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PRODUCTION AND VALUE ESTIMATE OF HONEY, 1970

The estimate for the 1970 honey crop stands at 51.0 million pounds, a decrease of 2.3 million pounds from the 1969 record production of 53.3 million pounds. However, the 1970 honey outturn is significantly above the 1958-67 average of 37.5 million pounds. The decrease in the 1970 production, as compared to that of 1969, was primarily due to a decrease in the number of colonies; although the average yield per colony also declined by two pounds.

The 1970 average yields per colony were higher than those of 1969 in Manitoba, Alberta and British Columbia, while in Nova Scotia, Quebec, Ontario and Saskatchewan the average yields were lower than those of the previous year. In the provinces of Prince Edward Island and New Brunswick the average yield per colony was the same for both 1969 and 1970.

The estimated total value of honey, in thousands of dollars, produced in the various provinces in 1970, with 1969 figures in brackets, is as follows: Prince Edward Island 8 (9), Nova Scotia 50 (49), New Brunswick 46 (46), Quebec 764 (980), Ontario 1,451 (1,797), Manitoba 1,442 (1,388), Saskatchewan 1,035 (1,214), Alberta 2,773 (2,839), and British Columbia 700 (495).

Beekeepers replying to the questionnaire on which this report is based, i.e. The October Honey Survey, were asked to give (or estimate) volume and price figures for honey sold (or to be sold) in bulk and retail containers. This information received from the beekeepers was used in calculating a weighted acreage price for the provinces concerned. Since much of the 1970 price data received from the beekeepers are forecasts, the 1970 value figures 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. Two mail questionnaire surveys are conducted, one in July to obtain an estimate on the number of colonies and another in October to determine the yields per colony and the average price per pound. 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, 1968, 1969 and 1970 with 10 year averages 1958-67

Province and year	Bee-keepers	Colonies	Honey		Total value	Value of honey and wax
			Average yield per colony	Total production		
	No.		lb.	'000 lb.	\$'000	
<u>P.E.I.</u>						
Average 1958-67	80	760	71	54	12	12
1968	50	720	59	42	10	10
1969	50	600	56	34	9	9
1970	40	500	56	28	8	8
<u>N.S.</u>						
Average 1958-67	340	3,060	67	204	43	45
1968	360	3,400	53	181	49	51
1969	320	3,300	65	214	49	51
1970	290	3,300	61	201	50	52
<u>N.B.</u>						
Average 1958-67	210	1,420	65	92	29	29
1968	290	1,930	72	138	55	56
1969	290	1,900	68	129	46	47
1970	280	1,900	68	129	46	48
<u>Que.</u>						
Average 1958-67	2,050	48,700	62	3,019	757	776
1968	1,480	43,550	55	2,395	671	690
1969	1,390	42,690	82	3,501	980	1,005
1970	1,450	44,700	57	2,548	764	784
<u>Ont.</u>						
Average 1958-67	2,660	129,340	74	9,516	1,841	1,910
1968	2,590	126,100	71	8,947	1,968	2,051
1969	2,220	126,570	71	8,986	1,797	1,887
1970	2,180	123,160	62	7,636	1,451	1,523
<u>Man.</u>						
Average 1958-67	860	45,330	146	6,597	987	1,032
1968	830	52,000	83	4,316	691	730
1969	800	50,000	185	9,250	1,388	1,469
1970	500	50,000	186	9,300	1,442	1,520
<u>Sask.</u>						
Average 1958-67	1,810	37,310	135	5,038	755	788
1968	1,000	45,000	113	5,085	712	752
1969	1,000	44,000	197	8,668	1,214	1,289
1970	800	43,000	177	7,611	1,035	1,098
<u>Alta.</u>						
Average 1958-67	1,380	78,380	139	10,872	1,638	1,716
1968	1,500	110,000	93	10,230	1,432	1,522
1969	1,400	120,000	169	20,280	2,839	3,040
1970	1,200	110,000	184	20,240	2,773	2,965
<u>B.C.</u>						
Average 1958-67	1,940	25,540	83	2,125	442	456
1968	1,500	31,360	65	2,038	469	485
1969	1,840	30,000	75	2,250	495	514
1970	1,740	31,000	108	3,348	700	728
<u>Canada</u>						
Average 1958-67	11,330	369,840	101	37,517	6,504	6,764
1968	9,600	414,060	81	33,372	6,057	6,347
1969	9,310	419,060	127	53,312	8,817	9,311
1970	8,480	407,560	125	51,041	8,269	8,726

(1) Does not include Newfoundland.

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