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ESTIMATED VALUE OF HONEY PRODUCTION, 1963

The revised estimate of the 1963 honey crop stands at 42.1 million pounds, an increase of 37 per cent over the 1962 outturn of 30.7 million pounds and 20 per cent above that of 1961. The larger quantities of honey produced in 1963 were due to a higher average yield per colony, and to a lesser extent to an increase in the number of colonies of bees. The number of colonies was also higher in 1963 than in 1961 and larger than the average for the period 1951-1960.

The total value of honey produced in Canada in 1963 is estimated at 7.8 million dollars, an increase of 52 per cent over the value of the 1962 crop. These figures represent estimated total returns to beekeepers for honey, not including the cost of containers. Beekeepers replying to the second honey survey of the 1963 crop, which was completed in the early part of 1964, were asked to indicate the average price received for their honey. In the case of those 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 1963 values are preliminary and subject to revision.

The 1961 estimates of farm value of honey include deficiency payments to eligible producers made by the Agricultural Stabilization Board. No payments were made in respect of the 1962 and the 1963 crop.

Sources: 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 per colony. 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, 1961, 1962 and 1963 with 10-year Averages, 1951-1960

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. 1951-60	110	860	81	70	14	14
1961	90	900	72	65	12	13
1962	80	540	54	29	6	6
1963	60	600	107	64	14	15
N.S. 1951-60	400	2,320	64	148	32	33
1961	390	2,690	93	250	41	42
1962	340	2,800	53	148	25	26
1963	300	2,700	79	213	40	42
N.B. 1951-60	300	1,730	61	105	29	30
1961	170	1,280	70	90	22	22
1962	170	1,100	56	62	18	18
1963	210	1,410	89	125	41	42
QUE. 1951-60	3,060	57,090	62	3,532	769	791
1961	2,130	48,700	61	2,971	691	710
1962	1,990	48,300	65	3,140	722	740
1963	2,010	49,700	83	4,125	1,031	1,053
ONT. 1951-60	3,410	155,050	66	10,205	1,748	1,826
1961	2,700	126,000	74	9,360	1,512	1,576
1962	2,500	126,000	93	11,718	2,109	2,194
1963	2,630	130,300	84	11,000	2,420	2,499
MAN. 1951-60	1,230	40,810	124	5,062	732	766
1961	790	40,560	164	6,650	991	1,032
1962	730	38,560	120	4,630	648	682
1963	700	42,750	170	7,285	1,093	1,141
SASK. 1951-60	2,590	28,360	120	3,401	516	539
1961	2,000	36,800	108	3,974	580	605
1962	1,800	37,200	77	2,864	401	419
1963	1,650	36,700	166	6,100	1,098	1,137
ALTA. 1951-60	1,660	42,420	122	5,193	763	798
1961	1,390	60,000	160	9,600	1,328	1,393
1962	1,260	65,400	105	6,867	961	1,005
1963	1,100	71,600	162	11,600	1,740	1,818
B.C. 1951-60	1,980	15,620	89	1,383	284	293
1961	2,000	19,980	105	2,098	428	442
1962	1,500	20,570	61	1,255	238	247
1963	2,000	24,300	67	1,630	342	354
CANADA 1951-60	14,740	344,260	85	29,099	4,887	5,090
1961	11,660	336,910	104	35,058	5,605	5,835
1962	10,370	340,470	90	30,713	5,128	5,337
1963	10,660	360,060	117	42,142	7,819	8,101

(1) Does not include Newfoundland.

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