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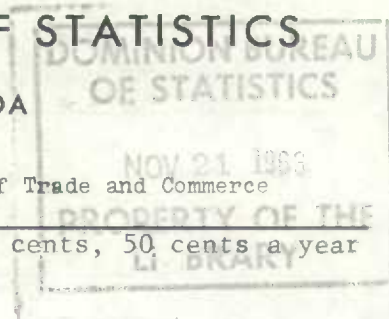
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ESTIMATED VALUE OF HONEY PRODUCTION, 1962

The revised estimate of the 1962 honey crop stands at 30.7 million pounds, 12 per cent below the 1961 crop of 35.0 million pounds, but 7 per cent above the 1950-59 average of 28.7 million pounds. The drop in production from 1961 was due entirely to a lower average yield per colony as the total number of colonies operated showed an increase from the previous season. The increase in honey production in 1962 from the 1950-59 period, however, was due to a higher average yield, with colony numbers being somewhat below the average for the earlier period.

The total value of the honey produced in Canada in 1962 is estimated at 5.3 million dollars, a drop of about 5 per cent from the value of the 1961 crop. These figures represent total returns for honey received by beekeepers, as reported to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, not including the cost of containers. Beekeepers replying to the second honey survey of the 1962 crop, which was conducted in the early part of 1963, 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 1962 prices are preliminary and subject to revision.

The 1960 and 1961 estimates of farm value of honey include deficiency payments to eligible producers made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board up to August 31, 1963.

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, 1960, 1961 and 1962 with 10-year Averages, 1950-1959

Province and year	Bee keepers	Colonies	Honey		Total value	Value of honey & wax
			Average yield per colony	Total production		
	No.	No.	lb.	'000 lb.	\$'000	\$'000
P.E.I. 1950-59	110	850	80	68	13	14
1960	90	800	81	65	14	15
1961	90	900	72	65	12	13
1962	80	540	54	29	6	6
N.S. 1950-59	400	2,200	64	142	31	32
1960	380	2,800	52	146	33	34
1961	390	2,690	93	250	41	42
1962	340	2,800	53	148	25	26
N.B. 1950-59	320	1,860	55	103	28	29
1960	190	1,200	72	86	25	26
1961	170	1,280	70	90	22	22
1962	170	1,100	56	62	18	18
QUE. 1950-59	3,260	59,400	61	3,607	778	800
1960	2,220	49,840	46	2,284	559	573
1961	2,130	48,700	61	2,971	685	704
1962	1,990	48,300	65	3,140	722	740
ONT. 1950-59	3,600	162,900	62	10,117	1,710	1,786
1960	2,720	123,100	75	9,232	1,724	1,790
1961	2,700	126,000	74	9,360	1,498	1,562
1962	2,500	126,000	93	11,718	2,344	2,429
MAN. 1950-59	1,310	41,140	122	5,013	720	755
1960	920	41,700	153	6,380	868	909
1961	790	40,560	164	6,650	983	1,024
1962	730	38,560	120	4,630	648	676
SASK. 1950-59	2,790	29,180	118	3,437	514	536
1960	2,400	33,200	136	4,515	662	691
1961	2,000	36,800	108	3,974	575	600
1962	1,800	37,200	77	2,864	344(2)	362(2)
ALTA. 1950-59	1,900	41,830	118	4,920	712	744
1960	1,670	54,900	138	7,576	1,138	1,188
1961	1,390	60,000	160	9,600	1,317	1,382
1962	1,260	65,400	105	6,867	961	1,005
B.C. 1950-59	1,990	15,200	86	1,303	266	275
1960	1,980	19,800	98	1,940	401	414
1961	2,000	19,980	105	2,098	424	538
1962	1,500	20,570	61	1,255	238	247
CANADA 1950-59	15,680	354,560	81	28,710	4,772	4,971
1960	12,570	327,340	98	32,224	5,424	5,640
1961	11,660	336,910	104	35,058	5,557	5,887
1962	10,370	340,470	90	30,713	5,306	5,509

(1) Does not include Newfoundland.

(2) Includes only preliminary payments by co-operative.