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ESTIMATED VALUE OF HONEY PRODUCTION, 1959*

The average price received by beekeepers for 1959 crop honey is estimated at 17 cents per pound, the same as in 1958 and as the average for the period 1948-57. However, the total value of honey produced, placed at 5.4 million dollars in 1959, was considerably above the 1958 figure of 4.6 million due to a larger outturn in the more recent year. In 1959 beekeepers produced a total of 31.5 million pounds of honey, 15 per cent above the previous season's 27.5 million pounds.

These prices represent average returns per pound of honey, not including the cost of containers, received by beekeepers, as reported to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. Beekeepers replying to the second honey survey (the second survey of the 1959 crop was conducted in January, 1960) are asked to indicate the average price received for their honey. However, in the case of those patronizing co-operatives, final payments are not known to the individual producers at the time this survey is made. Co-operative establishments handling honey in Canada have now provided data on the volume of 1959 crop honey handled and the average returns paid to their patrons for that crop. This information has been used to calculate weighted average prices for the provinces concerned. The 1959 price estimates include payments made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board via the honey co-operatives.

* **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 at about the end of the year. Provincial officials provide the mailing lists of beekeepers and aid in the interpretation of survey results.

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Estimates of the Numbers of Beekeepers and Colonies of Bees, Production and Value of Honey and Value of Honey and Wax in Canada ^{1/}, by Province, 1958 and 1959, with 10-year Averages, 1948-1957

Province and Year	Bee-keepers no.	Colonies no.	HONEY				Value of Honey & Wax \$'000
			Average Yield per Colony lb.	Total Production '000 lb.	Average Price per Pound \$	Total Value \$'000	
P.E.I. 1948-57	120	800	85	68	.19	13	14
1958	100	1,000	65	65	.21	14	15
1959	100	1,000	61	61	.21	13	14
N.S. 1948-57	390	2,100	62	130	.23	30	31
1958	410	2,800	58	162	.23	37	38
1959	420	2,900	62	180	.22	40	42
N.B. 1948-57	380	2,200	55	121	.28	34	35
1958	270	1,600	61	98	.29	28	29
1959	220	1,400	44	62	.31	19	20
Que. 1948-57	3,720	65,600	58	3,826	.21	813	837
1958	2,680	54,700	44	2,407	.25	602	619
1959	2,420	51,900	76	3,952	.24	948	963
Ont. 1948-57	4,010	182,400	60	10,919	.17	1,854	1,935
1958	3,000	135,200	42	5,678	.18	1,022	1,057
1959	2,960	125,000	89	11,125	.18	2,002	2,086
Man. 1948-57	1,670	44,700	114	5,102	.15	756	789
1958	1,030	44,300	120	5,316	.15	797	835
1959	1,080	44,400	133	5,905	.14	827	868
Sask. 1948-57	3,720	34,100	114	3,898	.15	579	603
1958	2,470	29,300	138	4,043	.15	606	634
1959	2,500	31,200	123	3,838	.15	576	600
Alta. 1948-57	2,740	45,500	116	5,262	.15	785	819
1958	1,490	45,900	165	7,574	.15	1,136	1,187
1959	1,540	54,200	94	5,095	.15	764	799
B.C. 1948-57	1,990	15,100	76	1,144	.21	243	251
1958	1,700	17,900	121	2,166	.18	390	405
1959	2,940	18,700	70	1,309	.20	262	314
CANADA 1948-57	18,740	392,500	78	30,470	.17	5,107	5,314
1958	13,150	332,700	83	27,509	.17	4,632	4,819
1959	14,180	330,700	95	31,527	.17	5,451	5,706

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

^{1/} Does not include Newfoundland.