. The flow of sap was irregular but the season was twice as long as normal. There was a considerable increase in the number of trees tapped and with the extended season, yields were high. The quality, however, was not as good as usual, being darker in colour due to frequent rains. In sections of Quebec and Ontario heavy frosts caused considerable damage to buckets when the contents froze.

MARKETS AND PRICES:

The demand for syrup was exceedingly strong and with controls no longer in effect, prices started off at a high level. Reports of sales as high as \$6.00 per gallon were not unusual. As the crop began to move to market in volume prices dropped sharply but the seasonal average was considerably higher than in 1946. The great bulk of the crop moved direct to consumer and a much smaller proportion was sold to syrup processors. Purchases of syrup by bottling firms were about 50 per cent below the 1946 level and the quantities of sugar obtained were also down sharply. The value of the crop, including syrup and sugar, is estimated at \$14,139,000 or 125 per cent more than the value of production in 1946.



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Table 1

Farm Production of Maple Syrup and Maple Sugar, in Canada, 1936 to 1947

Years	Maple Syrup	Maple Sugar	Total Production Expressed as Syrup	Gross Farm Value
	000 gal.	000 lb.	000 gal.	\$ 000
1936	2,022	9,233	2,946	3,714
1937	1,233	4,412	1,674	2,245
1938	2,955	3,454	3,300	3,849
1939	2,302	2,899	2,593	3,444
1940	2,755	3,438	3,098	4,210
1941	2,037	2,390	2,276	3,562
1942	2,877	3,737	3,251	6,716
1943	2,058	2,416	2,299	5,750
1944	2,870	2,207	3,090	9,057
1945	1,338	1,920	1,530	4,497
1946	1,889	2,543	2,144	6,282
1947	3,580	3,434	3,923	14,139

Table 2

Maple Syrup, Production and Value, 1946 and 1947

Province	Production		Farm Price		Gross Farm Value	
	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947
	gal.	gal.	\$ per gal.	\$	\$	\$
Nova Scotia 1/	6,000	9,000	3.50	3.94	21,000	35,000
New Brunswick 1/	10,000	23,000	3.77	4.25	38,000	98,000
Quebec	1,638,000	2,831,000	2.92	3.48	4,783,000	9,852,000
Ontario	235,000	717,000	3.15	4.00	740,000	2,868,000
CANADA	1,889,000	3,580,000	2.96	3.59	5,582,000	12,853,000

Table 3

Maple Sugar, Production and Value 1946 and 1947

Province	Production		Farm Price		Gross Farm Value	
	1946	1947	1946	1947	1946	1947
	lb.	lb.	¢	¢	\$	\$
Nova Scotia 2/	20,000	14,000	42	52	8,000	7,000
New Brunswick 2/	68,000	93,000	42	50	29,000	46,000
Quebec	2,448,000	3,260,000	27	37	661,000	1,206,000
Ontario	7,000	67,000	35	41	2,000	27,000
CANADA	2,543,000	3,434,000	26.7	37.4	700,000	1,286,000

1/ Sold chiefly in bottles to consumers. 2/ Quantities and prices include maple sugar, cream and butter