

23-007D
c.1

DOMINION BUREAU OF STATISTICS

OTTAWA - CANADA



Published by Authority of the Rt. Hon. C. D. Howe, Minister of Trade and Commerce

Memorandum
DOMINION BUREAU
OF STATISTICS
APR 5 1956
PROPERTY OF THE
LIBRARY

H.R. No. 1, April 4, 1956

Price: 10 cents per copy.

HONEY PRODUCTION 1955, FINAL ESTIMATES *

The final estimate of the 1955 honey crop is 25.0 million pounds. This is 26% above the 1954 crop of 19.8 million pounds, but 25% below the 1944-53 average. The increase in production in 1955 over that of 1954 was brought about by higher average yields. In 1955 average yields were up in all provinces except P.E.I. and B.C.

Improved production over 1954 was particularly noticeable in the Prairie Provinces where about 4.3 million pounds of the total increase of 5.2 million pounds in the Canadian honey crop occurred. To a large extent this was attributable to the extension of the honey flow later in the season experienced in these provinces.

Both the number of beekeepers and colonies of bees were slightly lower in 1955 than in 1954. The number of colonies per beekeeper stood at 23 in both years. The total value of the 1955 honey crop was 4.4 million dollars, about one million dollars greater than in 1954 although considerably below the 1944-53 average. The average price to beekeepers for the 1955 honey crop was estimated at 18 cents per pound, one cent above that of the previous year.

Table 1. - Production and Value of Honey in Canada, 1954 and 1955, with 10-year Averages, 1944-53

Year	Bee-keepers	Colonies	Average Yield per Colony	Total Production	Average Price per Pound	Total Value
	no.	no.	lb.	'000 lb.	¢	\$'000
1944-53	29,540	476,800	70	33,305	.17	5,732
1954	14,890	339,400	58	19,850	.17	3,418
1955	14,150	323,600	77	25,031	.18	4,399

* 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. 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.

5502-565-12.5



1010779969

Table 2. - Final Estimates of the Numbers of Beekeepers and Colonies of Bees, Production and Value of Honey and Value of Honey and Wax in Canada, by Provinces, 1954 and 1955, with 10-year Averages, 1944-53

Province and Year	Bee-keepers	Colonies	HONEY				Value of Honey & Wax	
			Average	Total	Average	Total		
			Yield per Colony	Production	Price per Pound	Value		
	no.	no.	lb.	'000 lb.	\$	\$'000	\$'000	
P.E.I.	1944-53	140	700	80	56	.20	11	11
	1954	120	800	86	69	.18	12	12
	1955	120	900	73	66	.20	13	12
N.S.	1944-53	390	1,900	55	104	.22	23	24
	1954	500	2,500	50	125	.24	30	31
	1955	400	2,200	61	134	.23	31	32
N.B.	1944-53	460	2,600	53	138	.26	36	37
	1954	310	2,000	46	92	.28	26	27
	1955	260	1,500	57	86	.28	24	25
Que.	1944-53	4,830	80,800	50	4,068	.21	859	886
	1954	3,420	58,700	66	3,874	.20	775	796
	1955	3,250	53,100	70	3,717	.20	743	767
Ont.	1944-53	4,990	212,900	57	12,067	.17	2,071	2,156
	1954	3,760	167,000	36	6,012	.18	1,082	1,124
	1955	3,530	158,200	45	7,119	.18	1,281	1,336
Man.	1944-53	2,950	54,100	96	5,171	.16	817	851
	1954	1,200	36,200	115	4,163	.15	624	649
	1955	1,200	38,600	131	5,057	.16	809	844
Sask.	1944-53	7,130	50,900	96	4,861	.16	800	829
	1954	2,680	25,700	71	1,825	.15	274	286
	1955	2,210	22,100	148	3,271	.17	556	579
Alta.	1944-53	6,090	56,000	104	5,802	.15	896	930
	1954	1,300	33,800	78	2,636	.15	395	411
	1955	1,270	35,200	131	4,611	.16	738	769
B.C.	1944-53	2,560	16,900	61	1,038	.21	219	225
	1954	1,600	12,700	83	1,054	.19	200	207
	1955	1,910	11,800	82	970	.21	204	212
CANADA	1944-53	29,540	476,800	70	33,305	.17	5,732	5,949
	1954	14,890	339,400	58	19,850	.17	3,418	3,543
	1955	14,150	323,600	77	25,031	.18	4,399	4,577

This Memorandum prepared in the Crops Section of the Agriculture Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics