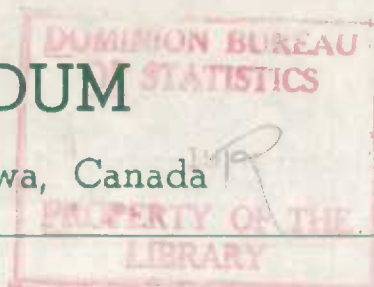


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HONEY PRODUCTION ★ FIRST ESTIMATE - 1952

Preliminary estimates indicate a honey crop in 1952 of 29,677,000 pounds which is less than the 1951 crop by more than 10,000,000 pounds but slightly above that of 1950. Both the number of colonies and the yield per colony were down this year from last with the decrease in yield being proportionally greater. Yields were down in all provinces except Alberta while colony numbers were down in all but three provinces. There was also a reduction in the number of beekeepers this year.

The reduced crop in Ontario in 1952 represents a return to normal yields after the bumper crop of 1951. Below average yields in 1952 in Manitoba and Saskatchewan are attributed to cool weather last July which restricted bee flight during that important month. In Ontario a very dry June adversely affected the clover crop thus reducing bee pasture for white honey. Later in the season moisture conditions improved and the flow of yellow and amber honey was heavier than that of white.

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- * Source: Estimates for the Province of Quebec are prepared by the Bureau of Statistics, Department of Trade and Commerce, of that province. For all other provinces except Newfoundland, for which data are not available, the estimates are prepared by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in co-operation with the provinces. Three mail questionnaire surveys are conducted, one in July to obtain the number of colonies and another in September to determine yields. A final yield and price survey is conducted in November. Provincial officials provide the mailing lists of beekeepers and aid in the interpretation of survey results.



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Preliminary Estimate of the Numbers of Beekeepers and Colonies and Production of Honey
in Canada 1/, by Provinces, 1951 and 1952 2/

Province and Year	Beekeepers	Colonies	Honey	
			Yield per Colony	Total Production
	no.	no.	lb.	lb.
Prince Edward Island	1951 120	640	111	71,000
	1952 130	850	106	90,000
Nova Scotia	1951 390	1,800	79	143,000
	1952 310	1,700	63	107,000
New Brunswick	1951 510	2,300	66	151,000
	1952 420	2,500	64	160,000
Quebec	1951 3,900	69,100	73	5,044,000
	1952 3,500	60,000	62	3,720,000
Ontario	1951 4,520	194,500	105	20,500,000
	1952 3,790	200,400	70	14,028,000
Manitoba	1951 2,140	50,900	106	5,400,000
	1952 1,260	37,400	94	3,516,000
Saskatchewan	1951 3,220	32,800	110	3,600,000
	1952 2,810	29,200	88	2,570,000
Alberta	1951 2,120	38,100	118	4,500,000
	1952 2,010	34,600	133	4,602,000
British Columbia	1951 1,980	16,200	93	1,500,000
	1952 1,560	13,600	65	884,000
CANADA	1951 18,900	406,340	101	40,909,000
	1952 15,790	380,250	78	29,677,000

1/ Does not include Newfoundland.

2/ Subject to revision.