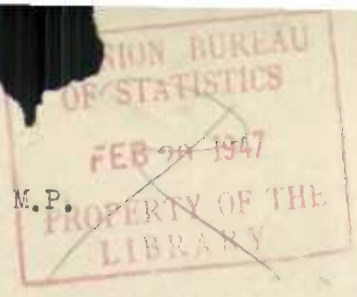


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HONEY CROP REPORT

Ottawa, February 19, 1947- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Dominion and Provincial Departments of Agriculture issues today preliminary estimates of honey production in Canada in 1946.

SUMMARY

Honey production in 1946 dropped sharply to 23,975,000 pounds, a decline of about 9,000,000 pounds from the previous crop. Not since 1929 has production been at this low level. Alberta, British Columbia and New Brunswick are the only provinces where production was higher than in 1945. The small crop in Eastern Canada was the result of very dry weather during July and August. The decline in Saskatchewan, on the other hand, was due to heavy frosts during July which reduced the flow of nectar from the alfalfa. Prices this year reflect the sharp drop in production and the average for Canada is 2 cents higher at 18 cents. Prices range from 16 cents per pound in Alberta to 25 cents per pound in New Brunswick. The total value of the crop is currently estimated at \$4,315,000, a decline of 21 percent from the value of the previous crop.

TABLE 1- Production and Value of Honey in Canada, 1940 to 1945 and the five-year (1935-39) average

	Bee- Keepers No.	Colonies No.	Average Production per Hive Lb.	Total Production 000 lb.	Average Price Paid to Producers cents per lb.	Total Value of Honey \$ 000
1935-39 Average	26,900	382,800	93	35,746	8	2,955
1940	27,200	398,500	71	28,215	10	2,914
1941	27,400	409,700	81	33,221	11	3,756
1942	28,400	427,000	66	28,049	14	3,843
1943	34,200	449,600	88	39,492	15	6,095
1944	40,700	508,500	71	36,264	15	5,534
1945	43,300	522,500	63	33,020	16	5,439

TABLE 2- Number of Beekeepers, Colonies, Production and Value of Honey in Canada by Provinces in 1946 a/ and final estimates for 1945

Province and Year	Bee- Keepers No.	Colonies No.	HONEY				Value of Honey and Wax \$	
			Production perHive lb.	Total Production lb.	Price per Pound cents	Total Value \$		
Canada	1946	45,400	548,100	44	23,975,000	18	4,315,000	4,475,000
	1945	43,300	522,500	63	33,020,000	16	5,439,000	5,665,000
P.E.I.	1946	150	750	20	15,000	19	3,000	3,000
	1945	170	720	64	46,000	16	7,000	7,000
N. S.	1946	450	1,550	42	65,000	20	13,000	13,000
	1945	420	1,530	54	83,000	21	17,000	18,000
N. B.	1946	480	2,175	50	109,000	25	27,000	28,000
	1945	380	2,140	49	104,000	22	23,000	24,000

TABLE 2 (cont'd)

Province and Year	Bee-keepers	Colonies	HONEY					Value of Honey and Wax
			Production per Hive	Total Production	Price per pound	Total Value		
	No.	No.	lb.	lb.	cents	\$	\$	
Quebec	1946	8,000	95,000	20	1,900,000	22	418,000	435,000
	1945	5,980	95,470	47	4,487,000	19	852,000	880,000
Ontario	1946	6,090	227,400	25	5,685,000	18	1,023,000	1,064,000
	1945	6,130	216,040	42	9,095,000	16	1,455,000	1,518,000
Manitoba	1946	4,600	65,000	74	4,810,000	18	866,000	900,000
	1945	4,500	60,000	81	4,860,000	15	729,000	763,000
Sask.	1946	12,020	65,880	60	3,953,000	18	712,000	735,000
	1945	11,390	65,890	111	7,328,000	17	1,253,000	1,304,000
Alta.	1946	11,000	72,000	86	6,192,000	16	991,000	1,030,000
	1945	10,000	63,000	95	6,000,000	15	900,000	941,000
B.C.	1946	4,570	18,320	68	1,246,000	21	262,000	267,000
	1945	4,370	17,740	57	1,017,000	20	203,000	210,000

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