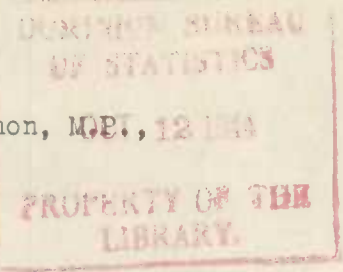


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THE 1944 HONEY CROP

Ottawa, October 11, 1944.- The Dominion Bureau of Statistics in cooperation with the Dominion and Provincial Departments of Agriculture issues today a report on honey production in Canada in 1944.

SUMMARY

According to the preliminary estimate of production the honey crop this season amounts to 36,215,800 pounds. This year's output is 3,276,300 pounds or 8 per cent smaller than the very large crop of 39,492,100 pounds produced in 1943, but is 8 per cent greater than the ten-year 1933-42 average of 33,462,000 pounds.

The yields per colony were higher this season than in 1943 in only two provinces, namely, Manitoba and Alberta, where the average was 100 pounds and 105 pounds respectively. In the other 7 provinces the average yields ranged from a low of 37 pounds in Quebec to 95 pounds in Saskatchewan. With the exception of Ontario, increases in the number of producing colonies are reported in all provinces, the greatest increase being in Prince Edward Island where the number is 60 per cent larger than in 1943. In Ontario the number of producing colonies remained unchanged. Normally, about 50 per cent of the crop is produced in Ontario, but this year because of unfavourable weather conditions, the Ontario crop amounted to 39 per cent of the Canadian total.

The summer flow of nectar was a little above normal in Manitoba and about normal in Prince Edward Island and Saskatchewan. In all other provinces the flow was well below normal. Approximately 91 per cent or 32,898,000 pounds was 'light' honey with the remaining 9 per cent grading 'dark'.

Table 1 - Honey Production in Canada, 1935 to 1944

	Production <sup>1/</sup> pounds	Index of Production 1935-39 = 100
1935 .....	33,646,800	94.1
1936 .....	37,995,100	106.3
1937 .....	27,011,600	75.6
1938 .....	45,701,900	127.8
1939 .....	34,376,100	96.2
1940 .....	28,215,300	78.9
1941 .....	33,220,700	92.9
1942 .....	28,046,100	78.5
1943 .....	39,492,100	110.5
1944 <sup>2/</sup> .....	36,215,800	101.3

<sup>1/</sup> Includes revised estimate of production in Ontario.

<sup>2/</sup> Preliminary.



Table 2 - First Estimate of Honey Production in 1944 and  
Final Estimate for 1943

	<u>1943</u>	<u>1944</u> <u>1/</u>
	pounds	
Prince Edward Island .....	32,000	40,000
Nova Scotia .....	72,500	60,000
New Brunswick .....	232,200	148,000
Quebec .....	5,000,000	2,200,000
Ontario .....	19,212,000	14,000,000
Manitoba .....	4,503,000	5,500,000
Saskatchewan .....	5,364,600	7,000,000
Alberta .....	3,800,000	6,000,000
British Columbia .....	1,275,800	1,267,800
CANADA .....	39,492,100	36,215,800

1/ Preliminary.

Table 3 - Average Yield Per Colony 1943 and 1944

Average Production of Honey Per Colony		
	<u>1943</u>	<u>1944</u> <u>1/</u>
	pounds	
Prince Edward Island .....	74	60
Nova Scotia .....	54	50
New Brunswick .....	85	55
Quebec .....	63	37
Ontario .....	97	70
Manitoba .....	95	100
Saskatchewan .....	99	95
Alberta .....	89	105
British Columbia .....	49	43

1/ Preliminary.