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PRODUCTION OF MAPLE PRODUCTS 1971 AND VALUE OF MAPLE PRODUCTS 1970

The 1971 production of maple products (expressed as syrup) stood at 1.40 million gallons, 19 per cent below the 1970 crop of 1.72 million. Maple syrup which makes up the bulk of the production was below last years out-turn. Total farm-made sugar production declined to 288,000 pounds from 362,000 pounds in 1970. Quebec producers made 421,000 pounds of taffy this year compared with 482,000 pounds in 1970.

The bulk of the maple crop was produced in Quebec where syrup production totalled 1,164,000 gallons this year, 19 per cent below the 1,436,000 gallons of 1970. Production of syrup was lower in all provinces this year and the production of farm-made sugar was lower in all provinces except Nova Scotia.

Estimates of the farm value of the 1971 crop are not yet available. However, estimated returns to farmers from the sale of maple products in 1970 with comparative figures for earlier years are shown in tables 3, 4 and 5.

The total value of production of maple products for the 1970 crop in Canada stood at 8.8 million dollars which is down from the 9.0 million dollars of the previous season. Maple syrup made up 3.2 million dollars of the total while farm-made sugar amounted to 266,000 dollars.

Reference to maple sugar in this report is to farm-made sugar only and does not include any maple sugar produced elsewhere.

TABLE 1. Production of Maple Products in Canada, 1969, 1970 and 1971 and the 1964-68 Averages

Year	Maple syrup '000 gal.	Maple sugar(1) '000 lb.	Maple taffy(2)	Total expressed as syrup '000 gal.
1964-68	2,409	465	—	2,460
1969	1,882	364	468	1,969
1970	1,631	362	482	1,718
1971	1,324	288	421	1,397

(1) Sugar made on farms.

(2) Quebec only.

Conversion factors:

1 gal. of syrup = 9.2 lb. of maple sugar

1 gal. of syrup = 10 lb. of maple taffy.

1 gal. of syrup weighs 13 lb. 2 oz.

Note: The material in this release was prepared in the Crops Section of the Agriculture Division of Statistics Canada 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 Products in Canada by Province, 1970 and 1971

Province	Production					
	Maple syrup		Maple sugar(1)		Maple taffy(2)	
	1970	1971	1970	1971	1970	1971
	gal.		lb.		lb.	
CANADA	1,630,584	1,323,807	361,599	287,594	482,000	421,000
Nova Scotia	4,777	4,548	13,827	16,200	-	-
New Brunswick	7,860	7,634	28,297	15,736	-	-
Quebec	1,436,000	1,164,000	302,000	241,000	482,000	421,000
Ontario	181,947	147,625	17,475	14,658	-	-

(1) Sugar made on farms.

(2) Quebec only.

TABLE 3. Production and Value of Maple Products in Canada 1968, 1969 and 1970 and the 1963-67 Averages

Year	Maple syrup	Maple sugar	Maple taffy	Total expressed as syrup	Gross value
	'000 gal.	'000 lb.		'000 gal.	\$'000
1963-67	2,430	524	-	2,487	10,743
1968	2,612	423	478	2,706	12,021
1969	1,882	364	468	1,969	9,047
1970	1,631	362	482	1,718	8,783

TABLE 4. Production and Value of Maple Syrup in Canada by Province 1969 and 1970

Province	Production		Gross farm value	
	1969	1970	1969	1970
	gal.		\$'000	
CANADA	1,881,944	1,630,584	8,503	8,189
Nova Scotia	3,658	4,777	27	39
New Brunswick	8,840	7,860	65	57
Quebec	1,678,000	1,436,000	7,132	6,850
Ontario	191,446	181,947	1,279	1,243

TABLE 5. Production and Value of Maple Sugar(1) in Canada by Province 1969 and 1970

Province	Production		Gross value	
	1969	1970	1969	1970
	lb.		\$'000	
CANADA	363,746	361,599	249	266
Nova Scotia	9,012	13,827	7	12
New Brunswick	21,110	28,297	21	29
Quebec	326,000	302,000	212	205
Ontario	7,624	17,475	9	20

(1) Sugar made on farms.

TABLE 6. Production and Value of Maple Taffy in Quebec 1969 and 1970

	Production		Gross value	
	1969	1970	1969	1970
	lb.		\$'000	
Quebec	468,000	482,000	295	328