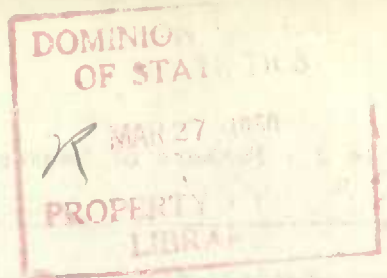


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HONEY CROP REPORT

Ottawa, October 13, 1949 - The Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the Dominion and Provincial Departments of Agriculture issues today the first estimate of honey production in Canada in 1949.

SUMMARY

Honey production in 1949 is currently estimated at 31,286,000 pounds. This represents a reduction of 31% since last year, when a near record crop of 45,145,000 pounds was harvested. The small crop this season is the combined result of a lighter yield which averaged 63 pounds per colony compared with 79 pounds last year and fewer colonies, which dropped from 569,800 in 1948 to 496,150 this year. All provinces have smaller crops this season, the greatest reductions being recorded in Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba and Alberta. Production in 1949 by provinces, with comparable data for 1948 in brackets, is as follows: Prince Edward Island 63,000 pounds (64,000 pounds); Nova Scotia 96,000 pounds (125,000 pounds); New Brunswick 160,000 pounds (200,000 pounds); Quebec 3,357,000 pounds (4,831,000 pounds); Ontario 10,655,000 pounds (15,736,000 pounds); Manitoba 4,800,000 pounds (6,525,000 pounds); Saskatchewan 5,200,000 pounds (6,492,000 pounds); Alberta 6,050,000 pounds (10,254,000 pounds); British Columbia 905,000 pounds (918,000 pounds).

TABLE 1. - Numbers of Beekeepers and Colonies and Production of Honey in Canada, 1945 to 1949, with Five-year Averages 1935-39 and 1940-44

	Beekeepers no.	Colonies no.	Honey	
			Production per Colony lb.	Total Production lb.
Average 1935-39	26,900	382,800	93	35,746,000
Average 1940-44	31,600	438,700	75	33,048,000
1945	43,300	522,500	63	33,020,000
1946	43,200	541,800	43	23,185,000
1947	39,200	588,700	63	37,078,000
1948	32,100	569,800	79	45,145,000
1949 ¹	25,490	496,150	63	31,286,000

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Table 2.- Numbers of Beekeepers and Colonies and Production of Honey in Canada, by Provinces, 1947 to 1949 1/

Province and Year	Beekeepers	Colonies	Honey		
			Production per Colony	Total Production	
	no.	no.	lb.	lb.	
CANADA	1947	39,200	588,700	63	37,078,000
	1948	32,100	569,800	79	45,145,000
	1949	25,490	496,150	63	31,286,000
Prince Edward Island	1947	120	1,000	57	57,000
	1948	110	700	91	64,000
	1949	140	750	84	63,000
Nova Scotia	1947	400	2,500	45	112,000
	1948	380	2,200	57	125,000
	1949	400	2,400	40	96,000
New Brunswick	1947	450	2,900	49	142,000
	1948	520	3,000	67	200,000
	1949	560	4,100	39	160,000
Quebec	1947	5,220	81,800	66	5,399,000
	1948	4,970	84,800	57	4,831,000
	1949	4,470	76,300	44	3,357,000
Ontario	1947	5,460	261,500	47	12,290,000
	1948	5,060	237,400	66	15,736,000
	1949	4,940	247,800	43	10,655,000
Manitoba	1947	4,500	70,000	74	5,180,000
	1948	3,420	75,000	87	6,525,000
	1949	2,350	49,000	98	4,800,000
Saskatchewan	1947	11,000	74,600	84	6,232,000
	1948	8,400	63,200	103	6,492,000
	1949	5,830	46,200	113	5,200,000
Alberta	1947	9,560	77,600	84	6,507,000
	1948	6,600	82,200	125	10,254,000
	1949	4,800	55,000	110	6,050,000
British Columbia	1947	2,500	16,800	69	1,159,000
	1948	2,640	21,300	43	918,000
	1949	2,000	14,600	62	905,000

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