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THE 1942 HONEY CROP

Only 19,836,000 pounds of honey were produced in Canada in 1942, according to the first estimate of the Dominion Bureau of Statistics. This tentative estimate is based on reports as of September 30 furnished by provincial apiarists and marketing organizations and is subject to revision when data on extracting operations are complete. The 1942 production is 7,636,100 pounds, or 28 per cent smaller than last year's crop of 27,472,100 pounds, which was a crop of average size. In fact, due to the cold, wet gathering season, the 1942 crop is one of the smallest on record, and although there was a six per cent increase in the number of colonies, yields in general were disappointingly low. Production per colony averaged only 46 pounds as compared with the long-time average of 70 pounds per hive. Approximately 17 million pounds, or 86 per cent of the total production is reported to be light honey as compared with 92 per cent in 1941.

The biggest drop in production is in Ontario where the crop, now estimated at 6,900,000 pounds, is little more than half the size of the 1941 crop of 12,000,000 pounds. Production in the Prairie Provinces will total approximately 8,398,000 pounds as compared with 11,056,500 pounds in 1941. The Manitoba crop has been reduced considerably by the fact that the majority of beekeepers intend to overwinter their colonies. The Quebec crop is estimated at 3,000,000 pounds which is about the same as the 1941 crop although the proportion of light honey is slightly higher this year. In British Columbia, a crop slightly higher than last year's 1,169,000 pounds is expected. The Maritime Provinces will produce approximately 300,000 pounds of honey as compared with 200,000 pounds in 1941.

Honey Production in Canada, 1933 to 1942

	<u>Production</u> lb.	<u>Index of Production</u> (1935-39 = 100)
1933	25,288,000	85.0
1934	27,063,000	91.0
1935	26,815,000	90.1
1936	31,938,000	107.4
1937	23,197,000	78.0
1938	37,910,000	127.4
1939	28,873,000	97.1
1940	23,671,000	79.6
1941	27,472,000	92.4
1942 <u>1/</u>	19,836,000	66.7

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