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ESTIMATED VALUE OF HONEY PRODUCTION, 1961\*

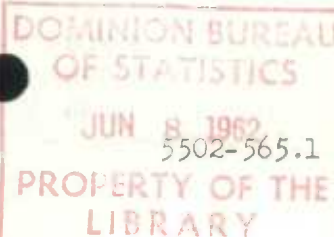
The revised estimate of the 1961 honey crop stands at 35.0 million pounds, 9 per cent above the 1960 output of 32.2 million pounds and 22 per cent above the 1949-1958 average of 48.7 million. The increased production in 1961 over that of 1960 was the result of both slightly higher yields and a small increase in the number of colonies operated in the latter year. The increase from the 1949-1958 period, however, was due entirely to a considerably higher average yield per colony being obtained in 1961.

The total value of the honey produced in Canada in 1961 is estimated at 5.4 million dollars, 3 per cent above the 1960 total of 5.2 million dollars. The preliminary estimate of the average price received by beekeepers for the 1961 crop is 15 cents per pound, one cent below the 1960 figure. These prices represent average returns per pound for honey received by beekeepers as reported to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics but not including the cost of containers. Beekeepers replying to the second honey survey (the second survey of the 1961 crop was conducted in the early part of 1962) were asked to indicate the average price received for their honey. In the case of beekeepers patronizing co-operatives, final payments to the individual producers were not known at the time this survey was made. Therefore, co-operative establishments handling honey in Canada were asked to prepare estimates of the volume and value of honey which they expected to handle and the average returns which they anticipated paying their patrons by the end of the season. Final figures will be obtained at a later date. This information was used in calculating the weighted average price for the provinces concerned. To the extent that such returns are estimates, the 1961 prices are preliminary and subject to revision.

The 1959 price estimates included payments made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board via the honey co-operatives. The 1960 prices, however, do not include any estimates of payments which may be made in respect of the deficiency payment to eligible producers announced by the Agricultural Stabilization Board, May 14, 1962, since this material is not yet available.

\* 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, 1959, 1960 and 1961, with 10-year Averages, 1949-1958

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. 1949-58	120	800	86	69	19	13	14
1959	100	1,000	61	61	21	13	14
1960	90	800	81	65	22	14	15
1961	90	900	72	67	19	13	14
N.S. 1949-58	400	2,200	61	134	22	29	31
1959	420	2,900	62	180	22	40	42
1960	380	2,800	52	146	22	32	33
1961	390	2,690	93	249	17	42	46
N.B. 1949-58	350	2,100	53	111	28	31	32
1959	220	1,400	44	62	31	19	20
1960	190	1,200	72	86	29	25	26
1961	170	1,280	70	85	25	21	23
QUE. 1949-58	3,490	62,600	57	3,583	21	757	780
1959	2,420	51,900	76	3,952	24	948	963
1960	2,220	49,840	46	2,284	24	558	572
1961	2,133	48,700	61	2,971	23	683	702
ONT. 1949-58	3,800	172,200	58	9,913	17	1,637	1,711
1959	2,960	125,000	89	11,125	18	2,002	2,086
1960	2,720	123,100	75	9,232	18	1,652	1,717
1961	2,700	126,000	74	9,360	15	1,438	1,502
MAN. 1949-58	1,440	41,600	120	981	14	712	744
1959	1,080	44,400	133	5,905	14	827	868
1960	920	41,700	153	6,380	13	815	856
1961	790	40,560	164	6,670	14	909	950
SASK. 1949-58	3,130	30,700	119	3,653	14	516	539
1959	2,500	31,200	123	3,838	15	576	600
1960	2,400	33,200	136	4,515	14	634	663
1961	2,000	36,800	108	5,73	14	556	581
ALTA. 1949-58	2,230	41,900	119	4,994	14	694	726
1959	1,540	54,200	94	5,095	15	764	799
1960	1,670	54,900	138	7,576	14	1,061	1,111
1961	1,390	60,000	160	9,580	13	1,274	1,339
B.C. 1949-58	1,890	14,800	86	1,269	20	259	268
1959	2,940	18,700	70	1,309	20	262	314
1960	1,980	19,800	98	1,940	20	388	401
1961	2,000	19,980	105	2,075	20	415	429
CANADA 1949-58	16,850	368,900	78	28,707	16	4,648	4,844
1959	18,180	330,700	95	31,527	17	5,451	5,706
1960	12,570	327,340	98	32,224	16	5,179	5,394
1961	11,663	336,910	104	35,030	15	5,351	5,586

Does not include Newfoundland.

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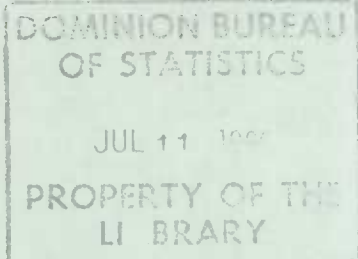
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Estimated Value of Honey Production, 1961\*

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- Page 1. - The first sentence should read: "The revised estimate of the 1961 honey crop stands at 35.0 million pounds, 9 per cent above the 1960 output of 32.2 million pounds and 22 per cent above the 1949-58 average of 28.7 million."
- Page 2. - The unit in the column "Average Price per Pound" should read ¢ (cents) rather than \$ (dollars).
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