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ESTIMATED VALUE OF HONEY PRODUCTION, 1967

The revised estimate for the 1967 honey crop stands at 45.7 million pounds, an increase of 3 per cent from the 1966 outturn of 44.5 million pounds. Although the 1967 honey crop was below the record 49.2 million pounds produced in 1965, production was above that of last year and considerably more than the 1955-64 average of 31.7 million pounds. The average production per colony was 103 pounds in 1967, 1 pound less than the 1966 average and 16 pounds less than the 1965 average yield. The increase in colony numbers from 430,000 in 1966 to 445,000 in 1967 was responsible for this year's increase in production.

The 1967 average yields per colony were lower than those of 1966 in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick, Quebec, Ontario and Manitoba, while in Nova Scotia, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia the average production per colony was larger than that of the previous year.

The total value of honey produced in Canada in 1967 is estimated at 7.7 million dollars a decrease of 5 per cent from the value of the 1966 crop. Average returns to the beekeepers per pound of honey sold at 17 cents, 1 cent less than in 1966 and 1965. 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 1967 honey crop survey, which was completed in 1968, 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 to 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 1967 values are preliminary and subject to revision.

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 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 Wax in Canada(1) by Province, 1965, 1966 and 1967(2) with 10 year averages 1955-64

Province and year	Bee keepers	Colonies	Honey		Total value	Value of honey & wax
			Average yield per colony	Total production		
	No.		lb.	'000 lb.	\$'000	
P.E.I. ... 1955-64	90	820	76	62	13	13
65	60	730	77	56	13	13
66	60	710	70	50	11	11
67	50	720	46	33	8	8
N.S. 1955-64	370	2,700	65	176	36	38
65	280	3,500	87	303	67	69
66	290	3,500	59	208	54	55
67	290	3,500	67	236	54	56
N.B. 1955-64	220	1,390	65	90	26	27
65	200	1,300	66	86	30	30
66	180	1,600	64	102	39	39
67	260	1,740	62	108	37	38
Que. 1955-64	2,420	50,640	63	3,186	753	773
65	1,800	44,300	54	2,392	646	662
66	1,720	43,550	75	3,266	882	902
67	1,660	47,120	65	3,063	858	878
Ont. 1955-64	2,900	133,090	70	9,372	1,742	1,812
65	2,580	129,700	76	9,800	1,960	2,029
66	2,550	134,900	76	10,216	2,248	2,326
67	2,440	133,170	45	6,032	1,327	1,375
Man. 1955-64	970	41,890	137	5,725	865	904
65	820	47,000	126	5,930	1,008	1,048
66	860	53,000	168	8,910	1,426	1,485
67	850	55,000	166	9,140	1,280	1,348
Sask. 1955-64	2,190	32,100	129	4,127	648	675
65	1,400	41,000	154	6,300	945 ^r	985 ^r
66	1,250	42,000	145	6,100	883 ^r	922 ^r
67	1,110	46,680	153	7,150	984	1,038
Alta. 1955-64	1,480	56,740	130	7,391	1,106	1,157
65	1,320	114,000	176	20,050	3,208	3,352
66	1,150	114,000	116	13,180	2,032	2,129
67	1,400	120,000	145	17,380	2,607	2,751
B.C. 1955-64	2,050	19,600	81	1,591	325	336
65	1,890	31,500	135	4,240	890	919
66	1,940	36,600	67	2,470	544	561
67	1,600	37,140	68	2,540	584	602
Canada 1955-64	12,690	338,970	94	31,720	5,514	5,735
65	10,350	413,030	119	49,157	8,767	9,107
66	10,000	429,860	104	44,502	8,119	8,430
67	9,660	445,070	103	45,682	7,739	8,094

(1) Does not include Newfoundland.

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

^r Revised figures.