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ESTIMATES VALUE OF HONEY PRODUCTION, 1964.

The revised estimate of the 1964 honey crop stands at 36.7 million pounds, a decline of 13 per cent from the 1963 outturn of 42.1 million pounds. Although the 1964 honey crop was below the near record level of 1963, production was considerably above that of 1962 and the 1952-1961 average. The yield per colony averaged 96 pounds in 1964, considerably below the 117 pounds of the season before. An increase in colony numbers from 360 thousand in 1963 to 382 thousand in 1964 failed to offset the effect of the lower average yield per colony. Yields were down in all provinces except Ontario where there was a one pound increase to an average of 85 pounds per colony in 1964.

The total value of honey produced in Canada in 1964 is estimated at 6.7 million dollars, a decline of 12 per cent from the value of the 1963 crop. The average estimated return per pound of honey to the beekeepers was the same each year. These figures represent estimated total returns to beekeepers for honey, not including the cost of the containers. Beekeepers replying to the survey on which this report is based, i.e. the second 1964 honey crop survey, which was completed in the early part of 1965, 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 1964 values are preliminary and subject to revision.

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 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, 1962, 1963 and 1964 with 10-year Averages, 1952-1961

Province and year	Bee keepers No.	Colonies No.	Honey		Total Value \$'000	Value of honey & wax \$'000
			Average yield per colony lb.	Total production '000 lb.		
P.E.I. 1952-61	110	880	80	70	14	14
62	80	540	54	29	6	6
63	60	600	107	64	14	15
64	70	650	83	54	11	11
N.S. 1952-61	400	2,410	66	159	33	34
62	340	2,800	53	148	25	26
63	300	2,700	79	213	40	42
64	280	3,400	58	197	43	44
N.B. 1952-61	260	1,630	61	99	27	28
62	170	1,100	56	62	18	18
63	210	1,410	89	125	41	42
64	270	1,540	63	97	26	27
QUE. 1952-61	2,890	55,050	60	3,324	731	752
62	1,990	48,300	65	3,140	722	740
63	2,010	49,700	83	4,125	1,031	1,053
64	1,880	48,900	53	2,592	648	665
ONT. 1952-61	3,230	148,200	61	9,091	1,572	1,639
62	2,500	126,000	93	11,718	2,109	2,194
63	2,630	130,300	84	11,000	2,200	2,279
64	2,560	130,000	85	11,000	2,310	2,391
MAN. 1952-61	1,090	39,780	130	5,187	766	801
62	730	38,560	120	4,630	648	682
63	700	42,750	170	7,285	1,093	1,141
64	810	46,000	127	5,822	932	969
SASK. 1952-61	2,460	28,760	120	3,438	524	547
62	1,800	37,200	77	2,864	401	419
63	1,650	36,700	166	6,100	1,037	1,076
64	1,550	39,000	141	5,500	880	914
ALTA. 1952-61	1,580	44,610	128	5,703	842	880
62	1,260	65,400	105	6,867	961	1,005
63	1,100	71,600	162	11,600	1,740	1,818
64	1,450	83,850	117	9,800	1,470	1,541
B.C. 1952-61	1,980	16,000	90	1,443	293	304
62	1,500	20,570	61	1,255	238	247
63	2,000	24,300	67	1,630	342	354
64	1,890	28,900	55	1,600	336	347
CANADA 1952-61	14,000	337,320	85	28,514	4,802	5,000
62	10,370	340,470	90	30,713	5,128	5,337
63	10,660	360,060	117	42,142	7,538	7,820
64	10,760	382,240	96	36,662	6,656	6,909

(1) Does not include Newfoundland.

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