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## ESTIMATED VALUE OF HONEY PRODUCTION, 1965

The revised estimate of the 1965 honey crop stands at 49.2 million pounds the largest production on record in Canada. This is 12.5 million pounds or 34 per cent above the 1964 outturn of 36.7 million pounds. It is also significantly larger than the previous record of 45.7 million established in 1938. Average production per colony of 119 pounds, was also the highest ever achieved although in the past yields have come to within two pounds of this figure. Also contributing to the record crop in 1965 was the increase in colony numbers from 382,000 in 1964 to 413,000. The 1965 figure however is substantially below the peak reached in 1947 when there were an estimated 588,700 colonies operated in Canada.

The 1965 average yields per colony were higher than those of 1964 in Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia as well as in Quebec and the two mainland Maritime provinces. The Ontario yield was down due to dry weather during much of the summer.

The total value of honey produced in Canada in 1965 was estimated at 8.7 million dollars an increase of 30 per cent over the value of the 1964 crop and also substantially above the 1963 total of 7.5 million dollars. Average returns to the beekeeper per pound of honey sold were 18 cents the same as in 1964 and 1963. 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 1965 honey crop survey, which was completed in 1966, 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 1965 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.



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, 1963, 1964 and 1965 (2) with 10-year Averages, 1953-1962

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.	1953-62	100	850	75	64	13	13
	63	60	600	107	64	14	15
	64	70	650	83	54	11	11
	65	60	730	77	56	13	13
N.S.	1953-62	400	2,520	64	161	33	35
	63	300	2,700	79	213	40	42
	64	280	3,400	58	197	43	44
	65	280	3,500	87	303	67	69
N.B.	1953-62	240	1,490	60	89	25	26
	63	210	1,410	89	125	41	42
	64	270	1,540	63	97	26	26
	65	200	1,300	66	86	30	30
QUE.	1953-62	2,720	53,110	60	3,199	720	740
	63	2,010	49,700	83	4,125	1,031	1,053
	64	1,880	48,900	53	2,592	648	665
	65	1,800	44,300	54	2,392	646	662
ONT.	1953-62	3,100	140,760	62	8,773	1,559	1,624
	63	2,630	130,300	84	11,000	2,200	2,279
	64	2,560	130,000	85	11,000	2,310	2,391
	65	2,580	129,700	76	9,800	1,995	2,064
MAN.	1953-62	1,040	40,130	132	5,314	788	823
	63	700	42,750	170	7,285	1,093	1,141
	64	810	46,000	127	5,822	931	968
	65	820	47,000	126	5,930	1,008	1,048
SASK.	1953-62	2,360	29,560	118	3,474	529	552
	63	1,650	36,700	166	6,100	1,037	1,076
	64	1,550	39,000	141	5,500	880	914
	65	1,400	41,000	154	6,300	1,008	1,048
ALTA.	1953-62	1,510	47,690	124	5,900	879	919
	63	1,100	71,600	162	11,600	1,740	1,818
	64	1,450	83,850	117	9,800	1,470	1,541
	65	1,320	114,000	176	20,050	3,008	3,152
B.C.	1953-62	1,970	16,700	89	1,489	301	312
	63	2,000	24,300	67	1,630	342	354
	64	1,890	28,900	55	1,600	336	347
	65	1,890	31,500	135	4,240	890	919
CANADA	1953-62	13,440	332,810	86	28,463	4,847	5,044
	63	10,660	360,060	117	42,142	7,538	7,820
	64	10,760	382,240	96	36,662	6,655	6,907
	65	10,350	413,030	119	49,157	8,665	9,005

(1) Does not include Newfoundland.

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