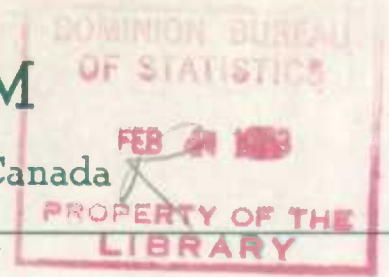


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## HONEY PRODUCTION 1952, FINAL ESTIMATES <sup>a/</sup>

Ottawa, February 4, 1953.- The final estimate places the 1952 honey crop at 31.5 million pounds. This is about 9.5 million pounds less than in 1951 when a larger than average crop was obtained. The 1952 crop was about the same size as that of 1949 and somewhat larger than in 1950. The number of colonies, however, has been declining for several years and yields in 1952 (although below 1951) were up compared with those of 1949 and 1950.

Production per colony was down in 1952 from 1951 in all provinces except Alberta. This reduction was attributed to unfavourable weather conditions in many areas.

The total value of the 1952 honey crop is estimated at \$4.7 million about \$1.7 million less than for the 1951 outturn, the reduction being due largely to decreased production in 1952.

Table 1.- Production and Value of Honey in Canada, <sup>b/</sup> 1949 to 1952

Year	Bee-keepers	Colonies	Average Production per Colony	Total Production	Average Price per Pound	Total Value
	no.	no.	lb.	'000 lb.	\$	\$'000
1949	25,870	473,450	66	31,481	.13	4,200
1950	22,160	430,040	66	28,351	.15	4,282
1951	18,900	406,340	101	40,909	.16	6,445
1952	15,950	387,950	81	31,470	.15	4,718

<sup>a/</sup> Based on surveys of producers conducted in July and November 1952 and upon information obtained through provincial government and trade sources.

<sup>b/</sup> Data for Newfoundland not available.

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Table 2.- Number of Beekeepers, Colonies, Production and Value of Honey and Wax in Canada by Provinces, 1951<sup>a/</sup> and 1952

Province and Year	Bee-keepers	Colonies	HONEY				Value of Honey & Wax	
			Average Production per Colony	Total Production	Average Price per Pound	Total Value		
	no.	no.	lb.	'000 lb.	\$	\$'000	\$'000	
P.E.I.	1951	120	640	111	71	.18	13	14
	1952	130	850	107	91	.17	15	16
N. S.	1951	390	1,800	79	143	.21	30	31
	1952	310	1,700	74	125	.23	29	30
N. B.	1951	510	2,300	66	151	.27	41	42
	1952	420	2,500	62	156	.24	37	38
Que.	1951	3,900	69,100	73	5,044	.21	1,059	1,091
	1952	3,660	67,700	65	4,398	.19	836	865
Ont.	1951	4,520	194,500	105	20,500	.16	3,280	3,443
	1952	3,790	200,400	74	14,900	.15	2,235	2,347
Man.	1951	2,140	50,900	106	5,400	.12	648	684
	1952	1,260	37,400	96	3,600	.13	468	491
Sask.	1951	3,220	32,800	110	3,600	.14	504	526
	1952	2,810	29,200	86	2,500	.14	350	366
Alta.	1951	2,120	38,100	118	4,500	.12	540	569
	1952	2,010	34,600	142	4,900	.12	588	618
B. C.	1951	1,980	16,200	93	1,500	.22	330	339
	1952	1,560	13,600	59	800	.20	160	165
CANADA	1951	18,900	406,340	101	40,909	.16	6,445	6,739
	1952	15,950	387,950	81	31,470	.15	4,718	4,936

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