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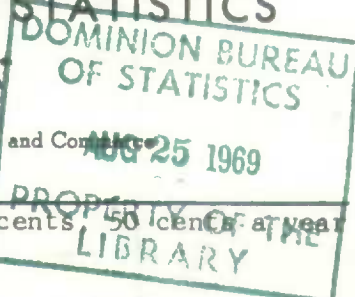
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## ESTIMATED VALUE OF HONEY PRODUCTION, 1968

The revised estimate for the 1968 honey crops stands at 33.4 million pounds, a decrease of 12.3 million pounds from the 1967 outturn of 45.7 million pounds. Although the 1968 honey crop was considerably below last year's crop, it was only slightly below the 1956-65 average of 34.1 million pounds. The decrease in the 1968 production, as compared to that of 1967, was mainly due to a 22 pound reduction in the average yield per colony; although the total number of colonies at 414,060 was down from the 1967 figure of 445,070.

The 1968 average yields per colony were lower than those of 1967 in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, while in Prince Edward Island, New Brunswick and Ontario the average production per colony was larger than that of the previous year.

The total value of honey in thousand of dollars, produced in the various provinces in 1968, with 1967 figures in brackets, is as follows: Prince Edward Island \$10 (\$8), Nova Scotia \$49 (\$54), New Brunswick \$55 (\$37), Quebec \$671 (\$858), Ontario \$1,968 (\$1,327), Manitoba - not yet available for 1968 (\$1,280), Saskatchewan \$712 (\$984), Alberta \$1,432 (\$2,607), and British Columbia \$469 (\$584).

Beekeepers replying to the survey on which this report is based, i.e. the second 1968 honey crop survey, 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 carried out. 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. The information received from both the beekeepers and the co-operative is used in calculating the weighted average price for the provinces concerned. To the extent that such returns from the co-operatives are forecasts, the 1968 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, 1966, 1967 and 1968(2) with 10 year averages 1956-65

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. .... 1956-65	90	800	76	61	13	13
	66	710	70	50	11	11
	67	720	46	33	8	8
	68	720	59	42	10	10
N.S. .... 1956-65	360	2,830	68	193	40	41
	66	3,500	59	208	54	55
	67	3,500	67	236	54	56
	68	3,400	53	181	49	51
N.B. .... 1956-65	220	1,370	66	90	27	27
	66	1,600	64	102	39	39
	67	1,740	62	108	37	38
	68	1,930	72	138	55	56
Que. .... 1956-65	2,270	49,760	61	3,053	744	763
	66	43,550	75	3,266	882	902
	67	47,120	65	3,063	858	878
	68	43,550	55	2,395	671	685
Ont. .... 1956-65	2,810	130,240	74	9,640	1,810	1,881
	66	134,900	76	10,216	2,248	2,326
	67	133,170	45	6,032	1,327	1,375
	68	126,100	71	8,947	1,968	2,051
Man. .... 1956-65	930	42,730	136	5,813	885	924
	66	53,000	168	8,910	1,426	1,485
	67	55,000	166	9,140	1,280	1,348
	68	52,000	83	4,309	(3)	(3)
Sask. .... 1956-65	2,110	33,990	130	4,430	687	716
	66	42,000	145	6,100	883	922
	67	46,680	153	7,150	984	1,038
	68	45,000	113	5,085	712	752
Alta. .... 1956-65	1,480	64,630	138	8,934	1,353	1,416
	66	114,000	116	13,180	2,032	2,129
	67	120,000	145	17,380	2,607	2,751
	68	110,000	93	10,230	1,432	1,522
B.C. .... 1956-65	2,050	21,570	89	1,918	393	407
	66	36,600	67	2,470	544	561
	67	37,140	68	2,540	584	602
	68	31,360	65	2,038	469	485
Canada .... 1956-65	12,320	347,920	98	34,132	5,952	6,188
	66	429,860	104	44,502	8,119	8,430
	67	445,070	103	45,682	7,739	8,094
	68	414,060	81	33,365	5,366(4)	5,612(4)

(1) Does not include Newfoundland.

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

(3) To date no price estimate has been received from the Co-operative in Manitoba.

(4) Less Manitoba.