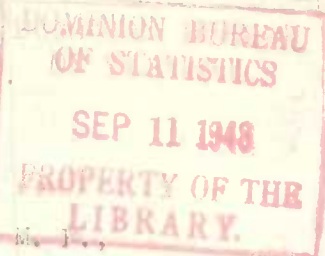


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HONEY CROP REPORT

Ottawa, September 10, 1948 - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Dominion and Provincial Departments of Agriculture issues to-day a report on production of Honey in Canada in 1948.

SUMMARY

The Canadian Honey crop in 1948 is currently estimated at 41,853,000 lb. or 13½ more than was harvested last season. While the number of colonies declined since 1947, the average yield is up sharply from 63 lb. per colony last season to 74.5 lb. this year. Production in 1948, by provinces, with comparable data for 1947 in brackets, is as follows: P. E. I. 70,000 lb. (57,000 lb.); N. S. 115,000 lb. (112,000 lb.); N. B. 182,000 lb. (142,000 lb.); Quebec 4,235,000 lb. (5,399,000 lb.); Ontario 15,781,000 lb. (12,290,000 lb.); Manitoba 7,498,000 lb. (5,180,000 lb.); Saskatchewan 5,038,000 lb. (6,232,000 lb.); Alberta 7,989,000 lb. (6,507,000 lb.); British Columbia 945,000 lb. (1,159,000 lb.).

The estimates of production are based on reports received from beekeepers throughout Canada. One survey is conducted in July to determine the number of colonies and another in the latter part of August to obtain the average yields per colony. The estimates of production published at this time are preliminary as the crop was not all harvested at the time the yield survey was undertaken. A revised estimate will be released in December.

TABLE 1- Production of Honey in Canada, 1940 to 1948  
 and the five-year (1935-39) average

	Bee- Keepers	Colonies	Average Production per Hive	Total Production
	No.	No.	lb.	000 lb.
1935-39 Average	26,900	382,800	93	35,746
1940 .....	27,200	398,500	71	28,215
1941 .....	27,400	409,700	81	33,221
1942 .....	28,400	427,000	66	28,049
1943 .....	34,200	449,600	38	39,492
1944 .....	40,700	508,500	71	36,264
1945 .....	43,300	522,500	63	33,020
1946 .....	43,200	541,800	43	23,185
1947 .....	39,200	588,700	63	37,078
1948 .....	31,850	561,700	74.5	41,853

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TABLE 2 - Number of Beekeepers, Colonies and Production of Honey in Canada  
by Provinces 1946 to 1948

Province and Year	Bee Keepers No.	Colonies No.	HONEY		
			Production per Colony lb.	Total Production lb.	
Canada	1948	31,850	561,700	74.5	41,853,000
	1947	39,200	598,700	63	37,079,000
	1946	43,200	541,800	43	23,185,000
P. E. I.	1948	100	700	100	70,000
	1947	120	1,000	57	57,000
	1946	150	750	20	15,000
N. S.	1948	380	2,300	50	115,000
	1947	400	2,500	45	112,000
	1946	450	1,550	42	65,000
N. B.	1948	530	3,500	52	182,000
	1947	450	2,900	49	142,000
	1946	480	2,180	50	109,000
Quebec	1948	4,950	77,000	55	4,235,000
	1947	5,220	81,800	66	5,399,000
	1946	6,000	95,000	20	1,900,000
Ontario	1948	5,050	239,100	66	15,781,000
	1947	5,460	261,500	47	12,290,000
	1946	6,090	227,400	25	5,685,000
Manitoba	1948	3,390	85,200	83	7,498,000
	1947	4,500	70,000	74	5,180,000
	1946	4,600	65,000	74	4,810,000
Sask.	1948	8,340	62,200	81	5,038,000
	1947	11,000	74,600	84	6,232,000
	1946	12,020	65,830	60	3,953,000
Alta.	1948	6,530	70,700	113	7,989,000
	1947	9,560	77,600	81	6,507,000
	1946	11,000	72,000	36	6,192,000
B. C.	1948	2,580	21,000	45	945,000
	1947	2,500	16,800	69	1,159,000
	1946	2,400	12,000	38	456,000