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## MAPLE PRODUCTS

### Production and Value

Production of maple products this season was 23 per cent lighter than in 1950 and 12 per cent below the five-year 1944-1948 average. Expressing syrup and sugar as syrup the crop amounted to 2,309,000 gallons while production in 1950 amounted to 2,983,000 gallons. Average returns to growers were slightly higher in all provinces this year. Prices range from \$4.29 per gallon in Ontario to \$3.55 per gallon in Quebec. The average price of syrup for Canada was \$3.69 per gallon this year compared with \$3.55 a year ago. Prices of sugar were also higher than in 1950. The average price for Canada was 40 cents per pound compared with 37 cents per pound last season. The tapping season began in Quebec and Ontario during the first week of March and in Nova Scotia during the week of March 19. Production got under way in New Brunswick about a week later. Early indications were that the crop would be heavier than usual but cool, rainy weather at the height of the season reduced production materially.

TABLE 1.- PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF MAPLE PRODUCTS, 1949, 1950 AND 1951 AND THE 5-YEAR, 1944 - 48, AVERAGE

Year	Maple Syrup	Maple Sugar	Total Expressed as Syrup	Gross Farm Value
	'000 gal.	'000 lb.	'000 gal.	\$'000
1944-48	2,367	2,491	2,616	8,503
1949	2,306	1,787	2,485	9,126
1950	2,801	1,824	2,983	10,636
1951	2,144	1,649	2,309	8,555

TABLE 2.- PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF MAPLE SYRUP IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, 1950 AND 1951

Province	Production		Farm Price		Gross Farm Value	
	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951
	gal.	gal.	\$ per gal.		\$	\$
Nova Scotia	7,000	5,000	3.76	4.18	26,000	21,000
New Brunswick	14,000	10,000	4.00	4.27	56,000	43,000
Quebec	2,273,000	1,750,000	3.44	3.55	7,819,000	6,212,000
Ontario	507,000	379,000	4.05	4.29	2,053,000	1,626,000
CANADA	2,801,000	2,144,000	3.55	3.69	9,954,000	7,902,000

TABLE 3.- PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF MAPLE SUGAR IN CANADA BY PROVINCES, 1950 AND 1951

Province	Production		Farm Price		Gross Farm Value	
	1950	1951	1950	1951	1950	1951
	lb.	lb.	cents per lb.		\$	\$
Nova Scotia	13,000	15,000	.47	.52	6,000	8,000
New Brunswick	86,000	90,000	.43	.46	37,000	41,000
Quebec	1,692,000	1,500,000	.37	.39	626,000	585,000
Ontario	33,000	44,000	.40	.43	13,000	19,000
CANADA	1,824,000	1,649,000	.37	.40	682,000	653,000

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