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HONEY PRODUCTION - 1949

FINAL ESTIMATES

The final estimate of honey production in Canada in 1949 places the crop at 33,204,000 lb. or about 2,000,000 lb. more than was indicated last September. This crop is substantially smaller than that of 1948 when 45,145,000 lb. were harvested, but is equal to the five-year 1940-44 average. Production, by provinces, with comparable data for 1948 in brackets is as follows: Prince Edward Island, 63,000 lb. (64,000 lb.); Nova Scotia, 103,000 lb. (125,000 lb.); New Brunswick, 140,000 lb. (200,000 lb.); Quebec, 3,709,000 lb. (4,831,000 lb.); Ontario, 10,809,000 lb. (15,736,000); Manitoba, 5,586,000 lb. (6,525,000 lb.); Saskatchewan, 6,000,000 lb. (6,492,000 lb.); Alberta, 5,830,000 lb. (10,254,000 lb.); British Columbia, 964,000 lb. (918,000 lb.). Average prices received by producers in all provinces during the 1949-50 season are below the 1948-49 level. The declines range from two cents per pound in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick to six cents per pound in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. The average price for the country as a whole is 16 cents per pound compared with the average of 21 cents in the previous season. The total value of production in 1949 is estimated at \$5,179,000 or 45 percent below the value of the previous year. The total value of production in 1949, by provinces, with comparable data for 1948 in brackets is as follows: Prince Edward Island, \$13,000 (\$14,000); Nova Scotia, \$28,000 (\$38,000); New Brunswick, \$43,000 (\$66,000); Quebec, \$742,000 (\$1,159,000); Ontario, \$1,838,000 (\$3,305,000); Manitoba, \$726,000 (\$1,240,000); Saskatchewan, \$780,000 (\$1,233,000); Alberta, \$816,000 (\$2,051,000); British Columbia \$193,000 (\$230,000).

TABLE 1. - PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF HONEY IN CANADA, 1948 AND 1949, AND THE FIVE-YEAR 1935-39 AVERAGE

Year	Bee-keepers no.	Colonies no.	Average Production per Hive lb.	Total Production 000 lb.	Average Price per Pound ¢	Total Value \$'000
1935-39	26,900	382,800	93	35,746	.08	2,955
1948	32,100	569,800	79	45,145	.21	9,336
1949	25,800	505,750	66	33,204	.16	5,179

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TABLE 2 - NUMBER OF BEEKEEPERS, COLONIES, PRODUCTION AND VALUE OF HONEY IN CANADA,
BY PROVINCES, 1948 AND 1949

Province and Year	Bee- keepers	Colonies	HONEY					
			Yield per Colony	Total Production	Price per Pound	Total Value	Value of Honey & Wax	
	no.	no.	lb.	lb.	\$	\$	\$	
P.E.I.	1949	140	750	84	63,000	.20	13,000	13,000
	1948	110	700	91	64,000	.22	14,000	14,000
N. S.	1949	400	2,400	43	103,000	.27	28,000	29,000
	1948	380	2,200	57	125,000	.30	38,000	39,000
N. B.	1949	560	3,600 ^{1/}	39	140,000	.31	43,000	44,000
	1948	520	3,000	67	200,000	.33	66,000	67,000
Que.	1949	4,780 ^{1/}	84,300 ^{1/}	44	3,709,000	.20	742,000	766,000
	1948	4,970	84,800	57	4,831,000	.24	1,159,000	1,190,000
Ont.	1949	4,940	249,900 ^{1/}	43	10,809,000	.17	1,838,000	1,906,000
	1948	5,060	237,400	66	15,736,000	.21	3,305,000	3,414,000
Man.	1949	2,350	49,000	114	5,586,000	.13	726,000	757,000
	1948	3,420	75,000	87	6,525,000	.19	1,240,000	1,281,000
Sask.	1949	5,830	46,200	130	6,000,000	.13	780,000	815,000
	1948	8,400	63,200	103	6,492,000	.19	1,233,000	1,276,000
Alta.	1949	4,800	55,000	106	5,830,000	.14	816,000	846,000
	1948	6,600	82,200	125	10,254,000	.20	2,051,000	2,114,000
B. C.	1949	2,000	14,600	66	964,000	.20	193,000	199,000
	1948	2,640	21,300	43	918,000	.25	230,000	236,000
Canada	1949	25,800	505,750	66	33,204,000	.16	5,179,000	5,375,000
	1948	32,100	569,800	79	45,145,000	.21	9,336,000	9,631,000

^{1/} Revised since Oct. 13, 1949.