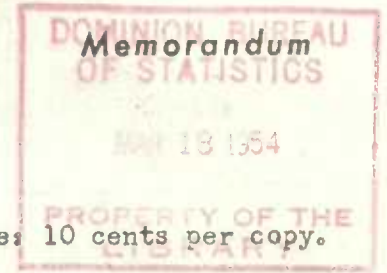


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HONEY PRODUCTION 1953, FINAL ESTIMATES ^{a/}

The final estimate places the 1953 honey crop at 26.4 million pounds. This is about 4.8 million pounds less than in 1952 and is the smallest crop since 1946. Although both the total number of colonies of bees in Canada and the average yield were lower in 1953 than in 1952 production was down only in certain provinces. Lower production and yields in Ontario, Quebec and Alberta were responsible for most of the overall decline. Nova Scotia, Manitoba, Saskatchewan and British Columbia reported higher yields and larger crops with quite substantial increases occurring in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

The total value of the 1953 honey crop was \$4.1 million, about \$600,000 less than in 1952. The lower value was due to the smaller crop rather than to prices which were higher or equal to those of 1952 in all provinces.

Table 1.- Production and Value of Honey in Canada, ^{b/} 1950 to 1953

| Year | Bee-keepers no. | Colonies no. | Average Production per Colony lb. | Total Production '000 lb. | Average Price per pound \$ | Total Value \$'000 |
|------|--------------------|-----------------|--|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1950 | 22,180 | 430,000 | 66 | 28,351 | .15 | 4,282 |
| 1951 | 18,900 | 406,300 | 101 | 40,909 | .16 | 6,445 |
| 1952 | 15,950 | 385,600 | 81 | 31,230 | .15 | 4,680 |
| 1953 | 13,950 | 341,300 | 77 | 26,384 | .16 | 4,099 |

^{a/} Based on surveys of producers conducted in July and November 1953 and upon information obtained through provincial government and trade sources.

^{b/} Data for Newfoundland not available.

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 Table 2.- Numbers of Beekeepers and Colonies; Production and Value of Honey and Wax in Canada, by Provinces, 1952^{a/} and 1953.

| 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. 1952 | 130 | 850 | 107 | 91 | .17 | 15 | 16 |
| 1953 | 110 | 800 | 85 | 68 | .20 | 14 | 14 |
| N. S. 1952 | 310 | 1,700 | 74 | 125 | .18 | 22 | 23 |
| 1953 | 380 | 1,800 | 76 | 137 | .18 | 25 | 26 |
| N. B. 1952 | 420 | 2,500 | 62 | 156 | .24 | 37 | 38 |
| 1953 | 290 | 1,900 | 65 | 124 | .24 | 30 | 31 |
| Que. 1952 | 3,660 | 67,700 | 65 | 4,398 | .19 | 836 | 865 |
| 1953 | 3,460 | 64,600 | 46 | 2,972 | .19 | 565 | 584 |
| Ont. 1952 | 3,790 | 200,400 | 74 | 14,900 | .15 | 2,235 | 2,347 |
| 1953 | 3,350 | 170,000 | 59 | 10,000 | .16 | 1,600 | 1,672 |
| Man. 1952 | 1,260 | 35,000 | 96 | 3,360 | .13 | 437 | 459 |
| 1953 | 1,030 | 35,000 | 138 | 4,830 | .13 | 628 | 658 |
| Sask. 1952 | 2,810 | 29,200 | 86 | 2,500 | .14 | 350 | 366 |
| 1953 | 2,270 | 24,600 | 132 | 3,247 | .14 | 455 | 475 |
| Alta. 1952 | 2,010 | 34,600 | 142 | 4,900 | .12 | 588 | 618 |
| 1953 | 1,560 | 31,100 | 124 | 3,856 | .14 | 540 | 563 |
| B. C. 1952 | 1,560 | 13,600 | 59 | 800 | .20 | 160 | 165 |
| 1953 | 1,500 | 11,500 | 100 | 1,150 | .21 | 242 | 249 |
| CANADA 1952 | 15,950 | 385,600 | 81 | 31,230 | .15 | 4,680 | 4,897 |
| 1953 | 13,950 | 341,300 | 77 | 26,384 | .16 | 4,099 | 4,272 |

^{a/} Revised.