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PRODUCTION OF MAPLE PRODUCTS 1956 AND VALUE OF MAPLE PRODUCTS 1955

The 1956 production of maple products (expressed as syrup) at 2.7 million gallons was about 20 per cent above the 1955 crop and one per cent higher than the 1949-53 average. The increased crop this year was attributed to favourable weather conditions. Although early in the season conditions were not promising, a late run of sap developed which prolonged the season and ensured good yields in many areas. Production of maple syrup, estimated at 2.6 million gallons, was about 22 per cent above 1955 and 6 per cent above the 1949-53 average. Syrup production was up in both Ontario and Quebec this year but lower in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. The 1956 production of farm-made maple sugar, however, is estimated at 586,000 pounds, 31 per cent below last year. Sugar production was down in all producing provinces.

Estimates of the prices paid farmers for maple products are not yet available for 1956. These will be released when available. Estimated farm prices and returns to farmers from the sale of maple products in 1955 with comparable figures for 1954, 1953 and the five-year period 1948-52 are shown in tables 4, 5 and 6.

The total value of production of maple products for the 1955 crop in Canada stood at \$10.9 million, slightly lower than the 1954 figure of \$11.0 million. The 1955 crop of 2.2 million gallons (syrup and sugar expressed as syrup) was 8 per cent below that of the previous year but higher prices for both syrup and sugar largely offset the reduced output. Syrup prices to farmers were higher in all producing provinces in 1955 than in 1954 while sugar prices were also up in Nova Scotia and Quebec but down in New Brunswick and Ontario.

Table 1. - Production of Maple Products in Canada, 1953, 1954 and 1955 and the 1949-1953 Averages

Year	Maple Syrup '000 gal.	Maple <u>1</u> / Sugar '000 lb.	Total Expressed as Syrup '000 gal.
1949-53	2,464	1,749	2,639
1954	2,304	1,175	2,422
1955	2,146	847	2,231
1956	2,618	586	2,677

1/ Sugar made on farms.

Note: The material in this release was prepared in the Crops Section of the Agriculture Division of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics for all provinces except Quebec. Estimates for the Province of Quebec were prepared by the Quebec Bureau of Statistics.

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Table 2. - Production of Maple Syrup in Canada, by Province, 1955 and 1956

Province	Production	
	1955 gal.	1956 gal.
Nova Scotia	5,000	3,000
New Brunswick	11,000	10,000
Quebec	1,913,000	2,335,000
Ontario	217,000	270,000
CANADA	2,146,000	2,618,000

Table 3. - Production of Maple Sugar ^{1/} in Canada, by Province, 1955 and 1956

Province	Production	
	1955 lb.	1956 lb.
Nova Scotia	12,000	8,000
New Brunswick	88,000	37,000
Quebec	735,000	535,000
Ontario	12,000	6,000
CANADA	847,000	586,000

^{1/} Sugar made on farms.

Table 4. - Production and Value of Maple Products in Canada, 1953, 1954 and 1955 and the 1948-52 Averages

Year	Maple Syrup '000 gal.	Maple <u>1</u> / Sugar '000 lb.	Total Expressed as Syrup '000 gal.	Gross Farm Value \$000
1948-52	2,533	1,954	2,728	9,807
1953	1,816	1,324	1,948	7,306
1954	2,304	1,175	2,422	11,038
1955	2,146	847	2,231	10,882

1/ Sugar made on farms.

Table 5. - Production and Value of Maple Syrup in Canada, by Province, 1954 and 1955

Province	Production		Farm Price		Gross Farm Value	
	1954 gal.	1955 gal.	1954 \$ per gal.	1955 \$	1954 \$	1955 \$
Nova Scotia	4,000	5,000	4.34	4.70	17,000	24,000
New Brunswick	11,000	11,000	4.60	4.72	51,000	52,000
Quebec	2,025,000	1,913,000	4.60	4.91	9,315,000	9,393,000
Ontario	264,000	217,000	4.28	4.48	1,130,000	972,000
CANADA	2,304,000	2,146,000	4.58	4.87	10,513,000	10,441,000

Table 6. - Production and Value of Maple Sugar^{1/} in Canada, by Province, 1954 and 1955

Province	Production		Farm Price		Gross Farm Value	
	1954 lb.	1955 lb.	1954 cents per lb.	1955 \$	1954 \$	1955 \$
Nova Scotia	14,000	12,000	56	57	8,000	7,000
New Brunswick	32,000	88,000	56	52	18,000	46,000
Quebec	1,110,000	735,000	44	52	488,000	382,000
Ontario	19,000	12,000	56	52	11,000	6,000
CANADA	1,175,000	847,000	45	52	525,000	441,000

1/ Sugar made on farms.

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