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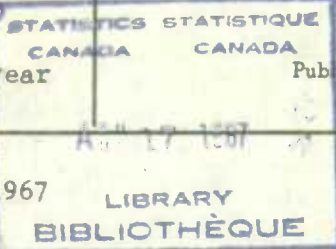
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ESTIMATED VALUE OF HONEY PRODUCTION, 1966

The revised estimate of the 1966 honey crop stands at 44.5 million pounds, a decline of 9 per cent from the 1965 outturn of 49.2 million pounds. Although the 1966 honey crop was below the record level of 1965, production was considerably above that of 1964 and the 1954-63 average. The average production per colony was 104 pounds in 1966, below the 119 pounds of the season before but 8 pounds more than the 1964 average yield. An increase in colony numbers from 413 thousand in 1965 to 430 thousand in 1966 failed to offset the effect of the lower average yield per colony.

The 1966 average yields per colony were lower than those of 1965 in the Maritime Provinces, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia. The average yield remained unchanged this year in Ontario, while in Quebec and Manitoba the average production per colony was significantly larger than that of the previous year.

The total value of honey produced in Canada in 1966 is estimated at 8.2 million dollars a decrease of 7 per cent from the value of the 1965 crop. Average returns to the beekeepers per pound of honey sold were 18 cents, the same as in 1965 and 1964. 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 1966 honey crop survey, which was completed in 1967, 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 1966 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, 1964, 1965 and 1966(2) with 10-year Averages, 1954-1963

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. 1954-63	100	830	76	63	13	13
64	70	650	83	54	11	11
65	60	730	77	56	13	13
66	60	710	70	50	11	11
N.S. 1954-63	400	2,610	65	169	35	36
64	280	3,400	58	197	43	44
65	280	3,500	87	303	67	69
66	290	3,500	59	208	54	55
N.B. 1954-63	230	1,440	62	89	26	27
64	270	1,540	63	97	26	26
65	200	1,300	66	86	30	30
66	180	1,600	64	102	39	39
Que. 1954-63	2,570	51,620	64	3,314	766	786
64	1,880	48,900	53	2,592	648	665
65	1,800	44,300	54	2,392	646	662
66	1,720	43,550	75	3,266	882	902
Ont. 1954-63	3,020	136,790	65	8,873	1,619	1,685
64	2,560	130,000	85	11,000	2,310	2,391
65	2,580	129,700	76	9,800	1,960(3)	2,029(3)
66	2,550	134,900	76	10,216	2,248	2,326
Man. 1954-63	1,010	40,910	136	5,559	834	872
64	810	46,000	127	5,822	931	968
65	820	47,000	126	5,930	1,008	1,048
66	860	53,000	168	8,910	1,426	1,485
Sask. 1954-63	2,300	30,770	122	3,760	587	612
64	1,550	39,000	141	5,500	880	914
65	1,400	41,000	154	6,300	945(3)	985(3)
66	1,250	42,000	145	6,100	915	954
Alta. 1954-63	1,460	51,740	129	6,674	999	1,044
64	1,450	83,850	117	9,800	1,470	1,541
65	1,320	114,000	176	20,050	3,208(3)	3,352(3)
66	1,150	114,000	116	13,180	2,032	2,129
B.C. 1954-63	2,020	17,980	85	1,537	311	322
64	1,890	28,900	55	1,600	336	347
65	1,890	31,500	135	4,240	890	919
66	1,940	36,600	68	2,470	544	561
Canada 1954-63	13,110	334,690	90	30,038	5,190	5,397
64	10,760	382,240	96	36,662	6,655	6,907
65	10,350	413,030	119	49,157	8,767(3)	9,107(3)
66	10,000	429,860	104	44,502	8,151	8,462

(1) Does not include Newfoundland.

(2) Includes only preliminary payments by co-operative. (3) Revised.