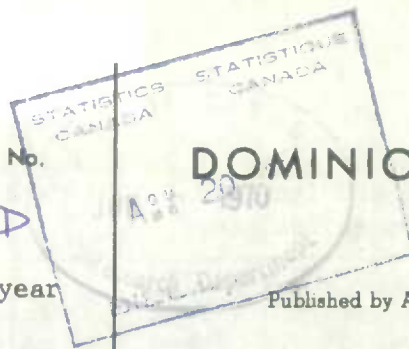


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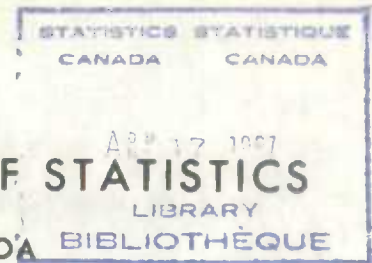
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ESTIMATED VALUE OF HONEY PRODUCTION, 1969

The revised estimate for the 1969 honey crop stands at a record 53.3 million pounds, an increase of 19.9 million pounds from the revised 1968 figure of 33.4 million pounds. The 1969 honey production is also significantly above the 1957-66 average of 36.2 million pounds. The increase in the 1969 outturn, as compared to that of 1968, was primarily due to a 46 pound increase in the average yield per colony; although the total number of colonies at 419,060 was also up from the 1968 figure of 414,060.

The 1969 average yields per colony were higher than those of 1968 in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia, while in Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick the average production per colony was lower than that of the previous year. In Ontario the 1969 average yield remained at the 1968 level of 71 pounds per colony.

The total value of honey, in thousands of dollars, produced in the various provinces in 1969, with 1968 figures in brackets, is as follows: Prince Edward Island \$9 (\$10), Nova Scotia \$49 (\$49), New Brunswick \$46 (\$55), Quebec \$980 (\$671), Ontario \$1,797 (\$1,968), Manitoba \$1,388 (\$691), Saskatchewan \$1,214 (\$712), Alberta \$2,839 (\$1,432), and British Columbia \$495 (\$469).

Beekeepers replying to the survey on which this report is based, i.e. the second 1969 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 1969 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 Number of Beekeepers and Colonies of Bees, Production and Value of Honey and Wax in Canada(1) by Province, 1967, 1968 and 1969(2) with 10 year averages 1957-66

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.	1957-66	80	770	73	56	12	13
	67	50	720	46	33	8	8
	68	50	720	59	42	10	10
	69	50	600	56	34	9	9
N.S.	1957-66	350	2,960	67	198	42	43
	67	290	3,500	67	236	54	56
	68	360	3,400	53	181	49	51
	69	320	3,300	65	214	49	51
N.B.	1957-66	210	1,390	65	90	28	28
	67	260	1,740	62	108	37	38
	68	290	1,930	72	138	55	56
	69	290	1,900	68	129	46	47
Que.	1957-66	2,160	48,960	63	3,086	764	784
	67	1,660	47,120	65	3,063	858	878
	68	1,480	43,550	55	2,395	671	690(3)
	69	1,390	42,690	82	3,501	980	1,005
Ont.	1957-66	2,730	129,570	77	10,024	1,920	1,993
	67	2,440	133,170	45	6,032	1,327	1,375
	68	2,590	126,100	71	8,947	1,968	2,051
	69	2,220	126,570	71	8,986	1,797	1,887
Man.	1957-66	890	44,030	141	6,204	942	984
	67	850	55,000	166	9,140	1,280	1,348
	68	830	52,000	83	4,316(3)	691	730
	69	800	50,000	185	9,250	1,388	1,469
Sask.	1957-66	1,970	35,490	133	4,705	718	749
	67	1,110	46,680	153	7,150	984	1,038
	68	1,000	45,000	113	5,085	712	752
	69	1,000	44,000(3)	197	8,668	1,214	1,289
Alta.	1957-66	1,420	71,200	137	9,780	1,481	1,549
	67	1,400	120,000	145	17,380	2,607	2,751
	68	1,500	110,000	93	10,230	1,432	1,522
	69	1,400	120,000	169	20,280	2,839	3,040
B.C.	1957-66	2,060	23,530	86	2,012	414	428
	67	1,600	37,140	68	2,540	584	602
	68	1,500	31,360	65	2,038	469	485
	69	1,840	30,000	75	2,250	495	514
Canada	1957-66	11,870	357,900	101	36,155	6,321	6,571
	67	9,660	445,070	103	45,682	7,739	8,094
	68	9,600	414,060	81	33,372(3)	6,057(3)	6,347(3)
	69	9,310	419,060(3)	127	53,312	8,817	9,311

(1) Does not include Newfoundland. (2) Includes only preliminary payments by Co-operatives. (3) Revised.