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PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF MAPLE PRODUCTS 1953

The production of maple products (expressed in syrup) was considerably lower in 1953 than in 1952, and the smallest since 1945. The reduction experienced this year is attributed to weather conditions which were extremely unfavourable to maple production throughout Eastern Canada during the past winter and spring. During the maple season the flow of sap was reduced by rain and frost-free nights.

The production of both maple syrup and maple sugar was down from last year by about the same proportion. This was the experience in all maple producing provinces except in Ontario where the reduction in syrup was proportionally greater than in sugar. The province of Quebec accounted for 93 percent of the syrup and 90 percent of the sugar this year, a slightly larger proportion of the total than in 1952, when the comparable figures were 85 percent and 93 percent.

The farm price of syrup was higher in all areas this year than in 1952. However the increase averaged only about 8 percent and total returns to producers were considerably lower this year than last. Farm prices of sugar in spite of the smaller crop were a little lower this year than last in all provinces except Ontario.

Table 1. - Production and Value of Maple Products in Canada, 1951, 1952 and 1953 and the 1946-50 Averages

Year	Maple Syrup '000 gal.	Maple 1/ Sugar '000 lb.	Total Expressed as Syrup '000 gal.	Gross Farm Value \$'000
1946-50	2,547	2,388	2,786	9,745
1951	2,744	1,649	2,309	8,555
1952	3,254	2,161	3,470	12,175
1953	1,818	1,324	1,948	7,306

1/ Sugar made on farms.

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Table 2. - Production and Value of Maple Syrup in Canada, by Provinces, 1952 and 1953

Province	Production		Farm Price		Gross Farm Value	
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
	gal.	gal.	\$ per gal.		\$	\$
Nova Scotia	6,000	2,000	4.13	4.24	25,000	8,000
New Brunswick	12,000	5,000	4.30	4.85	52,000	24,000
Quebec	2,777,000	1,686,000	3.33	3.69	9,247,000	6,229,000
Ontario	459,000	121,000	4.21	4.32	1,932,000	523,000
CANADA	3,254,000	1,816,000	3.46	3.74	11,256,000	6,784,000

Table 3. - Production and Value of Maple Sugar^{1/} in Canada, by Provinces, 1952 and 1953

Province	Production		Farm Price		Gross Farm Value	
	1952	1953	1952	1953	1952	1953
	lb.	lb.	cents per lb.		\$	\$
Nova Scotia	11,000	6,000	54	53	6,000	3,000
New Brunswick	114,000	38,000	50	47	57,000	18,000
Quebec	2,020,000	1,266,000	42	39	846,000	494,000
Ontario	16,000	14,000	47	52	8,000	7,000
CANADA	2,161,000	1,324,000	43	39	919,000	522,000

^{1/} Sugar made on farms.

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