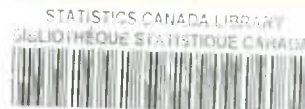


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HONEY PRODUCTION ★
FIRST ESTIMATE - 1957

Preliminary estimates indicate a honey crop in 1957 of 31.4 million pounds, 29 per cent above the 1956 crop of 24.3 million and also slightly higher than the 1946-55 average of 30.9 million pounds. The average yield for all provinces stood at 97 pounds per colony, a sharp increase of 31 per cent over last year's 74 pounds per colony and also above the ten-year average of 70 pounds. Colony numbers, at 323,800, were 2 per cent less than last year's 330,000. It is estimated that there were 14,930 active beekeepers this year and 14,410 last year.

Colony numbers were up this year in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Manitoba and Saskatchewan but down in Prince Edward Island, Quebec and Ontario and unchanged from last year in both Alberta and British Columbia.

Yields in 1957, as compared with those of the previous year, varied in different provinces. Throughout the Maritimes and in Manitoba, production per colony was less this year than last but elsewhere yields were much higher. The largest increases from the previous year were recorded in Alberta and Ontario. Production per colony in all areas except the Maritime provinces exceeded the ten-year average (1946-1955).

★ 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. This report is based on the results of the July and September surveys. 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 Estimates of the Numbers of Beekeepers and Colonies of Bees
and Production of Honey in Canada 1/, by Province, 1956 and 1957 2/,
with 10-year Averages, 1946-1955

Province and Year		Beekeepers	Colonies	HONEY	
				Average Yield	Total
				Per Colony	Production
		no.	no.	lb.	'000 lb.
P. E. I.	1946-55	130	800	76	61
	1956	110	1,000	92	92
	1957	100	800	66	53
N. S.	1946-55	400	2,000	58	115
	1956	410	2,200	73	161
	1957	400	2,500	70	175
N. B.	1946-55	420	2,400	53	127
	1956	220	1,400	72	101
	1957	260	1,500	61	92
Que.	1946-55	4,280	73,100	53	3,888
	1956	2,890	51,600	57	2,941
	1957	2,720	49,700	75	3,728
Ont.	1946-55	4,520	203,600	54	10,968
	1956	3,300	141,600	45	6,372
	1957	3,030	133,600	77	10,287
Man.	1946-55	2,340	50,000	102	5,080
	1956	1,200	40,000	125	5,000
	1957	1,200	42,000	123	5,166
Sask.	1946-55	5,490	42,600	99	4,200
	1956	2,650	27,000	124	3,348
	1957	2,650	28,500	141	4,018
Alta.	1946-55	4,440	50,900	106	5,414
	1956	1,800	48,200	98	4,724
	1957	1,800	48,200	132	6,362
B. C.	1946-55	2,020	14,600	69	1,011
	1956	1,830	17,000	90	1,533
	1957	2,770	17,000	91	1,547
CANADA	1946-55	24,040	440,000	70	30,864
	1956	14,410	330,000	74	24,272
	1957	14,930	323,800	97	31,428

This Memorandum prepared in the Crops Section of the Agriculture
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1/ Does not include Newfoundland.

2/ Subject to revision.