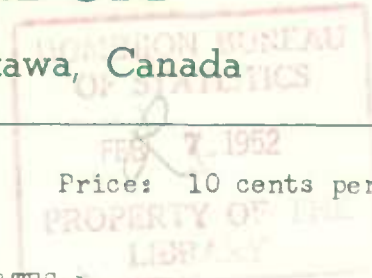


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HONEY PRODUCTION 1951, FINAL ESTIMATES

Ottawa, February 6, 1952.- The final estimate places the 1951 honey crop at 40.9 million pounds, which is 12.6 million pounds greater than the production in 1950 and is the largest crop since 1948. As there was a small decrease in the number of colonies from 1950 the higher production figure is explained by a substantial increase in the yield per colony attributed to favourable weather conditions last summer in Ontario and Quebec. Production in Ontario and Quebec in 1951 was greater than in the previous year by 14.2 million pounds while there were decreases in the three Prairie Provinces.

The average price to the producer for honey in 1951 was estimated to be 15 cents per pound which was the same as in 1950. In comparison with 1950 prices, decreases occurred in Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, Ontario and Alberta, while in Saskatchewan and British Columbia prices were up. With the Canadian average price remaining at the 1950 level and with increased production, the total value of the 1951 crop, at \$6.6 million, exceeded that of 1950 by over two million dollars.

Table 1.- Production and Value of Honey in Canada,^{b/} 1948 to 1951

Year	Bee-keepers	Colonies	Average Production per Colony	Total Production	Average Price per Pound	Total Value
	no.	no.	lb.	'000 lb.	\$	\$'000
1948	32,100	569,800	79	45,145	.21	9,336
1949	25,870	473,450	66	31,481	.13	4,200
1950	22,180	430,040	66	28,351	.15	4,282
1951	18,900	406,340	101	40,909	.15	6,294

^{a/} Based on surveys of producers conducted in July and November 1951 and upon information obtained through provincial government and trade sources.

^{b/} Data for Newfoundland not available.

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Table 2.- Number of Beekeepers, Colonies and Value of Honey in Canada by Provinces, 1950 and 1951

Province and year	Bee-keepers no.	Colonies no.	HONEY				Value of Honey & Wax \$'000
			Average Production per Colony lb.	Total Production '000 lb.	Average Price per pound \$	Total Value \$'000	
P.E.I. 1950	140	760	61	46	.19	9	9
1951	120	640	111	71	.18	13	14
N. S. 1950	360	1,800	44	81	.24	19	20
1951	390	1,800	79	143	.21	30	31
N. B. 1950	420	2,500	27	66	.28	19	19
1951	510	2,300	66	151	.27	41	42
Que. 1950	4,180	72,400	42	3,041	.21	639	659
1951	3,900	69,100	73	5,044	.21	1,059	1,091
Ont. 1950	4,630	201,600	41	8,350	.16	1,336	1,392
1951	4,520	194,500	105	20,500	.15	3,075	3,238
Man. 1950	1,740	45,000	131	5,891	.13	766	799
1951	2,140	50,900	106	5,400	.13	702	738
Sask. 1950	4,470	41,400	118	4,881	.13	635	660
1951	3,220	33,800	110	3,600	.14	504	526
Alta. 1950	4,150	49,000	99	4,851	.13	631	655
1951	2,120	38,100	118	4,500	.12	540	569
B. C. 1950	2,090	15,600	73	1,142	.20	228	235
1951	1,980	16,200	93	1,500	.22	330	339
CANADA 1950	22,180	430,040	66	28,351	.15	4,282	4,448
1951	18,900	406,340	101	40,909	.15	6,294	6,588